



Patriot Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

Thanks for a great November! Our Veteran's Day Ceremony was amazing! I am so proud of all of our students and staff for such a great event! The Turkey Trot was tons of fun, and it was nice to see so many families and students enjoying this event. Thank you to all of the families that donated to our Cereal Drive. We collected over 300 boxes for the Cape Coral Caring Center! This is a new record!!! Way to go Patriot! Thank you to Ms. Denise and the cafeteria staff for our Thanksgiving Lunch. Preparing lunch for over 700 is no small task and we appreciate all their hard work. Everything was delicious! As we move into December, I hope the upcoming break gives everyone time to sharpen their saw with friends and family. Thank you for an amazing 2016, I am looking forward to what 2017 has in store for our Patriot family.

Ms. Browder - Principal

Parent Involvement: Keep Learning Alive Over the Holiday Break

Teachers and parents often worry that their students will forget everything they learned while enjoying the holiday season and winter break. It's important for parents to plan for ways to keep their children involved in learning activities and at the same time have fun. Here are just a few ideas: (Think of more!)

- * Visit the nearest library for books and game or activity ideas.
- * Make a year-in-review memory poster using family photos, drawing pictures, or cutting out magazine pictures.
- * Look for stories in the newspaper or in magazines about people helping others. Read and talk about them with your children.
- * (If you take a trip) -have one person start a story and after one minute, the next person continues the story until all have had a turn;
- * Have children count how many different state license tags they see. And the most important thing parents can do over the holiday break is READ, READ, and READ some more to and with your children!



Science Scoop

Mrs. VanCleve

This month, Patriot Elementary is learning about the Solar System and our place in it. Do you know how many stars are in our Solar System? If you said one...you are correct! Earth and the other seven planets orbit around the Sun and it is the only star in our Solar System. However, there are millions of stars in our galaxy, the Milky Way. A fun way to remember the order of the planets is the saying, "My Very Eager Mother Just Served Us Noodles" (Mercury, Venus, Mars, Earth, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune).

FUN FACT: IT TAKES MARS TWICE AS LONG TO ORBIT THE SUN THAN THE EARTH!

Student Assignment 2017-18

January 23– March 24, 2017

Parents of **currently** enrolled students in Lee County Public School grades five, eight, and students in Pre-K attending Lee County Public Schools who are eligible for kindergarten for 2017/18, will be mailed their child's personalized application on January 19, 2017. This is a very exciting time of year for students and parents as they plan for 2017-2018.

Those receiving the applications can save time by applying online! Please read the documents sent to you very carefully, and determine if you want to apply online, mail it back to us, or bring it to one of our offices in person. This is a nine-week application period. There is no need to stand in long lines the first few days since you have nine weeks to submit the application. All applications are processed as a group.

Parents of children who will be five on or before September 1st, 2017 and who are not enrolled in one of the district's Pre-K programs must visit one of our offices to register for kindergarten for the 2017/2018 school year (bring registration requirements). This should be done during the first application period (January 23 – March 24) to increase the chances of being assigned to your preferred school. Brand new students cannot apply on-line – they must be registered in person.

There are **no automatic assignments** – parents need to register incoming kindergartners even if they have an older sibling already attending the preferred school.

Please visit www.leeschools.net for registration requirements and Student Assignment Office locations.

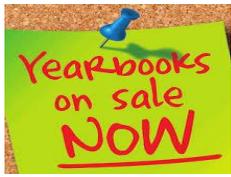
Lee County is home to Florida's top ranked virtual school. Lee Virtual Instruction Program is the only Kindergarten through 12th grade public school in our area. This challenging virtual learning program follows the school district calendar. Students have access many of the same courses as they would in a traditional school including Advance Placement(AP), Dual Enrollment (FGCU, FSW, FMTC and CCTC) along with the flexibility of a dynamic schedule. Students who complete the virtual course of study receive the same accredited diploma as any other public school. There are two application periods for LVIP. The first application period coincides with the Student Assignment's first application period. The second one begins the Monday after Thanksgiving for second semester enrollments and closes prior to final exam week of the first semester. Applying to LVIP does not affect your current School Choice assignment until the student completes orientation and enrollment in the LVIP program. Lee Virtual also offers a variety of summer courses for original credit. Visit Lee Virtual Instruction Program at <http://lvip.leeschools.net/>.

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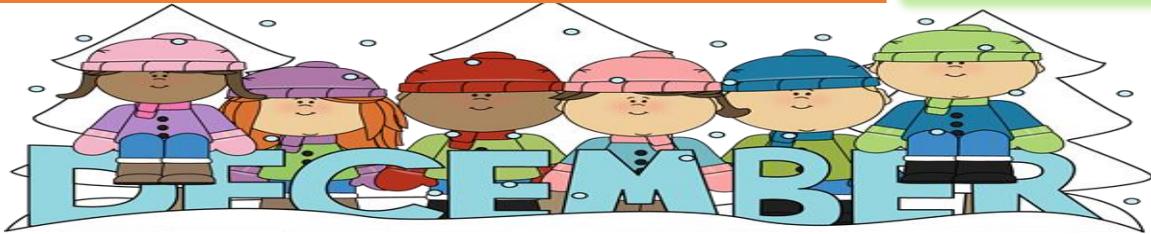


Yearbook pre-orders are now being accepted for only \$10 through December 16th. After this date the cost will increase to full price and quantities will be limited. You can also order dedication page for your child.

If you have questions you may e-mail Ms. VanKuren at KathrynFV@leeschools.net



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Habit 3: Put First Things First <i>Work first, then play</i> *I do the things I <u>have to do</u> before I do the things I <u>want to do</u> . *I stay focused on what I am doing. I try to minimize distractions and regroup if I get off task. *I spend my time on things that are most important				1	2 3:30-6:00 PM "Zootopia"	3 8:30-11:30AM
4	5	6	7 FFEA MTG 3:35-4:35	8	9 Holiday Program 6:00PM 7:00 PM	10
11	12	13 NO SAC/PTO MTG	14 NEHS MTG 3:35-4:35	15	16 3:30-6:00PM "The Secret Life of Pets"	17
PTO's Santa's Secret Shop Dec. 12 th -16 th						
18 	19	20 Half Day Dismissal at 1:10 Field Day KG & 1 st Grade	21 Half Day Dismissal at 1:10 Field Day 2 nd & 3 rd Grade	22 End of QTR 2 Half Day Dismissal at 1:10 Field Day 4 th & 5 th Grade	23 Professional Duty Day Schools Closed	24
Half Days (20 th -22 nd) - Dismissal is at 1:10						
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve
Winter Break - Schools Closed Dec. 26 th -Jan. 6 th						

A Note From Our PTO

Hello Parents! December is going to be a busy one for PTO filled with amazing activities for our students. December 3rd will be our annual "Breakfast with Santa"! We have so many great things in the works and it should be our best year yet! Please join us in the fun between 8:30-11:30 am or consider volunteering some time before or after the event. During the week of December 12th-16th we will be offering the students the opportunity to shop in our "Santa's Holiday Shop". This allows the kids a chance to go shopping for their family for the holidays. They enjoyed this experience so much last year and we saw the excitement and thoughtfulness they put into giving to others! This shop is a lot of work for PTO and we need help for the entire week! Please contact Ms. Zappia in the front office and let her know when you can give us a hand! Thank you all for your continued support and Happy Holidays from your PTO!!

Coming next month...

- January 1: New Year's Day
- January 2nd-6th: Winter Break - Schools Closed
- January 9th: Students first day back to school from Winter Break
- January 10th: SAC 5:00PM/PTO 6:00PM
- January 16th: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Schools Closed
- January 19th: Report Card Day
- January 20th: Movie Night 3:30-6:00PM

