



# Patriot Elementary School Newsletter

## March 1, 2017

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A Title I School



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### Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

As you know 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders had the writing Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) on February 28th. The remaining FSA schedule is listed below. It is important that students are in attendance and on time during testing. Please be sure your students also eat a healthy breakfast and get a good night's rest! I am so proud of the work our students have been showing this year! I know they will do their very best! Thanks for your support!

March 28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> : 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA FSA	
April 19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> : 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA FSA	April 25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> : 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA FSA
April 20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> : 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Math FSA	April 27 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> : 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math FSA

*Ms. Browder - Principal*

### Parent Involvement:

Are you looking for something FREE to do with your family? Then come to the Reading Festival on March 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM-4:00PM at Centennial Park. They have lots of fun activities and free books for the kids!!! Enjoy a fun day with your family and enjoy reading your new books together!

What Is There to Do At The Reading Festival? There really is something for all ages to experience at the Southwest Florida Reading Festival. There's also an abundance of family fun activities such as readings, drawings and so much more. See more at: <http://www.readfest.org/attend/#sthash.PKQ9n6UI.dpuf>

**Pioneer Post**  
**Open from**  
**8:25AM-8:45AM**  
**Mondays, Wednesdays, &**  
**Fridays**



### Science Scoop

*Mrs. VanCleve*

February was a great month for Science at Patriot...We had a blast at SMART night and STEMtastic showing off our Science skills! All 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be receiving information about the upcoming Science Fair projects which are due on April 7th. Each classroom did a guided project with their teacher so students are comfortable putting their investigation skills to work. A great website to find a project is [www.sciencebuddies.org](http://www.sciencebuddies.org)!

## Order Your Yearbook



Yearbook pre-orders are now being accepted for only \$15 through March. After this date the cost will increase to full price (\$20) and quantities will be limited. You can also order a dedication page for your child.

If you have questions you may e-mail Ms. VanKuren at [KathrynFV@leeschools.net](mailto:KathrynFV@leeschools.net)

### Guidance Corner:

#### Discussing Habit # 6: Synergize: Together is Better

This habit allows for improvement in communication by discussing or exchanging ideas at a larger whole among the individuals. It is a habitat that promotes mutual respect, creativity, team work, and good communication skills. In exchange, students are able to identify a common goal while analyzing & broadening all possible solutions.

**Habit 6: Synergize**  
**Together is Better**

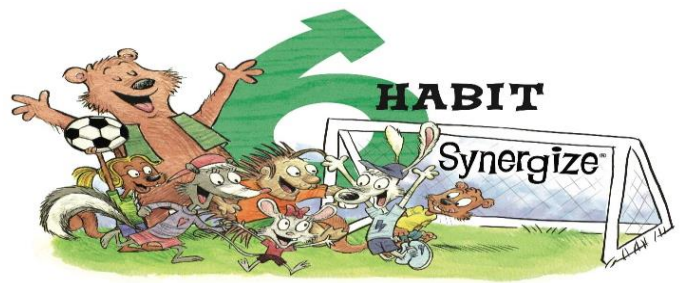
I value other people's strengths and learn from them.

I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because I know that by teaming with others we can create better solutions than any of us can alone.

I get along well with others, even people who are different than me.

I am humble.

I work well in groups.



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to our Business  
Partners



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Read Across America			
5	6	7 ELA Tutoring	8 FFEA MTG 3:35PM- 4:35PM	9 Honor Choir Ida S. Baker HS 7PM Math Tutoring	10	11
12  Set your clock ahead one hour	13	14 ELA Tutoring 5:00PM SAC/PTO Meeting	15 NEHS MTG 3:35PM- 4:35PM	16 End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Math Tutoring	17  Professional Duty Day No school for students	18
19	20 	21 ELA Tutoring	22	23 Math Tutoring	24	25
26	27	28 ELA Tutoring 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade FSA ELA	29 Report Card Day	30 Math Tutoring	31	

### Notes from our Teacher Leaders

It's that time of the year already! All of our students in grades three through five are working diligently to prepare for their FSA Assessments. All of our students in grades kindergarten through second are working conscientiously with learning how to read and with beginning comprehension skills. We would like to ensure that they are able to capitalize on all of the work they are doing in school so that they are able to show us all that they have learned this year. In order to supplement what they are doing in school, here are some suggestions for home:

#### Grades Kindergarten to Second with Reading:

- Encourage them to read AR books nightly and take tests when they have completed the book.
- Books: Have your child look at the cover of the book and look at the pictures on each page and explain to you what they see before reading the book. This will support their comprehension of the story when they read the text. This strategy is called a Picture Walk.
- Here are some example questions you can ask your child about their fiction book:  
~Who was the story about? ~What was the story about? ~What happened in the story?  
~What happened at the beginning, middle end of the story?
- Non-Fiction books: Have your child look at the cover of the book and the text features on each page and have them explain to you what they see before reading the book. This will also support their comprehension of the text. The strategy is called a Text Feature Walk.
- Here are some example questions you can ask your child about their non-fiction book:  
~What can we learn from this book? ~Can you identify the different parts of this book? ~Can you explain how the different parts are used?  
~Look in the table of contents and find the page number for \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Grades Third- Fifth for FSA:

- Utilize the practice tests at [www.fsassessments.org](http://www.fsassessments.org).
- Make sure they get a good night's rest before the test.
- Encourage them to eat breakfast at home or school the morning of the test.
- Encourage them to relax and do their best. Being stressed will not help them.
- Look over the FSA Tips for Parent (<http://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib8/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/8/fsa.pdf>)
- Encourage them to read AR books nightly and take tests when they have completed the book.

We have seen great things from all of our students so far this year and we look forward to watching them solidify the skills they have been working on during Quarter 3.

### Coming next month...

- April 10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>: SPRING BREAK (Schools closed)
- April 18<sup>th</sup>: Students return to school
- April 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA FSA
- April 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math FSA
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Run for Kayla
- April 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA FSA
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