



Patriot Elementary School Newsletter

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A Title I School



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Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

Please help your child stay focused on learning by checking their homework and asking questions about the books they are reading. Our library has plenty of wonderful books for students to check out. Remember parents if you would like a conference please contact your child's teacher. Thanks for your support!

Ms. Browder - Principal

Parent Involvement:

School Volunteers – “We Thank You!”

The month of February is recognized as “School Volunteer Month” by the School District of Lee County. Last year schools across the district reported that volunteers, including youth, adults, and seniors donated over 800,000 hours of volunteer service! School volunteers provide a variety of valuable services that include, but are not limited to:

- * Listening to children read;
- * Serving as assistants in the media center, office, cafeteria, or on the playground;
- * Helping students with special projects;
- * Taking tickets or money for sport events or plays/ musicals;
- * Managing fundraising events;
- * Preparing classroom materials, like flashcards, charts, bulletin boards and cutouts;
- * Serving on school and district committees;
- * Filing papers, records and materials; and,
- * Keeping our school campuses clean.

As a parent, you become a school volunteer by being involved in your child's education by asking your child about school and checking homework; attending teacher conferences; reading with your child; talking with your child's teachers; and, telling your child you love them every day! Volunteer service begins at home!



Please join us for this very important Title I Parent Training in which we will talk about the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA).

You will learn:

- What it is and why we administer it
- Which Assessment your child will be taking
- The types of questions on the test
- Online resources you can use

Out of Field Teachers

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers at Patriot Elementary are engaged in training to add the endorsement, English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), to their certificate:.

Alvarez, Antenille	Lorenzini, Tracy
Burns, Tara	Palmer, Abigail
Byrd, Stephanie	Reho, Jennifer
Cicero, Chelsea	Tocci, Anthony
Fisher, Jordyn	Tocci, Suzanne
Graham, Kelsey	Tomany, Melissa
Holmes, Jennifer	VanKuren, Kathryn

Rodriguez, Jaqueline - Kindergarten



Science Scoop

Mrs. VanCleve

This month, Patriot Elementary 5th graders had a special visitor from the Lee County Waste Management facility. She talked about the importance of separating trash from recycled materials. We learned that if we accidentally put trash into the recycle bins in our community, it actually damages the expensive equipment - costing tax payers a lot of money! We want everyone to do their part and recycle, but it is even more important to choose **WHAT** to recycle.

So, our message to families this month is to be sure to follow the **5 for the cart** rule. Make sure that thin plastics (plastic wrap, grocery bags, and stringy plastic), frozen food containers, and juice boxes go in the **TRASH** pile and not the recycle bin.



A Message from our Teacher Leaders

In Second Grade, we are working hard with fluency of the first 50 phonograms with oral and written recognition. We are beginning to use the application of one, two and three letter phonograms within words. As we are practicing these application skills we are also reading leveled readers to support with comprehension. While we read our leveled readers together, we are also working on comprehension questions (such as: who, what, where, when and why).

Our Third and Fourth Graders are diligently working on multi-syllabic words, affixes, fluency, and WH Comprehension questions.

They are conscientiously working with identifying the main idea and key details using informational text. Each day we read leveled passages from the Great Leaps Program. After reading, we create as many who, what, when, where, why, and how questions as possible. Then the students ask each other the questions they created. Once all questions have been answered we check the answers by finding text evidence. All the students are working hard and we are excited about the progress they are making!

Each week they have been conferencing with me about their progress and have done a great job articulating what strategies are helping them succeed as well as reflecting on how their effort has helped them the past week. I know we are going to continue seeing great things from this group!

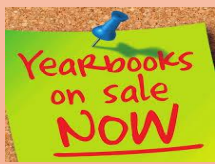
Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Gulli

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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

A **HUGE** "Thank You"
to our Business
Partners



FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trolls Smencils for sale \$1 Feb. 1st-3rd			1 	2 Ground Hog Day 	3 	4
5	6	7	8 FFEA MTG 3:35PM-4:35PM Educational Forum 6PM Cypress Lake HS	9 Interim Reports	10 Career Day 9:00-11:00PM	11
12	13	14 FSA Night 5:00PM-6:00PM 	15 NEHS MTG 3:35PM-4:35PM	16 SMART Night 4:40PM-7:00PM	17 	18
19	20 Schools Closed	21 Teacher Duty Day Schools Closed	22	23	24 Movie Night 4:30-6:00	25
26	27	28 4th & 5th FSA Writing	<u>Discussing Habit # 5: Seek First to Understand, then be understood</u> This habit allows for one to view situations from a different perspective, rather than just their own. It is a habit that promotes patience, respect, and understanding. Students are encouraged to critically analyze a situation and consider everyone's point of view. While exchanged, students are able to gain more awareness of people's feelings while broadening their understanding of the world they live in.			

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

Early Childhood Learning Services
is now recruiting for
Head Start/VPK Program
for the 2017-2018 school year.
Call Student Assignment for more
information (239) 335-1561

Guidance Corner:

Habit #5
SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND
THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD
Listen before you speak

- I listen to others without interrupting.
- I raise my hand when I want to speak and I wait to be called on.
- I don't blurt out.
- I try to understand other people's views and feelings, even if they are different from my own.

Be a Whole Body Listener

- Brain thinking
- Ears hearing
- Eyes looking
- Mouth quiet
- Shoulders facing
- Hands still
- Feet calm

Coming next month...

- 3/9: Honor Choir-Ida S. Baker HS
- 3/10: Movie Night
- 3/14: Class, Clubs & Group Pictures; 5:00PM SAC/PTO Meeting
- 3/16: End of 3rd Quarter; 2nd & 3rd Chorus, Drum, and Recorder Club @ Challenger MS
- 3/17: Professional Duty Day - No school for students
- 3/28&29: 3rd Grade FSA ELA