

Patriot Elementary



A Title I School

September 1, 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Can you believe we have completed the first month of the school year? In the past weeks, students have been learning our schoolwide S.T.A.R Expectations, introductions to the 7 Habits, Thinking Maps, and our Patriot Pledge.

Each month we will post our monthly newsletter on our school website (pat.leeschools.net. and send it via a School Messenger. Be sure you opt-in to receive important communication. Our monthly newsletter is one of our main forms of communication. Please take some time to read the contents of the newsletters so that you are informed of important information and upcoming events. We take student achievement and academic instruction seriously. We ask you to refer to our District Policy 4.16 which addresses excessive tardiness and early sign-outs in more detail. If you need to sign your child out early for a doctor or dentist appointment it must be done by or before 2:40 pm. Changes in how a child goes home must be made in writing. Please send any changes in transportation in writing to your child's teacher. **Emergency phone calls changing the way a child goes home will not be accepted. Fax your driver's license to 239-242-1238, with your emergency request and sign it. Requests after 2:40 p.m. will not be accepted (District Policy 4.16).**

Reach for the S.T.A.R.S.
"To Proficiency and Beyond"



Mrs. Feliciano
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Hispanic Heritage Month
Sept. 5 SCHOOL CLOSED
Labor Day
Sept. 11 9-11 Remembrance Day
Sept. 13 Interim Report Day
Sept. 15 Constitution Day
Sept. 17 Celebrate Freedom Week
Sept. 24 National IT Day
Sept. 23 First Day of Fall
Sept. 25 Yom Kippur
Sept. 27 Dairy Queen Spirit Night
Sept. 28 4:30 Volunteer Orient.
5:00 Title I/S.A.C. Mtg.
5:30 PTO Mtg.

STUDENT PLANNERS

Each student at Patriot Elementary receives a planner to help them stay organized and to assist with communication between the school and home. Be sure to read the [student handbook](#) located at the front of the planner as it has important information on The School District of Lee County policies and procedures. Please sign anything that needs your attention and return it on the left side of the planner to come back to school every day.

BELL SCHEDULE 8:55 am – 3:10 pm

First bell 8:25 a.m. (doors open)
Warning bell 8:45 a.m. (10 min)
Late Bell 8:55 a.m.
Early Dismissal Days 1:10 p.m.

FOCUS PORTAL

Lee County's Focus Parent Portal App. provides parents/guardians a real-time view of assignments, grades, and attendance, as well as progress monitoring results.

Parents will be able to access beginning-of-the-year forms in Focus such as the Student Emergency and Health Information Form. In order for your child to receive medical care at our school clinics, parents/guardians must sign an opt-in form available in Focus.

Please contact your child's teacher or call the front office if you do not have your child's PIN.

PARENT ACCOUNT RESOURCES

- [Create a Focus Parent Portal account](#)
- [Link a child to your Focus Parent Portal account](#)
- [Reset your Focus Parent Portal password](#)

VOLUNTEERS

Welcome to Patriot Elementary School! I am excited to work with parents again and welcome all of our new families. Our next Volunteer Orientation Meeting will be held on September 28th at 4:30 PM in the Cafeteria, just before our Title I/SAC and PTO meetings. Please make sure you have completely filled out the volunteer application and bring your Driver's license before you come to the meeting.

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Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Mrs. Harris FaithKH@LeeSchools.net or our Parent Involvement Specialist Mrs. Lourdes at 239-242-1023 with any questions.

COUNSELORS CORNER

The school counselor aims to help children develop healthy relationships. Our school counselor at Patriot Elementary is Ms. Belbeck. She serves the school with individual and small group counseling as it relates to the school setting. Small groups are also formed to address social skills and grief and loss for example. Ms. Belbeck is available to consult with parents. Please call her to set up a time to meet at 239-242-1023.

LIVE SCHOOL

This year we will continue to use LiveSchool, an app that will help us share behavior feedback with you and your child. Your child will receive points in the LiveSchool application for displaying the 7 Habits and S.T.A.R Expectations. You will be able to access all of this information right from your computer or smartphone by downloading the free LiveSchool app. You will be receiving another sheet that explains how to set this up. Your child will be able to spend his/her points on various classroom and school-wide rewards. We are going to be focusing on positive reinforcement and encouragement. With LiveSchool Rewards, students can

redeem digital points for awesome rewards, incentives, and privileges.

To learn more, please visit <https://www.whyliveschool.com/> for a short video introduction.

[Get Started as a Parent](#)

PTO NEWS

Have you been looking for a way to get more involved with Patriot? We're looking for people for a variety of positions on the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) Board. We'd love to have you join us! The Board guides fundraising efforts, allocates funds, plans and hosts outreach events, connects the school and parents, and generally supports the school. It's a great way to meet other parents and have a positive impact on our kids and our community. Members attend monthly meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

If you're interested in learning more about how to get involved with our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) contact RonaldJVA@leeschools.net

Morning Drop-Off

All students must be dropped off in the front drop-off loop.

To avoid a citation, do not park your car in the empty lot in front of the school and walk your child to school as it is private property. Our neighbors have asked that you not

park on the streets in front of their houses, especially in front of their driveway or vacant lot. We have been advised that the Cape Coral Police Department will periodically check for violators and issue warnings and/or citations for repeat violations. If you feel the need to park, park in a designated parking spot in the school parking lot.

Please do not drop off your child(ren) across the street or at the school BEFORE 8:25 am as staff will not be on duty until 8:25 am.

The "Rainy Day" dismissal will occur during a rainy day/lightning warning notice (within 10 miles). This will delay our dismissal time. Thank you in advance for helping us keep your child safe.

Parents who do not have a parent pick-up tag must park in a designated parking spot, enter the front lobby and show identification. Your child's safety is our #1 priority. We appreciate your assistance and cooperation in maintaining a safe campus for all of our children.

What is Leader In Me?

Leader in Me encourages leadership and skills that can be applied in the 21st century. All students deserve to be a leader. The 7 Habits help the students to think logically and sequentially. It also makes the student think about everything with a balanced perspective so that this can reflect the vision of an ideal school.

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Stakeholder Roundtable

English as a Second Language

The ESOL department will be hosting a series of virtual roundtable meetings with different stakeholders to elicit feedback.

We value your input and suggestions to make necessary changes moving forward.

Monday, September 25th
Student Roundtable: 4 – 5 pm
[Meeting Link](#)
Parent Roundtable: 5 – 6 pm
[Meeting Link](#)

FOOD PANTRY



Did you know that Patriot Elementary has a food pantry?

Visit us any Tuesday and/or Thursday from 8 to 2:30 p.m. all you need to do is show up.

If you prefer, you can contact our Social Worker, Carmen Quaintance, directly at
(239) 771-4681 or e-mail
CarmenCQ@LeeSchools.net

BUSINESS PARTNERS

A huge “thank you” to our Community Business partners.
Together is better!

Green Yard Landscaping
Harry Chapin Food Bank
New Hope Church

Free Online Tutoring

Join us for Homework Help and Classwork support on Microsoft Teams with a live Educational expert. Look for “Connect with Lee on your student launch pad.

Monday - Thursday
(only on school days)

Elementary 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Middle School 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

High School 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

FortifyFL

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly replay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



Parents' Bill of Rights

Provides parental rights relating to a minor child's education, upbringing, and healthcare.



LEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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Superintendent

Vision: To empower leaders who positively impact the world.

Mission: To be a quality school of leaders unified in achieving success for all.

Core Values: Respect, Compassion, Responsibility, High Expectations, Safe Environment, Collaboration, Acceptance

The students and staff of your school will be practicing emergency drills each month. They are “Fire/Evacuation Drill”; “Lockdown/Lock-out”.

Fire/Evacuation Drill: The school will conduct a “fire drill” each month that the school is in session. This is a Fire Code requirement as well as a requirement for all Lee County schools. We want each student to understand and be aware of the importance of this drill and not be afraid when the fire alarm is sounded. By practicing they will know what to do and how to do it.

Lockdown/Shelter-in-place: A Lockdown or Shelter-in-Place Drill will be held each month. This type of drill will secure the school building and safely shelter all students, staff, and visitors inside the building. The purpose of this drill is to keep the students safe from any danger outside or inside the building. To enable everyone to remain safe, no one will be allowed to enter the building or leave the building until the drill is completed.

If you have any questions regarding any of these Safety Drills or other safety concerns, please contact the front office at 239-242-1023.