



# PATRIOT NEWS



Patriot Elementary School

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## Monthly Newsletter

### Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful winter break. It is hard to believe we have completed half of the school year. It is very important for students to continue to work hard by completing all homework assignments and reading each evening. Parents, please check your child's homework each night and ask questions about the books they are reading. This helps your student stay focused on learning! Attendance is crucial to success! Students need to arrive on time for school each day and remain in school all day. Remember, if you would like a conference, please contact your child's teacher. We thank you for your continued support and encouragement of your child and their educational journey! We are looking forward to a successful second half of the school year!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Browder

### 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!

### Get Children to School on Time

Parents who let their children miss a lot of school are setting these students up for failure. This is a strong statement, but it's true!

It's a fact: students who go to school everyday and are on time do better in school. You can help your child do well in school by making this a habit in your home. Here are a few things you can do to help your child get to school everyday and on time:

- ❖ Set the same time each night for bedtime and the same time each morning for getting up.
- ❖ Make sure your child has his/her book bag, papers, and clothes ready to go before they go to bed at night.
- ❖ Limit after school activities.
- ❖ Take time to read to and with your child everyday.
- ❖ By doing these simple things everyday you can help your child do better in school. Isn't that what we all want for our children?

### The School Board of Lee County, Florida

The School Board of Lee County, Florida: Cathleen O'Daniel Morgan, District 7 (Chairman); Pamela H. LaRiviere, District 5 (Vice Chairman); Mary Fischer, District 1; Melisa W. Giovannelli, District 2; Chris N. Patricca, District 3; Steven K. Teuber, District 4; Jane E. Kuckel, PhD, District 6; Dr. Gregory K. Adkins, Superintendent.

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## Do Your Children Know You Love Them?

Your children need to know how special they are to you. Try this quiz: (Give yourself 5 points if you feel you do an "excellent" job, zero points for something you "never" do, and any score in between that you think you deserve.)

- \_\_\_ 1. I tell my children I love them at least once a day.
- \_\_\_ 2. I look for ways to show my kids they're important to me---a hug, a pat, a smile.
- \_\_\_ 3. I say "Please," "Thank you" and "I'm sorry," to my children just as I would to any adult.
- \_\_\_ 4. I make time to talk with and listen to my child every day.
- \_\_\_ 5. When my child misbehaves, I let him know that I still love him, even though I disapprove of his actions.

How did you score? 20 – 25 points is excellent; 15 – 19 points is good, with room for improvement; and, below 15 points may mean you need to make a special effort to let your children know how much you love them on a regular basis.

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 certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation:

In addition, the following teachers are engaged in training to add English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their certificates: Gina Brown, Tara Burns, Jazmin Ceballos, Kelsey Graham, Allison Jennings, Terisha Mobley, Erin Nelson, Noreen Patton, Courtney Quigley, Tamisen Traiger, Jennifer Van Houten, Patti Sullivan, Kathryn VanKuren, Alycia Wiese.

## Counselor's Corner



Habit #4  
**THINK WIN WIN**  
Everybody can win!

- I can problem solve when an issue comes up with another person
- I think about what other people want and not just what I want.
- I am kind to others and try to think of ways to help everyone to be happy.

## This Month's Highlights

### FEBRUARY 7TH

Career Day  
Bank at School

### FEBRUARY 10TH

Teacher In-Service Day (No School for Students)

### FEBRUARY 11TH

NEHS (3:10PM – 4:30PM)  
Volunteer Orientation (4:45PM – 5:00PM)  
SAC Meeting (5:00PM – 5:30PM)

### FEBRUARY 14TH

Jump Rope for Heart  
Girl Scout Meeting (6:00PM – 6:30PM)  
National No One Eats Alone Day

### FEBRUARY 17TH

President's Day (No School for Students)

### FEBRUARY 21ST

Movie Night

### FEBRUARY 28TH

Girl Scout Meeting (6:00PM – 6:30PM)  
Father Daughter Dance (Time TBA)

### MARCH 2ND – 6TH

Dr. Seuss Week

### MARCH 6TH

Bank at School

### MARCH 10TH

NEHS (3:10PM – 4:30PM)  
Volunteer Orientation (4:45PM – 5:00PM)  
SAC Meeting (5:00PM – 5:30PM)  
PTO Meeting (5:30PM – 6:00PM)

### MARCH 13TH

Teacher Duty Day (No School for Students)

### MARCH 16TH – 20TH

Spring Break

### MARCH 23RD – 27TH

PTO Popcorn Fundraiser

### MARCH 27TH

Movie Night

### MARCH 30TH

Spring Pictures

### TUESDAYS

Good News Club (3:10PM – 4:45PM)

### THURSDAYS

Choir (7:30AM – 8:25AM)  
Fifth Grade Girls Group (3:10PM – 4:00PM)

### FRIDAYS

Track Club (7:30AM – 8:00AM)

### Special thanks are due the following:

Patriot PTO, Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, Publix Super Market at Midpoint Center, Sun Harvest Citrus, Walmart Neighborhood Market, VY Nails.