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Principal's Corner

Happy 2023!! It's the end of January and over half of the school year has come and gone. I would like to thank those of you who continue to stay active in the school, especially those attending the SAC meetings as well as the PTO meetings. Both parent meetings provide detailed information and the opportunity for great discussions. We were fortunate this month to have School Board Member Mrs. Laurie Cox visit our PTO Board meeting, sharing key items related to our schools. We greatly appreciate your continued support and commitment to KLES.

As always, if you have a question or concern, please contact the school at 921-1265.



Remember to Read! Read! Read!

Mrs. Brenda Wagner, Principal



Dear Parents,

Happy 2023!! With January being the start of a new year and our second semester, it's the perfect time to analyze our goals, reflect on our accomplishments, and address what we have left to accomplish in this school year. We completed PM2 (our second progress monitoring assessments) and will be helping students take note of their learning gains and areas of need. It's amazing how much growth they can make in such a short amount of time!

There is so much excitement in the air, or should I say water, over our Celebrate Literacy Week! The children (and teachers) have truly enjoyed "Taking a Dive into Literacy" by bringing their stuffed animal reading buddies, visiting the aquarium room where they read about all forms of ocean life, and the variety of fun activities in the classroom.

Mrs. Champayne Ricciardi, AP

Brenda Wagner,
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 31, 2023	PTO Skate World Share Night
Feb. 3	Boosterthon Fun Run
Feb. 14	All Pro Dads
Feb. 20	Presidents Day Holiday No School
March 9 & 10	Field Days (PE Field)

Do you want to know what's happening at KLES?
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Dear Parents,

Guidance has begun for grades 3 through 5! We have learned about each other, established norms for social behavior in class and begun to learn about the pillars of character. Kindness, Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthy, Fair, and Citizenship. Our topics so far have included conflict resolution and what is gossip and how to avoid it. It has been a great start so far!

Thank you,

Mrs. Gruber,

Guidance Teacher



MARVELOUS MUSIC MOMENTS

This month in music we have been studying the instruments of the orchestra. The younger students focus mainly on the orchestra families while the older classes focus on the individual instruments and the sounds they make. We play lots of games, so they have a lot of practice learning to identify the instruments and their families. We have played games like Instrument BINGO, Instrument Family Four Corners, an "Among Us" game to determine which instrument was an imposter, a football sorting game, and many more. The Kindergarten students listened to the story of Peter and the Wolf. In this story, each instrument is represented by a character in the story. Ask them what happens to the poor duck! 🐼

Kindergarten and 1st grade are both learning songs for their upcoming musicals in March. Look for an informational sheet to come home soon.

Holly Pursino,

Music Teacher



Winter still has us in its icy grips, but spring will be here before you know it! Sandro Botticelli is one of the foremost figures of the early Italian Renaissance and his works and painting style likely inspired countless masterful artists that would come after him. One of Botticelli's most famous paintings is titled Primavera, which means "Spring" in Italian. It is widely recognized as one of the most iconic works centering around the spring season. Kindergarten and First Grade are busy leaning the Sahara Desert and the animals that live there. Second and Third Grade are creating gauges using trees to follow the seasons. Fourth and Fifth grade students are making their own stained glass. Look for some master pieces to come home soon!

Mr. Tavares,

Art Teacher

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Download the app with this QR code.

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Special Area Changes

Please note that when we return to school in January our 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th graders will start going to Guidance for special area and Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd graders will be going to Media class.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Hello from the Physical Education teachers. We have had a great year so far. We are looking forward to the next nine weeks and having a lot of fun!

The third nine weeks in P.E. will bring excitement and information to all KLES students starting with the Hockey Unit, followed by Nutrition. We will be learning about the food groups, serving sizes, label reading and so much more.

Thanks for all of your support for the PE department.

Mrs. Hickman

Ms. Dennis

The PE Department



Cycle 7 Fees Due
Friday
February 3, 2023



Media News

Things are great here in the KLES Media Center! I am really enjoying teaching the primary grades. The students are learning about books, how to check them out, where to locate them and how to care for them. They are very excited about coming in and exploring the Media Center.

I also miss seeing the intermediate grades! They are welcome to come in at any time and check out books. They are allowed three books at a time and are very responsible when returning them. It's also great to visit with them!

Please continue to encourage your children to read the Sunshine State books. They are a wonderful collection of books that Florida has highlighted for this year.

Thank you for all of your support! If you need to reach me, my email is hartsfieldd@leonschools.net.

Sincerely,

Debbie Hartsfield (Roddenberry)

Media Specialist





Katie Giagios

KLES

Adult Volunteer of the Year

Teresa Clark

KLES

Senior

Volunteer of the Year



KLES Fun Run 2023

We are looking forward to a GREAT 2023 Boosterthon event with the theme, Grand Land Adventure! The students are SO excited to be having a Fun Run again! Thanks to the support of our students, parents, and their friends and family, last year's Fun Run raised over \$75,000 for KLES technology and school community projects. This year's goal is \$50,000 which will go towards meeting the technology needs of our classrooms and students, along with providing funds towards a new sound system in the cafeteria, and putting a pole barn over the basketball court. The excellent Boosterthon staff are amazing at keeping the energy level high and making fund-raising a fabulous experience for everyone!

This year, our students will experience the GRAND Land Adventure, a national parks theme all about building character through the rugged beauty and wild wonders of the great outdoors. By exploring some of the most iconic national parks in America, students will learn how to live a life of adventure and character.

We kicked off on Wednesday with a Pep Rally, and the KLES Boosterthon Fun Run event is on February 3rd. Parents and family are invited to come and cheer us on!

Susan Vinson, Third Grade Teacher & KLES Technology Committee Chair



Boosterthon Dates

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KLES Mission Statement

Killearn Lakes Elementary School provides students with an equitable learning environment to create and develop lifelong learners.



- **Please do not park in any of the reserved parking spaces. These people come and go throughout the school day. Thank you!**
- **Remember – all afternoon dismissal changes must be in writing and received prior to 2:30 pm.**
- **Please label all your child's items (water bottles, lunch boxes, sweaters, jackets, etc...). If they land in lost and found, we can return them to their rightful owner.**
- **Dress Attire: Parents—little eyes are watching you! Please wear appropriate attire when visiting/ volunteering at KLES.**



Nondiscrimination Notification and Contact Information

“No person shall on the basis of sex (including transgender, gender nonconforming and gender identity), marital status, sexual orientation, race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, age, color, pregnancy, disability, military status or genetic information be denied employment, receipt of services, access to or participation in school activities or programs if qualified to receive such services, or otherwise be discriminated against or placed in a hostile environment in any educational program or activity including those receiving federal financial assistance, except as provided by law.” No person shall deny equal access or a fair opportunity to meet to, or discriminate against, any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, or any other youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society.

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