



THE LEPRECHAUN

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MAY 1, 2025

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We are gearing up for our end of year progress monitoring (PM3) assessments! Please make an extra effort to have your children at school on time on testing days. This is a tremendous help in allowing them to be comfortably settled when we begin the tests. As you know, if a student arrives after testing begins, they will remain in a designated holding area until testing for that day is complete.

Jenny Blair and Champayne Ricciardi



TESTING DATES

May 1	3rd & 5th Grade ELA Testing— 3rd Grade Lunch 11:30
May 5	4th Grade ELA Testing
May 6	3rd & 5th Grade Math Testing— 3rd Grade Lunch 11:30
May 7	K Math Testing
May 7	4th Grade Math Testing
May 8	5th Grade Science Testing
May 12	1st Grade Reading Testing
May 13	1st ELA Testing
May 13	2nd Grade ELA Testing
May 14	1st Grade Math Testing
May 15	2nd Grade Math Testing

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 5—9	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 9	1st Grade Fairy Tale Knowdown— 9:00 am
May 9	2nd Grade Muffins with Mom— 8:00 am
May 9	Kindergarten Mother's Day Lunch-bunch—12:00 pm
May 5—12	No Lunch-bunch— Musical on 5/12
May 12	4th & 5th Grade Chorus Musical— 101 Dalmations—6:30 pm
May 13	All Pro Dad—7:30 am
May 13	SAC Meeting—5:30 pm
May 13	PTO Meeting—6:00 pm
May 14	Chiles Senior Memory Walk— 2:30 pm
May 16	Kindergarten Luau—8:45 am
May 16	3rd, 4th & 5th Strings Concert— 8:45 am
May 20	2nd Grade Animal Tales—8:45 am
May 21-23	EARLY RELEASE DAYS—12:20 pm
May 21	5th Grade Graduation—9:00 am
May 22	5th Grade vs Staff Kickball Game— 9:00 am
May 23	Graduation Luau Party—9:00 am
May 23	Shamrock Stroll—12:15 pm
May 23	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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Media Center

Hello from the Media Center!

The spring Scholastic Book Fair was a HUGE success! Thank you for supporting our school and our awesome leprechaun readers. There were a ton of fantastic books! Thank you so much to all of the volunteers that gave their time and talent during the fair; I absolutely could not have done it without you. I am incredibly grateful to get to work with so many wonderful KLES families.

Please encourage your child to read and return their library books each week. This ensures that they get to check-out new books each time they visit the library.

In order to complete the library's annual inventory, all library books are due on Friday, May 9.



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I cannot believe my first year as a librarian is almost over. I loved every minute of it and cannot wait to return in this position next year! I absolutely LOVE teaching your children and I love their excitement for reading! If you ever need to reach me, my email is stemlek@leonschools.net.

Sincerely,
Katie Stemle

Pre-K Notes

PreK has had a very busy month! We celebrated the season of Spring with a Spring Egg Hunt and everyone enjoyed the fun day! Our friends who are headed to Kindergarten had a great time learning about Kindergarten and visiting KLES and learning about the fun year ahead of them.

For the remainder of the school year, we are involved in a Unit of Study about Insects. This will be an interesting study. While at home, look for insects in your environment and read books about insects.



Get outside and enjoy the beautiful Spring weather!

Physical Education

Happy Soon-To-Be-Summer!!! Our students are busy working on their basketball skills right now and our plan is to wrap up the end of the year with some fan favorites and recreational games. We have enjoyed our time with your kids this year and we hope your families will spend a lot of time playing together this summer. Have a fun and active summer and we will see you next year!!!



The PE Department
Mrs. Hickman
Ms. Dennis

Guidance

Greetings from Guidance

I'm excited to share that the Xello lesson was a "SUCCESS". We have spent the past few weeks working on setting up their profiles and discussing future career goals. What a rewarding feeling to see and hear their excitement with exploring this app from the students. PARENTS, great job as well, you should know your students are ready and focused about their future!!! I can't wait to see all of our "FUTURE LEPRECHAUN LEADERS OF TOMORROW"!!!

Students may continue working on this app from home....XELLO in the ClassLink.

As we prepare for the end of this 9weeks/year, we will continue to review our 6 Pillars of Good Character; lessons on: Perspective-taking, Safety, & Personal space/Boundaries.

This has been a great year!!! Please have a Safe and Fun summer!!!!

Always remember to
"BE KIND,
RESPECTFUL,
RESPONSIBLE,
TRUSTWORTHY,
FAIR, AND A GOOD
CITIZEN"!!!

Kindly,
Mrs. Dugans

Have a Great Day On Purpose!!!



Musical Notes

Hello KLES Families!!

We just wrapped up our unit on music from around the world. I'm always so amazed to see what countries and cultures the students are curious about and want to learn more about.

Here are some happenings in music that you can ask your student about:

Kindergarten-We are learning how music can be related to visual arts. We created our own compositions based on the colors we used on our coloring sheet.

1st grade-We finished up our world music lessons learning about the Caribbean Islands. We learned about steel drums and sang a few songs from Jamaica and The Virgin Islands.

2nd grade-We learned about Kandinsky, a Russian painter who saw colors when he heard music. We then listened to a piece by the Russian composer, Tchaikovsky and colored an abstract piece of art, according to what we heard in the music.

3rd grade-We learned about Kandinsky, a Russian painter who saw colors when he heard music. Then we created compositions that looked like they might go along with his art.

4th grade-We talked about how music for films is made. Then we listened to a piece of music and wrote our own film trailer to match it.

5th grade-We learned about the film composer, John Williams. He has written music for some of our favorite movies.



Thanks for sharing your
Musical kiddos with me!

Holly Pursino

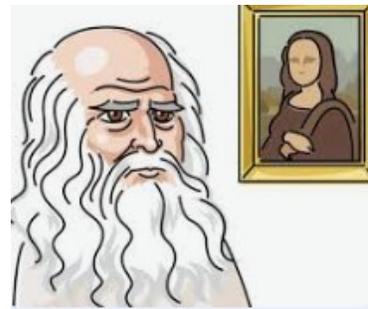
Music Teacher

Killearn Lakes Elementary

Art Updates

May is just around the corner and the heat is on! Leonardo Da Vinci lived in a golden age of creativity contributing his unique genius to virtually everything he touched. Today, no name better seems to symbolize Renaissance age than Leonardo da Vinci. He is among the most influential artists in history, having left a significant legacy not only in the realm of art but in science as well, each discipline informing his mastery of the other.

Kindergarten and **first grade** are working with clay sculpting snails. **Second** and **third grade** are working with shapes creating portraits like Picasso, experiencing abstract cubism. **Fourth grade** students are applying their perspective skills, and **fifth grade** students are Learning about Leonardo DaVinci and his rule of halves, applied to portraits.



Look for some masterpieces to come home soon!

-Mr. Tavares J

Nurse notes

for "Return to School"

Fever free 48 hours **after fever breaks** without use of fever reducing medication (Tylenol/Ibuprofen)
Vomiting/Diarrhea 24 hours symptom free from last incident



for PREVENTION

Lice ~ Do NOT share hair brushes, hats, jackets; If you notice your child scratching their heads—GET CHECKED, it is much easier to treat the earlier you catch it.
Proper hand washing
Cover your cough (and sneeze)
Dress for the weather

COUNSELOR'S

OThe school year is quickly coming to a close and
Rsummer break is right around the corner! This
Nchange in routine could mean some noticeable
Echanges to your child's mood and behavior.
RSummer break is typically a time for kids to enjoy
the break from their academic responsibilities and
spend more time having fun with family and
friends, but it can also be a major source of stress
for others, especially those who thrive on structure
and organized time.

There may be many reasons that students and/or
parents are unable to organize social interactions
with their friends over the summer. Without the
convenience of seeing their friends at school, some
kids may start to experience loneliness and/or
isolation at home. Kids may also find themselves
staying up late, sleeping in, and spending most of
their time chilling at home. They may fall into long
periods of inactivity which can lead to boredom,
unproductivity, and possibly even depression
symptoms. School provides many students with a
sense of purpose, and losing this sense of purpose
can be pretty disorienting.

Another challenging aspect of summer break is that
many kids who get support for their
emotional and mental well-being from teachers,
counselors, and other staff, will not receive these
same check-ins or be monitored over the summer.
Warning signs that indicate that kids are really
struggling may go unnoticed. Here are some tips
that can help you and your child(ren) transition into
summer and enjoy the break to the fullest!

We hope everyone has a wonderfully relaxing and
exciting summer break and we look forward to
seeing everyone in the Fall!

~ Mrs. Barrineau, Mrs. Harris & Mrs. DeValle

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Summer Scoop

1. **Create a new summer routine.** Yes, summer is an ideal time to relax and take it easy, but it's still helpful to maintain some sort of routine that your child can get used to. Try creating and writing this routine down with your child and brainstorming some fun activities to try out together.
2. **Make healthy choices.** Of course life is all about balance and indulging in yummy foods and taking time to rest are okay, and we also know that certain habits like staying active, eating more plant-based foods, getting enough sleep can benefit your mental health as well.
3. **Explore a new hobby.** Since students may not be feeling like they have a sense of purpose now that they aren't in class, try encouraging them to try out a new hobby they've been interested in and help them access that activity.
4. **Be aware of any behavioral patterns.** Sleeping in more is pretty common during summer break, but if you are noticing your child sleep for most of the day, get frustrated easily, and stop doing the things they once enjoyed, it may be a good time to check in with them and talk about ways to become more engaged and active!
5. **Family fun time.** Summer is an awesome time to create new memories that your child will carry with them for the rest of their lives. Plan some outings for you and your kids to get to know each other, laugh, and pass the time. These can include anything, big or small, that you know your kid is interested in. Some examples include: going to the movies together, taking a day trip to go hiking/kayaking somewhere beautiful, tossing the frisbee around at a park, playing video games together, going to the public library or other community events, or going on walks or bike rides. No matter what you choose to do, just remember that this quality time together can strengthen your relationship with your child and help you really understand what's most important to them.
6. **Reach out to a resource if there is a need!** The LCS Community Resource List and Big Bend Continuum of Care Services Guide are posted on our website at the following link: <https://www.leonschools.net/domain/10144> should you need some help or support over the summer.

LCS

"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.