



THE LEPRECHAUN

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Principal's Corner

This has been another exciting year at KLES! The students have worked hard, and I am so proud of the progress they have made. I would like to say THANK YOU to our teachers, staff, PTO members, SAC members and volunteers for helping make this a successful year for the children. We have enjoyed spending this school year with such bright and loving students!

We wish our fifth grade students much success and happiness in the years to come. We will miss them terribly, but wish them the very best as they move to middle school! Always remember the lessons you learned at KLES, and strive to be life-long learners.

Regarding **NEXT YEAR CLASS PLACEMENTS**, the administration looks at many factors when placing students in classes including academics, student behavior, gender, race, special needs such as ESE or Gifted services, custody concerns, and teacher input. I will also accept parent input if you wish to email me characteristics of a teacher you feel best fits your child and characteristics of your child. Please know that parents may NOT request a specific teacher nor do we place children based on "best friends". The administration is committed to looking at every child individually (all 800 students) and will work hard to place students in the best learning environments for the upcoming school year. If you wish, please email me at wag-nerb@leonschools.net.

I hope your family has a restful and fun summer break!



Remember to READ, READ, READ during the summer break!

Mrs. Brenda Wagner, Principal



5th Grade Shamrock Stroll

This year, our 5th graders will "take their final walk down the KLES hallways" on Wednesday, May 25th at 12:15pm. As in years past, 10 minutes before the dismissal bell, EVERY class will step outside into the covered areas and cheer for the graduating 5th grade students. This is a lasting, joyous memory for our graduating leprechauns! Parents are invited; the gates will be opened for this special event. Don't forget to bring your camera!

Please Register Now!

Now is the time to register all kindergarten and new students to KLES for the 2022-23 school year. The earlier our students are registered, the more opportunity we have to make sure we have enough teachers hired and classes set up for all students. Please spread the word in your neighborhood.

Thank you!

Happy ☀️
Summer

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 23-25	Early Release Days
May 23	5th Grade Graduation
May 25	Last Day of School
May 27	Last Report Card Posted
August 5	2022—2023 School Wide Orientation
August 10	First Day of School

Do you want to know what's happening at KLES?
Find us on FACEBOOK

Search for "Principal Wagner" profile or click on this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Principal-Wagner/100005521488149>

Visit us on the web: www.leonschools.net/killearnlakes

**SCHOOL
COUNSELOR**
I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU

Hello Killearn Lakes families!

I can't believe the 2021/22 school year is coming to an end! This year flew by! Across all grades we have been wrapping up lessons around our final character education word of the school year - grit/perseverance! I picked this word specifically because the kids have all had grit in *spades*, especially during the last two years! They have adapted and been so resilient with the many twists and turns and have been walking examples of not giving up, even through difficult times! I am so proud of them.

Summer break is upon us and I hope you all have a great one! And best of luck to our 5th graders who will soon embark on a new and exciting journey! I have all the faith in the world that they have nothing but greatness waiting for them!

Mrs. Miller, Guidance Counselor



MARVELOUS MUSIC MOMENTS

The entire kindergarten recently rehearsed and videotaped their annual patriotic program, "Proud to be an American" in a record one hour period. A big thank you to the special area team for assisting, Debbie Roddenberry for videotaping, and Kathleen Pester for running the sound system. Very special recognition to 2 retired kindergarten teachers, Leslie Frohlich and Sue Morphet for coming back to assist with the acting parts and serving as narrators. The program was dedicated to Hank McGrotha (recently retired) and Brenda Wagner since they absolutely love this special program.

I am delighted to announce that one of our students, Julian Negrete-Pujols achieved black belt level in Recorder Karate. This is an amazing accomplishment since Covid prevented recorder playing for the past 2 years. He will be recognized on the morning tv show and receive 2 treasured nutcrackers from Mrs. Rhodes' collection.

I have taught at Killearn Lakes for the past 33 years and have had the privilege of teaching the parents of many of our current students. Prior to KLES, I taught in Orlando as well as Sabal Palm for a grand total of 45 years.

I love teaching, I love our students, I love our school, but will be leaving this year due to DROP requirements. I hope I was able to create a love of music in your child in addition to aiding their musical literacy skills to enable them to pursue their musical interests. I am confident that the new music teacher, Holly Pursino will help them further develop their music skills and will quickly gain their love and respect.

Mrs. Rhodes

ART UPDATES

It's hard to believe that it's the end of another school year! It's that time for me to start sorting all of the art work to pass back. Be on the lookout for it. Kindergarten and First Grade students just finished working on an Australian unit. Second and Third Grade students decorated very complicated shamrocks. Fourth and Fifth Grade students created their own personal seal inspired by the Florida State Seal. Feel free to email me any questions and concerns at pennw@leonschools.net. Have a great summer!

See you in the FUTURE,

Mr. Penn



ATTENTION PARENTS

We are making your life simple!
New sign in and sign out procedures.
Download the app with this QR code.

Link for iPhone



Link for Android



KLES Mission Statement

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

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Happy Soon-To-Be-Summer!!! 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 Physical Education Department:
Ms. Dennis & Mrs. Hickman**



Media News

What a wonderful year we have had in the Media Center. I have really enjoyed sharing new books and literature with your children. This year I decided to introduce the Sunshine State reading challenge in grades K-3. It was an overwhelming success. Along with several 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, over 100 Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders completed the challenge and were able to come to our celebration. It was great fun! If you are interested in getting started for next year, I have lists here in the library and they are also listed online. It's a great reading source for the summer. Again, I have truly enjoyed teaching your children. I look forward to seeing them next year and I wish the best to all the outgoing fifth graders. Have a wonderful Summer and don't forget to READ, READ, READ!

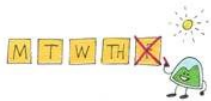
Sincerely,

Debbie Roddenberry



Summer Office Hours

**KLES Summer Office Hours
7:45AM - 4:00PM
begin on
Monday, June 6th - July 29th**



**Monday – Thursday
Closed on Fridays**
(Leon County Schools goes to a 4 day work week)

**The Office will be closed the week of
July 4-8**



Just a Reminder

Students with Medication left in the clinic – Parents are requested to pick up any leftover medication in the clinic within one week after the end of school. Medication left after this time will be discarded. **NO** medication is carried over to the next school year and ALL NEW forms have to be filled out each year.



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“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.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.
<p>If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.</p> <small>(Hess and Thomas, 1983)</small>		
WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.		



**NO
BACKPACKS**

**PER LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS
NO BACKPACKS ARE TO BE
BROUGHT TO SCHOOL
NEXT WEEK - MAY 23-25**



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.

An employee, student, parent or applicant alleging discrimination with respect to employment, or any educational program or activity may contact:

Deana McAllister, Assistant Superintendent

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Wallace Knight, Director

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A student or parent alleging discrimination as it relates to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act may contact:

Jennifer Benton, 504 Specialist

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