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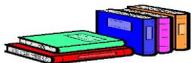
Principal's Corner

This has been THE BEST YEAR EVER 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. I have enjoyed spending my last school year with such bright and caring students! As I retire (after 33 years with LCS), I am looking forward to slowing down and spending time with my family and friends. In June, Principal Jenny Blair will take over at KLES. She has been here since January, and has worked hard to learn/transition into this position. I am happy to pass the "leadership torch" into her capable hands.

As I leave KLES after 17 years, I want to wish our fifth grade students much success and happiness in the years to come. We "graduate" from KLES together! Always remember the lessons you learned at KLES, and strive to be a 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. Administration will also accept parent input if you wish to request provide teacher characteristics you feel best fits your child and your child's needs. Please know that parents may NOT request a specific teacher nor do we place children based on "best friends". KLES Administration is committed to looking at every child individually and will work hard to place students in the best learning environments for the upcoming school year. I hope your family has a restful summer!

Mrs. Brenda Wagner, Retiring Principal



*Remember to
Read! Read! Read!*



Dear KLES families,

Another rewarding school year is coming to an end. Reflecting on the past school year makes us realize how fortunate we are at Killearn Lakes. Our school has consistently been successful due to the wonderful collaborative partnership between students, staff members, and parents. Our students are meeting high standards of performance due to the excellent teaching from our remarkable staff and support from you, our parents. Thank you to all parents on the PTO and other various committees for your endless contributions and dedicating a great deal of time to provide memory making activities, programs and events to our school. We are very thankful for your generous support, and we look forward to next year.

On behalf of the entire staff, it has been a pleasure working with your children this year. As this school year comes to an end, we wish our 5th graders and their families a wonderful transition to middle school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ricciardi, AP

Avoid the Summer Slide - READ!

Students leave school in May full of strategies for reading and making amazing progress. Sometimes with the change in schedule and less reading over the summer we notice a marked decrease in student reading levels when they return to school in the fall. Help your child maintain his/her reading development and continue to grow by reading over the summer.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 22	5th Grade Graduation
May 22-24 Dismissal 12:20pm	Early Release Days
May 24	Last day of School
May 24	5th Grade Luau
May 24	Shamrock Stroll 12:10pm
May 26	Kindergarten Screening
June 1	Report Cards Post

YEARBOOK

Limited number of yearbooks for sale in the front office.

**Price is \$35
each**

Exact cash or check made out to
KLES PTO.

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



Dear Parents,

April showers brought May flowers and thoughts of school end. In guidance we have been discussing careers, budgeting, stress relievers and sportsmanship. We have reviewed the pillars of character and how to use good character to make good choices when it comes to independent playground time. We continue to remind students that KLES expectations include our 3 R's: Respect, Responsible and Ready to Learn.

Thank you again to all the parents who support our guidance message of using the pillars of character to make good choices. Respect, Responsible, Trustworthy, Kind, Fair and Citizenship.

Thank you,

Mrs. Gruber,



Guidance Teacher



Wow!

What a great first year here at KLES! Thank you everybody for all the support!

In the mid-1880s Paris, Georges Seurat and Paul Signa developed a revolutionary painting technique called Pointillism. Pointillism involves the application of paint in carefully placed dots of pure, unmixed color. The viewer's eye would blend the colors together to create a more striking image than any made after mixing colors conventionally on a palette. Kindergarten and First grade are learning about Bird's Nests. Second grade students are impressionists, making still life paintings of flowers in a pot. Third grade is learning about printmaking with Jasper John. Fourth grade students are creating portraits like Rembrandt, and Fifth grade students are experimenting with robots to create abstract compositions like Wassily Kandinsky. Look for some master pieces to come home soon!

Mr. Tavares,

Art Teacher

MARVELOUS MUSIC MOMENTS

This year has flown by!! I have really enjoyed getting to know your children and seeing their love for music grow. We ended the year with some silly songs and games. The older students played center games like bowling, ping pong rhythms, Instrument Guess Who, Lego rhythms, and they even got to play a giant floor keyboard. The Kindergarten students played one of our favorite games called Black Snake. It has been a wonderful year and I can't wait to see everyone back



in the fall.

Mrs. Pursino,

Music Teacher

ATTENTION PARENTS



Wednesday

May 24, 2023



2023 -2024

Tuesday

August 8, 2023



Thursday

August 10, 2023



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Happy Soon-To-Be-Summer!!! We have enjoyed watching your kids become better athletes and humans during this school year in PE. We hope they had as much fun as we did and that your families get to spend a lot of time playing together this summer. Have an enjoyable and active summer! We will see you next year!!!

The Physical Education Department:

Ms. Dennis & Mrs. Hickman



May 22 – 24, 2023

**Dismissal will be at
12:20pm**

NO LUNCH BUNCH

**Last day of School
May 24, 2023**



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!**

Debbie Hartsfield

Media Specialist





Attention Parents

Leon County School Board requires all 5th grade students to provide current proof of residence to their elementary school before they can transition to middle school.

This requirement applies even if you have not moved. May 1st is the deadline to submit the documents

They should be emailed to Admissions at LCSadmissions@leonschools.net.

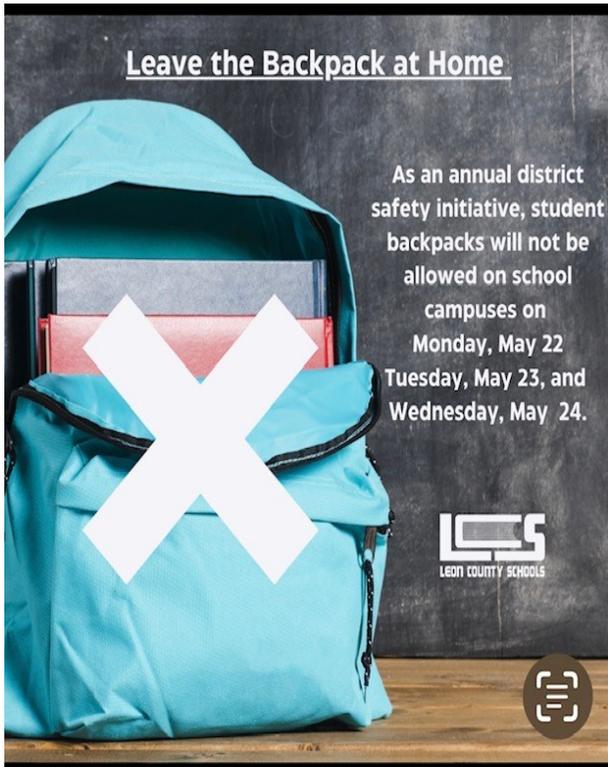
LCS

“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.

KLES Mission Statement

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

Leave the Backpack at Home



As an annual district safety initiative, student backpacks will not be allowed on school campuses on Monday, May 22 Tuesday, May 23, and Wednesday, May 24.



- Please do not park in any of the reserved parking spaces. These people come and go throughout the school day. Thank you!
- 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.

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

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

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