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APRIL 1, 2025

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Can you believe we are already into the fourth nine weeks? Killearn Lakes students, teachers, and administrators are in high gear preparing to “show what we know” when testing time comes. Our teachers continue to maintain a very high level of academic focus and rigor in order to prepare our students for success and our ongoing data monitoring reflects these efforts. To maximize their learning opportunities, please continue to prioritize having your children at school on time and having them stay the entire school day. The testing schedule is below. Please do not schedule any appointments on a day your child is testing.

Jenny Blair and Champayne Ricciardi

PM3 Test Dates for K-2nd

- April 30th - Kdg. ELA
- May 7th - Kdg. Math
- May 12th - 1st grade ELA
- May 13th - 1st grade STAR EL & 2nd grade ELA
- May 14th - 1st grade Math
- May 15th - 2nd grade Math



PM 3 Test Dates for 3rd - 5th

- April 1st - 4th grade Writing
- May 1st - 3rd and 5th grade ELA
- May 5th - 4th grade ELA
- May 6th - 3rd and 5th grade Math
- May 7th - 4th grade Math
- May 8th - 5th grade Science

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1	4th Grade Writing Testing— NO Lunch Bunch
April 2	Spring & Class Pictures
April 2—30	PBJ Drive
April 7—10	NO Lunch Bunch
April 7—14	Book Fair
April 10	3rd Grade Field Trip— Young Actors Theater
April 10	Kindergarten Musical— 6:30 pm
April 10	LCS Volunteer/Mentor/Partner Celebration
April 11	3rd Grade Economics Fair— On campus
April 11	Grandparent's Day
April 14	Grandparent's Day
April 15	All Pro Dad— 7:30 am
April 17	4th Grade Field Trip— St. Augustine
April 17	Kindergarten Orientation 9-10 am
April 18	Spring Holiday— NO SCHOOL
April 21—24	NO Lunch Bunch
April 22	Kindergarten Earth Day Celebration
April 24	1st Grade Musical— 6:30 pm
April 25	5th Grade Field Trip— Animal Kingdom
April 30	Kindergarten ELA Testing— NO Lunch Bunch

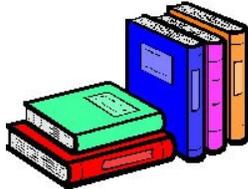
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Media Center

Hello from the Media Center!

Happy 4th nine weeks of school! I am now teaching Kindergarten, First, and Second grades. We are working hard, learning about book genres and how the library is organized. I am so proud of the independence I am seeing in the library. The students are really beginning to understand how the library is organized so they can find the books they want to read. Students in 3rd-5th are still welcome to come in at any time and checkout books.

The spring Scholastic Book Fair is almost here! The dates are April 7 - April 14. Friday, April 11 and Monday, April 14 are Grandparents' Days! Families are invited to visit the Book Fair after having lunch with their child on these special days. This Book Fair will once again be cashless. Only eWallets and credit cards will be accepted. Families can begin setting up eWallets for the Book Fair now by scanning the QR code.



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.

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

Lunch Bunch Reminders:

NO Lunch Bunch April 1, 7-10, 21-24, & 30

- *Due to food allergies, there is no sharing of, or bringing in food for other children
- *Your student may have ONE friend join them at the table on stage.
- or escort your child back to the classroom.
- *Please avoid bringing 'sweet treats' or sodas for the kids.
- *Cell phones should be used for emergencies only— no photographs of other children allowed.
- *No lunch bunch on standardized testing days

Physical Education

Killlearn Lakes Field Days were awesome! We would like to thank our PTO and everyone who came out to volunteer at all of the stations. The kids had a blast, and we couldn't have done it without all of you. We'd like to thank our amazing field day coordinators Danielle Fried and Stephanie Santiago, as well as our PTO president Ressa Tomkiewicz. They made sure that everything ran smoothly, and we had everything we needed.

We would also like to thank Bouncers of Tallahassee and all of our wonderful performers from the Killlearn Kids Dance Troupe and the Tallahassee Super Squad Cheerleaders. Thanks to all!! We are so lucky to have such a supportive group of parents, faculty, and staff. Thank you for all that you do to make Killlearn Lakes Elementary a great place to learn and play!



The PE Department
Mrs. Hickman
Ms. Dennis

Art Updates

Spring has sprung as April showers will bring May flowers!

As an artist Pablo Picasso was an innovator, and responsible for co-founding the entire Cubist movement alongside Georges Braque. Cubism was an avant-garde art movement that changed forever the face of European painting and sculpture while simultaneously affecting contemporary architecture, music and literature. There had been no other artists, prior to Picasso, who had such an impact on the art world.

Kindergarten and **First Grade** are working with shapes making faces experiencing abstract cubism. **Second** and **Third Grade** are exploring animal habitats.

Fourth grade students are applying their perspective skills, and **Fifth grade** students are putting things in single point perspective.

Look for some masterpieces to come home soon!
-Mr. Tavares J



Musical Notes

Hello KLES Families!!

I am so excited to share that for the next few weeks we will be studying music from around the world. Our school is such an amazing, diverse place!! I would love it if you would come share a song, instrument, or dance from the country you are from. Please email me at pursinoh@leonschools.net and I will set up a time for you to come during your student's class. I can't wait to hear from you!!

Thanks for sharing your musical kiddos with me!



Holly Pursino
Music Teacher
Killearn Lakes Elementary

Guidance

Greetings from Guidance

It's our last 9 weeks of school and I'm happy to see our 3-5th grade students. We always begin with our 6 Pillars of Good character building skills. We are preparing our 5th grade Leprechauns for their new journey to Middle School. This week we have started with "Positive Self-talk/Affirmations". Please feel free to ask your little "leprechauns" about their Affirmation Bracelets they will design in class for themselves.

We will begin the 2nd week of Guidance this month by introducing our 3-5th grade students to XELLO. This is a career exploration platform that the District rolled out to help our students K-12 become future ready! XELLO is an engaging online program that helps students in K-12 build the knowledge, skills, and plans for future success. Through self-knowledge, exploration and planning, students better understand who they are, their academic and career options, and the steps they'll need to take to achieve their goals. Though XELLO is not required for elementary, we felt it would be beneficial to our students to expose them to the platform and let them get familiar with it so they will be prepared for the XELLO introduction in middle school. Students K-5 will learn how to log in and get comfortable with the platform through Guidance special area. When you can, have your child(ren) log into Classlink, choose the XELLO tile and get started exploring this interactive platform/tool! Have fun! It's never too early to start thinking about the future!

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



Kindly,
Mrs. Dugans
GUIDANCE INSTRUCTOR
Have a Great Day On Purpose!!!

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

O The hustle and bustle of everyday life can be
R overwhelming and challenging in so many
N ways. We all have so many responsibilities or
E tasks that must be tended to for things to
R keep moving along. Though this is true, it is
crucial that we find time to slow down and
really think about what this looks like for us
and how it impacts our lives. How do we do
this? We want to share some ideas for you to
consider and put into practice this month.

1. Take time to reflect on what truly matters to you in life, personally and professionally. Then, identify your core values and set some short and long term goals that align with these values.
2. Put those mindfulness skills to work and create a morning routine with intention. That may be a healthy breakfast, meditation/quiet time, or simply stretching. Set the tone for your day to help you get focused and in a clear, calm mindset.
3. Set boundaries. This means learning to say “no” to some things that don’t align with your values or goals. Protecting your time and energy will help reduce stress, burnout and overcommitment.
4. Find activities that bring you joy and contentment/fulfillment and make time for them! Prioritizing self-care will help establish that sense of balance as you juggle your professional and personal responsibilities.
5. Live in the present. Don't let the past or anticipated future obligations/tasks steal or taint your joy, energy or time for the truly important things in life. Enjoy each day and make it the best it can be by being optimistic and happy.
6. Focus on healthy relationships. We all want and need to feel needed, loved, seen, and accepted. Developing healthy relationships will enhance your ability to reduce stress, establish healthier behaviors, find a greater sense of purpose, connect with others and maintain a positive outlook on life.

Don't let life swallow you up. Find time to reflect on who you are, where you are, where you want to go, and how you can get there. Take the time to invest in the people and activities you love. Slow down and enjoy the journey.

~Mrs. Barrineau, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. DeValle



Resources

<https://calmingroom.scusd.edu>

“Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff....And “It’s All Small Stuff” by Richard Carlson



Education Resources

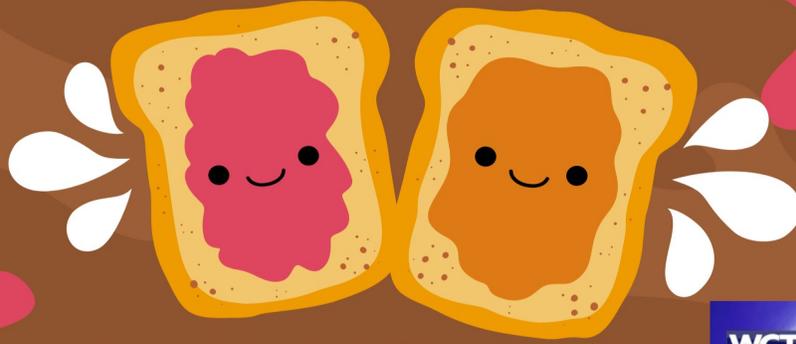
Leon County Government is proud to announce the launch of Brainfuse HelpNow, a new virtual tutoring service offered through the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System. Available to all library card holders, Brainfuse HelpNow provides free, real-time academic assistance and personalized eLearning tools for students and lifelong learners of all ages.

Brainfuse HelpNow offers live tutoring in subjects including math, science, English, social studies, and test preparation for PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP, and state standardized tests. Tutors are available online Monday through Sunday from 2 to 11 p.m.

For those needing internet access, adult library card holders can check out laptops, tablets, and mobile hotspots at no charge.

For more information, contact the Leon County Public Library at (850) 606-2665 or Leon County Community and Media Relations at (850) 606-5300 / CMR@LeonCountyFL.gov.

IT'S THE PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY JAM! APRIL 2 - 30



SEND IN
THOSE JARS!

We are collaborating with WCTV, Leon County Schools and Second Harvest of the Big Bend to collect jars of peanut butter and jars of jelly. Please send your donations into the main office.



Scholastic Bookfair

April 7-14



Book fair is cashless!
Create your child's
e-wallet account now,
using the QR code!

Grandparent's Day

April 11 & 14

Come enjoy lunch and the
Scholastic Bookfair with your
Grandchild.

Lunch Schedule:

3rd Grade 10:30—11:00

1st Grade 11:00—11:30

Pre-K 11:15—11:45

2nd Grade 11:30—12:00

Kindergarten 12:00—12:30

4th Grade 12:30—1:00

5th Grade 1:00—1:30

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.

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KLES EDEP Presents:

2025
**Wild West
Roundup
Summer Camp**

June 2nd-27th | July 7th-18th

7:00am-6:00pm M-F

(June 16th-18th- 3 day week)

Due at Registration:

-\$50.00 Registration Fee

-1st Week Camp Fee

Weekly Fees:

\$215.00- 1st Child | \$193.50- Additional Child
Week 3- \$150.00 1st Child | \$135.00 Additional Child

Last Week of Camp:

\$250.00- 1st Child | \$225.00- Additional Child

****Currently Enrolled EDEP children will have
priority registration**

MORE INFO COMING SOON

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