



THE LEPRECHAUN

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Wow! This school year is moving along quickly at KLES! The cooler mornings will soon be cooler days, and we're all looking forward to that. These next few months are full of celebrations and holidays making them seem to fly by.

Parents, thank you for actively participating in your child's education. It has been wonderful to see parents coming in for conferences these past couple of months. It is important that your child sees you proactive and involved in their education. Our teachers truly appreciate your support and look forward to working closely with you the remainder of the year, thanks again!

We would also like to thank parents and community members for coming out to support our annual PTO Fall Festival. This is one of the most anticipated events of the school year and for good reason. Fall Festival was a tremendous success, and we appreciate the support and positive feedback we received.

Jenny Blair and Champayne Ricciardi

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 5	Health Screenings - K, 1 & 3 ONLY
November 11	Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
November 12	All Pro Dad— 7:30 am
November 12-14	NO Lunch Bunch
November 14	Second Grade Musical— 6:30 pm
November 15	Kindergarten Field Trip
November 18	Picture Retakes
November 19	Kindergarten Community Helper Day
November 19	PTO Meeting— 6:00 pm
November 21	First, Second & Third Grade Field Trips
November 22	Friendsgiving— 10:30 am

VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



Thanksgiving Break
No School

November
25—29



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Media Center

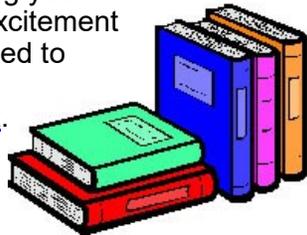
Hello from the Media Center!

Happy 2nd nine weeks of school! I am now teaching Kindergarten, First, and Second grades. We will be learning about book genres, library book care, the circulation system, how to become independent users of the Killearn Lakes Media Center, and so much more! Students in grades K-2nd are allowed to checkout TWO books at a time.

I really enjoyed teaching the upper grades the 1st nine weeks. Students in 3rd-5th are still welcome to come in at any time and checkout books. I love hearing about what they are reading and the excitement of helping students find their next great read! Students in grades 3rd-5th are allowed to checkout THREE books at a time.

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



Art Updates

It's beginning to look a lot more like fall in Tallahassee with echoes of Wassily Kandinsky expressionism painting "Autumn in Bavaria". This painting is one of Kandinsky's most recognizable paintings as it captures some of the most iconic features of Bavaria such as its natural beauty and its progressive spirit. It's harvest time and there is plenty to be thankful for.

Kindergarten and First Grade are creating Jack-O-Lanterns. Second and Third Grade are busily weaving a cornucopia, while the Fourth and Fifth grade students are learning about Roman mosaics. Look for some master pieces to come home soon!



- Mr. Tavares J



Musical Notes

Hello KLES Families!!

I can't believe it is a new nine weeks! This year is just flying by! In October we learned about patterns in music.

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

Kindergarten-We used foam shapes to map out the pattern of the song, William Tell Overture. There are 8 different sections to the music and they did a great job listening and staying engaged. Then we transferred the patterns to different movements with the parachute. Squeals of joy could be heard throughout the activity!

1st grade- We determined the pattern of the song, The Fossils from Carnival of the Animals. Then we played a "Night at the Museum" game where the statues and artifacts of the museum came to life during one section of the music, and the security guards had to go around and investigate during the other sections.

2nd grade-We have been working on our Rock-n-Roll musical which we will perform for you on November 14th.

3rd grade-We have really been progressing on our recorders. We know how to play the notes B, A, and G and even learned the most famous of all the recorder songs, Hot Cross Buns!!

4th Grade-We learned a special pattern in music called Rondo, where the A section keeps coming back. We read the book, The Giving Tree, by Shel Silverstein along with a piece of music by Beethoven. Every time the boy came back to the tree in the book, the A section melody came back.

5th grade-We listened to and figured out the pattern of the song, William Tell Overture. Then we used colorful flashlights on the ceiling to show the pattern of the song.

Thanks for sharing your musical kiddos with me.



Holly Pursino
Music Teacher

Killearn Lakes Elementary



Physical Education



We are excited about the cooler weather in the mornings and hope it starts to stick around later in the day soon. Please make sure to label jackets and sweatshirts so they can be returned if left at PE. Our hurdles, ropes, and relays unit has wrapped up and we have moved on to volleyball skills and will finish out the month with soccer skills.

As always, thanks for helping your children remember to wear athletic clothes and shoes on PE days.

Thank you!
The PE Department
Mrs. Hickman & Ms. Dennis



LOST & FOUND

All items not claimed prior to November 22, Thanksgiving break, will be donated.



Clothes for the Office

Accidents Happen...
Our extra clothes in the office are already running low. Please consider donating any clean clothing - boys and girls articles of all sizes are welcome!

Killearn Lakes is looking for Mentors

As a mentor you will be matched one-on-one with a student. He/she will meet with the student at least once a week for approximately thirty minutes to an hour and will work on school grounds during the school day for at least four months (or a semester). Responsibilities of a mentor are setting goals, assisting with academic assignments, advocating for the student, being a role model, encouraging the student to be a friend, accept the student, and be positive with the student. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please fill out a volunteer application and select mentor. Before becoming a mentor, you will have formal training, be fingerprinted, and pass a criminal background check.

<https://volunteers.leonschools.net/>

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Please be sure to have (at minimum) BOTH parents or one parent AND an alternate person to contact that can pick up the student in case of emergency!

How to add others for emergency contacts:

Log into FOCUS app

Click "**More Info**" (light blue box)

Click "**Student Info**" (light blue box)

Open the toggle arrow on the left side of the screen

Select "Addresses & Contacts"

Verify who is already on the list

Click "**New Contact**" (blue box)

Complete ALL information –

-First, Last Names

-If a parent – select "Mother/Father" from drop down (include address if prompted)

-Select contact level: Custody/ Emergency/Pick up/Restraining Order

-Select the contacts priority level

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COUNSELOR'S

O Social resilience is the ability to maintain positive relationships with others, and to recover from the stressors that can come from social interactions. This will be our focus in November and December as we continue working on building positive, healthy relationships in and outside of school, and begin moving into the holiday season that entails lots of festivities, events and/or gatherings. Social resilience becomes much more doable and manageable when some of the physical and emotional resiliency skills have been developed, so we encourage you to revisit the September and October Newsletters for some good references that can help with that!

While some people seem naturally resilient and tend to have personality or character traits that help them remain centered, calm and self-controlled when facing a challenging situation, their resilience is contributed to many internal and external factors that have been developed over time. Social support also plays a crucial role in resilience, meaning those who have the support of family and friends tend to be more mentally strong and capable of overcoming tough situations a little quicker.

Whether young or old, we all experience things in life that can set us back, cause us grief, or trigger a complete shut-down. These experiences can sometimes prevent us from engaging in good and healthy activities or relationships if we lack the resilience to work through the feelings and bounce back. It may be difficult to do, but it CAN be done and people CAN become more resilient and socially active. We want everyone living life to fullest and enjoying interacting with others! Here are a few ideas you can research, explore and try! Cognitive Restructuring/Reframing (reframing negative thoughts), Effective Communication, Use of Problem-Solving Strategies, Deep Breathing Exercises, Developing Good Stress Management Skills, and Seeking Support through Counseling/Therapy.

Reach out if we can assist you in any way!

Mrs. Barrineau,
Mrs. Harris,
Mrs. DeValle



Lunch Bunch Reminders:

Please remind your children to **not** share or accept food from others, *someone could have an allergy!*

Your student may have ONE friend from THEIR class join at a table on the stage.

NO LUNCH BUNCH—Nov. 12, 13, 14



The Leon County Public Library offers a free Homework Hub tutoring program designed to support students with their academic needs. Our volunteer tutors are here to provide personalized assistance in a welcoming and encouraging environment.

We offer two main types of tutoring:

One-on-One Tutoring: These sessions are scheduled between tutors and families at our library locations, based on mutual availability. Tutors meet with families at a designated branch on specific days and times, which we'll arrange together.

Drop-In Homework Help: This option is available at the following locations:

Main Library (200 West Park Ave): Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-6 PM, at public tables in the Youth Services section.

Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch Library (2817 South Adams St): Tuesdays from 4-6 PM at public tables.

We believe this program can be a valuable resource for your students, especially those who may need extra help with their homework or study skills.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how we can collaborate, please feel free to reach out. We appreciate your support in spreading the word!

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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.

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