



# "WATCH US SOAR" THE LOCKE LETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPALS...

Dear Locke Families,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Mittye P. Locke Elementary, the home of the Eagles! This first quarter we have seen our students get back into the routine of school – and make connections between their lives and their learning. This year our theme at Locke is “Loving Lifelong Learning”, because developing a love of learning is key to your child developing, pursuing, and achieving college and career goals in life. In addition, we believe that students who enjoy learning, persist in a task, are engaged in their work, and have successful experiences in school will develop into confident adults, ready for the challenges life may bring. Regular communication with your child’s teacher will help make that happen as we work together to create the best elementary experience for your child. Check with them as to the best way to communicate, whether it be the planner, email, telephone, or text messaging app. Looking ahead to the second quarter, some events and activities that your child may be involved in include Astro-Skate Nights, the Step-It-Up Fall Fundraiser, Odyssey of the Mind, Chorus, Orff Ensemble, STEM Fair, Cafeteria Celebrations, Red Ribbon Week, PTA Events, Fall Pictures, Great American Teach-In, Winter Wonderland, and the Book Fair. We look forward to seeing you and your child enjoy learning at Locke together!

Dr. Bauman, Principal

Mr. Rizzo, Assistant Principal

## Upcoming Events

October 14 - No School for Students  
October 16 - Fall Pictures  
October 17/18 - Quarterly Awards  
October 22 - Report Cards  
Oct. 28 - Nov. 1 - Red Ribbon Week  
Monday - **Superhero Day**  
Tuesday - **Inspiration Day**  
Wednesday- **Sock it to Bullying**  
Thursday - **Character Day**  
Friday - **School Spirit Day**  
October 31 - Character Parade  
Oct.2 - Nov. 5 - Step It Up Fundraiser  
November 5 - The Day of Awesomeness  
November 7/8 - 4th Grade EMC Field Trip  
November 12 - All Pro Dad's  
November 13 - Early Release Day  
November 25 - 29 - Thanksgiving Break  
December 4-13 - Book Fair  
December 10 - Morning of Moms  
December 10- Winter Wonderland 5:30 - 7:30 pm  
December 11 - Early Release  
December 20 - End of 2nd Quarter

# GRADE LEVEL SPOT LIGHTS!!

## Pre-Kindergarten

Our little Pre-Kinders have started the school year off to a great start! They are rocking and rolling through Module 1 and 2 for Math. Module 1 is about counting up to 5 in various forms and recognizing the number itself. Module 2 is about shapes, 2D and 3D, how to construct them and knowing that no matter the orientation, the shape is still the shape.

In Reading, they have been learning how to put their worries and fear aside here at school by reading the story Wemberly Worried. It looks like they are doing a great job at that, with all those smiling faces we see everyday!

## THIRD GRADE

The Third grade team has gained so many new skills so far this year. We have learned the importance of Main Idea and Key Details. We have also familiarized ourselves with what Character Traits are and how we use them to describe the characters in stories that we are reading. In Math, we have learned the basics of Multiplication and Division. Currently we are working on telling time and the difference between Kilograms and Grams. Science has been so much fun learning about all of the parts of plants and how they support the plant's growth. We also learned about classifying animals into major groups.

It is very important that students are reading at home every night for 30 minutes and practicing their multiplication facts!!

# FIFTH GRADE

Our amazing 5th graders have been working on comparing characters, settings, and themes using multiple texts. The books they have been reading connect with their Life Science Unit. In Math, they are beginning Multi-Digit Whole Number Operations and Decimal Fraction Operations. STEM Fair Information will be coming soon, so keep an eye out!

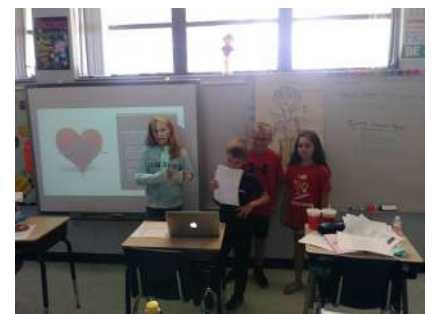
Pictured to the right are some students doing a science exploring activity. They had to sort out plants and animals, and then compare the structures and functions of each.



# GIFTED

The Fifth-Grade Gifted students have been very busy during this first quarter. Aside from building on their skills in math, language arts, science and social studies, they've been researching the different systems on the Human Body.

The class was divided into groups of four whereby each group researched a different Human Body System and various diseases. Teamwork, leadership and collaboration assured the success of every team!!



# SAFETY PATROLS



We are so thankful for all of our Safety Patrols. Their duties span across the entire campus and they have so many jobs that are important here. As shown, they keep our cross walks safe, get all the buses ready for dismissal, and even take care of our American Flag with such grace and honor. They really know how to help keep our students safe!



# CELEBRATIONS

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Emma Cruz (Ishahak)

Mya Ulrickson (Adams)

Maylin Santiago Luiz  
(LInares)

Oliver Pernas (Rutherford)

Alexander Palma Lara (Card)

Madison Clarke (Hlebak)

Janiya Bumie (Keller)

Levi Newman (Leonard)

Jennesis Harriel (Blackstone)

Laylin Mendez (Pitman)

Warren Cotromano (Garris)

Khloe Herb (Hazelwood)

Maia Clarke (Gray)

Aleena Quiroz (Graziaplene)

Alicia Colon (Hanjian)

Madison Starkey (Berryman)

Yarithza Martinez (Souliere)

Elizabeth Hysell (Davis)

Alayna Hlebak (Ms. Horak)

Berkan Kablan (Wassef)

Dylan Starkey (Hapsis-Ladis)

Jonah Barnes (Card)

Jazmin Paliotti (Davis)

Rodrigo Ruiz Martin (Smith)

Emma Sheppard (Stoehrer)

## LEADERS OF LOCKE ~ BIKE WINNERS!!



Daniela Reinosa Serrano - Ms. Gray's Class

**Congratulations to our First Quarter Leaders of Locke Bike Winners!**

**They have exhibited great behavior in the classroom and around campus, by following our Locke expectations: Be respectful, Be Responsible, and**



Daniel Miller - Mrs. Hanjian's Class

## The Importance of School Attendance:

During the month of September, we celebrated the importance of coming to school with our first ever Attendance Spirit Week! It was so awesome to see all of the teachers and students dressed up each day. We are proud to report that our attendance for the month of September was at 94.5% and the grade level with the highest attendance percentage was 4th grade with 95.65%!!

**By making your child's school attendance a priority, you will be taking an important step in supporting your child's school success, and setting a good example. Remember every day counts!**



## Are you interested in Volunteering?

Here at Locke, we LOVE volunteers! Our teachers and the school have many different activities that volunteers can assist with. Even if you work full time and think you want to participate in just one activity (field trip, field day, etc.) with your child, you must be approved by district. Please visit the website below to sign up . Also, try to attend a volunteer training if you can!

<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/comm/volunteer>



Just a Friendly Reminder:

If you haven't done so yet, please create an online Parent Portal account. This portal will allow you to monitor your child's progress in school by providing timely access to academic and attendance information. In addition, this tool will allow parents ongoing access to their student's test history. This communication tool will improve your ability to assist your child and to communicate with their teacher(s).

**Progress reports & report cards will only be available online in the myStudent/Parent portals.**



## **Friday Spirit Day!!**

Don't forget to show your school spirit on Fridays by wearing your Locke Eagles spirit shirts or the color **RED!!**



Will your child's class win the chance to house our school mascot?!



Whether you need information on Free and Reduced Lunch, School Lunch Menus, or Birthday Celebration information, The Nutrition Zone can answer all of your questions!!

My School Bucks and Meal Viewer now have APPS for your mobile device! Manage your child's lunch account with My School Bucks and see what's for breakfast/lunch every day with Meal Viewer!

The classroom smart snacking for celebrations has changed. Please check our website for the latest guidelines.