

"WATCH US SOAR" THE LOCKE LETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPALS...

#MissionPossible

Wow it's already 2nd quarter! Please take a moment to read this newsletter as we want all families to be well informed.

Our focus is to help each student be successful!

The research and our experience is overwhelming that parents' positive engagement can have significant influence on the child's academic achievements and success in school! It influences not only student achievement, but also students' expectations for themselves, their goal setting, and their engagement in appropriate social behaviors. We can't do it without you, and we thank you for your continued support!

Together we will make this the best year yet.

Remember #Together We Soar!

Ms. Jaworski - Principal

Mr. Rizzo - Assistant Principal

Upcoming Events

- October 19 - No School for Students
- October 20 - Start of 2nd Quarter
- October 27 - Report Cards
- Oct. 26 - 30 - Red Ribbon Week
 - Monday - **Superhero Day**
 - Tuesday - **Inspiration Day**
 - Wednesday - **Sock it to Bullying**
 - Thursday - **Character Day**
 - Friday - **School Spirit Day**
- November 2 - 4th Grade EMC Visits
- November 13 - Progress Reports
- November 22 - 27 - Thanksgiving Break
- December 1-16 - NWEA MAPS Testing
- December 18 - End of 2nd Quarter



THE SOAR STORE

This year at MPLES we are celebrating great choices and following our S.O.A.R Code, (Safety Always, Owning Our Choices, AVID Learners, Respectful and Responsible) by earning SOAR Dollars to spend in our new SOAR Store. Students can spend their “money” each week on items that have been donated to our store. This quarter students have earned enough dollars to “buy” fidget spinners, Toy Story hats, bubbles, stuffed animals, fun pencils, stickers and erasers, and MORE! Students love learning that making positive choices brings them great rewards! Way to go Eagles!



Pre-Kindergarten

Ms. Ramsay's class is learning about how signs keep us safe everywhere we go.



Kindergarten

This quarter in Kindergarten, we have been working on identifying letters, sounds, and beginning to learn power words. We have learned about school expectations, how to be a good listener, how to make good choices, and how to get along with our friends. We are excited to be learning about how we use our five senses to investigate the world around us. We are looking forward to learning about American traditions and history next quarter.



1st Grade

1st grade had a busy first quarter. In reading, we focused on reading words with short vowel sounds, as well as practicing recognizing our power words. We read some great books about citizenship and focused on how to find key details and how to retell using sequence words. In math, we learned different ways to make numbers, through addition and subtraction. We also focused on making ten and using doubles facts. In science, we experimented with force and motion using balls, cars, and other objects that can be pushed and pulled. As a grade level, we have also been focusing on how to be a good friend, communicate with words, and persevere. We have learned so much and are looking forward to all the great concepts we will be studying in second quarter.

2nd Grade

This first quarter has “zoomed” by for 2nd grade! We have learned so much this first quarter. We worked on measuring, addition and subtraction strategies, maps, and being a responsible part of our community. We conquered testing on the computers, we explored the library, we shopped in the school store. We can’t wait to see what quarter 2 bring us.



3rd Grade

Third grade has embarked on so many fun activities in quarter one! We have made our own ice cream! We had a very Socratic Seminars and have been discussing what the best part of ourselves are! We have learned about space, making the world a better place and multiplication. We can't wait to see what fun things we learn in quarter two!!



4th Grade

It has been full steam ahead in fourth grade! We have been working hard this quarter! In ELA we have been working on elements of story, including characters, setting, events, and theme. In writing, our big focus has been writing a tight paragraph so that students will be able to write multi-paragraph essays. In Math, we worked through place value and our focus will turn to multiplication. Our focus in science has been life science during quarter 1. In order to continue your child's success in reading, please make sure they are reading every night for 30 minutes. In math it is critical that your child that child has mastered their basic multiplication facts to ensure success in double digit multiplication and fractions this year.

5th Grade

We had a great first quarter in fifth grade! We did it all, whether we were conducting experiments in science or going on adventures with literary characters, it's been an unforgettable quarter! Ask any fifth grader about the water cycle, the first colony at Jamestown, or even about different multiplication strategies and you'll be amazed by how much they know. We've had our fair share of challenges, but we've used every opportunity to learn and grow together. Quarter 2, here we come!



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!



Notes from the Coaches

ELA : Parents, we encourage you to read with your children at least 20 minutes each night. By reading with your child, you are cultivating a lasting love of reading. It helps them to create connections between themselves and the world around them, promotes better language skills, and strengthens their cognitive, social, and emotional development. Stop along the way and ask questions about the story, point to pictures on the pages, and use dramatic voices to make it more fun!

Math: Has your child been using Zearn for Math in class? They can also use Zearn to practice the math skills they're learning in class at home. Students can access the Zearn digital lessons by logging into MyPascoConnect and clicking on the Zearn icon. Zearn recommends that students complete 4 lessons a week to stay on track for the year.

Elementary Science Showcase: The 3-5 Elementary Science Showcase will look a little different this year. The Elementary Science Showcase will be modeled after the 3M National Young Scientists Challenge. Students will create a 1-2 minute video in which they design a solution to a problem. For example, instead of creating an erupting volcano, they might design a safe city plan for a city near an active volcano. To learn more about this year's Elementary Showcase, visit your child's Science Canvas Course and go to the Elementary Showcase Challenge module.

Out-of-Field Teaching Assignments

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Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in at least one area and are qualified to teach but are required to take additional course work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/inservice towards an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher for an ESOL student.

The following teachers have agreed to teach outside their field while completing their course work/in-service/exams:

| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | SCHOOL | OOF AREA |
|--------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| ALMODOVAR | JENNIFER | MITTYE P LOCKE ELEMENTARY | ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-12 |
| BERRYMAN | KATHERINE | MITTYE P LOCKE ELEMENTARY | GIFTED ENDORSEMENT |
| CHATFIELD | CHRISTINA | MITTYE P LOCKE ELEMENTARY | ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-12 |
| HANJIAN | CHRISTINE | MITTYE P LOCKE ELEMENTARY | GIFTED ENDORSEMENT |
| HAPSIS-LADAS | ANTONIA | MITTYE P LOCKE ELEMENTARY | ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-12 |
| HARTLEY | VALARIE | MITTYE P LOCKE ELEMENTARY | GIFTED ENDORSEMENT |
| PITMAN | AMBER | MITTYE P LOCKE ELEMENTARY | ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-12 |
| WASSEF | MIRRAY | MITTYE P LOCKE ELEMENTARY | ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-12 |

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.