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A Note From the Principal...

Happy Spring!

As we enter a time of new beginnings, I know that our Lawton families are already thinking about the 2018-2019 school year.

Many of you have been wondering about class assignments for next year and if teacher requests will be permitted. A lot of work goes into creating classes for each grade level. The process takes hours and sometimes days as our teachers, as well as guidance and administration, look closely at student needs, balancing demographics, and special programs that may be taking place on a grade level.

In addition to these factors, we also have to follow the state mandated class size amendment. Our goal is to do what is best for our students and to take all of these aspects into consideration when forming classes.

If you feel that you would like for us to take into consideration something when creating classes, please feel free to fill out the Parent Concern Form and return it to Administration in the front office. These forms can be obtained from the PLC or Main office and will be available beginning April 2nd. These forms are due by April 13th. Please remember when filling out the form, not to request a specific teacher. Please list the specific academic, social or health needs for your child. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Leslie Durias, Principal

Subject	Grade(s)	Testing Date(s)	Length of Each Session
FSA ELA Reading PAPER BASED	3	April 9 & 10 *Make-ups until April 13	80 minutes
FSA ELA Reading COMPUTER BASED	4 & 5	April 16 & 17 (Block 1) or April 19 & 20 (Block 2) *Make-ups until May 11	80 minutes
FSA Math COMPUTER BASED	4 & 5	April 23 & 24 (Block 2) or April 26 & 27 (Block 1) *Make-ups until May 11	80 minutes
FSA Math COMPUTER BASED	3	April 30 & May 1 (4 classes) or May 3 & 4 (4 classes) *Make-ups until May 11	80 minutes
Statewide Science Assessment PAPER BASED	5	April 30 & May 1 (Make-ups until May 4 th)	80 minutes

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 3rd—SAC Meeting from 5:30p—6:30p
- April 3rd—Kindergarten Registration from 7:00a—7:00p
- April 3rd—Ms. Dillon's ESE Open House from 5:00p—6:00p
- April 3rd—PTA Board Meeting from 6:30p—7:30p (PLC Cafeteria)
- April 4th—PTA Walk or Bike to School
- April 4th—Student Council School Store open at 8:10a—8:40a (Main Office)
- April 6th—Lunch in LESA
- April 10th—McDonald's Spirit Night from 5:00p—8:00p(Oviedo location)
- April 18th—Principal's Chat at 9:30a
- April 18th—Student Council School Store open at 8:10a—8:40a (Main Office)
- April 20th—PTA Earth Day Event from 3:00p—6:00p
- April 25th—Student Council School Store open at 8:10a—8:40a (Main Office)
- April 27th—PTA Boy's Night Out at 6:00p
- April 30th-May 4th—Spring Book Fair (in the Music Room)
- April 30th—Mikki V's Spirit Night from 3:00p—8:30p



STAY CONNECTED

FOLLOW US ON...

Want the latest news, information and emails? Make sure to like us on Facebook, check-out our webpage, register for text messages and make sure you have access to Skyward. Please see the links below:

Facebook– <https://www.facebook.com/twlawtonelementary>

Webpage– www.lawton.scps.k12.fl.us

School Connects– We email and text to families about events using this program which links to Skyward. If you want additional emails added to your child's Skyward, please contact Cindy at the main office at 407-320-6350.



REGISTER AS A DIVIDEND

The Dividends School Volunteer Program is a district wide effort that encourages and promotes community involvement in Seminole County Public Schools.

If you want to volunteer at school (including being a field trip chaperone), you **MUST** first register as a Dividend. Volunteers from previous years must also register to be active for this year.

Register online at www.scps.k12.fl.us/dividends. Please bring your photo ID each time you visit campus to sign in at one of the offices.

VISITORS ON CAMPUS

Please remember to bring your Driver's License or a picture ID with you when coming for lunch, for conferences, or for programs as a visitor and/or dividend. If you need assistance with signing in, our front office team will help walk you through the process.



Thank you for your support to keep our students safe each day!

DISNEY'S DREAMER AND DOER

Congratulations to our 2018 Disney's Dreamer and Doer, **Allison Poquette**.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

April 3rd
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Required Documents:
Student Shot Records
Current Physical
Birth Certificate
Evidence of Residence

Kindergarten registration can occur any day after April 3rd during regular school hours.

For more information, please contact the Elementary Education Department at **407-320-0374** or **407-320-0032**

SAVE YOUR POP TABS!



We will be collecting Pop Tabs (what you find on drink cans) to support our local Ronald McDonald House! Local McDonald stores are holding a contest between the local elementary schools as well!

Please send in pop tabs to the main office by April 30th or you can put your pop tabs in the designated Lawton Box at the Oviedo Crossing McDonald's (by Home Depot).

Thank you for your support!

SUNSHINE STATE BOOKS

We are excited to see so many students in K-5 reading the Sunshine State books. Every student who reads **THREE** Sunshine State books **by April 4th** will participate in our voting on April 5th. Each Student who reads **FIVE** Sunshine State books and passes the AR tests will be invited to the Sunshine State book celebration in May.

See the requirements below to earn a reading medal at the end of the year.

The party and medal deadline is April 20th.

Kindergarten: 5 books
1st grade: 8 books
2nd grade: 10 books
3rd grade: 7 books
4th grade: 11 books
5th grade: 15 books

**April 20th is the last day to take AR tests or turn in summaries :

(3-5) to Mrs. Haynes at fish_haynes@scps.k12.fl.us
(K-2) to Mrs. Priske at Kristan_Priske@scps.k12.fl.us.

Email any questions or call 407-320-6342.



TESTING RESOURCES

Helpful websites for FSA testing:

- Florida Department of Education Web Site <http://www.fldoe.org>
- FSA Portal www.FSAssessments.org
- School Accountability Reports <http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org>
- Florida State Standards <http://www.cpalms.org/Public>
- SCPS Assessment & Accountability Web Site <https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/departments/assessmentaccountability/>

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

WOW, we cannot believe it's already April! This year has gone by so fast, and our students have been working hard!

As we continue to take the FSA for grades 3-5 please let your ESE teacher know of any questions and/or concerns you may have. We want to make sure our students and parents feel comfortable about every test. We would love to chat about your child's specific testing accommodations for standardized testing or any classroom testing as well.



A few testing tips are to get a good night's rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and just try your best! Also, please keep those weekly iReady minutes coming!

Thank you to our families and we appreciate your continued support.

MINI PAW WINNERS

We are proud of the hard work our students put into school each day. Teachers and staff can reward our positive Panthers by completing a "Mini Paw award" at any time. Students then turn in their award for a drawing that we do every other week. A student is selected from each grade to have pizza and treats with the administration.

Congrats to our recent winners:

March 28

- K – Haochen Zhang
- 1 – Parker Mediate
- 2 – Atorina Awar
- 3 – Sara Stawicki
- 4 – Tessa Shingleton
- 5 – Kelly Larsen



SPARK LAB DONATIONS

We hope to add new Coding Stations to our SPARK Lab soon!

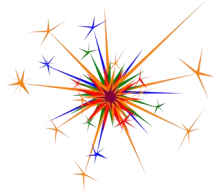
Our original stations are very popular. We appreciate all of your continued support. If you can spare any of the following items, students would be grateful for the donation to continue to create inspired things.

Yarn, Scraps of fabric, Tape

Glue sticks, Pipe cleaners

Cotton balls, Styrofoam

Rubber bands, Markers



FIELD DAY THANK YOU'S



It was a great 2018 Field Day and Panther Pride Picnic! Thank you to all parents, teachers and students who helped set-up and take down

equipment. We appreciate the classes being organized at their stations and having fun playing the games. See you next year!

STEM LAB UPDATE

In STEM, students are excited to share their final three-dimensional ballparks by watching us print our projects on a 3-D Printer.

Students will work together to make any design adjustments and be able to display their hard and diligent work. Students will have the option of submitting their final projects on the STEM eCampus site to share!

Primary students will continue to build models for the bleachers, while intermediate students will be working in Tinkercad to plan and develop their very own idea of a baseball stadium for Lawton Elementary.



In addition to our Baseball Stadium Unit, students will be learning about the different forms of energy, making bouncy ball floaters and thaumatropes with various sources of light.

DIVIDENDS OF THE YEAR

We would like to give a warm congratulations to our 2017-2018 school year Dividends of the year!

Lisa Sellan and Frankie Godwin



iReady

Lawton is excited to have i-Ready for our students this year! i-Ready connects data to individualized instruction in reading and math. In order for i-Ready to be effective students must spend 46 minutes each week in both reading and math. We would appreciate your support



in allowing your child to work in this program at home. The i-Ready week runs from Monday-Sunday. Please have your child check their progress to make sure they have 46 minutes in both reading and math by Sunday. Please contact Mrs. Haynes at fish_haynes@scps.k12.fl.us or Mrs. Priske at kristan_priske@scps.k12.fl.us with any questions.

LESA GARDEN



Earth Day Festival in LESA

Friday, April 20th from 3-6 pm

Come bring your family and friends and explore the beautiful LESA Gardens while learning how we can take care of our Earth!

There will be lots of interactive booths all over the Lawton Environmental Study Area. You can make and take home eco-art, crafts, vegetable and wildflower plantings, and bird feeders. Help us create the latest bottle cap art and build native bee nest boxes. Interact with amazing animals from the Central Florida Zoo and Florida Fish and Wildlife. Discover the importance of native plants and how to help birds with the Audubon society. Check out honey bees with The Bee Guy. Meet Smokey the Bear and learn about fire safety. Hang out with the famous LESA chickens! Listen and dance to live music. Sample fresh vegetables from our garden and Sundew Gardens. Take a scavenger hunt to check out all the exciting things happening in LESA.

Don't forget your Earth Day shirt! Orders are due April 4th, and they are only \$10.00. For more information or if you would like to help with our event, contact Jen Ferrell at jenbferrell@yahoo.com

Check out the LESA website: <https://lesagardens.weebly.com/>.

GROWTH MINDSET

Creating a Growth Mindset Environment

It's tough to talk to our, "older" kids about growth mindset. You know, our fourth, or fifth graders or middle school age kids. It's NOT like they will come running into the family room after we announce, "Let's talk about mindset and how you can grow from mistakes."

But we could surround our children with an environment that reflects a growth mindset. We could fill the family rooms with books about mindset. Let these books guide some conversations. What if The Little Engine couldn't? How would this story be different? Then discuss the story as it happened...why didn't The Little Engine give up? Did it have a growth mindset? This could work for our younger children, but let's keep in mind our intermediate and middle school aged children. How could the environment help them open up about growth mindset moments?

One way could be to fill the refrigerator with papers or pictures that show your child trying their best; giving effort; showing growth or improvement (not just A papers). Have some games around the family room that stretch thinking. Have some books that show resiliency in the face of setbacks. Nonfiction sports books about famous athletes are an excellent way for our children to see growth famous people have experienced. I recently read about our "MINI PAWS" being saved until the end of each quarter and used to recognize growth, effort and behavior. What a fun way to let your children be accountable for their hard work and how it pays off.

Some comments that you might hear on a daily basis in this environment could include:

"You don't quite understand yet."

"Great effort!"

"I noticed so much effort and improvement."

"You have really grown in that area."

Some things that we may do as parents:

appreciate process more than outcomes
value work ethic

stay calm and growth mindset oriented
when our children bring home

a less than stellar grade

set age appropriate goals with your children

I have a list of books that allow for discussion about mindset. If you are interested please e mail me at dwyereal@myscps.us

Keep going, keep GROWING!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SECME

Last month, students have been working hard completing their mousetrap cars with their teams. This month, we will test



them out on different surfaces. Students will be able to make

design changes and learn about forces and friction and how they interact with each other.

This month, we will also be busy making a sustainable bridge. We'll look at the fundamental principles of bridge engineering.

Students will understand that hidden forces are at work to make a bridge that is stable and sustainable and learn the important concept of balanced forces.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council school store is up and running! The council members have been working hard on selling techniques, including advertising and product placement...wow!

Our next school store will be held on April 4th from 8:10-8:30 am by the mural at the main cafeteria.



All students with spending money are welcome to come visit the store and shop for neat school supplies. Remember that all

profits are going back to help our school!

ART CLUB

Greetings from the Art Studio!

Spring is in the air in the Art Studio and we are busy as bees. This month Art Club is reserved for our kindergarten and first graders. We will meet Tuesday mornings from 7:30-8:10 in the Art room. We will meet on April 10, 17 and 24.

If you are interested, sign and return the application to the office. Twenty names will be randomly drawn for Art Club participants. You will receive notification of your status by April 6. I will walk students either to breakfast or to the PLC after art club.



Our students have also been busy creating one-of-a-kind artwork for the Square 1 Art program. This is an art fundraiser, founded by a teacher, where families can order their child's artwork reproduced on useful and personalized keepsakes. Personalized catalogs have already gone home.

You may place your orders online via the website located on the order form, or turn in your order form with payment to the front office. Orders will be filled by May 4.

ECO PANTHER CLUB

The Eco Panthers Club will be doing a nature scavenger hunt, and helping get LESA ready for the Earth Day festival on April 20th. We are still collecting 2 liter bottles and bottle lids for the Peace Bench, Greenhouse, and up cycled art.



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN

March started with immense excitement as we celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday and books! Our kindergarten classes enjoyed decorated hallways generously created by our dividends! Students made and ate green eggs, created a Fox puppet, invented their own truffula tree, and learned many interesting historical Dr. Seuss facts. With all the rhyme reading and history lessons, kindergarten is now practicing 60 sight words or more; and in math, they are adding and subtracting facts. Furthermore, to top off all of the educational fun, we ended our third quarter with amazing games and activities for field day followed by our family picnic. During the month of April, we have our field trip to the Central Florida Zoo, and we begin our preparations for the Kindergarten Musical, *One Big Happy Family*, which will be on May 2 in our Little Theater. Hope to see you there!

1ST GRADE

Fantastic First Grade

The first grade students had fun at the Panther Pride Picnic and Field Day! During this last quarter of the school year, the students will be getting ready for second grade! In language arts, the students will be learning how to write an opinion piece with reasons to support their opinion. They will also explore the similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic. Living and nonliving things will be the focus in science. In math, the students will be learning about the attributes of various 2-d and 3-d shapes. Please keep reading and practicing those sight words at home to increase reading fluency.

2ND GRADE

Second grade is hopping into spring! We hope everyone had a relaxing spring break and ready for the final quarter of school. In math, we are working on money and time. You can help reinforce both these skills at home. Your child can help count your change and tell you what time it is. Please continue to look over your child's work, planner, and homework. Thanks for all your support!

3RD GRADE

Spring is in the air in 3rd grade! We have been exploring plants and their parts as well as classifying plants and animals. We will conclude this unit of study with a project on our favorite animal, so look for directions to come home from your child's teacher later this month. In Math, we will continue to calculate the area and perimeter and then conclude our year with Geometry. We are learning a lot of new math vocabulary between

3RD CONTINUED

now and the end of the year. You can help your child by pointing out different shapes you see in the world around you and asking for the name of the shape. For example, what shape is that stop sign? How many right angles do you see in that street sign? In Reading we have been reviewing all the concepts we have learned so far this year. On April 9th and 10th all third graders will take the Reading FSA. This is a paper and pencil test where students will be asked to read various fiction and nonfiction texts and answer questions based on those stories. It is natural for students to be a little nervous as the test approaches. Extra hugs and words of encouragement go a long way! Third grade teachers encourage a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast on test days. Our third graders are ready to show what they know!

4TH GRADE

In Reading we are preparing to rock out our FSA Reading during the second week of April. We are also continuing to work on comparing and contrasting two different texts and will be moving into teaching theme with fables and folktales. In grammar students will be working on ordering adjectives and prepositions and prepositional phrases. Lastly, we will be focusing on Poetry since April is National Poetry Month. In Math, we are working with fractions, Mixed Numbers, and decimals. Students are using manipulatives and number lines to solidify their understanding of these types of numbers. In Science, we are working on weathering and erosion. Students are learning how to identify the differences between these two processes.

5TH GRADE

Fifth graders have an action-packed end of the year ahead! We are continuing to practice skills in all areas, and are prepping for the upcoming FSA assessments. Please check the testing calendar and schedule for when your child will participate in these assessments. More detailed information from classroom teachers will also come home. Thank you to all parents who have sent in their child's Kennedy Space Center field trip form and money. All student and chaperone money is due on April 13th. After this, we will send home updated information about the mud walk at the Environmental Studies Center, which will take place on May 7th. Also, for JHMS students, please mark your calendars that the students will visit the school and have a tour on May 15th. Thank you for your continued support!





PTA Paw Prints

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MONTHLY PTA NEWSLETTER

LESA Earth Day 2018

Did you know that we celebrate our very own Earth Day here at Lawton? It is a great way to participate locally in a worldwide event. Since 1970, Earth Day has been recognized annually as a date to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Earth Day events are now coordinated globally in more than 193 countries around the world. Although the official Earth Day is on April 22nd, we

will celebrate the LESA Earth Day Festival at Lawton on **Friday, April 20th.**

There will be live animal encounters with the Central Florida Zoo and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), interactive booths, eco-art, geodes, live music, chickens, fun gardening projects, and more! So, mark your calendars now and come join us!



**APRIL 20, 2018
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM**



Save the Date!

BOYS NIGHT OUT with Mom
Friday, April 27th at 6:00 PM



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Important Upcoming Dates!

PTA Board Meeting	4/3 (6:30 PM)
Walk/Bike to School	4/4
LESA Earth Day Festival	4/20 (3-6 PM)
Boys Night Out	4/27
Spring Book Fair	4/30 - 5/4
Book Fair Family Night	5/3 (6-8 PM)



Congratulations Lawton Live!

Congratulations to all of our Lawton Live Variety Show performers and announcers! The show went brilliantly, and our Lawton stars shone brightly. We sure do have a lot of talent at Lawton!

PTA Programs/Volunteers

A huge thank you to all of our volunteers to date, and most recently, those who helped out with Field Day. The students, teachers and helpers all had a great time! And, a special shout out to our chair, Peggy, for all of her hard work in coordinating this awesome event!

If you ever have questions about how to get involved or what to help with an event, please feel free to email:

Bryttnee Joseph lawtonptaprograms@gmail.com

A Note From Your PTA



Lawton has talent! A huge thank you to Erin Campbell for pulling together a great show! The acts were amazing and it was a great time! Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped with the event. This month we have another Walk/

Bike to School, a LESA Earth Day Event, Boys Night Out and our Spring Book Fair. Hope to see you at one or all of these events!!

Diane Holzman, PTA President,
lawtonelementarypta@gmail.com

PTA Executive Board

Diane Holzman - President
Bryttnee Joseph - VP Programs
Lisa Ramsey - VP Ways & Means
Nicole Knapp - VP Membership
Rachel Witt - Treasurer
Lindsay Hayes - Recording Secretary
Rica Hall - Corresponding Secretary

Consider Serving for the 2018-2019

We are looking for Executive Committee members for the 2018/2019 PTA. Below is a list of the open positions and a description of the responsibilities for each role.

President

- Oversees and coordinates the work of an executive board to run a PTA effectively
- Presides at PTA board and association meetings
- Serves as the official contact, communicator and representative of a PTA
- Designated as an authorized signer for PTA checks, contracts and authorizations for payment
- Serves as ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee
- Works with other PTA leaders to connect families, school and community to support student success



Put your leadership talents to great use as a member of the PTA Executive Committee.

VP of Programs

Oversees all of the programs that the PTA funds: Back to School Social, Box Tops, Boys Night Out, Cultural Arts, End of Year Bash, Field Day, Lawton Angels, Lawton Legacies, LESA Garden, Reflections, School Supplies, Skating Parties, Spirit, Sweetheart Dance, and Variety Show (Committee Chairs run events, VP of Programs just oversees them)

VP of Membership

- Tracks PTA Membership
- Sends Membership cards to those that have joined
- Encourages people to join PTA

VP of Ways and Means

Oversees all of the PTAs fundraisers: Basket Night, Book Fair, Color Run, and Holiday Shop (Committee Chairs run events, VP of Ways and Means just oversees them)

Corresponding Secretary

- Pulls together articles from the committee chairs and PTA President to create the PTA Newsletter on a monthly basis
- Sends the teachers birthday cards from the PTA

If you are interested in any of these positions or have any questions, please email us at lawtonelementarypta@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Diane Holzman

President, Lawton Elementary PTA

BUSINESS PARTNERS

As we begin the year, we would like to take time to thank our wonderful Partners in Excellence. Please continue to support our Business Partners!

If you are interested in becoming a Partner, please contact Mrs. Lindsay Todd. Thank you!

