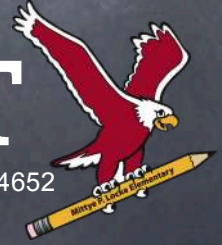




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December
2014

Mission Statement:

The faculty and staff of Mitty P. Locke believe that providing a safe and risk-free environment, supporting diverse needs, and making instruction challenging and meaningful for our students will nurture a passion for lifelong learning.

Leadership

Oppportunity

Character

Kindness

Excellence

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Principal: Adam Wolin Assistant Principal: Cynthia Bauman

A Message From our Administrators

Dear Locke Families,

As the weather outside turns cooler and the holidays arrive, we start to celebrate all that we are thankful for in our lives. We at Locke are truly thankful for the support and partnership that our families have developed with our staff, in order to best support each and every child. We encourage you to continue working closely with your child's teacher.

We will be hosting our Winter Wonderland evening celebration on Wednesday, December 10th. We would love to have all of our families attend that evening, as we have holiday craft stations and the school chorus will perform holiday songs. Also, the book fair will be open that evening in the Media Center.

The holiday break begins on December 22nd, and students return to school on Tuesday, January 6th, 2015. Have a peaceful and happy holiday season!

Adam Wolin
Principal

Cynthia Bauman
Assistant Principal

All students of Locke can come down to the Cafeteria and get their FREE Breakfast. Come eat with your friends while you start your day the healthy way, with a nutritional meal! Breakfast is served at 9:10 to 9:40 Everyday!



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The Book Fair Is Coming!

The Book Fair will be here on December 8th – 12th, showcasing great books for Students and parents alike! We have 2 parent events. Tuesday morning, from 9:00 – 9:40am, The Book Fair will be open for shopping. Wednesday night we also have our annual Winter Wonderland, Featuring a Chorus performance in the Cafeteria, Book Fair will be open 5:30 – 8:00pm.

For our Winter book fair, We are working to raise money for the “All for Books” again. This is money that our school uses to buy books for teacher’s Classroom Libraries. In April of last year, we raised \$100 and were able to purchase a book for 14 teachers. This time around, we are having a coin collecting contest. Please see the flyer below. Each day, the kids are asked to bring in the coins listed. The teacher of the winning class gets to use their class money collected to buy books for classroom libraries from the book fair.



Coin-a-day Challenge

Winter Book Fair

Dec. 8 - 12

Send in your coins!

This week, our school is participating in a classroom-level coin drive called the Coin-a-day Challenge. Each day represents a different type of coin. The classroom that collects the highest overall total will receive their class amount in books .

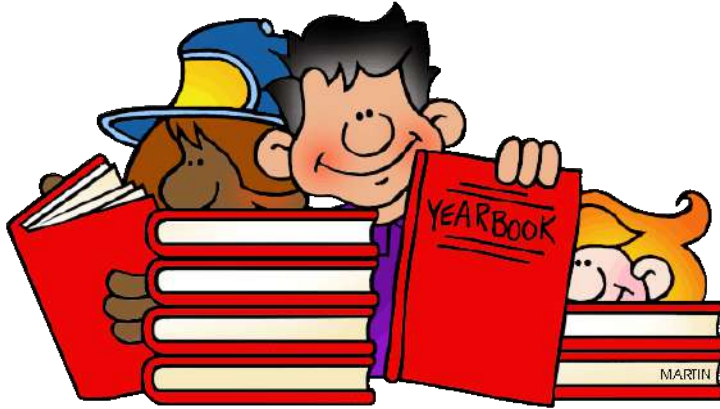
- Penny Monday
- Dime Wednesday
- Any Coin Friday
- Nickel Tuesday
- Quarter Thursday

If you have loose coins hiding under couch cushions, floor mats, in pants pockets, or the bottom of your bag, put them to good use by giving students more access to books they’ll want to read! Our school will use the donations to purchase books for classroom teachers .



Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.

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Order your 2015 all color yearbook. The cost is \$17. The price will go up to \$21 on 01/06/15. Order forms are available in the office or can be downloaded from our school website. You can also order online at www.yearbookforever.com. See Mrs. Berryman for details.

3rd Grade News

The 3rd Grade Team is busy learning how to divide. Parents, please have your child practicing their multiplication and division facts for at least 10 minutes nightly. Flash cards can be purchased at any dollar store. There are also numerous free multiplication websites available on line.

Thank you for your support, The 3rd Grade Team

So you'd like to Volunteer?

It is a new school year and we are in need of approved volunteers. If you are interested in helping out our school with picture day, health screenings, winter and spring book fair, etc., it is important that you go online to Mittye P. Locke Elementary website to complete the volunteer application. Once you have been approved, please read the volunteer handbook and complete the volunteer agreement (this is also located on our Mittye P. Locke Elementary website). The volunteer agreement needs to be turned in to the volunteer coordinator before you can start volunteering. Now you are ready to sign-up for the events that you would like to assist or help in your student's classroom. Please see Mary Ann Brown, Volunteer Coordinator for a listing of upcoming events. We thank you for supporting our school.

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We get 5% of your purchase back from Office Depot! MPLES Code:

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The district (LEA) Parent Involvement Plan is available to view at www.pasco.k12.fl.us. A hard copy can be requested through our front office.

OUR MISSION:

Fulfilling the promise of college, career, and life success. At MPLES, we take pride in facilitating growth and achievement for ALL in a positively focused learning environment.

We believe that we will achieve success with a Staff that:

- Sustains a culture of collaboration
- Maintains high-standards and accountability
- Provides a rigorous and relevant curriculum
- Utilizes data for decision making
- Infuses technology and 21st century skills
- Perseveres in order for every child to be successful

We will develop Learners who:

- Demonstrate respect
- Will persevere through challenges
- Think critically
- Are motivated and actively engaged
- Collaborate successfully with peers
- Believe in themselves and their abilities
- Set and work towards goals

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

Kurt Browning

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Allen Altman
Joanne Hurley
Cynthia Armstrong
Allison Crumbley
Steve Luikart

Upcoming Dates...

12/10

Winter Wonderland Celebration – 6:00pm

12/16

iMoms – 8:45

12/22 – 1/6

Winter Break + Teacher Planning Day Monday

Early Checkout Procedures...

Parents are strongly discouraged from checking their children out of school unless absolutely necessary! Parents should not habitually sign their children out early as this causes class disruption. If the child is to be released to a person other than the parent or guardian, we must have written permission signed by the parent or guardian. A note will be needed for each occasion, and the person who is picking up the child should be prepared to establish his/her identity and sign the student out. The safety of our students is our primary concern. School officials must release students to either parent unless a copy of a court order denying parental rights is filed with the school.

Business Partner Recognition

Mitty P. Locke would like to welcome our new business partner, Pizza Hut. Pizza Hut has agreed to support Mitty P. Locke Elementary by donating pizzas for the Good Lunch Eaters Celebration throughout the 2014 – 2015 school year. Please consider stopping in at Pizza Hut to thank them for their support.