



## A Note From the Principal...

Dear Lawton Family,

The FSA will soon be here! The primary purpose of the FSA is to assess student achievement of the higher-order cognitive skills represented in the Florida Standards for Reading, Writing, Mathematics, and Science (SSA). All students in Grades 3-10 take the Florida Standards Assessment in Reading and Mathematics in the spring of each year. All students in Grades 4, 5, 8, and 10 take FSA Writing, and (SSA) Science is administered to all students in Grades 5, 8, and 10. Parents, please make a note of the dates listed below. Please note that time has been assigned to make-up certain portions of FSA before other sections can be started. Students will be bringing home more information as we get closer to testing. From Document Based Questions (DBQ), math lessons and small group instruction to intervention and S.O.A.R. groups, teachers and students have been preparing for this day since the beginning of school. This is truly a time for our Lawton students "to show what they know" and be proud of their success.

Here are some small, but impactful things that you can do at home to help our Panthers do their best on the test:

1. A positive attitude is contagious. Tell your student that it is his/her time to shine!
2. Make sure to remind your child to read the test questions carefully!-Highly recommended by teachers
3. Make certain to get a good night's rest.
4. Eat a nutritional breakfast.
5. Create a stress-free environment at home as they prepare for school.
6. Remind your Panther that they have been practicing for months and are well prepared.
7. Arrive to school by 8:30am.

### RESOURCES

For additional information regarding the Spring 2018 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at [www.FSAssessments.org](http://www.FSAssessments.org), and then click on the **Students and Families** icon.

We appreciate your continued support. Thank you for sharing your child with us!

Leslie Durias, Principal

Subject	Grade(s)	Testing Date(s)	Length of Each Session
FSA ELA Writing <b>PAPER BASED</b>	4 & 5	March 6 *Make-ups April 2-6	120 minutes
FSA ELA Reading <b>PAPER BASED</b>	3	April 9 & 10 *Make-ups until April 13	80 minutes
FSA ELA Reading <b>COMPUTER BASED</b>	4 & 5	April 16 & 17 (Block 1) or April 19 & 20 (Block 2) *Make-ups until May 11	80 minutes
FSA Math <b>COMPUTER BASED</b>	4 & 5	April 23 & 24 (Block 2) or April 26 & 27 (Block 1) *Make-ups until May 11	80 minutes
FSA Math <b>COMPUTER BASED</b>	3	April 30 & May 1 (4 classes) or May 3 & 4 (4 classes) *Make-ups until May 11	80 minutes
Statewide Science Assessment <b>PAPER BASED</b>	5	April 30 & May 1 (Make-ups until May 4 <sup>th</sup> )	80 minutes

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**March 2nd**—Lunch in LESA

**March 3rd**—Smile Mile at Blue Jacket Park (All morning)

**March 5th**—Individual Spring Portraits (Grades 3-5)

**March 6th**—Individual Spring Portraits (Grades K-2)

**March 6th**—SAC Meeting at 5:30pm

**March 8th**—Smoothie King Spirit Night at Oviedo Location (4-8pm)

**March 9th**—Focus Graduation for 5th Grade at 1:00pm

**March 15th**—Field Day (in the morning) and Panther Pride Picnic at 11:30am

**March 16th-23rd**—No School—Spring Break!

**March 29th**—Report Cards Go Home!

**March 29th**—PTA Skate Night at Semoran Skateway at 6:15pm

**March 30th**—Spirit Day-Crazy Sock Day!



## 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.



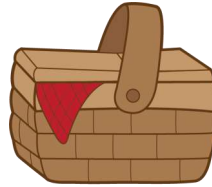
Thank you for your support to keep our students safe each day!

## SAC POSITION OPEN

We will have open positions on our SAC Committee for next year. Our School Advisory Council meets monthly to discuss school needs and to share community focus topics. If you are interested in serving as a member of this team, please contact Dr. Durias or Mrs. Todd by March 5th. We will be voting at our next meeting on March 6th at 5:30pm.

## PANTHER PRIDE PICNIC

You are invited to our Annual Panther Pride Picnic, which will be held on Thursday, March 15th, from 11:30am—12:30pm! This event is always fun and is one of the few times during the year that the entire Lawton family is together.



You must first come to the main or the PLC office to sign in with your ID. Then, you may join your child in the designated spot. Each class will take their lunches out to the field for the picnic (feel free to bring a blanket).

If you are not able to bring a lunch for your family, our dining staff is preparing a delicious lunch that can be purchased in the main cafeteria between 11:15am—12:15pm. In addition to lunch, there will also be tasty treats available for purchase such as ice cream, cookies, and chips.

Field Day activities are for **student participants only**. If you are a registered dividend and would like to volunteer during the Field Day event, please contact Coach Waggoner at [stephen.waggoner@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:stephen.waggoner@scps.k12.fl.us).

## GROWTH MINDSET

### BUT FIRST, LET ME TAKE A NAP!

Anyone else need a nap? With before and after-school programs, trainings, games, recitals and tournaments filling up our days and nights, are we all lacking on the one thing we need the most....**SLEEP!**

The benefits of quality sleep go way beyond physical health. Getting quality sleep helps you develop and strengthen a growth mindset, which is vital to maximize your potential. While it may seem easy to forgo sleep for work or school, studies have shown that sufficient rest can actually help your learning abilities and skill development.

Having quality sleep consistently will enable your mind and body to function properly as well as absorb new information. In turn, absorbing new information and becoming smarter provides evidence that intelligence is malleable and can be changed through our own actions. Here are some other ways sleep is important for learning and development.



**1. Enhances creativity and problem-solving skills** In an experiment, researchers saw that participants who were able to sleep for 8 hours were more likely to find solutions to mathematical problems, and their creativity was enhanced. The results are considered to be the first concrete proof of the direct relationship between adequate sleep and creativity as well as problem-solving skills. <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/story?id=118266&page=1>

**2. Boosts memory** Sleep helps store what you have learned or studied beforehand, and lack of it can make you forget parts – or even all – of the information. Additionally, it's important to note that age is a factor in terms of recommended sleeping hours. For example, children aged 6 to 12 years old are advised to have 9 hours of sleep per day, while teenagers aged 13 to 18 should have at least 8 hours.

**3. Encourages self-discipline** In modern society and its many distractions, a lot of people find it difficult to fall asleep easily, which is why self-discipline is important to form good sleeping habits. Interestingly, it works the other way around too, as lack of sleep has been found to impede self-discipline and self-control, which could affect matters like studies and work, identifying the brain's pre-frontal cortex region as mainly responsible for self-control. It needs glucose to function normally, which gets replenished after a good night's rest. This can affect everything, from your food choices to behavior. Of course, self-discipline is needed in enhancing your skills because it takes a lot of focus, patience, and endurance to ensure that ability is developed or information is fully absorbed.

Practicing a growth mindset is a continuous process, which can be made easier when you have sufficient quality sleep. Bear in mind that rest is as important as your work and achieving balance in both can take you to greater heights, be it in academics or a professional career.

## 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](http://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](http://www.scps.k12.fl.us/dividends). Please bring your photo ID each time you visit campus to sign in at one of the offices.



## WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL WINNERS

Winners for February's walk/bike to school are:

- K – **Kelsey White**
- 1 – **Esther Ramos**
- 2 – **Ben Byerly**
- 3 – **Pierce Fuller**
- 4 – **Lorelei Camacho**
- 5 – **Braelyn Burrows**



## EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

If you suspect that your child may have a developmental delay or disability you may schedule a developmental screening through Seminole County's Pre-K Evaluation Clinic. This screening is provided free of charge for children ages 3–5, who reside in Seminole County, who have not yet entered kindergarten, and who are suspected of possible developmental delays or disabilities.

Appointments for a developmental evaluation can be made with the Pre-K Evaluation Clinic by calling 407-320-9406, or emailing [PreKClinic@scps.us](mailto:PreKClinic@scps.us). The Pre-K Evaluation Clinic is located at 239 Rinehart Road, Lake Mary, FL 32746.



Please access the SCPS website (search pre-k disabilities) for more information regarding whether or not your child would benefit from a developmental assessment, the areas that are addressed in the assessment, as well as special education services that may be provided if your child qualifies.

## PTA COLOR RUN

Thank you for all of your support with our Color Run Fundraiser! We are pleased to share that we raised almost \$25,000!

Congratulations to Mrs. Norris's 3rd Grade Class for raising the largest amount of donations. They will be silly stringing Dr. Durias and Mrs. Todd soon! Also, way to go third grade for collecting the most funds out of our grade level competition.

We truly appreciate the hard work of our PTA and are grateful for all of their dedication to our school!





## TESTING RESOURCES

Helpful websites for FSA testing:

- Florida Department of Education Web Site  
<http://www.fldoe.org>
- FSA Portal  
[www.FSAssessments.org](http://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/>

## SUNSHINE STATE BOOKS

We will be participating in Sunshine State for grades K-5 this year!

Every student who reads THREE Sunshine State books will participate in our voting. 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.

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 to Mrs. Haynes at [tish\\_haynes@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:tish_haynes@scps.k12.fl.us) or Mrs. Priske at [kristan\\_priske@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:kristan_priske@scps.k12.fl.us).

## CAFETERIA UPDATE

We love having so many families coming to visit for lunch! Please remember that as you come for lunch, you will need to check in at one of the offices before meeting your student. Per Seminole County School Board Policies, families are asked to eat at one of our picnic tables outside of the cafeteria with only your student.



## POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT

Have you seen our PBS Expectation Banners around campus? These are a visual reminder of the expectations we have of our Panthers each day!



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



## LOST AND FOUND

Is your child missing a jacket or lunchbox? If so, please check the lost and found! All Items will be donated to a local charity after Spring Break.



## SQUARE 1 ART CREATIONS

We are pleased to announce Lawton Elementary has partnered with Square1Art to create a unique opportunity to celebrate their artistic accomplishments while raising funds to continue to support the art program at Lawton.

Coming home soon will be your child's custom catalog featuring their artwork. Please consider purchasing keepsakes for the whole family containing your child's masterpiece. As a thank you for participating, Square1Art will provide each child with a sheet of stickers imprinted with their artwork-absolutely FREE!

Please watch for more details on how to receive your child's custom art while supporting the art program.

## STEM LAB UPDATE

In STEM, students are excited to share their final three-dimensional ballparks for the conclusion of our Baseball Unit. Primary students will be busy building models for the bleachers and a pitching machine. Intermediate students will be working in Tinkercad to plan and develop their very own idea of a baseball stadium for Lawton Elementary. Once their projects are complete, we will print a couple out on our 3D Printer for display. Students have already submitted some of their projects on the STEM eCampus site and we are eager to explore more!



## 5th GRADE FOCUS GRADUATION

FOCUS on Safety, 5<sup>th</sup> grade field day and graduation event, will be held on Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2017, there will be no expected interruption to both main and PLC car lines.

**Lawton Elementary**



Please don't be alarmed if you observe several Law Enforcement aircraft, watercraft, and vehicles staged on and

around campus. This is for display and presentation during FOCUS on Safety event.

## BLACK OUT BULLYING WEEK RECONGNITION

Congratulations to the following students for their entry in the Poster/Essay/Public Service Announcement competition:

Kindergarten: **Claire Dunnick**

Grade 1: **Claire Hayes**

Grade 2: **Jayde Pagan**

Grade 3: **Adric Turner**

Grade 4: **Moitri Santra and Anya Boga**

Grade 3 Essay Winner: **Daniel Maynard**

Grade 4 Essay Winner: **Benjamin Duncan**

Public Service Announcement Participants:

Brady Lesser/Starbuck

Gage Laureano/Tatum

Sasha Balaeff/Ferologia

Barrett Allen/Whitesell

Classroom Door Decorating Contest Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Ms. Nodine's Door

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Mrs. Feroglia's Door

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ms. O'Neill's Door

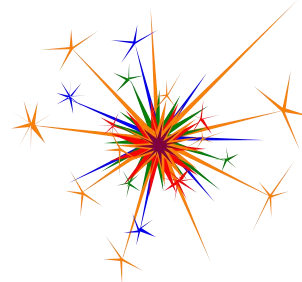
We are so very proud of both our PSA participants and our Grade 4 Essay winner. Both entries placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the District Competition! The students were recognized at the Black Out Bullying Awards Ceremony on February 20, 2018 at the SCPS Educational Support Center.

Special thanks to the Oviedo Police Department representatives for judging our competition and to PTA for their support with T-shirts and prizes!

## SPARK LAB DONATIONS

Our SPARK Lab has been a success this year! So much so, we sometimes cannot keep up with the supplies needed. 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.

- Old ribbon
- Scraps of fabric
- String
- Glue sticks
- Pipe cleaners
- Cotton balls
- Rubber bands
- Markers
- Tape



# LESA GARDEN

## LAWTON ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY AREA (LESA)



**Kindergarten** Ms. Sellan's class released painted lady butterflies that they raised, and toured the garden learning about how food grows. They all picked strawberries to take home, and got to keep a basket of multicolored eggs from our LESA hens. The students are studying the famous "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss, and some classes are using the famous "green eggs" from LESA to add to the lesson.

**First Grade** Mrs. Sally Powers, a Master Gardener, taught all the first grade classes about native bees. The students then helped spread wildflower seeds to create a bee meadow to encourage these important pollinators. Mrs. Robinson's class released hundreds of ladybugs. They are not just beautiful...they will help with our natural pest control.

**Third grade** Mrs. Ivery's class studied plant structures by examining the roots, stems, leaves, flowers, and seeds on wildflowers, grasses, and vegetables found in LESA. They also witnessed how plants respond to gravity and their environment, and planted herbs donated by Mrs. Sabrina Yoho. Master Gardener, Rudy White, gave a lesson in hydroponics to Mrs. Marchetti's third graders, and each student created a self-contained lettuce hydroponics system out of milk jugs. Bonnie plants donated cabbage plants to the whole third grade, and the extra plants were given to LESA. Thank you!

**Fifth Grade** Mrs. Hoppe's classes came out to the LESA Weather Station to see how real world weather instruments compare to the digital WeatherSTEM station. They then toured LESA to examine how recent extreme weather impacted our environment. Mrs. Botsko's students donated leftover food from their pizza learning lab to our compost bins. Thank you!

**Kindness project** several children donated their hardworking and loving time to LESA on Valentine's Day to help LESA. They weeded, trimmed plants, helped with first grade lessons, and harvested veggies.

**PE students** in LESA Mrs. Palmer brings volunteer students to LESA during PE to help take care of the chickens, do plantings, spread mulch, and water the garden. Thank you for helping take care of the LESA!

**Stay tuned for more information about our Earth Day Festival coming up in April!**

## 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. 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. We are asking our students to

give their best since we also monitor their pass rates. Please contact Mrs. Haynes at [fish\\_haynes@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:fish_haynes@scps.k12.fl.us) or Mrs. Priske at [kris-tan\\_priske@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:kris-tan_priske@scps.k12.fl.us) with any questions.



## 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:

February 9

- K – Jonathan Cotto
- 1 – Abby Fisher
- 2 – Juliet Weinhold
- 3 – Allie Warrner
- 4 – Landen Siva
- 5 – Alan Longhurst

February 23

- K – Gordon Chen
- 1 – Olivia Tuck
- 2 – Eliel Feliz
- 3 – Reagan Oliphant
- 4 – Morgan Wortham
- 5 – Addison Imbs





# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## ART CLUB

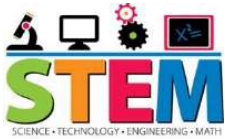
The art studio has been filled with lots of winter art, snowflakes floating in watercolors sprinkled with salt speckles and fancy doily snow people. Creativity and imagination flow freely, producing beautiful pieces of art. We reinforced cool colors as well as learned the watercolor resist technique.



Every year art club participates in a service project. Last year we made pet beds and donated them to a local pet rescue. This year third grade worked hard on making a patchwork quilt which will be donated to a homeless charity.

## SECME

Last month, students had a blast designing and making their water bottle rockets and testing them out! This month we are continuing to design, build and test our Mousetrap cars. We are learning that a mousetrap makes use of a simple machine called a lever.



Students learn to take the energy from the mousetrap and use it to power their personally designed car. We will test them out to see how fast and how far

they travel on various surfaces.

## CHORUS NEWS

"On Saturday, Feb. 24, our SCPS Elementary Music Festival came to a close with a dynamic concert of hundreds of our SCPS elementary singers and instrumentalists! What a showcase of Seminole County talent!



Our very own **Julia Clements**, 5th grade and **Abigail Hernandez**, 4th grade, made Lawton shine as they represented our Panthers in the county chorus. Brava to these Lawton musicians!

On Monday evening, February 26, 43 of our Lawton 4th and 5th grade chorus students opened the Solar Bears game with their rendition of our National Anthem. These singing Panthers did an outstanding job representing themselves, their families and Lawton! Bravo!

Many thanks to our parents who supported these events and allowed their young musicians to participate in these wonderful opportunities. Three cheers for our parents!"

## ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Congratulations to Lawton's Odyssey of the Mind teams that participated in the 28th Annual Magic Center Regional Tournament on Saturday, February 24 at Edgewater High School. Each team had a chance to perform a creative solution to a long-term problem and highlight their savvy spontaneous thinking skills in a verbal or hands-on challenge.

The *Magic Savages*, **Carson Sladek, Rachel Shuai, Noah Hedlund, Carolyn Vincent, Arjun Kamesh, and Heather Holmes** had a strong showing as they presented their creative solution to *A Stellar Hangout*.

In the *Emoji, Speak For Yourself* competition, **Emily Kee, Maci Thomas, Anya Boga, George Kanistras, Shruthi Nythruva and Addison Ryande** lighted the judges with their creative solution and performance.



Ranking in the top six for the problem, *Mokumentary, Seriously?* were **Ethan Bai, Peyton Wright, Taylor Murphree, Trey Ridder, Sofie An, Mona Satishkumar, and Meghan Maddox**.

Finally, placing 5th for their performance in *Triathlon Travels* were **Rowan O'Hearne, Julia Miller, Ella Whitlow, Sophie Blackwell, Audrey Sun, Chloe Sun and Colin Gibbons**.



## STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council will be meeting again on March 7th to get our school store up and running!

## ECO PANTHER CLUB

In February the kids worked on recycling projects, and collected natural materials on a "scavenger hunt" around LESA to make bee nesting boxes for native bees.



In March they will make the bee boxes and help with Spring plantings.

# GRADE LEVEL NEWS

## **KINDERGARTEN**

February was a great month full of learning, kindness, and fun! We made predictions for Groundhog's Day, celebrated Valentine's Day with a week of spreading kindness to others, learned about Presidents of our past, and ran in our Color Run! March will be just as exciting as we dive into some of our favorite Dr. Seuss books and celebrate Lawton's annual Panther Pride Picnic! This month we will complete our last Monthly Family Project. These family projects are designed with the goal of increasing family togetherness and increasing the fine motor skills and creativity in students. The students have enjoyed sharing their activities with their classmates and they love seeing their work on display in the hallways. We hope you have a nice Spring Break!

## **1ST GRADE**

The first grade students had fun at the Color Run and enjoyed a visit to the LESA Garden to learn about bees from Master Gardener, Sally Powers. There are so many different species of bees here in Florida! This month in reading, the students will be learning how to identify the main topic of a text and determine the key details of that text. They'll also learn to distinguish between information provided by pictures and other illustrations and information provided by the words in a text. In social studies, they've been learning about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Living and nonliving things will be the focus in science. In math, the students will be comparing numbers using their knowledge of place value. Graphing and attributes of shapes will be introduced as well. There is a lot to learn before Spring Break!

## **2ND GRADE**

Second grade had a wonderful time on their field trip to Fort Christmas. As we move into March, we will be focusing on historical fiction and subtraction within 100 moving towards data, measurement, and time. Please continue to have your students on iReady for 46 minutes each week in ELA and Math. Second grade appreciates your continuous support! We are currently prepping the students for 3rd grade. We can't believe the year is more than half way over!

## **3RD GRADE**

What numbers represent a quantity that happens to be less than one, equal to one, or greater than one? Ask any third grader and they will tell you fractions are numbers that can represent all of those quantities. After understanding what a fraction really is, we are moving on to compare fractions by reasoning about their size too. Students are also doing amazing work in Reading! They are reading informational text and describing the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas and or steps in technical procedures using sequence and grade cause and effect wording. On March 6th, third students will be heading out to the Bob Carr Performing Arts Center

## **3RD CONTINUED**

to see the Doktor Kaboom Show! It is a science comedy that creatively blends theater arts with the wonders of scientific exploration. We are looking forward to this exciting fieldtrip. Another exciting event coming up is the Lawton Panther Pride Picnic on March 15th, as well as Spring Break starting March 16th! March certainly brings many exciting days for Lawton and our third grade team. We hope everyone enjoys Spring Break and students come back to school ready to learn! We can't wait to hear what our students are reading over the Spring Break. "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go." -Dr. Seuss

## **4TH GRADE**

It's the final countdown to our FSA writing test. We have been working diligently on all aspects of writing for the last quarter. On March 6th, our 4th graders will be ready to rock the Writing Test! Please make sure they eat a healthy breakfast and go to bed early or on time, so that they will be rested and refreshed. After our Writing test, we will be working on analyzing two texts and comparing and contrasting different points of view. We will continue to work on modal/helping verbs and order of adjectives for grammar. Fractions, decimals, and rocks, Oh My! Students are exploring fractions using different hands-on manipulatives to gain strong understanding of fractions and equivalency. We will also learn how to add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers using visual models and other strategies. We "Rock" here in fourth grade! Students are involved in classifying rocks based on how they are formed and will take part in a Rock Buffet.

## **5TH GRADE**

Lawton's fifth graders are blazing through this year! We can't believe that it is March already! Our writing FSA is just around the corner, on March 6th. Please make sure that your child has had a good breakfast that morning, and is ready to come in and rock the writing test! They have been working hard, and we know they have the "write" stuff! Please continue to support your child as they work on skills in iReady for both Math and Reading. The goal each week is to have 46 minutes in each subject, however their pass rate on lessons is important. Check your child's progress in iReady to see the lessons they are completing and if they are passing them. In class, teachers are doing the same. Our goal is at least a 75% pass rate on the lessons they complete. Mark your calendars for March 9th as this is the date of our FOCUS on Safety graduation. An invitation to the graduation ceremony will be coming home soon! Thank you parents, as always, for the continued support that you provide to your children. We need your support always!







# PTA Paw Prints

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MONTHLY PTA NEWSLETTER

## It'll Be a Field Day! And a Picnic!

Thursday, March 15th will be Lawton's Field Day and Annual Panther Pride Picnic. We need parents to help with the field day stations. We will be looking for 24 volunteers for the K-2 PLC field and four to six volunteers for the 3rd - 5th PE field. If you are interested in volunteering, please be sure you are registered with the county as a dividend. If you are not



**Picnic with Us**  
**11:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

already registered, dividend applications can be completed at this link: <https://dvd.scps.k12.fl.us/>. Then, be on the lookout for the Signup Genius link that will be sent out soon for volunteers to sign up.

**Immediately following Field Day from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM, the tradition will continue with having a school wide picnic!**

Families are welcome to come and enjoy lunch with their student if they would like. If you are not able to bring a lunch for your family, you may purchase lunch from our dining staff beginning at 11:15 AM. Available foods will include hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, PB&J, fruit, veggie with dip, juice box,



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milk, treat. Ice cream, cookies, chips and water will also be available for purchase.

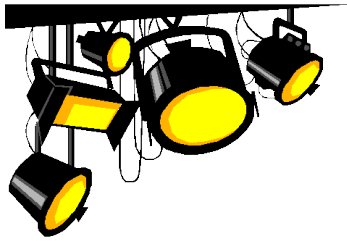
So, bring your chairs or a blanket and plan to join us on the last day of school for students before Spring Break. Note that parents are welcome to check out their student after the picnic.

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### Important Upcoming Dates!

PTA Board Meeting - 9:30 AM	3/2, 4/3
Variety Show - 6 PM - 8 PM	3/9
Field Day/Panther Picnic	3/15
Student Holiday/Spring Break	3/16, 3/19 - 3/23
Skate Night	3/29
Spirit Day - Crazy Socks	3/30
Walk/Bike to School	4/4



## Lawton Live! Variety Show

Oviedo HS Auditorium  
Friday, March 9th

Act 1 (Grades K - 2)

6:00 PM - 6:50 PM

Act 2 (Grades 3 - 5)

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Hop on over to Oviedo High School on **March 9th** to see our amazing Lawton talent. The *Lawton Live Variety Show* is held each year and provides an opportunity for students from Kindergarten through Fifth Grade to showcase a variety of talents, from signing and dancing to comedy and magic shows! Unfortunately, the deadline for applications for students interested in performing in the show has passed (January 29th). But, you can all still come and see the show! Acts begin at 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM (see schedule at left).

Everyone is welcome and **tickets are free!**

## Skate Night

In March, we will hold the last Skate Night for this school year. It will be on **Thursday, March 29th** from **6:15 PM - 8:15 PM** at:

**Semoran Skateway**  
2670 Cassel Creek Blvd  
Casselberry, FL 32707

Bring cash for the door and cash for concessions. Admission is only \$5 and includes skate rental.

Thank you Lawton families for coming out and enjoying Skate Night at Semoran Skate Way! We look forward to seeing you next year!



**Congratulations  
to Mrs. Richow's  
class - last  
month's winner  
of an ice cream  
party!  
Will your class  
be the next  
winner?**



## SPRIT REPORT!

**The next Spirit  
Day is:**

**CRAZY SOCKS  
March 30th**

## PTA Programs/Volunteers Report

March is jam packed with fun PTA events and programs including our annual Variety Show, March 9<sup>th</sup> at Oviedo High School, the annual Field Day and Panther Pride Picnic on March 15<sup>th</sup> as well as another fun Skate Night on March 29<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see many of our panthers and their families at these fun events, and we thank all of our generous volunteers for donating their time and their talents!! 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](mailto:lawtonptaprograms@gmail.com)



*This is a simple way to earn our school hundreds to thousands of dollars!*

## BOX TOPS!

Did you forget to send in your Box Tops? You can still help Lawton PTA earn \$\$\$\$

Although the campaign is over, we will be doing a final submission for the 2017-18 school year in June. Therefore, please send in the box tops on the collection sheet or in a baggie and we will take it from there.

Go to this link to look at the products and pass along info to family – the more we collect the more we earn.

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products>

Look for the class that submitted the most in April's newsletter. They will be celebrating with a donut party.

**EARN CASH  
FOR OUR  
SCHOOL!**



## Save the Date!

BOYS NIGHT OUT with Mom  
Friday, April 27th at 6:30 PM

## A Note From Your PTA President



Color Run was a huge success!! We raised a lot of money for the school and the kids had a blast! Thank you to everyone that helped out. We couldn't have done it without you! This month is our annual Variety Show on March 9th and Field Day/Panther Picnic on March 15th. Hope to see everyone at one or all of these events! There is more information in this newsletter about these and all upcoming PTA events.

Diane Holzman, PTA President,  
[lawtonelementarypta@gmail.com](mailto: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 School

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](mailto:lawtonelementarypta@gmail.com).

Thank you!

Diane Holzman

President, Lawton Elementary PTA

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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!

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