

Paw Prints

This newsletter will be sent out on an as-needed basis to keep our families informed of upcoming events and other information. If you know someone not receiving this email, please forward them this email and have them contact Melissa.Laudani@scps.us Office hours are Monday - Thursday from 8 am-4:30 pm. Appointments are encouraged. Please call 407-871-7050.

Important Dates

1/17 – No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

1/21 – Monday bell schedule, OHS Counselors visit to talk to 8th graders about registration

1/24-1/28 – Literacy Week – see below

1/25 – 6-8 pm Literacy and the Arts Night – see below

1/26 – Volleyball vs. ITMS, Girls @ Home, Boys are Away

1/27 – Oviedo High School Curriculum Night

1/27 & 1/29 – All County Band

1/27 – Robotics competition

1/31 – PTSA Student Incentives at lunches – is your student a member yet?

2/2 – Volleyball vs. SSA, Girls @ Home, Boys are Away

2/9 – Hagerty High School Curriculum Night

2/15 – STEM Night – see below

***Please visit the school calendar on the LCMS website for more information. Events can be downloaded and saved to your personal calendar as well.

<http://www.lcms.scps.k12.fl.us/calendar/>

Dear Panther Families,

While I know that it does not directly impact our school, I wanted to make you aware of an impending road construction project that will affect anyone in the Oviedo area, especially if you are traveling to Jackson Heights for away games or going to the Oviedo High School Curriculum Night. The flyer for this project can be found below.

Road Construction Project

In the next few weeks, we will have 2 opportunities for our current and future Panther families to visit our campus to check out the many programs that we have to offer. If you have any friends with incoming 5th graders, please be sure to invite them to come along with you.

Have a great week!

Dr. Melissa Laudani
Principal

Open Gym – Clarification

Open Gym is in session Monday – Friday from 8-9 am; however, the locations vary based on the day due to volleyball practices. The schedule is as follows:

- Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays – Outside courts behind building 4
- Wednesdays & Thursdays – Marini Gym

Chalk Donation Needed

We are planning our annual Chalk the Yard event in April and are in need of sidewalk chalk in the following colors: Black, Yellow, Orange, Green, White and Blue. Donations can be dropped off in the front office to Mrs. Hurtado's attention.

Literacy Week

Literacy & Fine Arts Night
Tuesday, January 25, 2022
6 - 8 PM



January 24-28, 2022

Launch into Literacy: Blast Off Into New Worlds!

Monday *Reading is Timeless-* Lose track of time and read in
1/24/2022 your pajamas

Tuesday *Reading is a Magical Adventure-* Cast a spell with
1/25/2022 your favorite Disney or Harry Potter gear

Wednesday *Reading is My Super Power-* Wear your favorite
1/26/2022 superhero shirt

Thursday *Reading Builds Character –* Dress like your
1/27/2022 favorite book character

Friday *Reading Builds My Future-* Support your future by
1/28/2022 sporting your future high school or college gear

Literacy and the Arts Night – January 25 6-8 pm

All current Panthers, incoming Panthers (current 5th graders), and their families are invited to come visit Lawton Chiles and see performances from all of our performing arts groups as well as visit booths with teachers from English/Language Arts, Reading, Social Studies, Art and more. Please see the flyer below for more information:

Lawton Chiles Middle School Presents

LITERACY NIGHT

January 25, 2022
6 - 8 PM @ LCMS Courtyard

Meet author
Taryn
Souders

Parents & Panthers,
Come see all LCMS
has to offer!
Enjoy Food Tricks,
Treats,
and interactive
literacy and fine arts
booths.

... and more!

Read a book
to a dog!

***Donations of white Christmas lights are still needed for this event

STEM Night – February 15 6-8 pm

All current Panthers, incoming Panthers (current 5th graders), and their families are invited to come visit Lawton Chiles and participate in fun interactive activities with teachers from Math, Science, Technology, Think & Design, and more. Please see the flyer below for more information:

Lawton Chiles Middle School Presents

STEM NIGHT

February 15th, 2022
6 - 8 PM @ LCMS Courtyard

Parents & Panthers,
Come see all LCMS has to offer!
Enjoy **FOOD TRUCKS**
and **TREATS**
and interactive **Science,**
Technology, Engineering,
and **Math** activities with
LCMS Staff!

Crooked Cow Creamery

BIOSCIENCE

Be the Hamster

THINK AND DESIGN
of Lawton Chiles Middle School

UCF Physics

... and more!

Quarantine & COVID Policy Updates

If your child tests positive for COVID during school hours, please call the main office at 407-871-7050. If after hours, please email Dr. Laudani at Melissa.Laudani@scps.k12.fl.us Please tell us when and where the test was taken (if at home, was it reported via the app or website), what are your child's symptoms and when did they start. Once we have that information, we will provide you with a return date. We will notify their teachers.

If your child is exposed to someone with COVID on campus, you will receive a COVID Notification Letter. This is just to inform you of the exposure. If you choose to quarantine your child, you need to notify the school via the Attendance Email at LCMS_Attendance@scps.k12.fl.us You will also need to notify your child's teachers if they will be missing school as you would with any other absence.

The updated guidelines can be found on the school website:

<http://www.lcms.scps.k12.fl.us/core/fileparse.php/11303/urlt/Student-Quarantine-and-Isolation-Protocols.pdf>

Board Game Club Resuming

Board Game Club is resuming on January 27th for the Spring Semester. All information about this and other clubs can be found on the homepage of the LCMS website.

Directions for Ordering LCMS P.E. Uniform

If your student is taking PE for this semester, you will need to obtain a uniform.

1. Go to: lcms.scps.k12.fl.us
2. Scroll across the top to 'Parent' tab and click.
3. Once on home page, scroll to the bottom of the page and click, "MYSCHOOLBUCKS".
4. Log In
5. Click School Store
6. Browse all products you wish to purchase, including "P.E. Uniforms"

If you are unable to afford a uniform, please email Patricia.ONeill@scps.k12.fl.us and one will be provided.

Parent Info Page

Do you know how to view your students' grades in Skyward?

Do you know how to set up notifications so Skyward can send you alerts?

Do you know how to be an Observer in eCampus so you can find out when assignments and grades are updated?

Visit our Parent Page for info: <http://www.lcms.scps.k12.fl.us/get-involved/>

Additional info can be found on the SCPS Website:

<https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/parents/electronic-school-resources/>

Want to know what's happening at Lawton Chiles?

Check out our school website: <http://www.lcms.scps.k12.fl.us/calendar/>

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ChilesMiddle>

PTSA Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1703248110064670>

Follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ChilesMiddle>

Follow us on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/chilesmiddle/>

Need to report an absence?

Email lcms_attendance@scps.k12.fl.us