

LPA 6th Grade Transition Night

What can a teen wolf expect?



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Your LPA Support Team

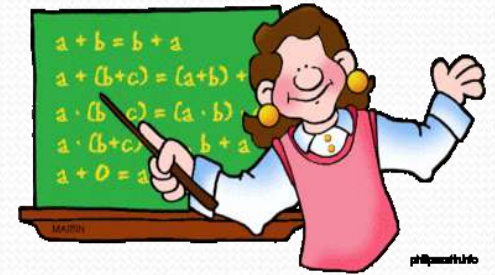


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LPA Teachers Rock!



Core Classes

Mrs. Cash/Mrs. Myers/Mrs. Josephson – Language Arts

Mrs. Small/Mrs. Brun/Mrs. Asper/Mrs. Cassidy - Math

Ms. Latshaw/Ms. Willim/Mrs. Josephson – World History

Mrs. Johnson/Mrs. Cassidy/Ms. Willim - Science

Non-Core Classes

Mr. Perez – Band

Mrs. King – Art

Ms. Riskey - Chorus

Mrs. Whittington – Reading

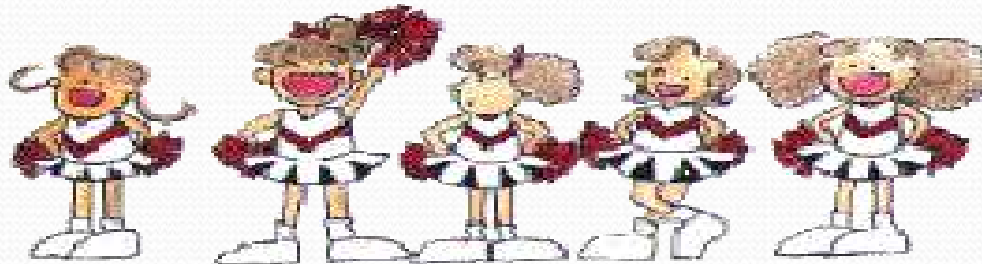
Coach Dill - PE

We are your cheerleaders!



The start of middle school is an exciting time, but can also be filled with jitters and nervous energy for students and parents.

Be confident in LPA's team! The administrators, dean, teachers, counselors, and staff are all committed to supporting your student so they experience a strong work ethic, positive attitude, independence, and social, emotional and academic success!



Communication with teachers



- We welcome your communication. Email communication is the preferred method. Due to the busy nature of the school day our teachers will need time to respond. Please allow up to 48 hours.
- All teachers provide an auto reply which alerts parents as to times email is checked.
- To request a meeting with an individual teacher, please contact via email for an appointment.
- The Sixth grade team generally meets as a team when there is a parent conference. This helps with getting a better understanding of what is going on with the student in all of his/her classes.

How do I stay informed?

- We have a 6th grade webpage for general information on the LPA Website. <http://teachers.stjohns.k12.fl.us/lpa-grade6/>
- Online textbooks are available for all core classes and the links are located on the LPA website under Links for Students.
- Usernames and passwords are the same for all accounts
- Teachers use Schoology in lieu of a class website.
- Students will use Schoology to view upcoming activities, tests, and important class information.
- Home Access Center (HAC) allows parents and students to view grades online. Students use the same username and password for all of their textbooks and HAC.

Planners/Schoology

- Organization is the key to success! A planner is given to each student at the start of school.
- Students should record all homework and assignments in the student planner.
- Parents will want to check their child's planner and Schoology on a daily basis to assist the child in the development of organizational skills

Organization = Success

- Write assignments in planner
- Check Schoology site daily
- Put homework in the correct class folder/notebook
- Study Buddy, have other student's phone numbers to call for help or questions about homework or assignments.
- Do homework when assigned
- Schedule on inside of locker
- A “study area” at home with limited distractions – TV, cell phone, video games, etc.
- Plenty of sleep and a good breakfast
- A great attitude



Homework

- Homework is to be expected for students in grades 6th -8th grade
- Each night, students will have approximately sixty minutes of homework
- Your child will have a Schoology account
- There is also a calendar that will show when each assignment and upcoming activity is for the student for all their classes
- *If your child says he/she has no homework:*

TRUST BUT VERIFY



Policies and other information

- Your child has options for re-assessment.
- Students who score a 69% or below on a summative assignment (test, project, research paper) can participate in grade recovery to achieve a passing score of 70%. Students will have to print out and have parent sign contract which is found on the 6th grade website and coordinate with the teacher for the retake.
- Promotion requires that academic requirements are met in the following core classes:
 - Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies

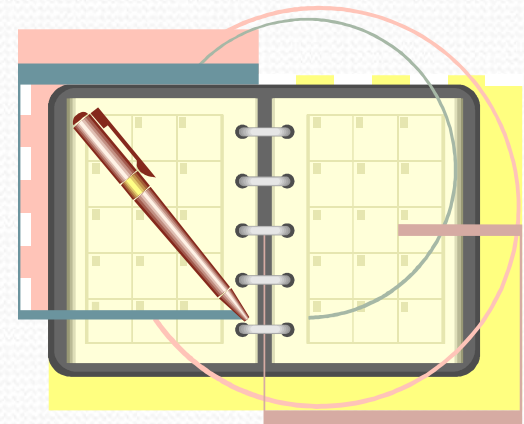


Supplies

- The 6th grade supply list will be posted on the LPA website at the end of the year.
- Supplemental supply requirements will be posted on each teacher's Schoology page if necessary.
- If your child has art or 7th grade math, there will be additional supplies

Schedule

- LPA students take 7 courses each day – this is a change from past years
- Wednesday – We will have HOWL time where there will be time for remediation and enrichment
- Students report to homeroom each day at 8:30am for important morning announcements.



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Schedule

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| HR/ Period 1 | 8:30-9:24 |
| Period 2 | 9:27-10:11 |
| Locker Break | 10:11-10:15 |
| Period 3 | 10:16-11:00 |
| Period 4 | 11:03-11:47 |
| Period 5 – 6 th class | 11:50-12:34 |
| 6 th lunch | 12:37-1:07 |
| 7/8 lunch | 11:50-12:20 |
| 7/8 class | 12:25-1:09 |
| Period 6 | 1:12-1:56 |
| Period 7 | 1:59-2:43 |

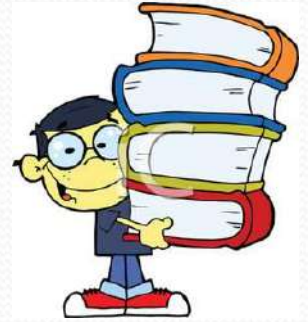
Wednesday Schedule

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| HR/ Period 1 | | 8:30-9:05 |
| HOWL | | 9:10-9:55 |
| Period 2 | | 9:58-10:28 |
| Period 3 | | 10:31-11:01 |
| Period 4 | | 11:04-11:34 |
| Period 5 | | 11:37-12:07 |
| Period 6 | 6 th class | 12:10-12:40 |
| | 6 th lunch | 12:42-1:12 |
| | 7/8 lunch | 12:09-12:39 |
| | 7/8 class | 12:42-1:12 |
| Period 7 | | 1:15-1:45 |

6th Grade Course Requirements

Core Subjects:

- Language Arts, Math, Science, World History
(standard or advanced)



Required Non-Core

- Advanced Reading or Intensive Reading – full year
- Physical Education – full year

Optional Non-Core

- Band 1 – full year
- Exploring 2D Studio Art – full year
- Chorus – full year

District Exams

- District exams are administered every semester in ALL core courses.
- These exams are administered across the entire county.
- They are counted in the summative category as a regular test grade.
- The testing window is ALWAYS the last week of the quarter.

Is there a summer reading requirement?

- Yes. All students at Liberty Pines Academy have summer reading options. This information will be posted on the last day of school on the LPA website.
- Please check the website for specific due dates.
- This will be a jump start to our Journey Through Genres for the first quarter



Is My Child Ready for Advanced Courses?

An advanced student

ALWAYS completes homework

Does not need a tutor or lots of extra help

Has excellent attendance

Seeks solutions to answers which are not readily apparent

Understands new material quickly and is not easily confused or overwhelmed

Recalls previously taught skills or will review independently if needed

Takes academic responsibility to see a project or task through

Willing to redo work until completed correctly

Understands the demands of the course and expects and accepts rigorous assignments without complaint

Is aware of the classes that are for high school credit

What are the math options for my child?

- LPA offers a variety of options for middle grades students depending on their individualized learning path:
 - 6th standard/advanced/accelerated math
 - 7th grade standard/advanced or Algebra 1 honors
 - 8th grade Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1 honors, or Geometry
- Algebra I (Honors)- has EOC which is 30% of their final grade (High School course)
- Geometry (Honors)-has EOC (High School course)
- All 6th grade students will be placed in 6th grade standard, 6th advanced math, or 6th grade accelerated math based on their Math FSA scores and final math grades from 5th grade.



Criteria for Placement in Mathematics

| A Student in: | Previous Year FSA Math | Previous Year FSA ELA | Placement Test | Grade in Class | Recommended Placement | State Assessment |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 5 th Grade Math | n/a | n/a | n/a | Passing | M/J Grade 6 Standard | Grade 6 FSA |
| 5 th Grade Math | ≥ 4 | ≥ 3 | n/a | A or B | M/J Grade 6 Advanced | Grade 6 FSA |
| 5 th Grade Math | 5 | ≥ 4 | n/a | A or B | M/J Grade 6 Accelerated | Grade 7 FSA |
| M/J Grade 6 Standard | n/a | n/a | n/a | Passing | M/J Grade 7 Standard | Grade 7 FSA |
| M/J Grade 6 Standard | ≥ 4 | ≥ 3 | Passing | A or B | M/J Grade 7 Advanced | Grade 7 FSA |
| M/J Grade 6 Advanced | n/a | n/a | n/a | Passing | M/J Grade 7 Advanced | Grade 7 FSA |
| M/J Grade 6 Advanced | 5 | ≥ 4 | Passing | A | Algebra 1 Honors | FSA Algebra 1 EOC |
| M/J Grade 6 Accelerated | n/a | n/a | n/a | Passing | M/J Grade 8 Pre-Algebra | Grade 8 FSA |
| M/J Grade 6 Accelerated | 5 | ≥ 4 | Passing | A | Algebra 1 Honors | FSA Algebra 1 EOC |
| M/J Grade 7 Standard | n/a | n/a | n/a | Passing | M/J Grade 8 Pre-Algebra | Grade 8 FSA |
| M/J Grade 7 Advanced | n/a | n/a | n/a | Passing | M/J Grade 8 Pre-Algebra | Grade 8 FSA |
| M/J Grade 7 Advanced | ≥ 4 | ≥ 3 | n/a | A or B | Algebra 1 Honors | FSA Algebra 1 EOC |
| Algebra 1 Honors | ≥ 4 | ≥ 3 | n/a | A or B | Geometry Honors | FSA Geometry EOC |

Course Option Verifications - 6th

All 6th Grade students will take PE and Adventures in Reading as two of their electives.

Please review elective course descriptions and rank your elective preferences for the third elective (1=highest, 3= lowest). **We will do our best to give you the highest ranked course; however, due to schedule constraints and class size requirements we cannot guarantee that the course chosen will be available.**

Beginning band - This full-year course is designed for students who have no previous musical training, where they will develop their musicianship while performing music in a concert band setting. Financial obligations and occasional time commitments outside of school hours are part of this course. There will be a fair share fee for this course of \$75 per student for the year. Most students will also need to purchase or rent an instrument for this course.

Chorus – In this year long course students will discover and sing a wide range of musical styles while developing vocal technique. Students will also receive an introduction to basic music theory and performance skills. Financial obligations and occasional time commitments outside of school hours are part of this course. No audition is required.

Art - This is a year-long class offered to the art enthusiast.

Course Verification Forms

Your child will bring home their course verification form tomorrow. On this form you will see:

- Core class recommendations – ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies – write any class questions you may have on the form, sign the bottom, and return it to your child's homeroom teacher
- Elective registration form – please number your choices 1 to 3 with 1 being the class you want the most

Advanced Reading – Adventures in Reading

- All 6th grade students who are not in intensive reading will be in the Advanced Reading elective.
- This year long course will help students increase reading fluency and endurance through advanced integrated experiences in the language arts.
- Students conduct novel studies and enhance their learning through comprehension strategies and study skills.



Physical Education

- All 6th grade students take a full year of P.E.
- Students cannot wear their school clothes to participate in physical education.
- Every student must have a PE uniform
- Uniforms can be purchased at a discount rate if ordered by the end of the school year (shorts and a t shirt). The online order form will be available on the LPA website.
- Students must wear sneakers
- Students are given adequate time to change at the beginning and end of class



Physical Education Curriculum

| | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
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| Grade 6: | Fitness | Gymnastics / Dance |
| Grade 7: | Team Sports | Comprehensive PE |
| Grade 8: | Individual / Dual Sports | Comprehensive PE |

Band 1

- Band is a year-long commitment that meets every day
- Parent permission is required to participate in Band
- Students perform for Night of the Arts and other opportunities throughout the school year
- Instruments may be rented or purchased at a cost to parents
- Practice = Homework, students are expected to practice at least 20 minutes a day on their instrument
- Band Boosters support Band students through “Fair Share” fee

2 Dimensional Art

- Students explore media and techniques used to create a variety of 2-D artworks through developing skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, and collage. Students practice, sketch, and manipulate the structural elements of art. Investigation of artworks from Western and non-Western cultures provide a means for students to expand their understanding and appreciation of the role of art in global culture.
- Student artists use an art criticism process to evaluate, explain, and measure artistic growth in personal or group works. This course incorporates hands-on activities and consumption of art materials.
- Final Exam is required

LPA Expectations

Be Respectful

- Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule
- Use good manners, not bad language
- Be tolerant and accepting of differences
- Respect school property and other's belonging
- Words do hurt – be considerate of other's feelings

Be Responsible

- Do what you are supposed to do
- Persevere, keep on trying and always do your best
- Take ownership of your learning success
- Don't make excuses – accept the consequences for your actions

Be Ready to Learn

- Come to class prepared with supplies, books, all completed homework and assignments and a positive attitude

We are a Character Counts! School



Hot topics for 6th graders.....

- Sixth Graders are responsible for their academic progress. This shift is important for an independent learner.
- Please partner with your child and show them how to log on to HAC and Schoology and have them explain to you about their classwork, homework, and test scores.
- Please check HAC as daily communication regarding homework does not occur

Dress Code

- Shorts & Skirts can't be shorter than fingertip length
- Leggings may be worn with a shirt that is fingertip length
- No tank tops or sleeveless shirts smaller than 3" wide
- No shirts that reveal midriffs or open backs
- No lace or sheer shirts with tanks underneath
- No shirts off the shoulder that show straps
- No holes, rips, or tears in jeans showing skin
- No backless shoes



Cell Phones



- Must be OFF and kept in locker.
- Students may not use the cell phone during the day.
- A phone will be taken if it is out during the day.
 - First Violation: Phone confiscated, corrective consultation & phone returned at end of day by the Dean
 - 2nd Violation: Parent must meet with Dean for conference
 - Subsequent Violations: Progressive Discipline Followed

Backpacks

- Backpacks may be carried between classes – please stress the importance of load capacity with your child
- No rolling backpacks are allowed without a doctor's note – these cause a trip hazard during hall change



Thank you for coming tonight.

We are confident your children will have a successful transition to the 6th grade.

Our experienced team is ready to help your child become a successful and independent learner!

