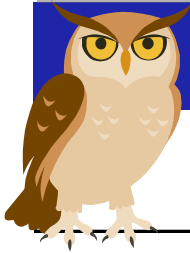


# Words of Wisdom



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## Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair is in full swing and I'm sure the kids who have already purchased books are enjoying them. We invite you to visit our Book Fair any day next week in one of the following ways:

- Send in money (cash, checks, and credit cards accepted) with your child when his or her class goes to the book fair. Or, better yet, come with your child's class if they haven't already been to the book fair. Please note, all purchases will have sales tax applied so please calculate for this when sending in money. Make out checks to Loretto Elementary School.
- Come to Lunch with a Grand! On **Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**, we invite your child's grandparents or other "grand" people in their life to eat lunch with them and then stop by the book fair.

Please note: In order for the grandparent (or other adult) to eat lunch with the student and take them to the media center, you will need to make sure they are authorized to have lunch with your child. This was on a form you completed at the beginning of the school year.

- In addition, this year we are having a new event – Muffins with Mummies (and Daddies). We understand that some parents can't come to the book fair during or after school, so we'll be open from **7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. Enjoy muffins and coffee compliments of First Watch Café while you browse through the books.
- Purchase from the online fair available from November 16<sup>th</sup> – December 6<sup>th</sup>. The online fair offers an expanded book selection for all ages—from preschool to adult. All orders ship free to the school and will be delivered prior to the winter break. You can access the online fair through [www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs](http://www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs).

## Stay Connected with the Loretto PTA

<http://lorettapta.weebly.com/index.html>

You can also find us on [Facebook!](#)

## Parking Lot Safety

Please observe all traffic signs and rules when driving on and around campus. Children are NEVER to be dropped off anywhere other than the designated drop off circles. Please remember that the driveway that encircles the school is a "No Cell Phone" zone and that the speed limit on campus is an extra slow 5 mph. Thanks for helping keep our children safe!



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## SPIRIT DAY Friday, November 22nd. Wear Blue or Yellow or your Loretto shirt!!

All in-school and online Book Fair purchases benefit our school. Thanks for helping get **more kids reading, kids reading more.**

**See you at the Book Fair!**

Debbie Atkins and Christene Thies  
[debbie@debbieatkins.com](mailto:debbie@debbieatkins.com)  
Book Fair Chairpersons



Please see the Book Fair schedule on page 5.



## Mark your Calendars

- November 12–November 22  
Thanksgiving Food Drive
- November 15  
Reflections Entry Deadline
- November 14–November 22  
Scholastic Book Fair
- November 20, Wednesday  
Early Dismissal
- November 21, Thursday 3-8:00pm  
Family Night at Yogurt Co.
- November 27, Wednesday  
Weather Day-School Closed
- November 28-29, Thurs & Friday  
Thanksgiving Holliday-School Closed
- December 2, Monday  
Weather Day-School Closed



## The Loretto Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive November 12<sup>th</sup>-November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Dear Loretto Parents:

It is time for our annual Food Drive which directly assists families in our Loretto community and the Mandarin Food Bank. Please bring non-perishable food items to school. Items that are cooked at Thanksgiving meals are particularly welcome.

*All donations must be received by November 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

*If you have any questions or would like to help collect and sort the food on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, please contact Emily Heeg at [emilyheeg@yahoo.com](mailto:emilyheeg@yahoo.com) or 537-3215.*

## Media Center

### **Pumpkin Character Parade**

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Pumpkin Character Parade: This was very successful. Every Pumpkin won a prize. They were so wonderful we drew names for the six Wal-Mart gift cards donated by Mrs. Pruet. The six winners were: Chloe C., Cooper M., Sydney N., Hannah O., Michaela S., and Carly Y.! Everyone at Loretto enjoyed the Pumpkin Characters. We look forward to next year.

### **Gingerbread Houses**

December brings Gingerbread Houses back to the media center. Last year was simply elegant, enchanting, and fragrant! Please think about making a gingerbread house to display in the media center from Dec. 3 - 18. Students will be researching and learning about the origins of gingerbread and its history as well as reading delightful gingerbread stories. Your gingerbread house may be made from edible or non-edible materials. Have fun. **It's a family project.**

Thank you for all of your support for our library and for reading!  
Ms. Cramer and Mrs. Cassette

## Owl Tree

Loretto's Owl Tree, the equivalent of an Angel Tree, will be up on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please come by and take as many owls as you would like to sponsor. These are students whose parents are having difficulty in these economic times. Please let Jennifer know the number on the owl that you picked.

We ask that you please have the gift wrapped in holiday paper and place the owl on the package and return to the main office by Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, so that parents can pick up the gifts by the 16<sup>th</sup>.

# Volunteers!



**Media Center** — Contact Mrs. Cramer at [cramerj@duvalschools.org](mailto:cramerj@duvalschools.org)

**Art Appreciation** — Contact Crystal Rogers at [Lorettopicturelady@gmail.com](mailto:Lorettopicturelady@gmail.com)

**Art**—Contact Ms. Leon at [leonn@duvalschools.org](mailto:leonn@duvalschools.org)

**Where in the World** — Contact Gina Lacey at [markandgina96@gmail.com](mailto:markandgina96@gmail.com)

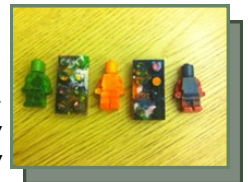
**Campus Watch** — Contact Ann Marie Shrader at [annmarieshrader@yahoo.com](mailto:annmarieshrader@yahoo.com); [LorettoSafety@yahoo.com](mailto:LorettoSafety@yahoo.com) or sign up at <http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?lorettocampuswatch>

**Sunshine Math** — Contact Barb Kransi at [kra6344@bellsouth.net](mailto:kra6344@bellsouth.net)

**Characters in Action**—Jennifer Harrison at [yunkypunky13@yahoo.com](mailto:yunkypunky13@yahoo.com)

## Wisdom Warriors

Loretto's robotics team, the Wisdom Warriors are currently raising money for their team by making and selling Lego crayons. A set of 5 (2 lego bricks and 3 men) is the bargain price of only \$1. Anyone interested in purchasing the crayons may do so from 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Riley, (in room 1261) before school. Thank you for your support!





## Accreditation Process

Duval County Public Schools are going through the accreditation process this year. You might be familiar with the previous SACS Accreditations. In a technological age, SACS is using AdvancED as their portal. Last year, there were surveys that you might have filled out asking questions about the school. The students and faculty were also asked to fill out surveys. All stakeholders are an integral part of the ongoing continuous improvement process. This year we are in the process of self-assessment on five standards for “quality practice and conditions that research and best practice indicate are necessary for schools to achieve quality student performance results and organizational effectiveness. The indicators are operational definitions or descriptions of exemplary practices and process. When seen together, the indicators provide a comprehensive picture of each standard.”

“Each indicator provides four performance levels that describe varying degrees to which a school is able to verify its assessment of the question.” We use the performance levels as an opportunity to ask the “stakeholders challenging questions and respond with accurate answers geared toward improvement of our school.”

Standard 1 is about our purpose and direction. Standard 2 is about governance and leadership. Standard 3 is about teaching and assessing for learning. Standard 4 is about resources and support systems. Standard 5 is about using results for continuous improvement.

We will be sharing more information about accreditation with you and all of our stakeholders and we continue with the process.



Welcomes

Loretto Elementary PTA

For A Share Event

Thursday, November 21

Stop by Yogurt & Co Mandarin

between 3:00-8:00 p.m.

15% of all sales during this time period will be donated back by Yogurt & Co.

12276 San Jose Blvd. Unit #709



YogurtCo.com

## Box Tops

Congratulations to Loretto for turning in more than 22,000 Box Tops. Here are the classes on each grade level that turned in the most Box Tops. These classes have earned an ice cream sundae party:)

Kindergarten- Ms. Morcom  
1st Grade- Ms. Herrmann  
2nd Grade- Ms. McKelvey  
3rd Grade- Ms. Soud and Ms. Bacon  
4th Grade- Dr. Fountain  
5th Grade- Ms. Holley  
CSS - Ms. Brown  
CSS- Ms. Thomas  
CSS- Ms. Dworschak



### Deadline has been extended!!



PTA Reflections 2013-2014 ART CONTEST

*Believe, Dream, Inspire*

It's NOT too late to participate!!

New deadline **NOVEMBER 22nd**

### How can you participate?

In order to participate, follow these steps:

1. On the web, please visit: <http://lorettopta.weebly.com/reflections.html>
2. Select Download file & print the *\*Registration Form*. Complete it in its entirety.
3. Next go to : <http://floridapta.org/index.php/programs/reflections>
4. Select Reflections Forms and scroll to the rules for each category.
5. Click and read *all the rules* in the category(ies) of your choice. Be sure your entry follows all the rules specified per category.
6. Submit your entry(ies) by *November 22nd* to the ART ROOM.

**\*Please note: Registration/Entry Forms are also be available in the Art Room**



## PTA Business Partners

Zaxby's [zaxbys.com/FL/12301SanJoseBlvd-Mandarin.aspx](http://zaxbys.com/FL/12301SanJoseBlvd-Mandarin.aspx)  
Red Elephant [redelephantpizza.com](http://redelephantpizza.com)  
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First Watch [www.firstwatch.com](http://www.firstwatch.com)  
Huntington Learning Center - [jacksonville.huntingtonhelps.com](http://jacksonville.huntingtonhelps.com)

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Main Street Haircuts [www.mainstreethaircuts.com](http://www.mainstreethaircuts.com)  
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Wunderlich Drywall Repair, [johnnywunderlich@yahoo.com](mailto:johnnywunderlich@yahoo.com)

Please Email newsletter submissions to:  
Becky Geoghagan at [AshBeDev@comcast.net](mailto:AshBeDev@comcast.net)  
Due Date is each Tuesday by 5:00pm



# Book Fair Teacher Signups



	Monday 11/18	Tuesday 11/19	Wednesday 11/20 Muffins with Mummies (and Daddies)	Thursday 11/21	Friday 11/22
8:30-9:00	Make-ups	Make-ups	Make-ups	Make-ups	Make-ups
9:00-9:25					
9:30-9:55	Napolitan	Tarabishi	Grimes	Holley	Hudson
10:00-10:25	Soud	Lindsey	Dworschak	Miracle	Hills
10:30-10:55		Ryan	Freeman	Warren	
11:00-11:25	Lunch with a Grand	Gibson	Ellis	Pulliam	Cushnir
11:30-11:55		Ganas	Jemigan	Brown	
12:00-12:25		Miller	Silsby	Andrysco	
12:30-12:55		Fountain	Hermann		Take Down
1:00-1:25		Bryant	Rosenblum	Manning	
1:30-1:55	Jones	McGee	Vondrasek		
2:00-2:25	Shrader	Bacon	Early Release	Vogt	

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# SWEATER DRIVE



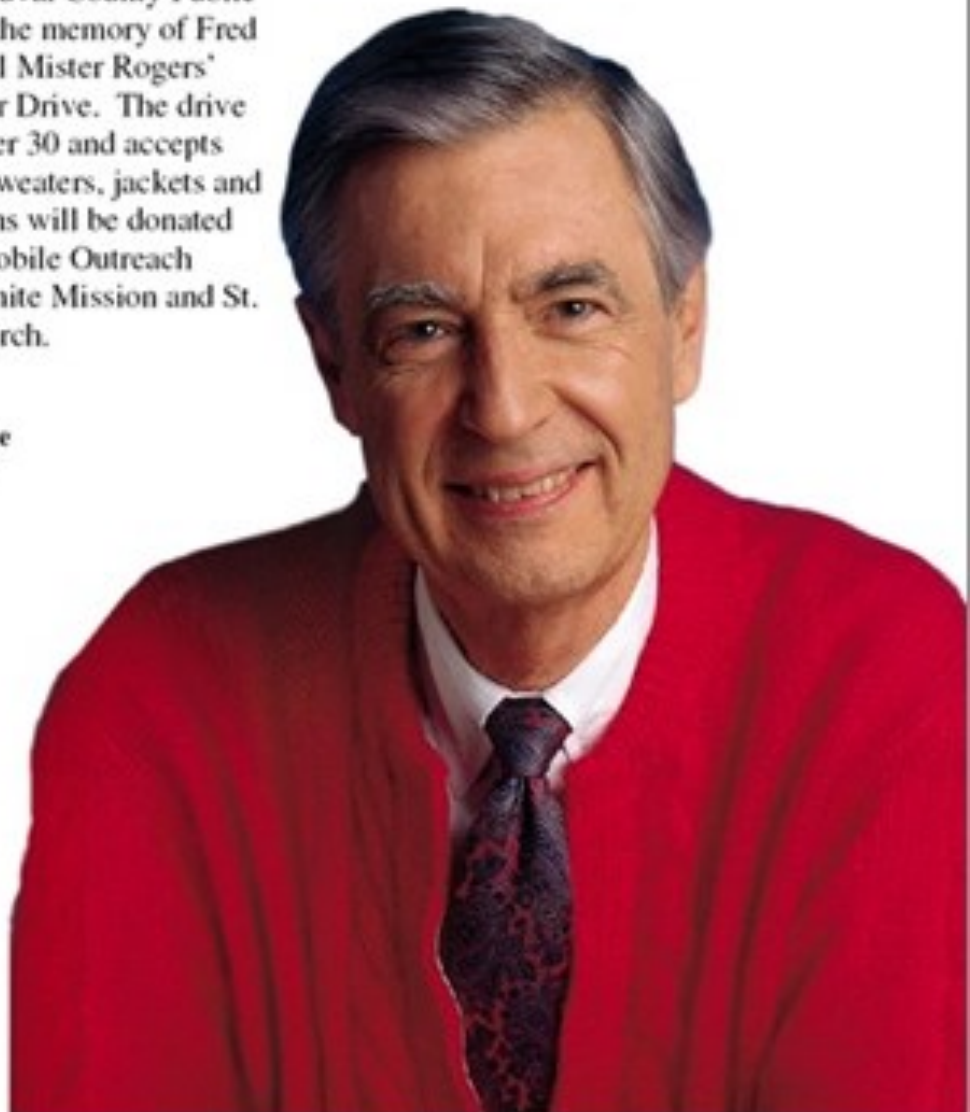
Loretto Elementary's Student Council,

WJCT and VyStar Credit Union in partnership with the Duval County Public Schools are honoring the memory of Fred Rogers with the annual Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Sweater Drive. The drive runs through November 30 and accepts new and gently used sweaters, jackets and blankets. Contributions will be donated to the St. Vincent's Mobile Outreach Ministry, the Clara White Mission and St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

WJCT  
100 Festival Park Avenue  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
904.358.6367



TWO MEN AND A TRUCK



**PLEASE DROP OFF ALL DONATIONS AT  
LORETTO WITH MRS. JOHNSON**

Crown Point Elementary, Loretto Elementary  
Mandarin Oaks Elementary & Mandarin Middle Schools

# Parent Academy Workshops

Saturday, November 23

Coffee & Donuts begin at 9 AM



**9:30**

- Helping My Kid: Math Homework
- Effective Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Parenting Under Stress

**10:00**

- School Readiness & Standards for Learning
- Grade Portal & Tech-Learning
- Effective Communication and House Rules

**10:30**

- "I Hate to Read"
- What Can I Do? How to Find Answers About the Public School System
- Money Matters at Home

Please join us for a morning of **FREE workshops** for our Mandarin-area school families. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about 'What's Going On' in our schools and how you can best help your child succeed.

*There will be activities for elementary age children, allowing parents to visit sessions without distraction.*

RSVP Requested at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/M2JPXQ6>

**LOCATION**

Christian Family Chapel, Bldg. D  
10365 Old. St. Augustine Road, 32257

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