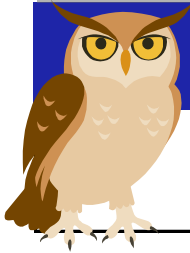


Words of Wisdom



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Wisdom Warriors

This Saturday, here at Loretto, the Wisdom Warriors will be hosting a LEGO League Robotics Tournament from 9-4. There will be food, bounce houses, and exciting competitions featuring student-made robots. Please stop by to find out what Lego League is really all about.

Loretto's robotics team, the Wisdom Warriors are currently raising money for their team by making and selling hot sauce at the bargain price of only \$5. Anyone interested in purchasing the hot sauce may do so from 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Riley, (in room 1261) before school. Thank you for your support!



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!



Owl Tree

Loretto's Owl Tree, the equivalent of an Angel Tree, will be up on Tuesday, December 3rd. 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 13th, so that parents can pick up the gifts by the 16th.

PTA Newsletter

Are you interested in producing our weekly PTA newsletter? If you would like to be considered, please contact Theresa Rogers at lorettapta@gmail.com for more information.

Media Center

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

Learn More About Common Core

www.dccpta.org

For More Information

<http://www.corestandards.org/>

<http://www.commoncoreworks.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=239>





Mark your Calendars

- **November 27, Wednesday**
Weather Day-School Closed
- **November 28-29, Thurs & Friday**
Thanksgiving Holiday-School Closed
- **December 2, Monday**
Weather Day-School Closed
- **December 11, Wednesday**
Early Dismissal
- **December 13, Friday**
Family Night at Barnes & Noble
- **December 19, Thursday**
Weather Day-School Closed
- **December 20–January 1**
Winter Break–School Closed
- **January 2-3, Thurs & Friday**
Weather Day-School Closed

Characters in Action Awards

Cooperation

We would like to recognize the Character in Action students of the month. Each month one student per class who best represents the character trait of the month is nominated by his/her teacher. The following students received a certificate and had their pictures taken with Mr. Begley. These photos are displayed on the Character in Action bulletin board located in the main hallway. Congratulations students and keep up the good work!

Kindergarten

Beckett B.
Madelyn R.
Maya R.
Macie O.
Adiola P.
Savannah G.
Ayden R.

First Grade

Matthew D.
Liam D.
Kaitlin W.
Richard W.
Sarah P.
Mallory C.
Alicia T.
Cynthia B.

Second Grade

Jayla L
Ciana V.
Amelia P.
William J.
Gabrielle L.
Jolea L.
Owen M.
Anesa G.
Sebastian L.

Third Grade

Silvia P.
Edwin C.
Skylar B.
Kyle B.
Tyler M.
Alisia V.
Aubrey G.
Abigail O.

Fourth Grade

Alexis G.
Vanessa G.
Eli B.
Sydney N.
Emma M.
Zachary K.
Sally B.
Kate G.
Martina S.
Eli B.

Fifth Grade

Mitchell C.
Peter H.
Zoe J.
Clarice C.
Eric U.
Kyra S.



November

Character Trait

Patriotism

December

Kindness

Volunteers!



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Art—Contact Ms. Leon at leonn@duvalschools.org

Where in the World — Contact Gina Lacey at markandgina96@gmail.com

Campus Watch — Contact Ann Marie Shrader at annmarieshrader@yahoo.com; Loretto@safety@yahoo.com or sign up at <http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?lorettocampuswatch>

Sunshine Math — Contact Barb Kransi at kra6344@bellsouth.net

Characters in Action—Jennifer Harrison at yunkypunky13@yahoo.com

Volunteer Information

From DCPS:

To ensure the safety of our students, volunteers must complete an application and undergo a criminal background screening, free of charge, conducted by our department. Designated school staff will verify your clearance to volunteer at the school using our online process. DCPS is no longer using volunteer cards as a proof of clearance.

AR Store Donations

The AR store needs your gently used books (1st - 5th grade appropriate) and video games rated E (all systems) for the last AR store of the year. If you have any items you would like to donate, a collection bin is located in the library for drop offs. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



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.

Empty Bowls Luncheon Project

The Visual Arts teachers, Jessie Bruile and Naida Leon wish to acknowledge the following student artists who created ceramic bowls for the [Empty Bowls Luncheon Project](#). The bowls will be used as a fundraiser for the Lutheran Social Services [Second Harvest Food Bank](#). The fundraiser brings awareness to our community, and will help those who are coping with hunger.

The Artists

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|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Charlotte R. | Kaylyn G. | Rhachel S. |
| Emma G. | Kylie D. | Rishi K. |
| Erin S. | Lacy M. | Ryleigh C. |
| Gage S. | Madison S. | Sally B. |
| Jada R. T. | Mark W. | Sarah Z. |
| Jordan E. | Michael S. | Sebastian B. |
| Joylyn T. | Mylee D. | Shelby R. |
| Julia L. | Natalia M. | Sophia D. |
| Kayla M. | Olivia G. | Taylor S. |
| Kaylee M. | Rachel R. | Zoe C. |

Guidance Counselor Corner

Routines and Routine Changes

Develop and Stick to a Routine – Caregivers set expectations and build stability by developing and utilizing consistent schedules. A consistent classroom and home routine is important for helping children transition to different activities throughout the day. Drastically varying wake up times or afternoon dismissal routines can cause tremendous stress for children who rely on consistency.

Use Visuals – Adults use day planners as schedule reminders. Children also need support to remember their schedule. Some children benefit from a picture or written schedule. Other children do well with a posted class schedule. At home, many children benefit from schedules indicating the sequence of activities in their morning or bedtime routines. Other tools for preparing children include a clock (for children who can tell time), kitchen timer, or wrist watch with a timer. These tools provide visual and auditory transition reminders with the time or a countdown and hearing a bell.

Prepare Children – Expected and unexpected routine changes are part of life. When a routine change is expected, prepare children with visuals and/or words. For example, if Simon usually goes to swimming lessons on Saturdays but the pool is closed, show him a visual, write the change down, or discuss the change well in advance. Additionally, tell him what he will be doing instead of swimming so he realizes there is another activity at this time. For unexpected changes such as a fire drill, practice in advance. Record the fire drill sound. Initially, let children know there will be a fire drill and tell them exactly what time it will happen. When this is successful, gradually practice with less specific notice. For example, let them know the fire drill will be during a certain hour or part of the day, instead of at a set point during the school day. If children benefit from visuals, hand them a word or picture card indicating it is a fire drill. Store this in an easy to access location and use it during practice sessions as well as unplanned school-wide drills. These same strategies can be applied for unexpected changes at home, such as picking up a child early from a canceled baseball practice.





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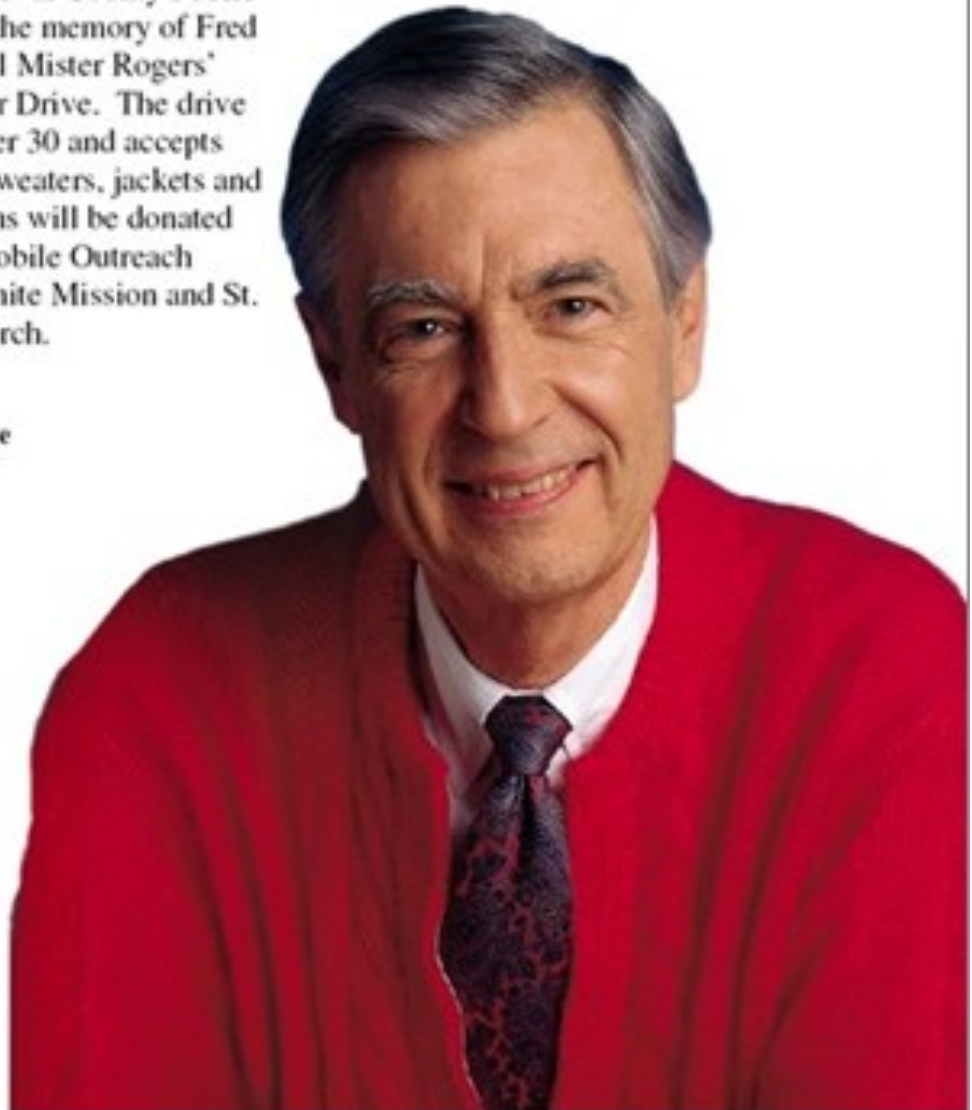
Loretto Elementary's Student Council,

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.

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Parent Academy Workshops**

Saturday, November 23

Welcome, 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! 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 aged children, allowing parents to visit sessions without distraction.

RSVP Requested at


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