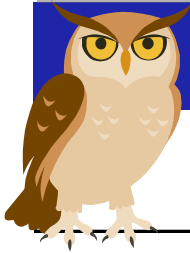


Words of Wisdom



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PTA Family Night



PTA Family Night will be at Steamin on Tuesday, January 14th from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. See the flyer on page 3 for more details.

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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!

Make a resolution to not talk or text and drive when you drop off or pick up at Loretto!!



Accreditation

As promised, we are sharing more information about accreditation with you and all of our stakeholders.

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 on our purpose and direction. We believe we have achieved a level 4 because everything we do is tied to our vision and mission statement. It is not necessary to have these memorized, but more to know where to access it or point to it. Our teachers have it posted in their classrooms. We have it on our websites. It is our guiding principles.

Standard 2 is on governance and leadership. We believe we have achieved a level 4 because our policies and support practices ensure an effective administration of the school. We pride ourselves in our communication to all stakeholders. We have vertical and horizontal articulation amongst our teachers. We offer differentiated instruction in our professional development for our teachers because we range in experience from less than 1 year to plus 30 years. We work very closely with our SAC, PTA and community to meet the needs of our school family.

Thank you for being a part of the success of our school and being a part of the process of continuing our accreditation. If you have any questions, please feel free to email any member of the administrative team.



Mark your Calendars

- January 14, Tuesday, 5pm-9pm
Steamin PTA Family Night
- January 17, Friday
Teacher Planning Day—School Closed
- January 20, Monday
Martin Luther King Day—School Closed
- January 22, Wednesday
Early Dismissal
- January 30, Thursday, 6:30pm
General Association Meeting 5th
Grade Talent Show
- February 25-26
FCAT Writing 4th Grade
- February 5, Wednesday
Early Dismissal
- February 19, Wednesday
Early Dismissal
- April 22-May 7
FCAT Reading, Math, and Science
3rd-5th Grade

FCAT is approaching...

FCAT time is right around the corner!!!

We wanted to remind you that testing will be:

- February 25th-26th for 4th grade FCAT Writing and
- April 22nd – May 7th for FCAT Reading, Math and Science for 3rd- 5th grade.

Please make sure that your schedule is clear of any appointments or family trips, so that your child will be able to complete their tests in a timely fashion.

Even if your child is in a non-testing grade they will not be able to join their class or be dismissed early as we are under testing conditions school-wide.

Parent volunteers/visitors are welcome after 11:30 am each testing day.

Testing will begin promptly at 9:00 am and continue through the morning.

Media Center

Magazine Fundraiser

Beginning Jan. 13, 2014, we will once again have the Magazine Fund Raiser sponsored by, Great American. This fundraiser will purchase new library books and help our Video Teams go on a fieldtrip. Last year we raised \$4,000.00 for new books. The goal this year is to top \$4,000.00! If you purchased a magazine, please wait until January to renew your subscription.

THE AR STORE IS COMING!

The first AR store of the year will be the week of January 27, 2014. Teacher signups are in the mail room. We need volunteers! Please contact Donna at 860-4002 or at egstewart@comcast.net if you can help out! We have lots of fun!

To sign up, go to:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4EABA62BA64-loretto

We also need your gently used book donations (grade 1-5) and E rated video games for all systems. Please feel free to come in with your child's classroom.

I am looking forward to a great AR store and encouraging the children to READ, TAKE TESTS AND PASS THEM while they EARN POINTS!!!

AR Store Volunteers Needed

We are seeking two individuals to train to eventually take over the AR store. One who is organized and good with computers and one who talks a lot, is good with kids and likes to shop. Work includes: works two weeks per school year and random days as desired. Must be willing to work for FREE as this is a volunteer position. Please contact Donna at egstewart@comcast.net if interested.

Fifth Grade Talent Show

Calling all 5th graders! The PTA will be hosting a talent show at the January 30th General Meeting at 6:30pm. We have time for 10 acts lasting 4-5 minutes each. Contact Christina Kidwai via email at crfluoro@yahoo.com or 885-2963 if you are interested or have any questions.

Please remember that this is a school function, therefore dress code, language in music, etc. must adhere to the student code of conduct. You must submit any music lyrics or performance script being used prior to the show for approval. Unfortunately, we cannot allow you to perform any acrobatics, however, you can dance, sing, perform a skit, or play an instrument. There is a piano on the stage that can be used.



The Counselor's Corner

Happy New Year!

Since a new year usually involves setting goals for ourselves, why not have your child set a goal. For example; to improve reading or math grades, increase the number of books they read in a week, or set a goal for home such as set the table each night. Start off with a small goal that is achievable and increase it once the goal has been mastered. Your child will feel good about themselves and it will help you too.

If you did not buy one last year, please consider doing so this time.
We need new books!

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





LORETTO ELEMENTARY PTA FUNDRAISER

**COME AND JOIN US FOR A FAMILY NIGHT
OF FUN AND LAUGHS WHILE HELPING
RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL.**



**DATE: JANUARY 14TH
TIME: 5PM-9PM
PLACE: 9703 SAN JOSE BLVD**



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JANUARY 2014 ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN & TEENS AT THE SOUTH MANDARIN LIBRARY



Sun	Mon	Tue (10-6)	Wed (1-9)	Thu (1-9)	Fri (10-6)	Sat (10-6)
CLOSED			1 CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 2:00 PM Movie Time (Despicable Me 2)	3 10:30 Stories for Young Children 11:00 Art for Young Children	4 11:00 AM Storybook Art (story and a craft)
5 CLOSED	6	7 10:30 AM Bilingual Stories for Babies & Toddlers	8 3:00 PM Early Out Fun: LEGO CLUB! (For grades K-6)	9 4:30 PM High School Survival 7:00 PM TAB	10 10:30 Stories for Young Children 11:00 Art for Young Children	11
12 CLOSED	13	14 10:30 AM Bilingual Stories for Babies & Toddlers	15	16 4:30 PM High School Survival	17 10:30 Stories for Young Children 11:00 Art for	18 11:00 AM Storybook Art (story and a craft)
19 CLOSED	20	21 10:30 AM Bilingual Stories for Babies & Toddlers	22 3:00 PM Cook a Book Celebrate National Pie Day (For grades K-6)	23 4:30 PM High School Survival 6:30 PM Homework Success 7:00 PM TAB and Mother Daughter Book Club "A Little Princess" by Frances Burnett	24 10:30 Stories for Young Children 11:00 Art for Young Children	25
26 South Mandarin Branch Library 12125 San Jose Blvd. 904-288-6385	27	28 10:30 AM Bilingual Stories for Babies & Toddlers	29	30 4:30 PM High School Survival	31 10:30 Stories for Young Children 11:00 Art for Young Children	



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