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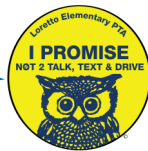
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## SPRING PICTURES

Spring pictures will be taken on Thursday, Feb. 27. Beginning this year a new procedure will be in place for "spring" pictures. Only students who **"Prepay"** for pictures and send in their money **before 2/27 will be photographed.** Along with individual pictures being prepaid, the student's **class\_group picture will be prepaid.** Leonard's studio will only produce enough class pictures as ordered. If anyone can volunteer and help with "Spring" pictures, please call 260-5800 - ext. 2101 and ask for Marti.

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



## 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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## 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 30, Thursday, 6:30pm  
General Association Meeting, 4th and 5th Grade Talent Show
- February 6, Thursday 5:00-8:00pm  
Chick-fil-A
- February 25-26  
FCAT Writing 4th Grade
- February 5, Wednesday  
Early Dismissal
- February 19, Wednesday  
Early Dismissal
- March, 12, Wednesday  
Early Dismissal
- March 17-21, Spring Break
- March 26, 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 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> for 4<sup>th</sup> grade FCAT Writing and
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup> for FCAT Reading, Math and Science for 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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](mailto:egstewart@comcast.net) if you can help out! We have lots of fun!

To sign up, go to:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4EABA62BA64-loretto](http://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](mailto:egstewart@comcast.net) if interested.

## Fourth and Fifth Grade Talent Show

Calling all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders! The PTA will be hosting a talent show at the January 30<sup>th</sup> General Meeting at 630pm. We have time for 10 acts lasting 4-5 minutes each. Contact Christina Kidwai via email at [crfluoro@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

## REFLECTIONS ART CONTEST "BELIEVE, DREAM, INSPIRE"

The Loretto PTA is proud to announce the results of this year's Reflections Art Contest. Thank you to all the students who participated. We were inspired by your creativity and your interpretation of this year's theme. In many categories, the competition was very close this year with only a few points separating the finalists from one another.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

#### SCHOOL LEVEL RESULTS

##### Dance Choreography

Hayley R. ~ Excellence Award  
Lauren K. ~ Merit Award

##### Film Production

Zoe J. ~ Excellence Award  
Avery R. ~ Merit Award

##### Literature

Eden K. ~ Excellence Award  
Charlotte R. ~ Merit Award  
Sally B. ~ Honorable Mention

##### Visual Arts K-2

Maddox C. ~ Excellence Award

##### Visual Arts 3-5

Emma G. ~ Excellence Award  
Zoe B. ~ Excellence Award  
Eden K. ~ Merit Award  
Julia A. ~ Honorable Mention  
Skylar B. ~ Honorable Mention  
Madelyn F. ~ Honorable Mention  
Taylor H. ~ Honorable Mention  
Kylee M. ~ Honorable Mention  
Lacy M. ~ Honorable Mention  
Jada T. ~ Honorable Mention

##### Photography K - 2

Isabella A. ~ Excellence Award  
Azlan B. ~ Merit Award  
Jacob W. ~ Honorable Mention

##### Photography 3-5

Emma G. ~ Excellence Award  
Jacob A. ~ Merit Award  
Erin A. ~ Honorable Mention

The top scoring entries at the school level were all forwarded to County Judging. The results are below.

#### COUNTY LEVEL RESULTS

##### Film Production

Zoe J. ~ Excellence Award  
Avery R. ~ Excellence Award

##### Visual Arts K-2

Maddox C. ~ Excellence Award

##### Visual Arts 3-5

Zoe B. ~ Excellence Award

##### Photography K - 2

Azlan B. ~ Excellence Award

##### Photography 3-5

Jacob A. ~ Excellence Award

Special congratulations to all of the county level finalists as well. The *Excellence Award* finalist entries at the county level will be advancing to State level judging.

Awards will be presented at this year's PTA Awards meeting at the end of the school year. All county level winners will be invited to an awards ceremony downtown in May 2014.

All the works will be displayed in the main hallway, beginning in February. Please take a moment to enjoy the wonderful Artwork!

## Music Notes

**Congratulations** to the following Loretto 4<sup>th</sup> grade young ladies selected to the prestigious First Coast Elementary Honor Choir: Emma M., Michaela S., Rachel S., and Alexis G. We wish them a wonderful performance on February 1<sup>st</sup>!


**Thank you for representing our fine school so well.**

The Jacksonville Symphony Guild graciously awarded our school not one but three \$500 Grants for new instruments including an African djembe, a cajon from Mexico, a set of bass Joia tubes, and four Caribbean steel drums.

**Thank you Symphony Guild!"**




**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)
<b>CLOSED</b>			1 <b>CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	2 <b>2:00 PM Movie Time (Despicable Me 2)</b>	3 <b>10:30 Stories for Young Children 11:00 Art for Young Children</b>	4 <b>11:00 AM Storybook Art (story and a craft)</b>
5 <b>CLOSED</b>	6	7 <b>10:30 AM Bilingual Stories for Babies &amp; Toddlers</b>	8 <b>3:00 PM Early Out Fun: LEGO CLUB! (For grades K-6)</b>	9 <b>4:30 PM High School Survival 7:00 PM TAB</b>	10 <b>10:30 Stories for Young Children 11:00 Art for Young Children</b>	11
12 <b>CLOSED</b>	13	14 <b>10:30 AM Bilingual Stories for Babies &amp; Toddlers</b>	15	16 <b>4:30 PM High School Survival</b>	17 <b>10:30 Stories for Young Children 11:00 Art for</b>	18 <b>11:00 AM Storybook Art (story and a craft)</b>
19 <b>CLOSED</b>	20	21 <b>10:30 AM Bilingual Stories for Babies &amp; Toddlers</b>	22 <b>3:00 PM Cook a Book Celebrate National Pie Day (For grades K-6)</b>	23 <b>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</b>	24 <b>10:30 Stories for Young Children 11:00 Art for Young Children</b>	25
26 <b>South Mandarin Branch Library 12125 San Jose Blvd. 904-288-6385</b>	27	28 <b>10:30 AM Bilingual Stories for Babies &amp; Toddlers</b>	29	30 <b>4:30 PM High School Survival</b>	31 <b>10:30 Stories for Young Children 11:00 Art for Young Children</b>	



## Chick-fil-A®

On Southside at the Avenues  
9980 Southside Blvd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32256  
(904) 519-0505

Show your school spirit and help raise money for  
Loretto PTA by simply eating at  
Chick-fil-A® on Southside Blvd.  
just outside the Avenues Mall in front of Best Buy on  
Thursday, February 6th from 5PM-8PM.

*Please let your cashier know that you are with  
Loretto and we will credit your order to your Spirit Night®  
event.*

15% of the subtotal sales\* will be donated back to the school.  
In addition, we will donate a medium Nuggets Tray\*\* to  
the Class\*\*\* with the most participation.(pick-up only)

**WHEN: Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 5p-8p**

**WHERE: Chick-fil-A® on Southside Blvd. at the Avenues**

\*Subtotal, before tax.

\*\*Pick-up only, no delivery. Minimum 24 hours notice. Closed on Sundays.

\*\*\*Minimum of 10 person participation to be eligible.





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