

Words of Wisdom



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Food Drive

We are very blessed at Loretto to be an "A" school for many years. We are also blessed to have an active parent base that can afford to provide all that is needed to help our students be successful. However, that may not be the case for some of our partner schools in the county. Hunger is a big factor in student performance. To help schools that have Saturday school because of an "F" rating, the Loretto PTA is asking our parents to donate individually wrapped, normal size snack items. The PTA will be collecting snacks beginning Monday and over the next 2 weeks, ending Feb. 21st.



Suggestions include animal crackers, chips, squeezable applesauce, Goldfish, granola bars, and Fruit by the Foot.

Wisdom Warriors

Loretto's Wisdom Warriors came away from the regional tournament February 2nd with a 2nd place win in the robot design category and a bid to compete at the state tournament on March 2nd. **GO 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!

4th and 5th Grade Talent Show

Thank you to all the students who participated in the talent show.

GREAT JOB!!!



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PARENTS: We want your feedback! Please take a few minutes to take our survey about fundraising and let your voices be heard. Please take the following link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JSVPB3D>



Mark your Calendars

- February 19, Wednesday
Early Dismissal
- February 25-26
FCAT Writing 4th Grade
- February 27, Thursday
Spring Pictures
- 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

Accreditation

As promised, we are sharing more information about accreditation with you and all of our stakeholders. In January, we provided information about Standards 1 and 2.

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 3 is on Teaching and Assessing for Learning. We believe we have achieved a level 4 because we provide research-based curriculum and instructional methods with clear and measureable expectations for student learning that provides opportunities for all students to acquire requisite knowledge, skills, and attitudes. Teachers use proven instructional practices that actively engage students in the learning process. Teachers provide opportunities for students to apply their knowledge and skills to real world situations. Teachers give students feedback to improve their performance.

Standard 4 is on Resources and Support Services. We believe we have achieved a level 4 because we have the resources and services necessary to support its vision and purpose and to ensure achievement for all students. We have sufficient human, material, and fiscal resources to implement a curriculum that enables students to achieve expectations for student learning, to meet special needs, and to comply with applicable regulations. The school employs and allocates staff that are well qualified for their assignments. The school provides ongoing learning opportunities for all staff to improve their effectiveness. The school ensures compliance with applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

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.

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.

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.







Chick-fil-A Family Night

Thank you Chick-fil-A for another wonderful family night event.




FEBRUARY 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 11:00 AM Storybook Art (story and a craft)
2 CLOSED	3	4 10:30 AM Bilingual Stories for Babies & Toddlers	5 3:30 PM Early Out Fun Lego Club! (For grades K-6)	6 7:00 PM Teen Advisory Board	7 10:30 Stories for Young Children 11:00 Art For Young Children	8
9 CLOSED	10	11 10:30 AM Bilingual Stories for Babies & Toddlers	12	13	14 10:30 Stories for Young Children 11:00 Art For Young Children	15 11:00 AM Storybook Art (story and a craft)
16 CLOSED	17	18 10:30 AM Bilingual Stories for Babies & Toddlers	19 3:00 PM Doggone Safe Dog Bite Prevention (For grades K-6)	20 7:00 PM Teen Advisory Board	21 10:30 Stories for Young Children 11:00 Art For Young Children	22 3:00 PM Fun with Balloon Twisting
23 South Mandarin Branch Library 12125 San Jose Blvd. 904-288-6385	24	25 10:30 AM Bilingual Stories for Babies & Toddlers	26	27 7:00 PM Mother Daughter Book Club	28 10:30 Stories for Young Children 11:00 Art For Young Children	 JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY



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