

Words of Wisdom



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FCAT is approaching!

FCAT time is right around the corner!!!

We wanted to inform you that testing will be:

April 14th-April 23rd for FCAT Reading, Math and Science for 3rd- 5th grade.

Make-up testing period extends until April 30th.

These are newly revised dates and differ from previously published dates.

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.

Please be mindful that even if your child is in a non-testing grade he/she will not be able to join their class if tardy to school or be dismissed early as we are under testing conditions school-wide. Thank you in advance!

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.

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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YOUR LORETTO PTA AT WORK!

What has YOUR Loretto PTA been up to so far this year? Here's a brief overview of just some of what we've been able to accomplish because of your help through volunteering and participation in our fundraiser!!

Back to School breakfast for faculty, administration, and staff

Boo Hoo/Woo Hoo breakfast for incoming Kindergarten parents

No talking or texting while driving on campus campaign including distribution of free magnets and two signs posted on campus

Car rider sign project (signs given free to car riding families)

Facilitate "Walk to School Day"

Reflections Art Contest

First AR Store of the year

Purchase of yearly subscription for entire school to the AR Renaissance Program and STAR test

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Provide programs at General Meetings including a Common Core presentation, Duval County School Choice presentation, and 4th and 5th grade talent show

Coordinate volunteers and provide financial support for Art Appreciation, Campus Watch, Character in Action, Homeroom Parents, Sunshine Math, and Where in the World

SPIRIT DAY next Friday, March 14th. Wear **Blue** or **Yellow** or your Loretto shirt!!

Check out our new and improved "Links" page on the Loretto PTA website:
<http://lorettapta.weebly.com/links.html> We are working to bring you more useful and relevant information so check back regularly!



New ponchos for safety patrols

Acquirement of two new bike racks (installation date coming)

New key card swipe system to keep cafeteria doors secure during lunches

Family Outreach program funded by our Family Nights

Facilitate the school's bookfair which supports the library and school

Coordinate Hearing and Vision screenings

We're just a little more than half way through this school year. There's A LOT more coming soon!

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

- **March 11, 11:00AM- 10:00PM**
Family Night at Don Juan's
- **March 11, 4:00 -6:00PM**
FCAT Night at Publix
- **March 12, Wednesday**
Early Dismissal
- **March 17-21, Spring Break**
- **March 25, 7:00PM**
General Association PTA Meeting
- **March 26, Wednesday**
Early Dismissal
- **April 4, Friday**
No School
- **April 9, Wednesday**
Early Dismissal
- **April 14-April 23**
FCAT Reading, Math, and Science
3rd-5th Grade
- **April 16, Wednesday**
Early Dismissal
- **April 18, Friday**
No School
- **May 3, Saturday**
Family Fit & Fun Day (SAVE THE
DATE—MORE INFO TO COME)

THANKS!!!!!!

On behalf of West Jacksonville Elementary, Mrs. Floyd-Hatcher and I wish to thank all of you for the wonderful snacks you provided us from the food drive. All of your efforts are so appreciated by the faculty, staff and students. Thank you!!!

Ms. Lani Derby

Box Tops News

Congratulations to Loretto for submitting over 19,000 Box Tops last week. This year Loretto earned over \$4200 from Box Tops. Keep saving them for next year!!!



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 and in February, we provided information about Standards 3 and 4.

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 5 is on Using Results for Continuous Improvement. We believe we have achieved a level 4 because we maintain and consistently use a comprehensive assessment system that produces data from multiple assessment measures, including locally developed and standardized assessments about student learning and school performance. The system ensures consistent measurement across all classrooms. All assessments are proven reliable and bias free. The system is regularly and systematically evaluated for reliability and effectiveness in improving instruction, student learning, and the conditions that support learning. Systematic processes and procedures for collecting, analyzing, and applying learning from all data sources are documented and used consistently by professional and support staff. Data sources include comparison and trend data that provide a comprehensive and complete picture of student learning, instruction, the effectiveness of programs, and the conditions that support learning. All school personnel use data to design, implement, and evaluate continuous improvement plans to improve student learning, instruction, the effectiveness of programs, and organizational conditions.

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.

"CLASS"GROUP PICTURES

"Class" group picture prepaid envelopes went home this week. The picture is an 8 x 10 color photo with a border. The cost is \$15.00 The \$18.00 photo is laminated for protection. **There is no "late" fee of \$8.00 at this time - please ignore and not include a late fee with your payment.** We have a couple of weeks to purchase these photos. Don't wait too long because they could add a late fee after the two weeks. If you have any questions, please give me a call - Marti ex. 2102. Thank you for all your support with our school pictures this year!!





March 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)
						1 11:00 AM Storybook Art
2 CLOSED	3	4 10:30 AM Bilingual Stories for Babies & Toddlers	5	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 3:30 PM Early Out Fun: LEGO CLUB! (For grades K-6)	13	14 10:30 Stories for Young Children 11:00 Art for Young Children	15 2:00 PM An Irish Celebration
16 CLOSED	17	18 10:30 AM Bilingual Stories for Babies & Toddlers	19 2:30 PM Origami Fun Be a Star (For grades K-6)	20 2:30 PM Family Movie Frozen (PG) 7:00 PM Teen Advisory Board	21 10:30 Stories for Young Children with the Jacksonville Zoo	22 11:00 AM SAT/ FCAT Prep Course
23/30	24/31	25 10:30 AM Bilingual Stories for Babies & Toddlers	26 3:30 PM All About Birds & Bird watching (For grades K-6)	27 7:00 PM Mother Daughter Book Club	28 10:30 Stories for Young Children 11:00 Art for Young Children	29 11:00 AM Storybook Art

South Mandarin
Branch Library
12125 San Jose Blvd.
904-288-6385



Loretto Elementary PTA

Invites you to our
FAMILY NIGHT OUT

at

Don Juan's
MEXICAN RESTAURANT
Authentic Mexican Cuisine

Please join us for Lunch or Dinner

Tuesday ~ 3/11/2014

11:00 am - 10:00 pm

12373 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville - (904) 268-8722

Don Juan's will donating 15% of our total sales back to the
PTA for our school

**** Please Bring Flyer ****



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PTA Newsletter

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

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

Loretto
Safety
Patrol

Spring Break Raffle for **TEACHERS AND STAFF!**

Buy tickets NOW — March 26th! Drawing March 28th!

Try to win your favorite Teacher or Loretto Elementary Staff Member a prize in our Spring Break Raffle.

How do you do that? **YOU HAVE TO BUY THEM A TICKET!**

Watch the Morning Show on March 28th to see if your favorite is a WINNER!

Raffle Tickets **MUST** be submitted to the Office by Wednesday, March 26th. Drawing will be held on **March 28th.**

Place the form and cash only in an envelope and labeled **PATROLS**. Give to your teacher to return to the Office.

All money collected will go to support Safety Patrols and their trip to Washington DC.

1st Prize!	2nd Prize!	3rd Prize!	4th Prize!	5th Prize!
\$125 Gift Certificate from Natural Body Spa & Shop	\$100 Gift Card from Moxie Kitchen & Cocktails	Deep Covered Baker by Pampered Chef	Signed Jags Football	Pair of Earrings from Lia Sophia Jewelry
6th Prize!	7th Prize!	8th Prize!	9th Prize!	10th Prize!
\$35 Gift Certificate from Adrienne Michelle's Salon	Dinner & A Movie \$25 Regal Movie and \$30 dinner at Picassos Italian	\$20 Gift Certificate First Watch	\$20 Gift Certificate First Watch	31 Gifts Organizing Utility Totz

The class that sells the most tickets wins a Pizza Party for their classroom!!!

Your name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom teacher _____

<u># of tickets</u>	<u>Teacher or Staff Member's Name</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____ For _____		@\$1.00 each = \$ _____
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GRAND TOTAL = \$ _____