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Good Luck FCAT Grades

Make sure to have a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast!!!

FCAT time is here!!!

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.

Bruster's Family Night

April 29th from 6pm to 8pm
Come check out the Loretto celebrity scoopers while you enjoy a cold treat!



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!

Loretto Families: School is in the home stretch! Recommit yourself to not talk or text when you drop off or pick up at Loretto! Our children are too important.



Family Fit & Fun Day

Join us for Family Fit & Fun Day on **Saturday, May 3rd** from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the back field at Loretto Elementary! There will be bounce houses, food, prizes and more. **Help needed for day of event.** If you are available to help please contact Kellie Peacock at Kmwoodard@yahoo.com.



Check out our new and improved "Links" page on the Loretto PTA website:

<http://lorettopta.weebly.com/links.html>

We are working to bring you more useful and relevant information so check back regularly!

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

- April 14-April 23
FCAT Reading, Math, and Science
3rd-5th Grade
- April 29, Tuesday 6-8pm
Bruster's Family Night
- April 30, Wednesday
Volunteer/Business Partner
Brunch
- May 3, Saturday
Family Fit & Fun Day
- May 9, Friday 6:30-7:45pm
Symphony Under the Stars
- May 21, Wednesday
Early Dismissal
- May 26, Monday
No School
- June 6, Friday
Last Day of School

Student Council

Loretto Student Council Visits City Hall

By: Ann Gipalo

Loretto Elementary PTA

Loretto Elementary's Student Council took a field trip to Jacksonville City Hall on Wednesday, March 5th. Thirty-seven students in 1st through 5th grade received a tour of the building, including the City Council Chamber, by Emily Lisska from the Jacksonville Historical Society. Ms. Lisska has an incredible depth of knowledge about Jacksonville, going back to its founding. She has been Executive Director of the Jacksonville Historical Society since 1996.

The City Hall building is over 100 years old, and used to be a department store called Cohen Brothers. In 1993, Mayor Ed Austin proposed the renovation of the building, then known as the St. James Building. Renovations were completed and the new City Hall was dedicated in 1997. Many of the original architectural details from when it was a department store, like the octagonal glass dome in the center of the building and the "men" holding the domed ceiling up (recreated in foam) were retained. Overall there is a beautiful art deco feel to the building, especially in the railings surrounding the center courtyard and the elevator doors.

Upon entering the City Council Chamber, the students were first introduced to Judge Gary Flowers, who took the time to tell them what being a judge was like.

City Councilman Matt Schellenberg then described his job as a Councilman. Each student took a turn sitting in a councilman's seat, where they "voted" themselves "present" with the electronic voting board, and responded "yeah" or "nay" to several questions Councilman Schellenberg posed.

Next, the students were taken up to Mayor Brown's office, but unfortunately, he was not available. However, the students got to sit in the mayor's conference room and see where he holds his press conferences.

On the bus ride back to school, Assistant Principal Johnnie Miller, quizzed the students on many of the details they were told about City Hall. Most students did very well on that quiz. Mr. Miller told the students he was going to quiz them again in one week and the student who got the most answers right then would receive a prize. The winning student was McKenna G., a third grader and as a prize, she received a chicken nugget value meal from McDonald's. Four other students tied for 2nd place and they all received a \$5 Bruster's gift card.

This was the first time the Loretto Student Council has ever taken a field trip to City Hall and it was a fantastic experience. Ms. Lisska is eager to take students on the tour and tell them

all about Jacksonville's history. If you would like to take students on a tour contact your city councilman or Ms. Lisska at the JHS at (904) 665-0064.



Jacksonville City Councilman Matt Schellenberg, Emily Lisska, Executive Director of the Jacksonville Historical Society and the Loretto Elementary Student Council in the City Council Chamber.

Loretto Students Donate Jeans to Mandarin Food Bank

The Student Council conducted a round-up of gently worn jeans and other pants for children and adults in February and early March. In all, 63 pairs were collected and donated to the Mandarin Food Bank.



Assistant Principal Johnnie Miller and several members of the Loretto Elementary Student Council.



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Scoops Night!

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Tuesday, April 29nd, 6:00-8:00
At Bruster's San Jose Blvd. & Loretto Road

Bring friends & family to enjoy waffle cones and smiles. Waffle cone proceeds & 100% of teachers' tips to benefit Loretto PTA!

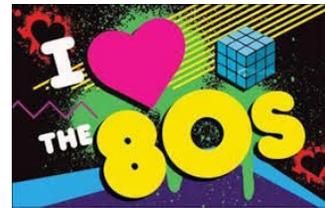


Symphony Under The Stars



Presents

THROUGH THE DECADES



When: Friday, May 9, 2014

Time: 6:30 – 7:45 PM

Where: Loretto Elementary (patio area)

Sit under the stars, listen to live music, purchase delicious food, and enjoy the company of friends & family. Let's inspire our students to get involved in the arts.

*****Don't forget to bring a blanket or lawn chairs*****



Parent Survey - Exceptional Student Education

The Florida Department of Education is working with school districts to gather information on how well parents think their child's school is partnering with parents of students with disabilities, and would like to include your input. Your responses will help guide efforts to improve services and results for children and families. This survey is for parents of students with individual educational plans (IEP) receiving special education services during the 2013-14 school year. All information provided will remain confidential. You may submit one online survey for each child receiving services.

Here is the link to the survey:

<http://www.esesurvey.com/Login.php>

16th Annual Café Conference for Parents of children with Disabilities

The "Sweet Sixteen" 16th Annual Family Cafe is set for June 6-8, 2014 at the [Hilton Orlando in Orlando, Florida](#). This three-day event provides a venue for people with disabilities and their families to learn about available services, connect with policy makers and network with each other. It features dozens of breakout sessions, a full Exhibit Hall, a series of Keynotes and multiple opportunities to interact with other families informally.

The "Sweet Sixteen" 16th Annual Family Café will once again include The Annual Summit on Disabilities, with three special guests. The first will be long-time Family Café supporter State **Senator Bill Galvano**, Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education. Joining him will be **Governor Rick Scott**, who will once again be on hand to hear from families and share his vision for Floridians with disabilities. Finally, The Family Café is very excited to announce that NFL legend and disability advocate **Dan Marino** will also take part in the Summit! He will discuss his advocacy through the Dan Marino Foundation and the opening of the Marino Campus for students with disabilities in Fort Lauderdale.

There is **no registration fee for individuals with disabilities** and their family members or caregivers. **Professionals are required to pay a \$100 registration fee.**



Florida's 2013-2014 ESE Parent Survey

February 1 - May 31

Parents!

We need your help to make Florida's 2013-2014
ESE Parent Survey a record success

Each year, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) surveys parents of children with an individual educational plan (IEP) to determine how well your child's school is partnering with you and promoting your involvement in your child's education. All states must collect this data as part of their State Performance Plan, as required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Make your voice heard!

- ✓ The web-based survey will open **February 1, 2014**.
- ✓ You can complete the survey online at <http://www.esesurvey.com> or request a paper survey from your child's school.

Your feedback is important in helping the state and local school systems continue improving educational programs for children with special needs. **Thank you!**



For questions about the survey,
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Florida Department of Education
Bureau of Exceptional Education
and Student Services



Encuesta ESE a Padres de Familia de la Florida 2013-2014

1 de febrero - 31 de mayo

Sres. Padres!

Necesitamos la ayuda de ustedes para que la Encuesta ESE a Padres de
Familia de la Florida 2013-2014 sea un gran éxito

Cada año, el Departamento de Educación de la Florida (FDOE) encuesta a los padres de niños con un plan educativo individualizado (IEP) a fin de determinar la relación de la escuela con usted y la promoción de su participación en la educación de su hijo(a). Todos los estados deberán recabar dichos datos como parte de su Plan Estatal de Desempeño, según exige la Ley de Educación de Personas con Discapacidades (IDEA).

¡Que se oiga su voz!

- ✓ La encuesta con base en Internet se abrirá el día 1 de febrero de 2014.
- ✓ Puede usted contestar la encuesta en línea en <http://www.esesurvey.com> o solicitar la encuesta en papel en la escuela de su hijo.

Su opinión es importante, pues ayuda a los sistemas escolares estatales y locales a seguir mejorando programas educativos para niños con necesidades especiales. **¡Gracias!**



Para consultas sobre la encuesta,
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