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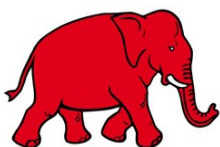
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CHRISTOPHER BEGLEY
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The Red Elephant

Stop by The Red Elephant
on Tuesday October 22nd
for a PTA Share Event.
Dine-in or take-out
between 11am and
9:30pm.



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Vision Screening

Volunteers are needed to help with
vision screenings. Screenings will
take place October 21-25 from 830-230. Helpers will
also be needed on October 29 to help with paperwork.
There will be a brief training meeting on October 16 at
1pm in the Mini Auditorium if you can make it. Contact
Christina Kidwai at crfluoro@yahoo.com with any ques-
tions or if you are interested in helping please sign up
using the following link:

[http://www.signupgenius.com/
go/20F0D45AEA828A46-vision2](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45AEA828A46-vision2)

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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The Pumpkins are Parading!

When? October 14 – 25, 2013

Where? Loretto Media Center

What? Pumpkins decorated as "book characters"

Want to have some fun? Want to be creative? The
Media Center is sponsoring "Pumpkins on Parade."

Decide on a book character, and decorate a pumpkin to look like that
character.

You can use paint, cloth, accessories, and other items. The only thing
you cannot do is CARVE THE PUMPKIN! (They get smelly.)

Attach the name of your Pumpkin Pal and the name of the book. Bring
it to the media center on or after October 14th. Pumpkins can go home
October 25th.

Get creative, and have fun! Remember, please don't carve the
pumpkins!

Creatively yours,
Ms. Cramer and Mrs. Cassette

DCPS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS DAY

**WEAR
ORANGE ON
WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 16TH!!**

Let's help reduce truancy!



Mark your Calendars

- October 16th, Wednesday
Wear Orange—Attendance Awareness Day
- October 22nd, Tuesday
Red Elephant PTA Family Night
11am-9:30pm
- October 23rd, Wednesday
Early Dismissal
- October 25th, Friday
No School for Students
- October 21st-24th
Red Ribbon Week
- November 15th, Reflections
Entry Deadline

Don't let the phone blind you!

As many of you know the PTA began this year with a pledge not to text or talk while driving around the campus. At first glance it's hard to see the dangers, as we are all guilty of this at some point in our lives. In this day and time we are all looking for ways to multitask and making a few calls or texts while waiting to drop off and pick up the kids has become one of those ways. In the hustle and bustle of today's world we are all just trying to keep our heads above water.

Did you know that 60% of drivers use cell phones while driving? When sending or opening a text your eyes are off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds. That's plenty of time for a child to stumble into the road unseen! Please take a minute to read the statistics and see if that call or text is truly that important.

- Drivers that use cell phones are four times more likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves (NHTSA). Driving while distracted is a factor in 25% of police reported crashes.
- Five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. When travelling at 55mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field.
- Using a cell phone while driving, delays a driver's reactions as much as having a blood alcohol level at the legal limit of .08.



Box Tops



I hope everyone has had a great summer. It is that time of year again to start turning in all your Box Tops and Campbell's soup labels. Last year our school earned \$4,977.39 for submitting Box Tops. I hope to beat that number this year. Our first submission date will be November 1st so I'm asking for all Box Tops to be turned in to your child's teacher by October 21st. Please place all Box Tops and labels in a baggy and include your child and teacher's name on the baggy. You can also turn them in by the mini auditorium in the Box Top box. Please feel free to email me with any questions.

Rachael Ledesma
ledesmajax@att.net

Carline Signs are Here!

By now all families with an afternoon car rider have received a carline sign. The signs are dry erase so they can be used year after year, but, if you accidentally use a permanent marker on them, we have a list of tried and true methods for removing permanent ink from our fabulous Loretto teachers:

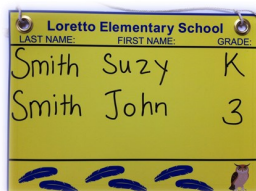
1. a small amount of soft scrub cleaner
2. rubbing alcohol
3. hair spray
4. writing over the permanent ink with a dry erase marker and then wiping off
5. baby wipes, and
6. sanitizing wipes.

Loretto PTA thanks the business partners (listed on back of sign) who made this practical, beautiful sign possible and, best of all, cost free to our families and Laura Watson for her hard work on this project.

Guidance Counselor Corner

Ideas to keep in mind:

1. Provide your child with a balance of scheduled activities and downtime. Afterschool activities can be beneficial in developing skills that will carry on through adulthood. These activities also offer valuable lessons on time management and prioritization. Over-commitment of afterschool activities can lead to stress and anxiety, exhaustion, limited family time, and poor school performance. Help balance afterschool activities with adequate time for schoolwork, rest, and time with family.
2. Be aware of what is going on with your child's schoolwork early on in the school year. This includes attending parent nights at school, checking your child's teachers' websites, reviewing your child's planner and homework, and having conversations with your child about upcoming tests and projects. Clearly communicate to your child that school is a priority over outside activities and time with friends.



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



Parents: please ask your children's teachers if they are still in need of classroom volunteers. We have many teachers who are still looking for Homeroom Parents, as well as Sunshine Math, Art Appreciation, Character in Action, and Where in the World Volunteers. Our wonderful Loretto teachers need you and being a classroom volunteer is an important and meaningful way contribute to our school. Please see below for a list of volunteer needs.

Media Center — Contact Mrs. Cramer at crameri@duvalschools.org

Art Appreciation — Contact Crystal Rogers at Lorettopicturelady@Gmail.com

Art — Contact Ms. Leon at leonn@duvalschools.org

Where in the World — Contact Gina Lacey at markandgina96@gmail.com

Campus Watch — Contact Ann Marie Shrader at annmarieshrader@yahoo.com
LorettoSafety@yahoo.com or sign up at <http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?lorettocampuswatch>

Sunshine Math — Contact Barb Kransi at kra6344@bellsouth.net



AR Store Donations

The AR store needs your gently used books (1st - 5th grade appropriate) and video games rated E (all systems) for the last AR store of the year. If you have any items you would like to donate, a collection bin is located in the library for drop offs. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



Volunteer Information

From DCPS:

To ensure the safety of our students, volunteers must complete an application and undergo a criminal background screening, free of charge, conducted by our department. Designated school staff will verify your clearance to volunteer at the school using our online process. DCPS is no longer using volunteer cards as a proof of clearance.

To become a volunteer click here:

[Apply to be a volunteer online](#)

Seeking Parents for Character in Action

Character in Action is a character education based program that highlights a specific character trait each month. PTA is looking for parent volunteers to go into the classroom to talk with the students 1-2 times a month (30 minute lessons) about the character trait of the month. Please sign up with your child's teacher. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Jennifer Harrison at yunkypunky13@yahoo.com.



Important Reminder for Volunteers

Volunteers, don't forget to log any hours spent volunteering at school in the volunteer log located in the main office. Keeping track of the hours spent documents our parent involvement. These hours spent represent the amount of work that could not have been completed without you. Hours spent at home completing tasks for teachers should also be logged.

The school can win an award for the most parent involvement. Lets win that award!

Volunteers help make Loretto a great school!

Thank You

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 The Great Estate (Estate Sales), 904-220-0610, brandiericketts@bellsouth.net

Characters in Action

We would like to recognize the Character in Action students of the month. Each month one student per class who best represents the character trait of the month is nominated by his/her teacher. The months of August and September are combined and the traits are respect/responsibility. The following students received a certificate and had their pictures taken with Mr. Begley. These photos are displayed on the Character in Action bulletin board located in the main hallway. Congratulations students and keep up the good work!

Fourth Grade

Naman G. Adi L.
 Presley T. Abigail G.
 Austin W. Taylor J.
 Ariana N. A.J. F.
 Jeremy K.
 Aiden W.
 Eden K.

Fifth Grade

Teagan A.
 Sarah Z.

Kindergarten

Dequan J.
 Michael H.
 Megan Q.
 Camden T.
 Ethan G.
 Layla W.
 Madison P.

First Grade

Lauren R.
 Aiden M.
 J.T. W.
 Dylan H.
 Patrick C.
 Tyler T.

Second Grade

Milani O.
 Cameron J.
 Riya N.
 Marina C.
 Ian H.
 Jordan C.

Third Grade

Lauren K.
 Sabrina B.
 Ryan T.
 Jacob O.
 Grace G.
 Taylor H.
 Cameryn R.
 Nicholas L.



October's Character Trait

Cooperation



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**LORETTO
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SCHOOL**

**For a Share Event
Tuesday, October 22nd**

*Stop by Red Elephant in Mandarin —
dine in or carry out – and tell your server
you are here to support Loretto Elementary
School. **15% of the Revenues** will be
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Dine-In or Take-Out: 11am-9:30pm!

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Reflections Art Contest



The PTA sponsored
2013-2014
Reflections Art Contest

Believe, Dream, Inspire

What is Reflections?

Reflections is an annual art contest where all students are offered the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition.

Who can participate?

All students are eligible to participate.

What can students do?

The students can choose from a variety of categories including: film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and visual arts (which includes art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage).

How can you participate?

In order to participate, follow these steps:

1. Print and complete the 2-page entry form attached on the next page.
2. On the web, please visit: <http://floridapta.org/programs/reflections>
 - Scroll down to the "Reflections Forms" in the column on the left
 - Click and read all rules on the category of your choice.
 - Be sure your artwork follows all the rules specified per category.
 - Submit your entry by November 15th to the ART ROOM.

Please note: Entry Forms and Rules will also be available in the Art Room

It's FUN! It's CREATIVE! It's REWARDING!

National PTA		National PTA Reflections® Program Student Entry Form	
everychild.onevoice®		2013-14 Theme: Believe, Dream, Inspire	
This form can be used by students entering a Local PTA Reflections program or for student winners to gather necessary information for completing the official Online Student Entry Process to advance to the next round in the National PTA Reflections Competition.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Grade: _____ Age: _____	Grade Division (Check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Primary (Preschool - Grade 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate (Grades 3-5) <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School (Grades 6-8) <input type="checkbox"/> High School (Grades 9-12) <input type="checkbox"/> Special Artist (All grades)	Arts Category (Check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Choreography <input type="checkbox"/> Film Production <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Music Composition <input type="checkbox"/> Photography <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts	
REQUIRED INFORMATION			
Student First Name: _____		Student Last Name: _____	
Parent/Guardian Name: _____			
Parent/Guardian Address: _____			
City: _____		State: _____ Zip: _____	
Parent/Guardian Email: _____		Parent/Guardian Phone: () _____	
I grant to PTA an irrevocable, unlimited license to display, copy, sublicense, publish, and create and sell derivative works from my work submitted for the Reflections Program. PTA is not responsible for lost or damaged works. Entries may not be returned. I understand that I must participate in the Reflections Program through a PTA/PTSA in good standing. I affirm that this is my own original work. I understand that the submission of my entry into the Reflections Program constitutes acceptance of the above conditions.			
Full signature of student _____		Signature of parent/legal guardian (necessary if child is under 18 years) _____	
LOCAL PTA INFO Check one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PTA <input type="checkbox"/> PTSA 8-digit PTA ID: 0 0 0 0 9 7 6 Local chair name: Cassia Brunner Official PTA/PTSA name: Loretto Elementary PTA PTA address: 3900 Loretto Road City: Jacksonville State: FL Zip: 32223 E-mail: loretopta@gmail.com Phone: (904) 260-5800			
Local PTA good standing status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Membership dues paid date: 09/16/13 Insurance paid date: 11/11/12 Bylaws approval date: 04/03/12 COUNTY: Duval			
(See back for arts category questions)			

Please click on the link below to print your entry form.

[Reflections Entry Form](#)

ARTS CATEGORY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS – Answer questions for the arts category relevant to your artwork submission.	
Title of Work (Required): _____	
Required Artist Statement: Explain how your work relates to the theme: (At least 10 words Max 100 words)	
Dance Choreography	
1. What is the title of the dance music? _____	
2. Who is the performing artist or musical group? _____	
3. Who is the composer? _____ Who wrote the lyrics? _____	
Film Production	
1. What is the brand and model of camera that you used? _____	
2. If you used editing software, what kind did you use? _____	
3. If you used background music, what is the title? _____	
4. Who is the performing artist or musical group? _____	
5. Who is the composer? _____ Who wrote the lyrics? _____	
6. List the names of the people who appeared in this film. _____	
Music Composition	
1. Are there singers/instrumentalists? If so, how many and what are their names? _____	
2. Are there instruments? If so, what instruments? _____	
3. If you used music composition software, what kind did you use? _____	
Photography	
1. What brand and model of camera did you use? _____	
2. What kind of process was used to prepare your photograph? _____	
3. Location of shot _____ Date of shot _____	
4. Dimensions of picture? L _____ x W _____ Dimensions with matting (no frames)? L _____ x W _____	
Visual Art	
1. Describe the medium or type of visual art you developed (e.g., crayons, collage, oil on canvas). _____	
2. Dimensions of picture? L _____ x W _____ Dimensions with matting (no frames)? L _____ x W _____	



PTA Reflections 2015-2016 THEME SEARCH
The Theme search is ON!
Will you be the one!?!?

Each fall, thousands of students submit concepts for a future Reflections theme to their State PTA organizations. Each State PTA will select five themes to submit to the National PTA for consideration in the 2015-16 National PTA Reflections theme contest.

If you are interested, here are the steps to apply:

1. Pick up the Theme Search application found in the *Main Office* at Loretto or online at <http://lorettopta.weebly.com>
2. Complete your application and make sure you & your parent/guardian signs it.
3. Mail your concept and your application to the Florida PTA in Orlando, FL by **November 15th. (ORIGINALS ONLY)**

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THANK YOU!

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Red Ribbon Week "Just Say No To Drugs"

Monday, October 21st — "Stick Together Against Drugs!!!"

(Wear your favorite sports team jersey or school t-shirt)

Tuesday, October 22nd — "Turn Your Back On Drugs!!!"

(Wear something backwards)

Wednesday, October 23rd — "Sock" it to drugs!!!"

(Wear crazy socks)

Thursday, October 24th — "Get "Red"dy to say NO to drugs!!!"

(Wear RED—as much as you can)



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1. Complete this application in full and return it to your Organization Rep at the address below. Please include a check or credit card payment for the full amount.
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Organization Rep: Angelina Reid Contact Number: 904.562.0606

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Current Membership # (if applicable)

Last Name First Name MI Sex ☐ F ☐ M

Mailing Address

City State ZIP Code

Phone # Market Code (BJ's use only)

Email

Driver's License # (Required for check-writing privileges) State

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