

Words of Wisdom



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PTA PRESIDENT

Loretto PTA

We are pleased to announce that your Loretto PTA received the "Large Elementary School of the Year" award at the DCCPTA awards luncheon. This is the second year in a row that your Loretto PTA has received this honor and we very much appreciate all of the hard work by our parent and teacher volunteers that made this possible. We would also like to congratulate Mrs. Tarabishi, our Teacher of the Year, and Mrs. Jenkins, our Staff Member of the Year, who were also honored at the luncheon.



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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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.



AR Store Coming Soon!

The AR store will be open May 27th through June 2nd (make-ups). Students can earn points to spend at the store AND toward their teacher's iPad mini raffle tickets until May 22nd.

The AR store needs volunteers!!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EABA62BA64-loretto1>

PTA Board

Are you interested in being a part of the PTA board? If you would like to be considered for any of the open positions, please contact Theresa Rogers at t_c_rogers@msn.com.



Mark your Calendars

- **May 16-23**
Spring Book Fair
- **May 26, Monday**
No School
- **May 27-29**
Play Days
- **May 27–June 2**
AR Store
- **May 30, Friday 6pm-9pm**
5th Grade Social
- **June 5, Thursday**
5th Grade Picnic & Awards
- **June 6, Friday**
12:00pm Dismissal
Last Day of School

Report Card Reward Reminders

Parents, please remember to use the reward coupons generously donated by these local businesses and business partners.

Tutti Frutti
Red Elephant
Golden Corral

Wendy's
Moe's
Adventure Landing

Sonic
Metro Diner
Gate Stores

Media Center News

Please turn in any past due library books at this time. Also, money is due for any lost library books. If you have lost a library book, please see Ms. Cramer or Mrs. Cassette.



Sales Tax Holiday

Dates: August 1 – 3, 2014

Covers: Items of clothing under \$100

School supplies under \$15

The first \$750 spent on a personal computer

YOUR LORETTO PTA AT WORK!

What has YOUR Loretto PTA been up to this year? Here's a brief overview of just some of what we were 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

AR Stores held in January and May

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, 4th and 5th grade talent show, and 2nd grade play "American Symbols"

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

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 bookfairs which supports the library and school

Coordinate Hearing and Vision screenings

Provide end of year incentive parties for participants in Sunshine Math and Where in the World Programs

Supplies for clinic as well as emergency kits for field trips

End of year awards and recognition for standout students in Sunshine Math, Accelerated Reader, Reflections, and Character in Action

Coordinate and finance 5th grade picnic and 5th grade social

Provide financial support for Symphony Under the Stars

Family Fit & Fun Day

Facilitate Teacher Appreciation Week activities and provide Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Provide financial support for Play Days



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 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!

May - Citizenship

Kindergarten

Dequan J.
Michael H.
Megan Q.
Nico R.
Isabella L.
Savannah G.
Nayelie P.

First Grade

Dylan H.
Matthew D.
Emma B.
Kaitlin W.
Lauren J.
Tyler T.
Alicia T.

Second Grade

Emma M.
Jaiden C.
Jazlynn F.
Korey R.
Taylor P.
Ian H.
Arianna V.
Wayne L.

Third Grade

Silvia P.
Parker W.
Taylor H.
Grace G.
Tyler M.
Nicholas P.
McKenna G.
Molly C.
Cullen C.

Fourth Grade

Alexis G.
Ravane G.
Presley T.
Brantley D.
Eden K.
Taylor B.
Charlotte R.
Sophia D.

Fifth Grade

Shelby K.
Simeon W.
Zoe C.
Parker B.

April – Self Control

Kindergarten

Paige T.
Maniyah Y.
Hailee W.
Milo H.
Julia A.
Weston S.

First Grade

Aoykunmi E.
Kate L.
Reagan W.
Lauren J.
Courtney A.
Lauren D.

Second Grade

Ben L.
Gaberilla R.
Michael L.
Emma P.
Isabella A.
Jacob W.
Chloe C.
Sabrina H.
Brandon P.

Third Grade

Ian N.
Klevisa G.
Teddy S.
Brittany H.
Dylan H.
Maddy F.
Bryce L.
Bailey P.

Fourth Grade

Lauren C.
Francesca C.
Eric G.
Shakira M.
Jordan R.
Julia A.
Devean K.

Fifth Grade

Erin S.
Hunter D.
Lauryn V.
Zachary W.

Congratulations!

**See you
next year!**



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



Attention parents and students:

You are cordially invited to:

The Fifth Grade Picnic

When: June 5th, 2014

What time: Immediately following the 5th grade awards ceremony (around 11:00 until 1:30)

Where: The back field

Menu: It will be a picnic style lunch. There will be Zaxby's chicken sandwiches and hot dogs plus other snacks. Snowballs will also be there and each 5th grade student will receive a ticket from their teacher for a snow cone. Additional snow cones can be purchased for \$2.00

What to wear: Students, please wear your Class t-shirt so you can have your classmates sign them.

Activities: There will be lots to do at the picnic.

Backyard Carnivals will be there and will be bringing a bungee cord challenge and a blow up obstacle course.

If you prefer your child not participate in either of these activities, please notify your homeroom teacher and your child will receive a wrist band that will prohibit his/her participation.

Reflections Art Contest

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Reflections Art Contest. All participants were honored at the PTA Annual Awards that were held on Thursday, May 22nd.

We are also excited to announce the theme for 2014-1015:

The world would be a better place if...

What is the Reflections Art Contest?

Thousands of students will reflect on the theme and create works of art in the categories of dance, photography, visual arts, literature, film production, and music composition. You can do it too!

This coming year's theme of "The world would be a better place if..." was submitted through the Reflections Theme Search Contest by Mercedes Messer of Puyallup, Washington. When asked what inspired her theme, Mercedes said,

"Our world, because I care about it and wanted to know other kids' ideas on how we could make it a better place."

Each fall, thousands of students submit concepts for a future Reflections theme to their State PTA organizations. Details will be *coming soon* on how you can submit your theme ideas!

So, get to work on those creations of art. Art contest rules and deadlines will be posted as soon as they are available.

It's Fun

It's Creative!

It's Rewarding!

2nd Annual "Success by Design" Family Conference

For Middle School Students and Their Families

"Aspire, Explore, Achieve"

Students, is planning for your future important?

Parents, is planning for your child's future a priority?

"What is high school going to be like?"

"How do we choose a program in high school?"

"What is college all about?"

"How do we pay for college?"

"How do I choose a career?"

Join a remarkable group of presenters, students, and parents as we address these and many other burning topics at this year's event. This is certain to be an exciting interactive experience for all!

Date: Friday, May 23, 2014
Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Location: Florida State College at Jacksonville
Downtown Campus
101 West State Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

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May

Success By Design
2nd Annual Family Conference

Parent Track information sessions include:

The College Choice Process
S@Y WH@T? A Parent's Guide to Internet Safety
How to Advocate for Your Child
Healthy Families: Physically, Emotionally, Socially and Financially

Student Track sessions will include:

Hot Jobs in the 21st Century
Straight From the Source - (college student Q&A panel)
"ESPY" - Emotionally, Socially and Physically YOU
"Generation Selfie" - Internet Safety
Steps to Success in Middle School
Keeping Your Act Together
Many DCPS Middle Schools will be busing their students to this event as a field trip (check with your school), but individual students and their parents are encouraged to attend and register via the link below.

Register online NOW at www.eventbrite.com
or Call (904) 390-2307 for more information.



Success By Design Family Conference

"Striving to provide opportunities for each and every student."

May 23, 2014
10:00am-3:00pm
Florida State College at
Jacksonville Downtown Campus
101 West State Street
Jacksonville FL 32202

Register online at www.eventbrite.com or
contact (904) 390-2307 for more details



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,
please contact Aimee Mallini at FDOE
850-245-0916
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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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