

Words of Wisdom



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Farewell from the Principal

Good afternoon parents and guardians,

I hope that this letter find you well. Each end of the year lends itself to the possibility of change. This year is no exception. I wanted you to hear it first from me, that I have been asked by the superintendent to lead Lake Shore Middle School as their new principal.

Although this is an emotional change for me because it is no secret to any that I love Loretto Elementary. I have given 100 percent of my time, energy and emotions into transforming our school into a top notch technology magnet. This is my sixth year here and we have been able to witness remarkable student growth academically as well as socially. This amazing school has amazing teachers, amazing children and amazing parents. It has been my pleasure to work for and with you for these past six years.

Please know that although I will always have a special place in my heart for this school's children, faculty and staff, this is a good move for me personally. As you know I was a middle/high school principal for 10 years before coming to Loretto. Now, the superintendent has challenged me to bring some of the wonderful things going on in our great school to the middle school arena. His (and my) hope is to lead that school creating the same parent-friendly, student-friendly successful atmosphere as we welcome here at Loretto.

With that said, your new principal beginning June 16th will be Kristie Kemp. She is currently the principal at San Jose Elementary. You will find her to be fantastic. She is not only a very, very good principal, she is my friend. I know that you will accept her and welcome her into your child's life because that shows the character of who you are as a Loretto family. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Again, please see this as a positive thing for Loretto and for me. Together we can make change great.

With much love and respect,
Chris Begley
Principal, Loretto Elementary

Stay Connected with the Loretto PTA

<http://lorettoppta.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!

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.

PTA President

Dear Loretto Families,

I am so honored to have been your PTA President for the past two years. I am bursting with pride as I look back and realize I've grown to love our Loretto community even more. I know the number of hours and the amount of people power it takes to bring to fruition the large number of programs Loretto PTA provides and I hope your children have benefited from these efforts. With this immeasurable volunteer support, things that almost seem impossible become reality.

I would like to share with you that with the money your PTA has left over after all expenses have been paid this year, we are having the picnic tables in the courtyard and 4th grade area refurbished as well as the benches outside of the art room. We are also purchasing USB microscopes for our school and a set of new speakers for every classroom.

Your Loretto PTA is the Duval County Large Elementary School PTA of the Year for the 2nd year in a row! This is an honor that speaks to what we accomplish when we do it together.

Thank you for all of your help and support these past two years!
Theresa Rogers
Loretto PTA President

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Mark your Calendars

- **June 6, Friday 11am-10pm**
Family Day at Tutti Frutti
- **June 6, Friday**
12:00pm Dismissal
Last Day of School

- **August 18, Monday**
First Day of the 2014-2015
School Year

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

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.

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

Thank You Scott Farrell

Campus Watch would like to thank Scott Farrell for his dedication and service this year helping to keep
our Loretto students safe at the back crosswalk. Thank you Scott!!

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 happening now)

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

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!
LET'S CELEBRATE!
THE SUMMER
STARTS HERE**



LORETTO FAMILY DAY

JUNE 6TH 11AM-10PM

Bring Friends & Family to Enjoy
a Variety of Fun Frozen Yogurt
Flavors and Toppings

20% of the Proceeds are
Donated to the **Loretto PTA!**

11701 San Jose Blvd Ste 7
(next to Winn Dixie) 904-647-6726

JOIN THE FUN

Redesigned Layout

- Free Wi-Fi
- XBOX
- Big Screen TV's
- Graffiti Wall
- Leather Couches
- Outside Seating
- Internet Music

PTA Night with the Suns



Jacksonville Suns vs.
Mobile BayBears



PTA night with the Jacksonville Suns is here!!!

Monday, June 9th, 2014 at 7:05 pm, the Suns will play the Tennessee Smokies.

All PTA members showing your PTA card when purchasing tickets, will receive **1/2 price tickets** at \$5.25 in our *Special Reserved Section*.

Children (ages 4-14) will get in for ONLY \$2.50 each.

PTA volunteers with 50 hours at their child's school

will get in for **FREE** with a verifying certificate and their PTA membership card.

PTAs/PTSAs that qualify for the **"Superintendent's Award"** will be recognized during the pre-game show.

Gates open at 6:00 p.m. and game time is at 7:05 p.m.

Monday the 9th is also *Belly Buster Monday!*

Pay \$10 for you all you can eat hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn, ice cream, and soda from 6-8 pm.

Be sure to bring your PTA membership cards and

ENJOY A FUN, FAMILY NIGHT OUT!

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!



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