

Robinson Littleton Elementary
is a Title One School

A Little Ton of News

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Encourage Your Children to Become Good Readers

There are a number of things which we, as parents, can do to encourage our children to become good readers. Getting children reading is about always finding new opportunities for them to read, or for you to read to them. One of the main reasons children don't read more is because they cannot find books they like to read. Help your children find books they love and you are on your way to getting your children reading more.

Motivate your children to read by setting up a reading log or trying a bingo reading activity. Help your children to really understand and engage with books, making connections with the characters, situations and settings. This will increase their enjoyment of books making it all the more likely that they will voluntarily pick up the next book.

Don't forget to be a good role model also by being seen to read yourself. And do continue to read aloud to your children. Up until the age of 13 or 14 years old children listen on a higher level than they can read. So when you read aloud to children below this age you can read stories with a level of complexity and interest which they would not be able to read on their own.


English

If you would like a verbal translation of this newsletter, please call 995-3800.

Spanish

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Scheduled Events February

Class Pictures (In Uniform)	2/3
Report Card Day	2/4
MWA Valentine's Dance 2:30-4:00pm	2/5
3rd Grade Music Parade 1:00pm	2/9
Jump Rope for Heart 	2/10 - 2/12
Valentines Day	2/14
President's Day School Closed	2/15
Water Safety During PE class	2/16-2/17
Picture Day (Out of uniform)	2/19
Black History Read-In	2/24
Interim Report Day	2/29

Transportation by Car

MORNING DROP OFF

Parents should use the driveway entrance on Littleton Road when dropping students off in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon. Please reserve Hutto Road for school bus traffic. To ensure student safety, there should be one single lane of traffic for student drop off.

AFTERNOON PICK UP

When picking up students, grades kindergarten, first and second will be located at the first covered area. Cars should wait in the curbside lane. Students in grades three, four and five will be at the second covered area. Cars are to wait in the center lane. Younger students with older siblings may wait in the older student area. There are only two lanes for student pick-up. It is extremely dangerous to form a third lane. Smooth traffic flow and student safety depend upon parent cooperation.

In order to pick-up your child, you must have your school provided Parent Pick-Up Card with each child's name written largely and clearly for school personnel to see. If you do not have a card, you must report to the office with ID to sign your child(ren) out. Cars may not be left unattended in front of the school. Please park in a parking space.



Golden Apple Teacher Finalist and Teacher of Distinction

Littleton Elementary is proud to announce that our Science teacher Mrs. Hassett is a finalist for the Golden Apple award and our Music teacher, Mrs. Donnell is a Teacher of Distinction.

Getting to School on Time

It is very important that your child be on time to class every day. The children may enter the classroom at 7:30 to start working on morning activities and the morning announcements begin at 7:45 am.

The instructional day starts at 7:55 a.m.

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Out-Of-Field Teachers

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. At present all teachers at Robinson Littleton Elementary are **fully certified** in the classroom.

However, the following faculty members are engaged in training to add the endorsement, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), to their certificates.

Heather Fitzpatrick Hazel Warfield-Koegel Rhonda Rowell Melanie Kayson

Student Assignment

2016-17

January 11 - April 1, 2016

Parents of **currently** enrolled students in Lee County Public School grades five, eight, and students in Pre-K attending Lee County Public Schools who are eligible for kindergarten for 2016/17, were mailed their child's personalized application on January 8, 2016. This is a very exciting time of year for students and parents as they plan for 2016-2017!

Those receiving the applications can save time by applying online! Please read the documents sent to you very carefully, and determine if you want to apply online, mail it back to us, or bring it to one of our offices in person. This is a ten-week application period. There is no need to stand in long lines the first few days since you have ten weeks to submit the application. All applications are processed as a group.

Parents of children who will be five on or before September 1st, 2016 and who are not enrolled in one of the district's Pre-K programs must visit one of our offices to register for kindergarten for the 2016/2017 school year (bring registration requirements). This should be done during the first application period (January 11 - April 1) to increase the chances of being assigned to your preferred school. Brand new students cannot apply online - they must be registered in person.

There are **no automatic assignments** - parents need to register incoming kindergartners even if they have an older sibling already attending the preferred school.

Please visit www.leeschools.net for registration requirements and Student Assignment Office locations.

These Simple Tips Can Help Children Do Better On Tests

- 1) **AVOID "CRAMMING."** Studies show that kids who jam all their studying into the night before the test remember only about one-fifth of what they've learned.
- 2) **TALK IT OUT.** Teach your child to repeat information out loud or have him/her write down information several times.
- 3) **GET ORGANIZED.** Help your child organize homework papers, quizzes, and other material that may be covered on the test.
- 4) **PRACTICE.** Try preparing a sample test covering the material.
- 5) **EAT A GOOD DINNER.** The night before testing make sure your child has a good nutritious meal and gets a good night's sleep.
- 6) **GET UP EARLY.** Be sure to allow plenty of time in the morning. A hurried child can't do their best.
- 7) **EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST.** Make sure your child has time to eat a nutritious breakfast.
- 8) **BOOST CONFIDENCE.** Let your child know you're proud of him/her and you know that the hard work will pay off.