



A Little Ton of News

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Scheduled Events January 2017

School Closed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	16
Report Card Day	19
100th Day of School	23
Math Night & Art Show 5:30 pm	26
Healthy Living Labs	30-31



Address Change

Please inform the school if your address or telephone numbers have changed. Address changes will need to be verified by a copy of your electric bill, mortgage or lease agreement. If you wish for your child to have a bus to the new address, the address must be changed before this will take place.

A New Beginning

The new year can be a time for starting over. If your child has had difficulty in school, the start of the new year may offer a chance to begin again. As a parent, if you haven't had an opportunity to be a part of your child's school life, the new year offers you the chance to do so.

Help your child think about one area in which he/she could do better in school. Then set a goal together such as bringing a math grade up, doing homework on time, or reading after school every day.

Help your child take steps to reach this goal and keep a chart or graph of how well he/she does. You'll be improving how well your child does in school and helping him/her feel better about self at the same time.

10 Things You Can Do To Be An Involved Parent

Listen to your child. Ask them about school and their school work.

Help your child practice good homework skills; turn off the TV.

Make sure your child eats and is well rested.

Call or email the teacher(s). Let him/her know you are interested in helping your child at home.

Ask questions of your child and the teacher(s).

Visit your child's classroom(s).

Attend PTC meetings, teacher conferences and special events at the school.

Volunteer at school if possible.

Love and praise your child everyday.

Read to/with your child every day and make reading time fun!

Commitment is the Character Education word for the month of January.

"People with goals succeed because they know where they are going"...Earl Nightingale

Success is the progressive accomplishment of worth goals. Success doesn't happen by accident. It happens by design. Living without goals is like going on a trip with no destination. If you don't know where you are going, you will probably never get there. The following are some of the benefits of setting goals:

Motivation. Goals give us a reason to start moving towards something.

Independence. Goals help us take charge of our lives and choose our paths, instead of following the crowd.

Destination. We are far more likely to get someplace when we know where we are going.

Meaning. Goals give us a sense of purpose and add meaning to our lives.

Enjoyment. How can you be bored when you have exciting things to do? Our lives become more fun.

Fulfillment. Goals help us reach our potential. Each successful step towards our goal builds confidence.

As parents, one of the greatest gifts we can give our children is to teach them how to turn dreams into goals by breaking them into reasonable steps that include time limits. For example my dream is to be rich. My goal is to earn a 3.5 average so that I can get into college. The second is easier to plan for and accomplish. Jack Canfield suggests putting a drawing of a football field on your refrigerator. Have the whole family put his/her names and his/her goals on paper footballs. When someone in the family accomplishes their goal move their football over the goal post. Celebrate as a family with time together. Everyone celebrating together encourages each family member to help each other reach their goals.

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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.

Breakfast times: 7:30 - 7:50 am.

If you drive your child to school, please see that he/she arrives in time to eat breakfast and be in class by 7:55 am.

Student Dismissal

For the safety of all students, each student will be sent home in his or her usual way unless a **written note** is received from the parent/guardian to the teacher. Please help avoid confusion at dismissal time by following this policy. Be sure to inform your child about transportation changes before he or she departs from home. Emergency telephone requests need to be made by 12:10 pm if the child is going home a different way. Students will not be dismissed at the classroom door. If you sign your child out of school early, you will have to wait in the front office.

Uniform policy

Please be reminded that students can wear a solid red, navy, or white shirt with a collar to school. For bottoms, students can wear khaki or navy blue. If you would like to purchase a uniform shirt with the school's logo on it, you may purchase it from the school store for \$4.50. *Quantities are limited.* As the weather becomes cooler, students may wear jackets or sweaters that either zip or button down the front. Shoes must be closed toe, closed heel, and have a rubber sole. Tennis shoes are preferred as they allow for maximum safety. Tennis shoes such as Heelys and Crocs are not permitted. Please be sure to read the Uniform Policy carefully.

Student Assignment 2017-18

January 23 – March 24, 2017

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 2017/18, will be mailed their child's personalized application on January 19, 2017. This is a very exciting time of year for students and parents as they plan for 2017-2018.

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 nine week application period. There is no need to stand in long lines the first few days since you have nine weeks to submit the application. All applications are processed as a group.

Parents of children who will be five on or before September 1, 2017 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 2017/2018 school year (bring registration requirements). This should be done during the first application period (January 23rd – March 24th) 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.

Lee County is home to Florida's top ranked virtual school. Lee Virtual Instruction Program is the only kindergarten through 12th grade public school in our area. This challenging virtual learning program follows the school district calendar. Students have access to many of the same courses as they would in a traditional school including Advance Placement (AP), Dual Enrollment (FGCU, FSW, FMTC and CCTC) along with the flexibility of a dynamic schedule. Students who complete the virtual course of study receive the same accredited diploma as any other public school. There are two application periods for LVIP. The first application period coincides with the Student Assignment's first application period. The second one begins the Monday after Thanksgiving for second semester enrollments and closes prior to final exam week of the first semester. Applying to LVIP does not affect your current School Choice assignment until the student completes orientation and enrollment in the LVIP program. Lee Virtual also offers a variety of summer courses for original credit. Visit Lee Virtual Instruction Program at <http://lvip.leeschools.net/>.