



# LEOPARD LEDGER

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## A Message from our Assistant Principal.... Dr. Gay

We're gearing up for our two-week winter break. Continue to keep up the school routine as much as possible so when we return Tuesday, January 4th, 2022, we'll be set to finish our last two quarters strong! Here are a few suggestions in keeping intellectually active during the break.

- Schedule at least 15 minutes of special time every day to listen to your child read.
- Visit your local satellite public library and/or to the local bookstore once each week and read a new book together. After you read each book, talk about how it is like other books you have read together.
- Encourage reading fluency by having your child read and reread familiar books. It can also be helpful to have your child read a short passage over several times while you record the time it takes. Children often enjoy seeing if they can improve their time from one reading to the next, and the repeated reading helps to establish a habit of fluent reading.
- Have him/her read a book to a younger sibling (or even to a pet), perhaps playing "teacher" and asking the brother or sister good questions as he reads.
- Have your child tell you a new word he has learned every single day. This word could be from a book he is reading, something you or the teacher said, or even a conversation that he heard at school. Talk about what it means then make up a sentence with the new word. If needed, use the dictionary to figure out what the word means. Play a game where each of you have to use the word in a sentence at least twice that day. Try to use the word again that week. Maybe add the words to a "my new vocabulary word list" and post it on the refrigerator.

### Upcoming Dates:

- Dec. 6th-** Early Release @ 12:55
- Dec. 8th-** Fundraiser Pick-up 1:00-5:30PM
- Dec. 9th-** Bahama Bucks Spirit Night
- Dec. 13th-17th-** Winter Wonderland Shoppe
- Dec. 13th-** NOT an Early Release Day Regular School Hours
- Dec. 13-** Holiday Colors Day: Wear red or green
- Dec. 14-** Flannel Day: Wear jeans and a flannel shirt.
- Dec 15-** Polar Express Day: Wear your PJ's
- Dec. 16-** Snuggle Up Day: Wear holiday socks and a holiday hat!
- Dec. 17-** Ugly Sweater Day: Wear an ugly holiday sweater
- Dec. 20-Jan. 3-** Winter Break
- Jan. 4th-** Students Return

## November was "Know your Vocabulary Knowvember!"

Vocabulary plays an important role in understanding mathematical concepts. Some vocabulary our mathematicians used last month were:

Addend, sum, factor, product, multiples, dividend, divisor, quotient, equation expression

### School T-Shirts

PTA will be selling T-shirts soon. Look for a form to pre-order shirts in your child's communication folder. T-shirts will be \$8 each. Our new design can be seen here on the right.



Sign up to receive the newsletters online through peachjar. Go to [www.peachjar.com](http://www.peachjar.com) and create an account.



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## PTA Winter Wonderland Shoppe

PTA will be hosting a Winter Wonderland Shoppe for children to buy gifts for all members of their family. Items range from \$1-\$20 with 70% of the items under \$6. The shopping dates are Dec. 13th-17th.

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## Bubbakoo's Bur-READ-os Read it to Eat it Project

Look in your child's communication folder for a Bubbakoo's Bur-READ-os Read it to Eat it card. Have your child read 5 books, write the titles on the card, and return the card to your child's teacher. Students will earn a free student meal from Bubbakoo's Burritos located in Plant City. 1701 S. Alexander St.

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## Media Center News from Mrs. Wenger @LopezLibrary

Thank you for your support with our Book Fair! We were able to raise close to \$1000 to purchase books for our library.

We want to keep our kids reading over the Winter Break. Have your child read on MyOn.com during the Break and they can win prizes from MyOn.

Also, we will have a Reading Challenge over the break. The top 20 students with the most minutes read will win a Pizza Party when we return from the break. Students can participate by reading books or using digital resources such as MyOn, or Axis360 at <https://sdhclope.axis360.baker-taylor.com>. Reading logs will be coming home so students can record their minutes over the break. Students can read and log their minutes using digital or print books.



## PTA Fundraiser Pick Up *Fundraising*

Fundraiser pick up will be **Wednesday, Dec. 8th from 1:00-5:30PM**. Please pull through the car line, and pick up items in the car circle to the right of the office entrance. All items must be picked up on this day. We do not have refrigerated storage. If you are unable to pick it up, please contact PTA at [LopezPTA@gmail.com](mailto:LopezPTA@gmail.com).

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## News from Student Services

The holidays are fast approaching, and we would like to get into the spirit with a "Holiday Spirit Week" the week before our break.

Monday, 12/13: Holiday Colors Day: Wear red or green.

Tuesday, 12/14: Flannel Day: Wear jeans and a flannel shirt.

Wednesday, 12/15: Polar Express Day: Wear your PJ's.

Thursday, 12/16: Ugly Sweater Day: Wear an ugly holiday sweater.

Friday, 12/17: Snuggle Up Day: Wear holiday socks and a holiday hat!



Echo is a local food pantry that was created to assist neighbors living in the Brandon and Riverview area, if you are in a crisis situation and in need of food, please visit the Brandon Legal Group Welcome Center for temporary help with nutritious food. It is located at 507 N Parsons Ave. (Monday-Friday, 9:00 – 1:00 and Tuesday evenings 5:00-7:00). You will need a current photo ID, original social security card, and proof of current address. For more information visit [www.echofl.org](http://www.echofl.org).

The holiday season can be especially difficult for those who have lost loved ones. LifePath Hospice is offering individual and grief support groups. There is also a Circle of Love Children's Grief Program providing support for young griever ages 4-18 and their families. For more information on this program, please contact Corinne Gaertner at 813-352-5483 or [GaertmerC@chaptershealth.org](mailto:GaertmerC@chaptershealth.org). For more information on individual grief counseling and adult groups, please call 813-877-2200.

We wish all of our families a joyful season and look forward to working with you all in the new year!