



LEOPARD LEDGER

Lopez Elementary

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A Message from Our Administration...

Time Spent Reading Makes a Difference! The following table shares the relationship among the time spent reading, the reading achievement level as measured on a standardized reading test given to a group of 5th graders, and the vocabulary acquisition of these same 5th graders.

Percentile Rank on Standardized Reading Test	Minutes of Independent Reading Outside of School Per Day	Estimated Exposure to the Number of Words
98	90.7	4,733,000
90	40.4	2,357,000
70	21.7	1,168,000
50	12.9	601,000
20	3.1	134,000
10	1.6	51,000

Source: Anderson, R., Wilson, P. & Fielding, L. (1988). "Growth in Reading and How Children Spend Their Time Outside of School." *Reading Research Quarterly*, Vol. 23: pp. 285-303.

Student Services News

March is here and spring is around the corner! Spring is the season for new beginnings. Plants start to bloom, animals awaken, and everything seems to come to life again. For the month of March, we will be focusing on the charter trait, cooperation, "working together to do more than you can do alone."

Third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be taking the Panorama Survey during this month. Students are asked to reflect on themselves and their school experience in general by taking 2 surveys. Their responses will help teachers and staff learn more about how we can best support them.

Let's take this time to start fresh, make changes where we need, and work together to make Lopez the best school ever! All students and staff are encouraged to participate in our Spring Spirit Week starting on Tuesday, March 8th.

Tuesday, March 8th— "Spring into your Future" Where are you headed? Put on a college t-shirt to show your school spirit.

Wednesday, March 9th— "Hats off to Spring" Wear a hat for spring. We are looking for creative ones!

Thursday, March 10th- -- "Flower Power" Everything is in bloom...including your clothes! Show off your floral prints today.

Friday, March 11th— "Dive into Break" Get ready for a fun-filled break by wearing tie dye and/or ocean themed clothes.



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Upcoming Dates:

Monday Early Release @ 12:55

Mar. 1st- Chick-Fil-A Night

Mar. 2nd- Dr. Seuss Day

Mar. 7th- No School

Mar. 8th- Wear a College Shirt

Mar. 9th- Wear a Hat

Mar. 10th- Wear floral print

Mar. 10th- Bahama Buck's Spirit Night/SAC Meeting

Mar. 11th- Wear tie die or ocean theme

March 14th-21st—Spring Break

Mar. 30th- Deadline to Order Year-books



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It's time to order your school yearbook! Go to www.treering.com/validate. Enter our school code 101327083301863. The yearbook price is \$15.99. You can customize two pages for FREE of your child that will only be printed in your book. Deadline to order is March 30, 2022.

PTA News

Help support our fifth grade graduation banquet by buying a Smencil. What is a Smencil? It is a colored fruit scented pencil. Smencils come in ten different yummy fruit flavors. Smencils will be on sale in the hallway before school and in the media center through-out the day.



FSA Testing

3rd, 4th, & 5th grade parents - FSA testing is just around the corner. Help your child be prepared for the test by learning about the format & question style by watching a power point on our school's website (www.hillsboroughschools.org/lopez). Please complete the survey at the end of the power point to help us serve you better.



Parents are you getting all the important information about what is happening at Lopez Elementary and in our school district? If you feel like you are out of the loop check out the posts on the Peachjar. There are two ways to sign up: 1. Go to www.peachjar.com and create an account or 2. Go to our school's website at <http://www.hillsboroughschools.org/lopez> and click on the Peachjar icon. Then follow the steps to create an account. So many different items are posted there from our monthly school newsletter to information from Hillsborough County schools. It is a great way to keep up and stay informed.

Media News

Just a reminder, students can check out **audiobooks** and **e-books** through Axis360. <https://sdhcllope.axis360.baker-taylor.com/> Student can check out up to 3 books at a time. Their lunch number is their library card id. Books are automatically returned after 10 days. Pick **HCPS Lopez** as the school.

We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday on Wednesday, March 2nd. Our nutrition services will be providing birthday cake during lunch for all our students to celebrate this special day.

Our second graders will be learning about fairy tales and the characteristics that make up a fairy tale. We will have a class competition, a Fairy Tale Bowl, on April 8th.

Lastly, our Spring Book Fair will be held April 22nd-29th. This is a fund raiser for our school library. All money raised is used to buy books for the library and reading incentives.

Mrs. Jauch's Math Angle

February-March is "I love Facts February". Students are encouraged to memorize their math facts to receive a treat! Students have a slip of paper with math facts to be quizzed at home.

