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Lopez Elementary

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Principal's Corner...

Great start to this very different new year. Please encourage your child to work hard so we can regain any lost academic skills due to being out of school for an extended period of time, with your help we can get them all back on track. All of the students in the building are doing a great job of social distancing while still interacting appropriately. Our E Learning students are getting more and more skilled at navigating Canvas and increasing their academics on a electronic platform, yes it is a different kind of school year. I hope everyone remains diligent so we can get through this as safely as possible. I can't wait until all of our students are in the building and I can give each one of them a real "high five" not a virtual one. Stay safe and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the office at 744-8000.

Michael Engle

A Message from our Assistant Principal....

Though we got off to a most unusual start this year, the NEW 2020 2021 SCHOOL IS OFF to an Enthusiastic Start! Our students and staff are back with that special enthusiasm and anticipation in making up for gains due to the Covid season that we're in. Students during our first four weeks have been cooperative with building those LEOPARD habits that lead to the academic success which is a priority at Lopez Elementary. Every staff member is encouraged to strive toward building the most positive culture for ALL... allow for LEARNING to thrive each and every day!

The week of September 21st marked our mid-way point for our first nine weeks. Teachers have sent home or have forwarded mid-term progress reports to communicate any concerns...though always feel free to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions and/or concerns. We ask that should you need to set up a conference with your child's teacher please arrange for an appointment via phone or email. In this time of electronic communication, the Zoom Platform is an easy and efficient method to conference with your child's teacher.

As always, we recognize our mission here at Lopez is that "We will be a Community of Teaching and Learning Excellence." With this in mind to be successful, we continue to reach out to our community, our families, in particular, to assist in making our mission successful. We wish to build that "partnership" that is desperately needed in being the effective school we want to be! We urge our families to support the high expectations, support our efforts of having your child(ren) here promptly each day, help us with maintaining the safe and orderly environment we strive to have, and communicate often with your child's teacher. All of these factors are said to be prevalent in effective schools. Thank you for "partnering" in our mission.

Kenneth Gay, Ed.D





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Upcoming Dates:

Early Release every Monday @ 12:55

10-9 PTA Fundraiser Kick-Off

10-26 Fundraiser due

10-16 Bahama Bucks Spirit Night

10-23 thru 10-30 Red Ribbon Week

10-28 Picture Retake

News from Student Services (Mrs. Ealey, Mrs. Kennedy, Ms. Lemp, & Ms. Pearson)

We would like to welcome back all of our leopards! It's so good to see you again. Students have really done an amazing job with wearing their masks and social distancing! Respecting and caring for one another is such a great way to start this school year.

It's so important to be at school (in-person and virtually) each and every day. If your child is not sick, please make sure he/she is here and on time. If for some reason your child does not have a mask, we have paper ones available at school and on the bus. Please let your child know that if he/she forgets a mask, one will be provided at school. We don't want children walking back home to get one.

We would also like to thank Fellowship Baptist Church in Seffner for their donation of school supplies and hand sanitizer. We are always in need of these items, and we greatly appreciate their generosity. The youth minister also shared that the church would like to help with other needs throughout the year (holiday assistance, additional supplies, etc.)

We are happy to say that we will be continuing with our Terrific Kid Celebration and character education program. The celebration will be a little different this year, but we will celebrate! Primary students will be recognized on the morning show on the last Wednesday of the month. Intermediate students will be recognized on the morning show on the last Thursday of the month, and eLearning students will be recognized during zoom. We feel that it is so important to recognize our students when they demonstrate these positive character traits and look forward to watching our students shine!

Media Center News from Mrs. Wenger



This week we will finish our library orientation and book checkout! Everyone should be bringing home a Lopez library book. Upon return, books are quarantined in the back room for 3 days before they are checked out again.

E-Learning students will have an opportunity to check out books through a hold system and curbside pick-up. Details will be coming home soon with this information.

Students can also read online at home at www.myon.com using their lunch number and password. A link is also available in Clever. MyOn has over 7,000 books. Students can choose to have the book read aloud or they can read it independently.

This month, join the District MyOn Reading Challenge. It will occur October 12th – November 3rd. Here's what you need to do:

*Be informed- Read all 5 books for your grade band. (Oct. 12th- Oct. 23rd) *Vote in Round 1- Vote for the book you liked best by Oct. 23rd

*Get Ready to Vote Again- Review the 2 books that received the most votes in your grade band during Round 1 of voting (between Oct. 26th- Nov. 3rd) *Vote in Round 2- Vote for the book you liked best from the 2 books you reviewed by Nov. 3rd.

The top readers in each grade band that read all 5 books for the district will receive a prize from MyOn.

We will also be awarding prizes to the top reader in each grade for our school.

Mrs. Jauch's Math Angle

We hope your math journey is off to a start of unparalleled proportions. Whether you are Elearning or brick and mortar, there are a couple of things you can do at home to increase your math knowledge:

- Practice math fact fluency.
- Use common household items at home for manipulatives/counters like cereal or Legos. If you like digital manipulatives try www.didax.com
- Practice measurement with rulers or measuring cups.
- Name and identify shapes at home. Discuss what attributes they have in common and how they are different.

Most importantly remember Mistakes Allow Thinking to Happen!

Title One News

The Title One Parent-School Compact will be coming home soon. Parents, please take time to read and sign this powerful agreement that states ways that we will work together to ensure the best education for our students. The compact is a Federal compliance requirement. The compact needs to be returned to the classroom teacher.

Patti Parker, Parent Liaison

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