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Lopez Elementary

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<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/lopez>

A Message from our Principal....

On behalf of the entire staff of Lopez Elementary, I would like to welcome you to the new school year with great expectations towards success for all of the students and staff at Lopez.

The first three weeks of school have flown by so quickly. It has been such a pleasure to see our students return and welcome many new students. I know that all of us are looking forward to a successful and productive school year. We have set high expectations for ourselves and our students this year hoping to achieve great success.

Just in three weeks I am already seeing so much learning taking place in our classrooms. Teachers are setting high expectations for all students and providing students with opportunities to be engaged in meaningful discussions. Our students are already starting to take ownership of their learning and use evidence to support their thinking.

As we navigate this unique challenging season, we want to thank you all for being so understanding and supportive with our COVID-19 protocols. Thank you for doing your part and keeping your children home when they're not feeling well and coming and picking them up when they need to Quarantine. I know this is not easy on you, but you choose each day to put the health of everyone first and I thank you for that. If you have any COVID-19 questions, please email our COVID Commander, Kelly Noel at Kelly.noel@hcps.net.

We have exceptional students, parents, caregivers, staff, and community members. We appreciate all that you do to help us achieve our goals!

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Upcoming Dates:

Early Release every Monday @ 12:55

Sept. 6 Labor Day No School

Sept. 9 SAC Meeting @3:00

Sept. 30 K, 1st, 3rd Health Screening



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Parents!!!! Very Important!!! Please complete the Free & Reduce lunch form online at:

www.hillsboroughschools.org/mealbenefits

This form is not only important for your child to receive lunch but it also important for funding for our school. Additional information will be coming home in your child's communication folder. If the application is approved, families may qualify for discounts on *Internet* services, and more. Scan the QR code or enter the website link above to submit an application.



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

It is said that parents have a strong positive influence on their child's reading...especially when we read TO them and WITH them! Research continues to support this idea. Just a few minutes each day can make a measurable difference in a child's basic reading skills. Take those everyday activities—such as a trip to the grocery store, hardware store, restaurant, ballpark, ...and turn them into enjoyable learning experiences. And don't forget that reading independently is important, too. Follow up with questions about what your child has read. So there you have it **TWI**...read TO them, WITH them, and find time for them to read **INDEPENDENTLY!**

Media Center News from Mrs. Wenger @LopezLibrary

Classes have been coming to the media center for library orientation and book check out. Did you know reading 20 minutes a day **exposes kids to a vast quantity of words (1.8 million in each school year, actually!)**? This exposure makes children more likely to score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. Here are just a few reminders regarding books that are checked out by students.

- Students should handle library books with care, since they are for everyone to share. Please keep books away from pets, food, and all liquids.
- Any book damage should be reported to the library as soon as possible so we can attempt repairs.
- Library books may be kept up to two weeks then must be returned. A book may be renewed (checked out again) if the student is not finished reading it. An overdue (late) book means a student cannot borrow another book until the overdue book is returned.
- If a book is lost or damaged beyond repair, payment toward a replacement will be requested from the parents. The lost book fee is \$10.
- If your family plans to move, please return all books before moving.

I hope your child will read and enjoy many books and grow academically this year! I look forward to getting to know your child this year!

All new this year..... black communication folders will go home every Wednesday with your child. This folder is where you will find flyers, monthly newsletters and communication from the teacher. Check the folder each week and return to school on Thursday. Using this folder, you will stay up to date and informed on what is going on at Lopez.



Parents, it's that time of year again to join the Lopez PTA. For just \$7.00 you can support the students and teachers of your child's school. By joining the local chapter of PTA you are also joining the Florida PTA. Florida PTA has many useful resources and tips to ensure a successful school career for your child. Our local Lopez PTA supports many projects & programs at our school like Reading counts, SLAM books for the classroom, Terrific Kids, student incentives, teacher grants, etc. Please consider joining PTA today. Membership information & money can be sent into your child's teacher.



Title I is the largest program of state funding in education, signed into law in 1965 by President Lyndon Johnson. President Johnson recognized the extremely difficult problem that children throughout the country were having with their reading and mathematics. In an effort to enhance student achievement, extra resources, materials and teachers are provided by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title I (ESEA). On December 2015, President Obama signed into law the Every Student Succeeds Act formerly known as No Child Left Behind (2001).

If your child is experiencing any of these symptoms please keep them home:

Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

