



LSES PTA eBlast

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PTA MEETING

The next PTA General Meeting will be held **Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.** Parents may go directly into the Multi-Purpose Room without signing in at the front office.

And don't forget, school spirit wear day is every Friday!

All Pro Dad is Back!

The PTA is excited to announce that the All Pro Dad program will return to Lithia Springs this Friday! The All Pro Dad's program offers guidance on how to protect and provide for your family. Both fathers and their children are invited to the monthly meetings. The first meeting will be held Friday at 7:15 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Parents will not have to sign in at the front office, but will have to remain in the meeting room at all times. Future meeting dates are listed below. We hope to see all our Lynx families there!

Future Meeting Dates

Jan. 14, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6

ALL
PRO
DAD

LUNCH DATES

It was so nice to see our LSES families on campus before the holiday break visiting their students at lunch. However, at this time, the school will temporarily pause lunch visits. Administration will open its doors for visits as soon as they can.

SCHOOL CLINIC

Donations would be appreciated for the school clinic. Nurse Hanley is in need of boys and girls underwear size 4T to kids 8-9. All donations must be new and can be dropped off in the front office.

EVENTS AND FOOD

Monday
STEAM Club

Tuesday
Moving Morning, K-1st

Wednesday
PTA General Meeting/STEAM Club/Moving Morning, 2nd-3rd

Thursday
STEAM Club/Moving Morning, 4th-5th

Friday
STEAM Club/Spirit Shirt/Hockey Club/ All Pro Dads

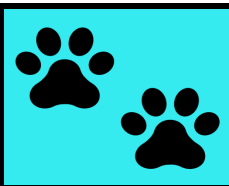
Monday: Cheese/Pepperoni Pizza, Rotini w/Meatballs, Broccoli, Cucumbers w/Ranch, Apple Slices

Tuesday: Macaroni & Cheese, BBQ Pork Cornbread Bowl, Baked Beans, Carrots w/Ranch

Wednesday: Cheeseburger, Sweet & Sour Chicken w/Yellow Rice, Broccoli, Fruitables Veggie Juice Box, Ocean Spray Craisins

Thursday: Cheese/Pepperoni Pizza, Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Peas & Carrots, Tomatoes w/Ranch, Assorted Canned Fruit

Friday: Chicken/Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Mini Cheese Calzones, Cauliflower, Carrots w/Ranch, Orange Slices



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GIRLS ON THE RUN

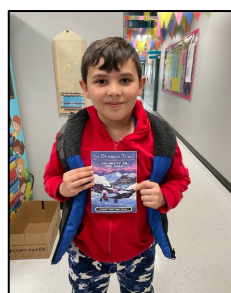
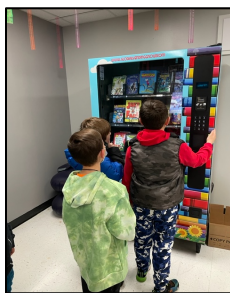
The **Girls on the Run** program will begin the week of Feb. 21. The program for girls will help increase their self-confidence, develop healthy relationships and feel good about themselves inside and out. The club will be at Lithia Springs on Wednesdays and Thursdays. **For more information and to register, scroll to page 7.**



New for 2022! LSES Art Teacher Ms. Reese will launch her Art Club next month! The club will meet weekly and be available to all students – Kindergarten thru 5th grade! This is the first time an Art Club has been offered in several years. The club will focus on several different art mediums, including painting, sculpture, drawing, sewing and more. The first session will be limited to 15 students and is themed Exploring Florida. Ms. Reese hopes to offer more sessions throughout the semester. The cost of the club is \$80 which will cover all your art supplies. **For more information, scroll to page 6. To register for the club, go to www.Mypaymentsplus.com.**

HOCKEY CLUB

Hockey Club begins Friday! Students who signed up for the club will meet from 2-3 p.m. Students need to be picked up in the Bus Loop no later than 3:15 p.m. The next practice will be Friday, Jan. 21.



5th Grade students with Perfect Attendance earned books from the LSES Book Machine last week!

OUR CHARACTER COUNTS

This month's character trait at LSES is Citizenship. Take the time to talk to your student about what makes a good citizen in their school, neighborhood and community. **Scroll to page 8** for more information and helpful ideas and books that explore being a good citizen!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 17 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School

Feb. 7 – Art Club Begins

Feb. 10 – Bingo Night @ Bullfrog Creek Brewing

Feb. 18 – Non-Student Day

Feb. 21 – President's Day, No School

Mar. 7 – Non-Student Day

Mar. 11 – End of 3rd Grading Period

Mar. 14-18 – Spring Break

Mar. 21 – Non-Student Day

April 15 – Non-Student Day

May 27 – Last Day of School – Students release 2.5 hours early





Staff Spotlight

Nicholas Bellantoni
PE Intern

Hello Lithia Springs Families,

My name is Nicholas Bellantoni, I am interning with Coach Nowakowski in your student's Physical Education class. I will be present at Lithia Springs Elementary for the next 7 weeks. I come from a family of teachers, so teaching became a goal of mine early in my life, and I have been working towards achieving this goal ever since. I am very grateful and excited for this opportunity to be able to learn and grow here at Lithia Springs.

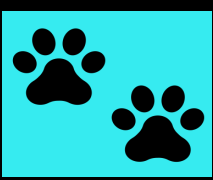
I am originally from Westchester New York, which is the suburbs right outside of New York City. I began following my dream of becoming a teacher in 2017 when I enrolled at the University of Tampa. This upcoming May, I will be graduating with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Physical Education (K-12). I am ecstatic about being able to have this opportunity to develop more as a future educator, and I am very excited to be working with your students during this journey.

Physical Education has always been a strong field of interest for me. I strongly believe that physical education class is the first step in creating a healthy and happy life for the students. This will be directly translated and shown throughout my lessons and time at Lithia Springs. I am thrilled for this opportunity and upcoming 7 weeks at Lithia Springs. I am truly thankful for the opportunity to be able to learn and grow as a future educator under such an amazing teacher. Coach Nowakowski has only surpassed all the amazing things I had heard about her before coming into this internship. I have already enjoyed my time meeting with your students and faculty members throughout my first week, and I am looking forward to a great 7 weeks.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bellantoni





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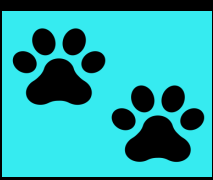
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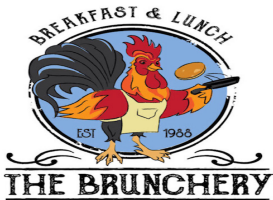


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Art Club

with Mrs. Reese

Open to Grades k-5
15 spots available

The Art club will meet in the Art room after school. I am offering three sessions. Each session will have a fun theme and each week we will explore different mediums. This may include, but subject to change, canvas painting, sewing, collage, sculpture, clay, drawing, printmaking...,and MORE!

Creating art is magical to children. It helps build their self confidence while they explore their individual creative sides. All this is done in such a positive and happy place!

The ART room,

Session 1

Exploring Florida

Grades K-2	Grades 3-5
Mondays	Wednesdays
1:00-2:30	2:00-3:30
February 7,14,23	February 9,16,23, March 2

Register & Payments @www.MypaymentsPlus.com

Price: \$80 per session

(please note that some Mondays we do not have school)

Funds will be used to purchase Art Club supplies!

Reminders



*pick up is the car line loop or attend the High5 afterschool program here at LSES

*A snack will be provided

*A confirmation notice will be sent home

Please contact me with any questions dawn.reese@hcps.net
Follow us on IG @creativeminiartists for daily art happenings.

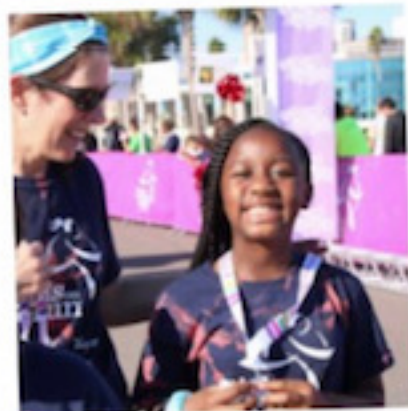
Mrs. Reese



Girls on the Run is for

EVERY *girl.*

Girls on the Run is a fun, effective and inclusive afterschool program designed to enhance girls' social, emotional and physical skills and behaviors to successfully navigate life experiences. Twice per week for 10 weeks, highly-trained volunteer coaches lead teams of 8-20 3rd - 5th grade girls through the program's intentional curriculum that creatively integrates running.



WHY IT MATTERS IT'S FUN. IT'S EFFECTIVE.

Participating in Girls on the Run transforms girls' lives by helping them increase their self-confidence, develop healthy relationships and feel good about themselves, inside and out.

LEARN MORE:



MORE THAN A RUNNING PROGRAM

Unlike other programs, Girls on the Run combines both social-emotional learning and physical activity.

The program fee includes:

- 20 interactive lessons led by trained GOTR Coaches, delivered in person following health and safety guidelines and physical distancing
- An engaging program journal for girls to connect with lesson themes
- A safe space where girls can connect, grow and learn with peers
- An official Girls on the Run t-shirt
- Healthy snacks, water bottles, etc.
- A celebratory end-of-season event
- Friendship, fun and lessons to last a lifetime!

2022 SPRING SEASON

WHEN: Wednesdays & Thursdays from 2:00 - 3:30 PM
Beginning the Week of February 21, 2022

WHERE: Lithia Springs Elementary School

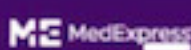
REGISTER: Online at www.gotrtpa.org or call (813) 832-2826 to register over the phone!

PROGRAM FEE: \$150; Financial Assistance Available!
If you have a need, you qualify!

QUESTIONS? We're here for you every step of the way!
Contact GOTR staff at (813) 832-2868 and/or darcyklempner@girlsontherun.org



"Thank you all so much for this program! I am already seeing my girl grow and develop new skills. I am so grateful for the work you're doing!" - **Melissa, GOTR Mom**



All About Citizenship

Parents,

Hello! Here at school, we have been very busy learning about citizenship- what it means and how we can be good citizens! Learning happens best when it is done both at school and at home. Below are many ways that you can help your child continue to learn about the theme of citizenship through reading about it, talking about it, and practicing it! We have really enjoyed exploring this topic at school, and I hope your family will enjoy it just as much!

Read About It!

Here are some books to help you learn more about citizenship:

- What If Everybody Did That?
by Ellen Javernick
- The Mitten Tree by Candace Christansen
- Woodrow For President by Peter Barnes

Practice It!

Together with your child, talk about what would make your neighborhood, family or community a better place. Choose something and do it together. You could make brownies for your neighbor, rake leaves, clean up a park, or any other ideas that you or your child have!

Talk About It!

Here are some discussion points to help you talk about citizenship with your child:

- What do you think citizenship means and why is it important?
- Tell me about someone who is a good citizen. What makes him or her a good citizen?
 - Do you think you are a good citizen? Why or why not?
 - What is something you could do to be a better citizen of your neighborhood? Of your school? Of your classroom?

Library Media Center



January 2022

STEAM Club

New session begins on January 10th

The slots filled extremely fast...the next sign up will OPEN
on Mypaymentsplus

on February 14th @ 7:00 am for Mondays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays, or Fridays

What day of the week does my child need to return their books?

Monday - Roberts & McGinley 1st Grade + Burken & Harris 2nd Grade

Tuesday- 2nd Grade-Hart, Bornstein, Ayres, Serota

Wednesday - 3rd Grade + Poulin 1st Grade

Thursday – 4th Grade + Hong 2nd Grade

Friday – 5th Grade + Stafford 1st Grade

*Kindergarten Library Storytime & Check Out on Jan 10-14, Jan 24-28 &
Feb 7-11, Feb 28-Mar 4 & Mar 22-25, Mar 28

Crusey (Mon), Kovalovich (Tues), Payton (Wed), Kanarek (Thurs), Depatie (Fri)

Need more time with a book? Direction below on how to Renew a book!

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1. Sign into Clever
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