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




OCTOBER  
PAW PRINTS



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Vision: Lutz K-8: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow  
Mission: Lutz K-8: Building Tomorrow's Leaders Through Responsibility, Effort, Attitude, and Leadership

<div><b>Fall Picture Re-Takes</b> If you missed Fall Picture Day, re-takes will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.</div> <div><b>NO Early Release Mondays</b> Please be aware that there will be no early release days through Monday, December 16, 2024. Dismissal will be at 2:10pm every Monday.</div> <div><b>Principal's Note</b>  Lutz Leopard Families,  We hope all our leopard families are doing well following Hurricane Milton. The first nine weeks will now end on Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will become available for elementary students on November 13<sup>th</sup>.  We will be hosting a hurricane drive to support families in the community impacted by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. The drive will run through November 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to students and families who help us help our community.  As we move into the second nine weeks, we want to remind families that school starts at 7:40 a.m. We are working to decrease the number of tardies and ensure students are in class ready to learn at the start of the school day. Thank you for your support in this matter. In addition, if dropping your student(s) off in the front parking lot in the morning, they must be escorted to the front of the school. Thank you for ensuring safety for all students.  Have a great rest of October and we look forward to getting back to normal here around our school.  Mr. Phillips Principal Lutz K-8 School</div> <td><div><b>Book Character Parade</b> Our book character parade will be on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 7:50 am. Students are invited to dress up like a favorite character from a book they have read and will carry the book with them during the parade. Please remember that the costume must depict a character from the book they have chosen and cannot be a spooky Halloween costume. Group costumes are allowed, and prizes will be awarded for the most creative, funniest, most realistic character and best group. Students will need to change into a school uniform after the parade. Families will be allowed to view the parade from the grassy area in Front of the School.</div><div><b>Down Syndrome Awareness Month</b> October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness and promoting acceptance for individuals with Down syndrome. This annual observance aims to educate the public about this genetic condition and celebrate the achievements and abilities of those who have it. We love you, Mason!</div><div><b>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</b> October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a global campaign to raise awareness and support for those affected by the disease.</div><div><b>Middle School Volleyball</b> Boys Volleyball Tryouts – Monday 10/21 2:20pm-3:30pm Girls Volleyball Tryouts – Wednesday 10/23 2:20pm-3:30pm Please contact Coach Smart or Coach Paul if you have any questions.</div><div><b>KONA ICE DAY</b> PE is doing a year-long fundraiser with Kona Ice. 25% of all sales will go directly back to our school. <b>Currently for Middle School only</b> Klassic \$4 / King \$5 Kowabunga \$6 (\$3 refill) / Color Changing \$6 (\$3 refill) Allergy Concerns? E-mail wesleychapel@kona-ice.com We are working on a plan to include elementary as well! 10/24 • 11/21 • 12/19 • 1/16 • 2/20 • 3/27 • 4/17 • 5/15</div></td> <td><div><b>Counselor's Corner</b> Lutz K-8 recognizes the importance of character and ensuring that our students can recognize their individual emotions, thoughts, feelings and values of themselves and others, and how this influences their behavior. Our character trait for October is <b>Respect</b>. We can show respect by being honest, polite, having a positive attitude, showing fairness, being a good listener and giving others our full attention. -Sarah W. Garcia (PK-5th Grades) -Stephanie Barnes (6th-8th Grades) <b>Great American Teach-In</b> The Great American Teach-In will be taking place on Thursday, November 21, 2024. Information will be sent home to families this month. Time slots for speakers fill up quickly! If you would like to sign up to be a guest speaker please contact school counselors. We hope to see you! <b>Elementary Counselor</b> – Sarah W. Garcia sarahw.garcia@hcps.net <b>Middle School Counselor</b> – Stephanie Barnes stephanie.barnes2@hcps.net</div><div><b>Hurricane Donation Drive – 10/21-11/01</b> The Lutz K-8 Junior Civitan Club is collecting items to help victims of the recent hurricanes. ← View the flyer here.</div><div><b>Hurricane Milton Resources, Steps &amp; Info</b> ← <b>Parent Apps</b> – Questions and answers ParentVUE, Canvas, KioskVUE &amp; Synergy.</div><div><b>Here Comes the Bus</b> – Download the App today to see the location of your child's school bus in real time. Instructions here→</div><div><b>← Yearbook</b> – Order your 2024-2025 yearbook now! <a href="http://www.yearbookordercenter.com">www.yearbookordercenter.com</a> Lutz K-8 – Job #24724</div><div><b>SHOUT OUT CORNER</b> A big THANK YOU to Laurie Ricketson and Pasco/New Tampa i9 Sports for donating a 2<sup>nd</sup> soccer goal to our school! 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