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WINTER PAW PRINTS



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 Home of the Leopards
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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*



Dismissal Changes

Please be aware that Monday, January 6 and Monday January 13th will be early release – 1:10pm.

Beginning January 17th –Lutz K-8's School Day will be from 7:40-2:15 everyday.

Note: Dismissal is at 2:15pm beginning Jan 17th

Principal's Note

Leopard families,

We hope everyone had a great Fall Break! Before we know it, it will be time for our Leopards to leave for Winter Break! We here at Lutz would like to take a moment to thank you for the commitment you have made to our students, school, and community as we continue through the school year. Without you and your collaborative efforts, we would not have the magnificent community of learners here at Lutz. This is a reminder to fifth grade families that the choice window closes 12/31/24. We hope all our families enjoy winter break! Students return to school on Monday, January 6th!

Just a gentle reminder that school begins for students at 7:40 A.M. If you happen to arrive at or after 7:40 A.M., the student(s) must be escorted to the office for student safety. This is to ensure students arrive at the school safely and can be signed in. Please do not let students out of the vehicle after 7:40 A.M. without parent escort. Report cards for the second nine weeks will be available for students in January. The end of the second nine weeks is 1/16/25 due to school closures. Report cards will be available online.

As you may be aware, the property in front of the school is up for rezoning. Thank you to the parents who have sent opposition information. The first rezoning meeting will be 12/16 at 6:00 P.M. at the Tampa Courthouse. Families can attend virtually to stand together voice our opposition to these changes as they would impact the school's safety and traffic. If you have any questions on this matter, please be sure to call the office. Thank you all for your support and advocacy.

Joshua Phillips
 Principal
 Lutz K-8 School

Coach Fulmer's STARS Miles Club

Starting in 2012, Coach Fulmer launched The Lutz Miles Club, a free program, to help our students get fit during recess. Grades Pre-K-5 are invited and will receive a *miles card* and can choose to walk or run during recess. This year, students will be running on the NEW track (THANK YOU PTSA for making this happen!) When students complete a 4-mile lap card they are rewarded with a token. The first prize is a necklace with a token charm of their choice on it. After that they will receive a different token of their choice for each card completed. The students will also receive a certificate and appear (by picture) on the morning show after every 20 miles completed.

Happy Running!!!



Jingle Bell Jog

December 16th–20th our elementary leopards (pre-k-5) will be participating in the "Jingle Bell Jog". Students will be learning the importance of warming-up and cooling-down when participating in physical activity. This event will be held during their Physical Education class. Pre-K has been added to the schedule. Students will walk, jog, or run around the new track and calculate their total distance completed. Students who complete the most laps from each grade level will receive an award on WKID. Please help us make sure your child is appropriately dressed for P.E. and wearing sneakers. Parents, you are welcome to come and run/walk or help mark lap cards during your child's class time. Please check with your child's homeroom teacher for correct jog times.

Yours in health and fitness,
 Amanda Fulmer
 Physical Education Specialist

PTSA Holiday Shop

The PTSA Holiday Shop will be open December 9th–13th Cash and Checks are accepted, as well as the Shop's online wallet. To purchase a gift card, please visit www.wonderland-gc.com and be sure to print the gift card image, which includes an important code number for your child to shop with.

Middle School Sports

Track Tryouts – December 16 & 18 – 2:10pm–3:00pm
 Soccer Tryouts – January – Date & Time TBD
 Check out the sports schedule on the Athletics Canvas page.

News from The Den

The Den at Lutz would like to give a huge shout out to the Lutz–Land O'Lakes Woman's Club for putting together 10 Thanksgiving food boxes for our Leopard families! Thank you so much for supporting our Leopards! Our Wishing Tree is also up in the front office where you can sponsor our students/families for the holidays. The deadline for the Wishing Tree is December 13th. Please contact our school if we can help your family this holiday season.

Winter Concert

The Winter Concert is Thursday, December 17th from 6pm–7pm on the covered court. Some of our 2nd–8th graders will be performing a variety of songs from around the world. Please feel free to bring a blanket and/or chair as there will be limited seating.

SLAM Showcase Projects

SLAM Showcase projects are due January 17, 2025. Project details are posted on the Lutz K8 website under the Resources – Media Center tab. Please e-mail Mrs. Davis if you have any questions.

College Day

Every Friday is College Day! Students and staff are invited to wear college gear to school.



← **Parent Apps** – Questions and answers on ParentVUE, Canvas & Synergy.

Here Comes the Bus – Download the App today to see the location of your child's school bus in real time. Instructions here→



← **Yearbook** – Order your 2024–2025 yearbook now! www.yearbookordercenter.com
 Lutz K-8 – Job #24724

KONA ICE DAY

PE is doing a year-long fundraiser with Kona Ice. 25% of all sales will go directly back to our school.

Currently for Middle School Students only
 Classic \$4 / King \$5

Kowabunga \$6 (\$3 refill) / Color Changing \$6 (\$3 refill)
 Allergy Concerns? E-mail wesleychapel@kona-ice.com
 12/19 • 1/16 • 2/20 • 3/27 • 4/17 • 5/15

SEE BACK FOR MORE!

12/2–12/6 Kindergarten Reading Star Testing
 12/3 Grades 4 & 5 FAST ELA
 12/3 Spirit Night @ Culvers
 12/3 M.S. Volleyball VS TB @ Turner Bartels 6pm
 12/4 Grades 4 & 5 FAST MATH
 12/5 Talent Show 6pm–7pm
 12/6 Progress Alerts Go Home
 12/6 November DEN Celebration – 1:10pm
 12/9–12/13 PTSA Holiday Shop (MPR)
 12/9–12/13 Kindergarten Math Star Testing
 12/9 Grades 1 & 2 STAR Reading Testing
 12/10 Grades 1 & 2 STAR Math Testing
 12/10 Kindergarten Field Trip to Straz
 12/11 All Pro Dad Elementary & MS 6:45am–7:30am
 12/11 Grade 3 FAST ELA
 12/12 Grade 3 FAST Math

12/13 Kg More Health Presentations
 12/13 3rd Grade Field Trip to Pin Chasers Armenia
 12/16–12/20 Jingle Bell Jog
 12/17 Middle School Fast ELA Testing
 12/17 Winter Chorus/Ensemble Performance 6–7pm
 12/18 Middle School Fast Math Testing
 12/18 SPIRIT Night at United Skates
 12/19 Class Holiday Party Day
 12/20 6–8 Grade Incentive / Last Day Before Break
 12/23–01/03 WINTER BREAK – No School
 1/6 Students and Staff Return from Break
 1/6 EARLY RELEASE DAY 1:10
 1/7–1/10 STEM Fair
 1/13 7th Grade Donut Fundraiser
 1/13 EARLY RELEASE DAY – 1:10pm
 1/14 6th Grade Health Screening

1/15 All Pro Dad Elementary Meeting – 6:45am–7:30am
 1/16 6th Grade Health Screening
 1/16 End of Second Nine Weeks
 1/17 December DEN Celebration 1:10pm
 1/17 Dismissal is now at 2:15pm – Monday thru Friday
 1/20 Martin Luther King Day – No School
 1/21 7th Grade Donut Fundraiser
 1/22 All Pro Dad M.S. Meeting 6:45am–7:30am
 1/22 PTSA 2nd General Meeting – 6:00pm
 1/23 Club & Specialty Picture Day
 1/23 Elementary & M.S. Report Cards Available
 1/24 Student of the Month Awards 7:15am–7:40am
 1/27–1/31 Celebrate Literacy Week
 1/27 7th Grade Donut Fundraiser
 1/31 PTSA Mardi Gras Festival – 5:00pm
 1/31 3rd Grade Firearm Safety

District Math Bowl

Congratulations to the following students for representing our school at the district Math Bowl! Way to go!

3rd Grade—Gold Category (3rd Overall)

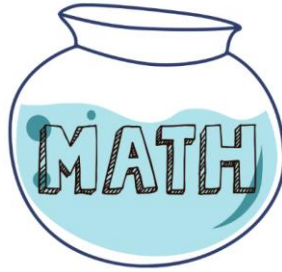
Helder DaConceicao
Cole Baldwin
Tucker Dietz
Jackson Edwards
Regan Ericsson

4th Grade—Silver Category

Wyatt Caron
Dylan Crook
Emogen Dodd
Audrey Powers
Emilio Gutierrez

5th Grade—Silver Category

Beckett Betz
David Gatzka
Paulo Gonzalez
Bentley Johnson
Jackson Martinez



Science Olympics

Congratulations to the following students for winning their grade level Science Olympics event. They represented our school at the district competition at MOSI on November 2nd. Way to go!

Kg – Cup Skyscrapers Maverick McCoy & Apollo Boyd

1st – Aqua Foils – Lucille Ricketson

2nd – Paper Airplanes – Pedro Maysonet-Lugo

3rd – Wind Racers – Adrian Gonzalez Diaz & Ryan Reed

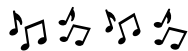
4th – Marshmallow Flyers – Wyatt Caron, Oliver Wilson and Emma Hautsch

5th – Marble Coasters – Austin Betz & Lucas Nolan



Young Songwriters

Two of our very own students, Elizabeth Musial and Liliana Mills, will be performing at Sparkman Wharf on Saturday December 7th at 1pm! Way to go, YOU ROCK!



Reminders:

- Please make sure your child's name is written on jackets, water bottles and lunch boxes. Items with no name that are not claimed are donated. We had over 30 jackets, 20 water bottles and 5 lunch boxes donated from the 1st nine weeks.

Lutz K-8 has a Facebook page!

