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# APRIL PAW PRINTS



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**Lutz K-8 School**  
 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*

## Principal's Note

Lutz Leopards,

Thank you for your support as we begin our spring end of the year testing season. Please monitor the testing calendar sent home to all families regarding testing dates. We know all our Leopards will do their best! As we prepare for testing, we want to be sure students arrive on time at school, get a good night's sleep, and eat a good breakfast. We have April and May testing dates and if you have questions regarding testing, please contact your child's teacher or Mr. Alwood and Ms. Truman. This is a reminder that school starts for students at 7:40 A.M. We thank you for your support in ensuring that students arrive at school by 7:40 A.M. and are in class ready to learn. It is hard to believe we are already in the fourth quarter of the 2024-2025 school year! We are looking forward to all our end-of-the-year events with our Leopard students. Join us for STEAM night 4/10/25 from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. for a fun-filled night of family and student activities. Thanks for all you do, and we are excited for what the remainder of the year will bring!

Mr. Phillips  
 Principal  
 Lutz K-8 School

## College Day

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

## Yearbook News

Don't miss a memory! Your last chance to order the 2024-2025 Lutz K-8 Yearbook is April 18<sup>th</sup>. The current yearbook cost is \$45. Job #24724  
<https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/index.cfm/job/24724>

## Middle School Social

The Middle School Social is scheduled for Friday, April 4, 2025, from 2:30pm-4:30pm in the MPR. Permission Slips due April 2, 2025!

## Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance

The Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance is on Friday, April 25 from 6pm-8pm. This is for Lutz K-8 Students only. Be on the lookout for additional information!

## Book Fair

The Book Fair is returning! Students will be able to preview Thursday 4/3 and Friday 4/4. Book Fair sales will be 4/7 through 4/11. Be on the lookout for more information on volunteering and setting up e-wallet or visit the school website for the link!

## Autism Acceptance Month

April is Autism Acceptance Month. This recognition raises awareness about autism acceptance and promotes inclusion and connectedness for people with autism.

## End of Year Testing

The April & May Testing Schedule is attached. It is very important that students are present and arrive on time on testing days.

## Young Athletes Special Olympics

Please join us for our annual Young Athlete Event at 8am on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Our athletes will be cheered on by our school as they parade to the event location to perform.



## Counselor's Corner

The Leader of the Month characteristic we are recognizing in April is **Determination**. As we approach the final couple months of school, it is important to encourage your students to get a good night's rest and breakfast in the morning.



## Thank you, Volunteers!

Volunteers freely give their time, talents, and donations for a specific task. We are extremely grateful for the parents and members of our community who have stepped up to embrace any task on campus that was needed. Thank you, Lutz K8 Volunteers!

## Robotics Competition

Congratulations to each fourth and fifth grade team from Lutz K-8 that participated in the Robotics Competition at MOSI Education Center. They took home plenty of Gold, Silver & Bronze medals along with special awards. A big thank you to their coaches, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Baldwin & Mrs. Young. Way to go!



← **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! Lutz K-8 – Job #24724  
[www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com)

April 1 Grades 4-8 FAST Writing  
 April 2 M.S. Football vs Buchanan @ Gaither 6pm  
 April 2 World Autism Day  
 April 3 PTSA Spirit Night – Chick Fil A  
 April 3 Kindergarten Field Trip – Aquarium  
 April 3 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Zoo Tampa  
 April 4 March DEN Celebration 1:10pm – wear your DEN shirt  
 April 4 Middle School Social 2:15pm-4:30pm  
 Apr 7-Apr 11 Assistant Principal Appreciation Week  
 Apr 7-Apr 11 Book Fair  
 Apr 7-Apr 11 Elementary Specials Testing  
 April 8 8<sup>th</sup> Grade PSAT  
 April 9 All Pro Dad Elementary & M.S. Meeting 7am  
 April 9 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to United Skates  
 April 10 STEAM Night 5:30pm-7:30pm  
 April 10 M.S. Football vs Maniscalco @ Gaither 6pm  
 April 15 Elementary & M.S. Report Cards Available Online

April 16 M.S. Football vs Liberty @ Gaither 6pm  
 April 16 NJHS & NEHS Induction Ceremony 6pm-7pm MPR  
 April 16 Young Athlete's Event 8am  
 April 17 M.S. Kona Ice Day  
 April 17 Progress Alerts Go Home  
 April 17 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Zoo Tampa  
 April 18 No School – Non-Student Day  
 April 18 Last Day to Order School Yearbook  
 Apr 21-Apr 25 Secretary Appreciation Week  
 April 21 M.S. Football vs Benito @ Wharton 6pm  
 April 23 8<sup>th</sup> Grade AVID & Theatre to USF  
 April 23 Pre-K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade to Tampa Theatre  
 April 24 Conference Night 3:30pm-6pm  
 April 25 Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance 6pm-8pm Covered Court  
 April 25 Student of the Month Celebration 7:15am MPR  
 April 28 M.S. Football vs Turner Bartels @ Turner Bartels 6pm  
 April 28 Kindergarten STAR MATH Testing Begins

| Monday                                       | Tuesday                         | Wednesday                   | Thursday                              | Friday                    | Saturday | Sunday |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--------|
|  | 1<br>Grades 4-8<br>FAST Writing | 2                           | 3<br>Kinder - Aquarium<br>2nd - Zoo   | 4<br>1:10 Den Celebration | 5        | 6      |
| 7<br>Elementary Specials<br>Testing 4/7-4/11 | 8                               | 9                           | 10<br>5:30-7:30pm STEAM NIGHT         | 11                        | 12       | 13     |
| 14   | 15                              | 16<br>8:00am Young Athletes | 17<br>3rd - Zoo                       | 18                        | 19       | 20     |
| 21<br>Kinder STAR ELA<br>4/21-4/25           | 22                              | 23<br>1st - Tampa Theatre   | 24<br>3:30-6:00pm<br>Conference Night | 25<br>6:00pm PK-5 Dance   | 26       | 27     |
| 28<br>Kinder STAR MATH<br>4/28-5/2           | 29                              | 30                          |                                       |                           |          |        |

**MAY**  
2025

| SUNDAY | MONDAY                      | TUESDAY                                    | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY |
|--------|-----------------------------|--|--|---|--|----------|
|        |                             |  |  | 1<br>6-8 FAST ELA   | 2  | 3        |
| 4      | 5<br>IREADY WINDOW<br>OPENS | 6<br>GRADE 3 FAST ELA                      | 7<br>GRADES 1 & 2<br>STAR ELA                      | 8<br>GRADE 3 FAST<br>MATH<br>6-8 FAST MATH                        | 9<br>8TH GRADE DANCE<br>5:30-8:00PM                                      | 10       |
| 11     | 12                          | 13<br>GRADES 4 & 5<br>FAST ELA             | 14<br>GRADE 8 SCIENCE<br>GRADES 1 & 2<br>STAR MATH | 15<br>GRADES 4 & 5<br>FAST MATH                                   | 16<br>5TH FLYING SQUIRREL  | 17       |
| 18     | 19                          | 20<br>GRADE 3 & 4 EOY<br>SCIENCE<br>CIVICS | 21<br>GRADE 5 SCIENCE<br>ALGEBRA                   | 22  | 23<br>IREADY WINDOW<br>CLOSES  | 24       |
| 25     | 26<br>NO SCHOOL             | 27   | 28<br>1:10 FINAL DEN<br>CELEBRATION                | 29<br>12:30 8TH GRADE<br>CLAPOUT<br>12:45 8TH GRADE CAR<br>PARADE | 30<br>LAST DAY OF<br>SCHOOL!!!<br>8:30 SENIOR CLAPOUT<br>11:40 DISMISSAL | 31       |
|        |                             |  |  |   |  |          |