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JANUARY 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*



Principal's Note

Leopard families,

We hope all our families enjoyed their winter break with friends and family and the time off from school. We are so excited to have all our Lutz Leopards back at school as we begin the second half of the school year.

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 the coming weeks. Elementary report cards are available January 24th and middle school report cards are available January 25th. Report cards will be available online.

Junior Civitan is hosting a pet supply drive this month to benefit local agencies. Students can receive DEN points for donating. Thank you for supporting Lutz K-8!

Mr. Phillips
Principal
Lutz K-8 School



Jingle Bell Jog Results

The Jingle Bell Jog was a great success thanks to Lutz students, families, and staff. The students ran 8,480 laps, which equals 1,696 miles. Below are the results for the top girl and boy runners from each grade level. They received an award, and their picture was on our morning show.

Way to go, Leopards! 😊

Coach Fulmer

Physical Education Specialist

Kg Emerie Wheelahan & Dylan Schuyler

1st Cassidy Patrick, Alycia Crane & Carter Kelley

2nd Teagan Murphy & Tucker Dietz

3rd Gabriella Bernardino & Grayson Raposa

4th Lucy Pelham, Weston Scicchitano & Austin Betz

5th Zoey Giehl & Colton Patrick

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Middle School Soccer Tryouts

Boys and Girls M.S. Soccer Tryouts will be held on Monday January 22, 2024, from 1:15pm-3:00pm.

No School Monday, January 15th

School will be closed Monday, January 15th (Non-Student Day) in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Picture Day Wednesday, Jan 31st

Individual Spring Photos - Information on how to order will be sent home with students. This is a Non-Uniform Day - Students must follow Hillsborough County dress code.



Early Release Monday's

Please be aware that EVERY MONDAY is an early release day. Elementary and Middle School students dismiss at 1:10pm. Please make sure your child is picked up at the appropriate time.

Lost and Found

Please make sure your child's name is written on outerwear and water cups. If not claimed, lost & found items will be donated. Please remind your child to stop by the guidance office to check for their missing items.

From the Clinic

Please make sure your child is packing clothes for all types of accidents. Medication is to be administered in the clinic accompanied by doctor's orders. If your child is sick, please keep them at home. Make sure your child's emergency card has the most current phone numbers. The updated numbers must be made in person in the front office by the person who signed the card.



Jan 8 Students and Staff Return from Break
Jan 8-26 Junior Civitan Pet Supply Drive
Jan 10 3rd-8th Testing - FAST Reading
Jan 11 1st-2nd Testing - STAR Reading
Jan 12 1st-2nd Testing - STAR Math
Jan 12 DEN PEP RALLY - Wear your DEN shirt
Jan 15 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 16 2nd Grade Field trip to Straz Center
Jan 16-26 AVID, NJHS & FBLA Fundraiser
Jan 17 3rd-8th Testing - FAST Math
Jan 22 Boys and Girls M.S. Soccer Tryouts 1:15pm-3:00pm
Jan 23 Celebrate Literacy Week - wear your favorite crazy socks

Important
Dates

Jan 23 Theater Students to the Straz Center
Jan 23 5th Grade Testing - Science midyear
Jan 24 2nd PTSA General Meeting/Family Night - 6-7pm in the cafeteria
Jan 24 Grades 3-5 Honor Roll & Principal Honor Roll Celebration - 7:15-7:50am MPR
Jan 25 Celebrate Literacy Week - Design a hat from your favorite book/character
Jan 25 4th-5th Testing - Writing midyear
Jan 26 Celebrate Literacy Week - Flashlight Friday - bring in a flashlight for reading
Jan 26 PAW Pride Event
Jan 26 Middle School Honor Roll & Principal Honor Roll Celebrations - MPR
Jan 31 Spring Individual Picture Day
Feb 2 DEN PEP RALLY - Wear your DEN shirt