LSES PTA Newsletter
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WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday: Crispy/Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Sweet Kernel Corn, Fruit Cup, Veggies w/Ranch
Tuesday: Chicken Bites/Buffalo Chicken Chunks, Meatball & Marinara Sub, Cheez It Cheddar Crackers, Fruit Cup, Roasted Wedges
Wednesday: Cheeseburger, Blueberry Crisp, Fruit Cup, Veggies w/Ranch
Thursday: Cheese/Pepperoni Pizza or Mac N Cheese, Fruit Cup, Steamed Broccoli, Salad
Friday: Hot Dog, Stadium Wild Wings, Fruit Cup, Veggies w/Ranch

Monday: Early Release
Tuesday:
Wednesday: STEAM Club, 2 p.m.
Thursday: STEAM Club, 2 p.m./PTA Bingo @ Bullfrog Creek Brewing Company / Spirit Night @ Rosati’s Chicago Pizza
Friday: Raise the Flag; Wear Your Bucs Gear

LSES FUNdraisers:
Cookie-Grams & BINGO

This week PTA is hosting TWO LSES Fundraisers!
This Thursday (Feb. 4) is Bingo Night at Bullfrog Creek Brewing Company. The cost is $20 for five rounds of Bingo, a 50/50 raffle and a chance to win a set of Walt Disney World tickets! ALL proceeds will go to LSES PTA.

Bingo cards are available for purchase at 6:30 p.m. Games will start shortly after. You don’t want to miss it!

Also kicking off this week is the PTA Cookie-Gram sale! PTA is partnering with A Batch Made in Heaven – Cookies by Caitlin again for Valentine’s Day. Each Cookie-Gram includes a wrapped and decorated mini-cookie with a coordinating card for $2.50. They will be delivered to your student on Feb. 11 or available for pickup that same day from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. and 3 - 4 p.m. Scroll to page 5 for more information. Click here to order by Feb. 8.

Congratulations to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers — this season’s NFC Champions! Let’s Raise the Flag Friday and wear our Bucs gear to support their Superbowl run!!!

SPIRIT NIGHTS

Two Spirit Nights are planned this month! Proceeds from each event will go to the LSES PTA. Be sure to let them know you are a LSES family.

Rosati’s Chicago Pizza
Thurs., Feb. 4
Open to Close
10% of sales donation

Chili’s - Lithia Pinecrest
Wed., Feb. 10
11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
TO GO ORDERS ONLY
15% of sales donation
Hello Lithia Springs! My name is Kevin Martin, and I have been the very proud principal of Lithia Springs since 2016. I was the Assistant Principal for five years prior to that after roughly 10 years in the classroom teaching mostly 4th, 5th or 6th grade math and science. My career began in Norcross, GA before relocating to the Tampa Bay area. In Florida, teaching is something of a second career for me, I was a systems administrator for Raymond James Financial before I returned to teaching right after 9/11. I grew up in Connecticut and attended college in Boston and Connecticut. My wife, Kim and I have two college-age kids, Cuyler and Ashlyn. They are both working toward their degrees. Outside of school, my wife and I love to try new restaurants, go to Lightning games and work on projects around the house.

While this year has been by far the most challenging experience in my 20-year educational career, I could not be more proud of the job our teachers and students are doing. With the continued support of our families and community, I know we will continue to see great things from our kids!

PTA will hold its next General Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 11 a.m. The meeting will be held via ZOOM. A link will be provided to join soon. Hope to see you all there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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BOOK NOOK

FLY GUY Series
Donovan, a first-grader at LSES, says his favorite book series is Fly Guy. The books are based on a boy, his pet fly and their adventures.

Email your favorite book to Lorib95@Hotmail.com. Tell us your name, grade, and why you love the book. We will run the list of books in the last issue of the eBlast for a start to your summer reading list!

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

The American Heart Association’s Kids Heart Challenge event will be held on Thursday, Feb. 11. Donations collected will earn LSES PE equipment and fun prizes for your student. In 2018-19, LSES raised $4,650 and saved 93 lives. Scroll to pages 6-7 for more information. Donations are due Feb. 11.

With the help of your support, PTA was able to gift a treat bag last week to all teachers. They each received a box of wipes, a bottle of lotion, and a Panera muffin.
PTA BINGO NIGHT
ALL proceeds go to Lithia Springs Elementary School PTA

Lithia Springs Elementary PTA

BINGO NIGHT

Thursday, February 4th
at
BULLFROG CREEK BREWING CO.

GREAT PRIZES!

Bingo cards available for purchase at 6:30. Games start shortly after.

- 5 games for $20
- Thank you to our sponsors: Cardinal Roofing, Clark Air Services, Hi-Tech Automotive for your prize donations.
COOKIES - GRAMS!

5 Designs to Choose From:

Cookie-Grams are available for delivery to brick and mortar students, teachers and staff and will be delivered on 2/11/2021. They can be personalized or left blank to give to family, friends, and neighbors. Pick up times will also be available for e-learners and non-Lithia Springs Elementary families at times listed below. Choose from these 5 designs. Each Cookie-Gram includes wrapped and decorated mini-cookie with coordinating card. $2.50/each.

Or Choose a Bucket O’ Love!

Bucket O’ Love includes one dozen decorated mini-cookies in matching bucket! Cost - $12.

Cookies not being delivered MUST be picked up on Thursday, February 11th from 8:30-9:30 a.m. or 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Lithia Springs Elem. Parking Lot.

Thank you for your support! A portion of all sales will be donated to LSES PTA.

Ingredients: Enriched flour (Bleached wheat flour, malted barley flour, niacin, iron, thiamin, mononitrate, riboflavin, and folic acid), sugar, powdered sugar, butter (milk), meringue powder (corn starch, egg whites, sugar, gum Arabic, calcium sulphate, citric acid, potassium acid tartrate, artificial flavor, and silicon dioxide), vanilla extract, eggs, salt, and baking powder.

Order by Monday, February 8th online at

https://lithiaspringsvalrico.new.memberhub.store/store
Kids Heart Challenge

Lithia Springs Elementary

Get ready for Kids Heart Challenge!

It’s time for the Kids Heart Challenge! Did you know that heart disease is the leading cause of death for all Americans, and up to 80% of it may be preventable through lifestyle changes? Kids Heart Challenge is a service-learning program that will teach your child the importance of heart-healthy habits, share inspirational stories of children who have been touched by heart disease and help raise life saving funds for the American Heart Association.

Here’s how it works:

- Your child has received his or her fundraising envelope. Start by setting up a personal fundraising page—easy directions are on the back of this letter.
- Ask family and friends if they’d like to donate. Not sure what to say? Your child can use the simple script on the collection envelope.
- Encourage your child to be active and have fun during this great event!

As part of Kids Heart Challenge, your child will choose a healthy challenge and share lifesaving tips. There is even a parent corner with tips on keeping your children healthy at home! Our school can earn money for PE equipment and your child earns fun prizes that encourage him or her to keep up the good work for heart health. And that’s something to jump up and down about!

Important information for our event:
We’re kicking off the week of Jan 25 and all donations should be turned in by Feb 12! The top classroom teacher will receive a $25 Amazon Gift Card! Help our teacher be #1! Thank you for your support!

Sincerely
Coach Nowakowsky
Help your child set up a personal fundraising page. They will earn a fun wristband just for registering online!

Here's what to do:
- Download the Kids Heart Challenge app or go to heart.org/khc to find our school and register. (Image 1).
- Select whether you're a new or returning participant. If you're new, fill out the form to set up your account. If you're returning, enter your username and password and update your information. (Hint: make sure your username and password are easy to remember since you'll be able to use them again next year).
- Choose a student health challenge and join the Family Move More Challenge.

Now you and your child are ready to have some fun by customizing his or her personal fundraising page:
- Personalize your child's page by adding photos and sharing why heart health is important to your family. Send emails to ask for donations and watch your child reach their goal. (Image 3).
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- In your app store, you can fundraise, unlock your heart heroes, play games, and more!

Each time your child visits the online headquarters, he or she will see badges earned, have a chance to take a healthy challenge, and unlock special surprises! More visits mean more chances to share messages about heart health and raise funds for the American Heart Association.

Which Online Challenge Will You Choose?

Search “Kids Heart Challenge” in your app store or visit us online at heart.org/khc

Always fundraise the smart and safe way. Do not go door-to-door or ask strangers for donations. Please convert cash donations into checks payable to the American Heart Association and ask your donors if their employers match employees' contributions! matchinggifts.com/aha
Thursday, February 4th - Open to Close

Whether you’re in the mood for pizza, subs, salads, or pasta, call (813)643-1993 for carry out or delivery.

Simply mention Lithia Springs Elementary when placing the order and Rosati’s will donate 10% of sales to LSES PTA.

Joining us for Bingo Night at Bullfrog Creek? Grab dinner on your way or better yet - let them deliver it!
Players 5-10 years of age are invited to join us for an 8 week Lightning Made Learn to Play program!

**Ice Factory of Central Florida**
6:30 PM - March 22, 29 | April 5, 12, 19, 26 | May 3, 10

**Clearwater Ice Arena**
9:10 AM - March 27 | April 3, 10, 17, 24 | May 1, 8, 15

**Ellenton Ice and Sports Complex**
8-9 AM - March 27 | April 3, 10, 17, 24 | May 1, 8, 15

**Lakeland Ice Arena**
9-10 AM - Feb 20, 27 | March 6, 13, 20, 27 | April 3, 10

**Tampa Bay Skating Academy**
9:15-10:15 AM - March 28 | April 4, 11, 18, 25 | May 2, 9, 16

**Tampa Bay Skating Academy - Girls Only**
9:15-10:15 AM - March 28 | April 4, 11, 18, 25 | May 2, 9, 16

**Power Pole Arena, Home of Xtra Ice**
12-1 PM - March 28 | April 4, 11, 18, 25 | May 2, 9, 16

**Advent Health Center Ice**
2:30-3:30 PM - March 14, 21, 28 | April 4, 11 | May 2, 9, 16

**Daytona Ice Arena**
9-10 AM - April 3, 10, 17, 24 | May 1, 8, 15, 22

**PROGRAM GOALS**
- Grow 1st time participants of the game
- Provide consistent training model
- Provide a fun and effective environment for learning and building character
- Reduce cost barriers and safety concerns
- Build fans of the game

**PROGRAM BENEFITS**
- 8 week instructional period
- FREE head-to-toe protective gear, including skates
- FREE USA Hockey registration
- Guest NHL Alumni instructors

LightningMadeHockey.com/LearnToPlay