KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

The American Heart Association’s Kids Heart Challenge event will be held Thursday. Students will participate in activities during their Specials class throughout the day. Donations are due on Thursday as well. Proceeds will go to the American Heart Association while earning LSES PE equipment and fun prizes for your students. If you have not registered your student, scroll to pages 6-7 for more information. The top class in donations will receive a $25 Amazon gift card.

VALENTINE CANDY GRAMS

LSES is currently holding a school-wide fundraiser for the American Cancer Society by selling Candy Grams. A Candy Gram includes a lollipop attached to a Valentine message. Each Gram is $1 — perfect to send to your student, their teacher, friends, or the entire class! The Candy Grams will be delivered to their classrooms on Thursday. Orders will be taken thru Thursday. Scroll to page 5 to print your order form!

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday: Crispy/Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Country Corn, Fruit Cup, Veggies w/ Ranch

Tuesday: Chicken Bites/Buffalo Chicken Chunks, Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Cheez It Cheddar Crackers, Fruit Cup, Roasted Wedges

Wednesday: Cheeseburger, Brunch Potato Bowl w/ French Toast Sticks, Fruit Cup, Veggies w/Ranch

Thursday: Cheese/Pepperoni Pizza or Bacon Burger Mac N Cheese, Fruit Cup, Salad, Valentine’s Day Treat

Friday: No School
Staff Spotlight
Richard Young
HCPS Substitute Teacher

A familiar face can provide students and parents much needed consistency at school, and that’s just what substitute teacher Richard Young does for our Lynx family. Whether it’s dressing up as Captain Underpants during Spirit Week or regulating car line, Young knows our students.

“When I am subbing for a teacher, I want to make sure the class gets the instruction that they normally would get from their amazing teacher,” Young said.

Due to an unprecedented year, Young spent the first quarter of the year in a 5th grade classroom and is currently subbing in 3rd grade.

“Once I started working at Lithia Springs, I didn’t want to sub at any other schools. The staff and students are amazing. It feels like home,” he said.

Prior to moving to Tampa, Young had a 22-year career in banking and later worked for the Dekalb Chamber of Commerce as the Director of Membership Development. He has been a substitute teacher in Hillsborough County for three years.

Young lives in Lithia with his wife, Becky, and their two children Brian, 16, and Abby, 13. In his free time he enjoys golf, relaxing with their two dogs, and keeping up with his kids’ activities.

PTA MEETING
your voice counts!

PTA will hold its next General Meeting on Tuesday at 11 a.m.
The meeting will be held via ZOOM. To attend, please register here. Hope to see you all there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Our mission is to make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.
BOOK NOOK

Mo Willems’ Series
Mrs. Herdman, LSES media/library teacher, recommends books by Mo Willems this week. Willems is the author of two series — Don’t Let the Pigeon and Elephant and Piggie. His books are recommended for children 4-8 years old.
Email your favorite book to Lorib95@Hotmail.com. Tell us your name, grade, and why you love the book!

SPIRIT NIGHTS

Mark your calendars! Two Spirit Nights are planned and proceeds will go to the PTA. Be sure to let them know you are a LSES family.

Chili’s - Lithia Pinecrest
Wed., Feb. 10
11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
TO GO ORDERS ONLY

Tijuana Flats
Wed., March 10
5 – 8 p.m.
Dine In or Carry Out

Congratulations to all of our BINGO and raffle winners from Thursday night at Bullfrog Creek Brewing! It was a great success, and, as always, thank you to all who supported our Lynx family!

PTA SPONSORS - PLATINUM

PTA SPONSORS - GOLD

PTA SPONSORS - SILVER

PTA SPONSORS - BRONZE
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.

Order by Monday, February 8th online at

https://lithiaspringsvalrico.new.memberhub.store/store

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.
Lithia Springs has always supported the American Cancer Society by participating in Relay for Life. This year as a school wide fundraiser we will be selling Candy Grams.

A Candy Gram is lollipop attached to a Valentine message. Your child can purchase a Candy Gram for another student, a teacher, a faculty member, an entire class or even a family member. Teachers will deliver the Candy Grams on Thursday February 11th.

**Dates: February 1st-11th**

**Cost: $1.00 each**

Please fill out the following chart and for accurate delivery, please make sure to include the teacher’s name of the person receiving the candy gram. You may either send cash or write a check made out to the American Cancer Society. Please return to your homeroom teacher.

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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
Kids Heart Challenge

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
Lithia Springs Elementary
Chili’s TOGO spirit night

Wednesday, February 10th
11am-9pm

Bloomingdale Chili’s only
3422 Lithia Pinecrest Rd.
813-653-7375

Chili’s will donate 15% of sales to
Lithia Springs Elementary PTA

This event is for ToGo orders ONLY

Place your orders either by phone, online at Chilis.com, or on the Chili’s APP and choose pickup. **DO NOT pay online, pay at the restaurant when you arrive.** If you pay online, the school will not receive credit for the purchase. Upon arrival, park in a designated Chili’s togo spot on the south side of the building (facing Stein-Mart). A togo specialist will bring your order out and collect payment. Let them know that your purchase is in support of Lithia Springs Elementary.