

Tortuga Preserve Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal



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Starting 2016 with a Growth Mindset

As we start a new year, this is a great time to really listen to the things we say to children. When we praise their thought process, effort, determination, and persistence, they feel valued and worthwhile and are more likely to take risks and work harder. Students who are told “You are smart” often get frustrated when something gets hard because they believe they are not “smart” enough to solve the problem. Instead, compliment a child on their effort: “You worked really hard and didn’t give up!” This growth mindset emphasizes the efforts put in to a task.

Student Assignment 2016-17 January 11th – April 1, 2016

Parents of currently enrolled students in Lee County Public School grades five, eight, and students in Pre-K attending Lee County Public Schools who are eligible for kindergarten for 2016/17, will be mailed their child’s personalized application on January 8, 2016. This is a very exciting time of year for students and parents as they plan for 2016-2017!

Those receiving the applications can save time by applying online! Please read the documents sent to you very carefully, and determine if you want to apply online, mail it back to us, or bring it to one of our offices in person. This is a ten-week application period. There is no need to stand in long lines the first few days since you have ten weeks to submit the application. All applications are processed as a group.

Parents of children who will be five on or before September 1st, 2015 and who are not enrolled in one of the district’s Pre-K programs must visit one of our offices to register for kindergarten for the 2016/2017 school year (bring registration requirements). This should be done during the first application period (January 11 – April 1) to increase the chances of being assigned to your preferred school.

Brand new students cannot apply on-line – they must be registered in person.

There are no automatic assignments – parents need to register incoming kindergartners even if they have an older sibling already attending the preferred school.

Please visit www.leeschools.net for registration requirements and Student Assignment Office locations.

There is also virtual instruction available within the Lee County School District. Lee Virtual Instruction Program (LVIP) is the only K-12 school in the District. It follows the school district calendar and offers the same diploma opportunity as any other school in the District. There are two application periods for LVIP. The first application period coincides with the Student Assignment’s first application period. The second one starts the Monday after Thanksgiving for second semester enrollments. Applying to LVIP does not affect your current School Choice assignment until the student is accepted into the LVIP program. Visit Lee Virtual Instruction Program at <http://lvip.leeschools.net/>.

Homework Routines

It’s so important to set up a routine for doing homework. Try setting up a particular time and place in the house where your child does his/her homework each night. Check your child’s planner each night to see what the homework is for the evening. The planner is a great tool to use as a communication between you and the teacher. After completing the homework, make sure your child packs everything back up and puts the backpack in the same spot so it will be easy to grab in the morning. Once everyone is in the routine, homework will be started, completed and packed up in a snap!

GALS NEWS

The TPE GALs wore their new shirts with pride at our last meeting and our diamond emblem glistened along with their beautiful smiles throughout the day. The GALs also worked together to make our TPE staff a cute reindeer pinecone ornament to wish them a happy holiday.

Next Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, January 13 at 7:30 in Room 243
Wednesday, January 27 at 7:30 in Room 243



Counselor’s Corner

New Year’s Resolutions for Kids

New Year’s Resolutions are not just for adults. It is important for kids to think about goals they would like to achieve in the coming year. Make your goals SMART. Here are important tips when setting goals or resolutions with your child.

1. **Specific** – Encourage your child to set realistic goals. Encourage your child to pick one or two areas to work on. Make sure they know exactly what they want to accomplish.
2. **Measurable** – How will they know when they reached their goal?
3. **Achievable** – Make sure their goal is not too far to reach, but make it challenging.
4. **Relevant** – Link the goal to something important.
5. **Timely** – Have an idea of when you want to reach your goal. If it is long term, have mini-goals along the way.

Mr. Gleason – School Counselor

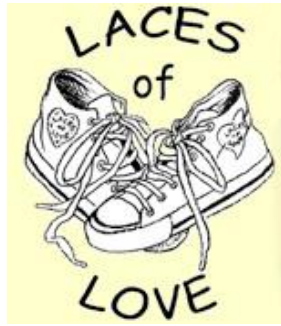
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Celebrate Literacy Week FLORIDA!

January 26-29

Excitement is building around the 8th Annual Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! Students at Tortuga Preserve are excited to participate in this year's activities. Be on the look-out for more information regarding our school wide celebrations for the week of Jan. 26th-29th.



Tuesday 26th: Reading Superhero Day

Wednesday 27th: Read and Learn - Volunteers from the community will be read to students. Bingo for Books and Book Walk

Thursday 28th: Poetry is Fun!
A Poem in Your Pocket

Please check your child's backpack for the Literacy Week Flyer coming soon ☺



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 Students return from Winter Break	5	6	7 Food Pantry 4:00-6:00PM	8 T.Y.M.S. 7:30 PTA Family Movie Night
11	12	13 GALS 7:30AM Computer Lab 243	14 Food Pantry 4:00-6:00PM	15 T.Y.M.S. 7:30
18 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Schools Closed	19 Early Dismissal 12:30 No Aftercare Provided	20 Group Picture Day Early Dismissal 12:30 No Aftercare Provided	21 End of QTR 2 Early Dismissal 12:30 No Aftercare Provided Food Pantry 2:30-4:30	22 Professional Duty Day Schools Closed
25 Hurricane Make-Up Day No School	26	27 GALS: 7:30AM Computer Lab 243 SAC Meeting 5:00PM Celebrate Literacy Night Bingo for Books 5:15-6:00 Book Walk 5:00-5:30	28 4 th Grade Award Ceremony Food Pantry 4:00-6:00	29 T.Y.M.S. 7:30 5 th Grade Award Ceremony

Coming Next Month.....

- Feb. 1: Kindergarten Award Ceremony
- Feb. 2: 1st Grade Award Ceremony
- Feb. 3: 2nd Grade Award Ceremony
- Feb. 4: 3rd Grade Award Ceremony
Student-Led Conference Night
- Feb. 5: Report Card Day
- Feb. 12: PTA's Sweetheart Dance
- Feb. 15: President's Day Schools Closed
- Feb. 25: PTA Meeting
- Feb. 26: Interim Report Day
- Feb. 27: PTA's Color Run

