

Lake Forest South Elementary

On track for success



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Dear Lake Forest South Families,

The staff and students at Lake Forest South Elementary are off to a great start to the 2017-2018 school year. South's monthly newsletters contain important information, dates and tips to assist your child in being on track for success. The staff at Lake Forest South looks forward to working with our families to ensure our students are successful. At Lake Forest South, student success is our main focus. We have many fun and exciting activities planned for the month of October. Be sure to check out our upcoming dates and classroom news. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact administration.

Mr. Owens and Ms. Wright

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, September 27th

Interims Issued (grades 1-3)

Friday, September 29th

Lake Forest South goes Red

PBS Event- Fall Dance

Tuesday, October 3rd

PTO Meeting- 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 5th

Fall Picture Day (school uniforms required)

Friday, October 6th

Kindergarten Field Trip- Harrington Fire Station
Lake Forest South goes Pink

Saturday October 7th

Homecoming Parade 8:00 a.m. -Felton

Game 12:00 p.m.-LFHS

Tuesday, October 10th

Chorus Practice- 4:30 p.m. pickup

Friday, October 13th

Fall Fundraiser-Yankee Candle Ends

Saturday, October 14th

I Love Lake Forest Day
Lake Forest High School
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Monday, October 23rd - Friday, October 27th
Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, October 24th

Chorus Practice- 4:30 p.m. pickup
Curriculum Night- 6:00-7:30 pm

Thursday, October 26th

1st Grade Field Trip- Smyrna Outpost

Friday, October 27th

Kindergarten Field Trip- Wicked R Ranch
1st Grade Field Trip- Smyrna Outpost
PBS Event- Fall Festival
End of 1st MP

Monday, October 30th- Tuesday, October 31st
No School for Students- Staff Development

Parent Teacher Organization

The Lake Forest South Elementary Parent Teacher Organization meets the first Tuesday of each month. During these meeting they discuss fundraising events, community involvement and school activities. If you cannot attend the meetings but would like to help, please send us an email so we can keep you informed of volunteer opportunities. We would like to thank everyone that participated in our Family Fun Night. Our next meeting will be October 3rd at 6:00p.m. The PTO can be contacted at lfsppto@gmail.com.



Thank you for all the box tops that have been turned in. Please continue to collect the box tops as it greatly supports Lake Forest South. **For the Fall submission please turn in box tops by October 15th.**

Counselor's Corner

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I am excited to be back for my third year as your school counselor. However, the school counseling program looks a little different this year. I will be seeing students more in a small group setting to address a variety of concerns including family, behavior, grief, anger, etc. The first set of groups were created by administration and will run approximately six weeks and students will be seen twice weekly during their related arts schedule. After the initial six-week period is finished, groups may be reconfigured based on improvement and need. At this time, students who are receiving services in small group format are using the curriculum Zones of Regulation. This curriculum focuses on teaching students appropriate emotion regulation. While I still plan to see students on an individual basis as needed but it will be less frequently than in the past two years. Additionally, I will still be serving the entire school population for classroom guidance lessons based around the PLC schedule. The month of September classroom guidance lessons are focused on the concept of friendship.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to call or email me at any time. If your child is in need of any type of counseling support, I will be happy to help in any way that I can. My email is spball@lf.k12.de.us and my direct extension is 116.

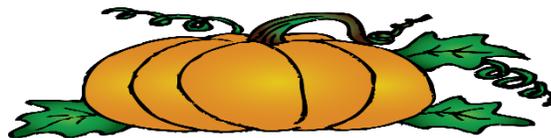
Kindergarten News

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! A warm welcome to all our new kindergarten students and their parents. Our little guys and gals started off the first couple of weeks getting to know their teachers and their teachers getting to know them.

We have been focusing a lot of our time learning our school rules such as, raising your hand before speaking, sharing & taking turns, walking in line order with a duck tail & bubble and listening ears on. This has been a big adjustment to many of our students, but they are slowly learning those rules and adjusting to a structured routine. While adjusting to all the school rules we have also been busy working on printing our name correctly, recognizing letters & their sounds, counting & writing our numbers as well as learning several new sight words. We are looking forward to our first PBS event and working hard on

filling our train tickets up for good behavior & a visit to the PBS store. We have two field trips in the works for October, so keep an eye out for permissions slips and more information on dates and times. Please continue to check your child's folder daily and practicing those sight words! Parent involvement in school and at home is key to a successful school year for all!

The Kindergarten Team



First Grade News

Can you believe that it is October? This year just started and it's flying by! In Reading, first graders have been working on applying all of the phonics and comprehension skills. We use our phonics skills to help us decode (sound out) words. So far we have been working on the short a sound, the short i sound,

beginning l blends, and the short o sound. In October we will review the skills we have learned as well as work on r blends, s blends, and introduce possessives. For comprehension, we have been working on identifying the key details of the story. Who are the characters? What is the setting? What happened at the beginning, the middle, and the end of the story? You can help your child develop these skills by asking them these types of questions about books you read at home. You can even ask them questions about the TV shows that they watch.

Answering questions and identifying details are important First Grade skills!

During Math time we have been working on our addition and subtraction skills. We will continue to work on digging deeper into equations and investigating how addition and subtraction are related as well as using different strategies to solve problems. You can help by asking your child how they solved problems. Try to get them thinking about their thinking! Talking about their strategies is another important First Grade skill!

Second Grade News

Wow...is it October already? Things will soon start cooling off outside but the classrooms inside Lake Forest South Elementary sure are heating up in the second grade.

So far your students have almost finished their first Reading unit on Fiction Text Elements. We have reviewed various first grade skills (like Characters, Setting, Problem and Solution) while reading stories like Little Flap Learns to Fly, The Recess Queen, and Howard B Wigglebottom Learns to Listen. We will soon be moving on to the next their next unit, Informational Text Features an exploration into non-fiction.

In math, our Place Value from 0 to 100 reviews and assessments are over. We have reviewed how tens and ones come together to make larger numbers and how understanding this concept opens the door to understanding even larger numbers. Our next math unit will cover Addition and Subtraction Strategies. We will be examining the different strategies used to become mathematicians who can fluently add and subtract!

In 2nd grade Science we will soon be investigating insects. How and why they are so important to our survival here on earth. We will even have some live insects in our rooms! During Social Studies lessons our students are learning how and why we should respect ourselves and each other! Respect makes the world go round. Remember the golden rule! We are using the internet, student produced skits and role play to help us understand why respect is so important to everyone.

We are making a real push to have everyone read at home at least 15 minutes each night! Make it a fun time to spend quality time with your child! Let's keep those words flowing all through the month of October!

Third Grade News

Third grade is off to a great start for the 2017-18 school year! We are already jumping into engaging, Common Core Standards-based activities in Reading and Math. Students will spend time this year working independently, in pairs, and in small groups to meet learning objectives in all subject areas. So far in Reading we have been studying fictional text - discussing characters, settings, and how the plot develops in a story. In Math, we have reviewed some of the number sense skills that students have developed over the last few years and have started our unit on Multiplication. Throughout the year, students will write across the curriculum to explain and provide evidence to support their answers and opinions, while using correct grammar and spelling. In Science, we will be starting the year with studying the properties of Water, followed by a second water kit that will allow us to explore how STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) can be used to help provide clean water for people all over the world. Social Studies is all about communities and citizenship this year, and students will also practice reading and using maps and globes. We have lots to learn and are excited to share all of our new knowledge with the families of our students!

Looking forward to a great year!

Mrs. Ford, Mr. Croce, Mrs. DeLacy, Mrs. Absher, Mrs. Smolecki, Mrs. Zehr, and Mrs. Fazzini

From the Reading Specialist



Reading to your child is vitally important to them learning how to read. Your child will enjoy different kinds of books at different stages of their life. Below are some suggestions from readingrockets.org when choosing books to read with your child.

What to look for in choosing books for kindergarteners:

Titles that explore kid interests, expand horizons, and offer exposure to different kinds of writing.

Stories that let them see how characters in different situations behave toward others.

Engaging informational texts with lots of colorful photographs or illustrations that help kindergartners build knowledge about the world.

Cumulative tales full of built-in anticipation, like *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*.

Longer stories or chapter books with thematically rich issues that lead to discussion and reflection.

First grade is when many children begin to read independently. But reading aloud with first graders remains not only a pleasurable but an important activity.

What to look for in choosing books for first graders:

Rich language — words and phrases that deliver complex meaning and imagery.

Stories with more complex plots that spark a desire to predict and learn what happens next.

Books that relate to the experiences of a first grader and feature characters similar in age.

Narrative nonfiction that's full of fascinating facts yet reads like a story.

Silly stories and poems that have fun with words and sounds.

What to look for in choosing books for second graders:

Old favorites — second graders may want to read the same book many times, even though you may have thought they'd outgrown it.

Characters dealing with the same fears, interests, and concerns that they experience.

Nonfiction genres that introduce second graders to biography, history, and real stories of nature and science.

Picture books that lead you to chapter books, such as *Diary of a Spider* and *Charlotte's Web*.

Chapter books to read aloud that are rich in detail and above independent reading level.

What to look for in choosing books for third graders:

Books that tackle tough topics and lead to discussion that helps kids cope with daily challenges.

Characters they can relate to and learn from.

Stories that keep your read aloud lively and interactive and lead to lots of conversation.

Picture books that build knowledge and support connections to the complexities of the world around them. Visit www.readingrockets.org for more suggestions and book lists.

If you have any questions or need reading resources, feel free to contact me at bnshort@lf.k12.de.us or 302-398-8011 ext 108.



September

Kindergarten

- ❖ Jada Mahaffey
- ❖ Declan Duffy
- ❖ Cheyenne Kemper
- ❖ Carson Pharis
- ❖ Jolyne Jester
- ❖ Justin Vasquez-Ixlaj
- ❖ Caylor Krimm
- ❖ Ashton Hamilton
- ❖ Serenity Thornley

First Grade

- ❖ Johnathan Gray
- ❖ Amberley Arter
- ❖ Lane Ross
- ❖ Zoa Hutson
- ❖ Eli Rakow
- ❖ Skylar Thomas
- ❖ Summer Richards
- ❖ Wyatt Surdukowski
- ❖ Brianna Earvase
- ❖ Sarah Rucinski
- ❖ Delaney Antonik

Second Grade

- ❖ Willie Harrison
- ❖ Kamari Lewis
- ❖ Esther Kinzer
- ❖ Gavin Sumpter
- ❖ Bradley Ixlaj-Gonzalez
- ❖ Keely Leach
- ❖ Bradley Stratton
- ❖ Trinity Arthur
- ❖ Landon Dittman
- ❖ Anastasia Postell
- ❖ Grace Carroll
- ❖ Carson West

Third Grade

- ❖ Ben Morgan
- ❖ Miranda Garey
- ❖ Savannah Culver
- ❖ Makayla Hollenbeck
- ❖ Trey Schlimer
- ❖ Alexiana Hay
- ❖ DaQuan Bell
- ❖ Marshall Horsey
- ❖ Alyssa Warren
- ❖ Milton Lofland
- ❖ Sophia Finfinger
- ❖ Delayna Barlow