

Blazing a Trail of Success

This Month's Edition:
December 2019/January 2020

The Leopard Letter

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Winter Break ~ December 23-January 3, 2020

Principal's Report

Dear Lake Forest Family,
Happy holidays and best wishes for a joyous 2020! Our winter break will be December 23 – January 3. School will be back in session on Monday, January 6, 2020. Thank you for all you have done to make 2019 a successful year. I want to give a special thanks to our wonderful PTA Board and SIC. Our school is truly blessed with so many families who are willing to give their time and talent to our school family.

We would like to continue offering a healthier balance of food at our class parties (Holiday and Valentine's Day). Please contact the room mom for your child's class if you would like to assist with this. For our upcoming holiday parties on

December 20th, we will use the following schedule ...

11:30-12:00– K4, K5
12:30-1:00 – 1st, 2nd
1:30-2:00 – 3rd, 4th, 5th

If you will be attending the party or if your child will have an early dismissal after the party is over, be prepared to show your photo ID.

We are currently holding registration for kindergarten and new first grade students for the 2020-2021 school year. Parents can download the registration forms and information from our website or you may pick up a copy at our school. Registration forms should be hand delivered to the school during office hours, 7:15 am to 3:30 pm. Parents must provide the completed registration form,

a properly completed immunization record, birth certificate and two proofs of residence (utility bills, lease or mortgage statements are acceptable). Early registration ensures that we have enough teachers in place to accommodate our students for fall 2020. Please help us spread the word in the community.

I hope you have a safe, enjoyable time with family and friends over the winter break! Merry Christmas to all!

Sincerely,

Julie R. Cooke
Principal



Happy Holidays!

Boosterthon Fundraiser Coming in February

PTA is excited to bring back Boosterthon this year as our last big fundraiser for the 2019-2020 school year. We look forward to kicking off Boosterthon with student pep rallies on February 18. Students will participate in the **Fun Run on Friday, February 28**, so mark your calendars. Parents are welcome to attend. PTA is raising money for student clubs, school murals, and books for classroom libraries. Our school goal is to reach \$12,000. If we reach that goal, students will have the opportunity to SLIME the LFE administration. I hope we can count on you to help us reach our school goal so we can continue improving programs and opportunities for students.



Important Dates

Good News Club	12/10
Chorus, 2:30-4:00	12/12
Biscuits in Car Line (\$3)	12/13
SIC Meeting, 12:00	12/13
Winter Craft Fair, 9-12 am	12/14
Good News Club	12/17
Chorus, 2:30-4:00	12/19
Holiday Parties	12/20
Winter Break	12/23-1/3
Students Return	1/6
PTA Board Mtg, 9:00 am	1/7
Zaxby's Spirit Night, 5-8 pm (E. North St.)	1/7
Chorus, 2:30-4:00	1/9
Kona Ice at lunch (\$2)	1/10
SIC Meeting, 12:00 pm	1/10
Jr. Beta Club Mtg, 2:30	1/13
Good News Club Re-	1/14
Bus Evacuation Drill	1/14
End 2nd Quarter	1/14
Tropical Grille Spirit	1/15
Club Picture Day	1/16
Chorus, 2:30-4:00	1/16
2nd Qtr. Terrific Kid Assembly, 9:00 am	1/17
MLK Jr. Day—No School	1/20
Skate Night, 6-8 pm	1/21
Good News Club	1/21
4K Pre-Registration Begins for 2020-2021	1/22
Chorus	1/23
2nd Qtr. Report Cards	1/24
Biscuits Sold in Car Line	1/24
School Spirit Day / Clubs	1/24



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PTA President's Report

Hello everyone! It's hard to believe that December is already here! We are so thankful to all the volunteers and staff that helped out in so many ways in November. Many people volunteered their precious time to work shifts at the book fair or serve lunch at Thanksgiving lunch, and we want you to know that none of that generosity goes unnoticed.

This month we are very excited about the upcoming Winter Vendor Fair that will be Saturday, December 14th from 9:00am-Noon. There will be returning vendors from last year as well as new vendors coming in. We hope that you can come out and make this vendor fair a big success!

After class Holiday parties on December 20th, we will have a much-needed winter break! When we all return in January we will be back to our regular schedule. Here is a quick preview of what we have planned in January:

- 1/7 Zaxby's Spirit Night
- 1/15 Tropical Grille Spirit Night
- 1/10 Kona Ice
- 1/21 Skate Night
- 1/24 Chic-fil-a Biscuits in carline

We also want to keep everyone updated on what PTA has going on, and here are a couple ways to get that information:

Sign up for Remind by texting @8bb434 to the number 81010

Join Lake Forest Elementary PTA Facebook Group by looking us up on Facebook

Again, we thank you all for all the time and effort you have put into making the first half of the school year so fun and exciting. We can not wait to see what the second half brings for our Lake Forest Elementary School family!

Written by:
Jamie Hicks
PTA President



*Wishing you and yours
the very best of the
Holiday Season*

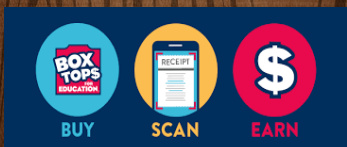
Box Tops Help Our School!

Did you know that our school earns \$0.10 for every Box Top turned in? You can help two different ways....

Clip Box Tops and send them to school

OR

Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit our school's Box Tops earnings online.



Book Character Day Fun!



Counselor's Corner—Gratitude

In classroom counseling lessons this month, we are focusing on gratitude. Gratitude is an important skill because being able to recognize and appreciate the good things in your life can lead to increased happiness and life satisfaction. For children especially, learning how to be grateful can help in the development of interpersonal skills, including empathy. Gratitude lends itself to expanding our worldview. When we're thankful for even the small things, we're thinking of more than just ourselves; we're thinking about how all of us have the ability to positively impact another's life. Gratitude is powerful! (Watson, Rita; 2013: Psychology Today)

Here are a few simple ways to instill gratefulness in young children:

- Ask your children about the highs and lows of their school day. What went well? What went right? Focus on appreciating the positive.
- Thank your children often, even

if they're doing required chores or activities you requested of them. Let them know you notice and appreciate their effort!

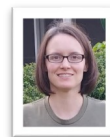
- Say "thank you" to your spouse, your friends, and your family in the presence of your children.
- Generate an attitude of giving. Ask your children to gather and donate old toys or clothes to other children who may be in need.
- Encourage your children to write or draw thank you notes or pictures to friends, family, teachers, etc.
- Examples: One holding the door open, a friend helping your child tie his/her shoe, a teacher giving extra time to make sure your child understood the lesson, etc.

For more information and ideas about teaching gratitude to your children, please visit <http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/love-and-gratitude/201305/4-ways-children-learn-gratitude>.

Check out these books about being grateful and giving thanks!

- Thanks a Million by Nikki Grimes
- The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
- Giving Thanks: A Native American Good by Jack Swamp
- Morning Message by Jake Swamp
- Gratitude Soup by Olivia Rosewood
- The Secret of Saying Thanks by Douglas Wood
- The Blue Daisy: A Lesson in Gratitude by Stacie Theis
- Good People Everywhere by Lynea Gillen
- The Thankful Book by Todd Parr

Mrs. Henderson (available 7:45am-11:30am) can be reached at (864) 355-4019

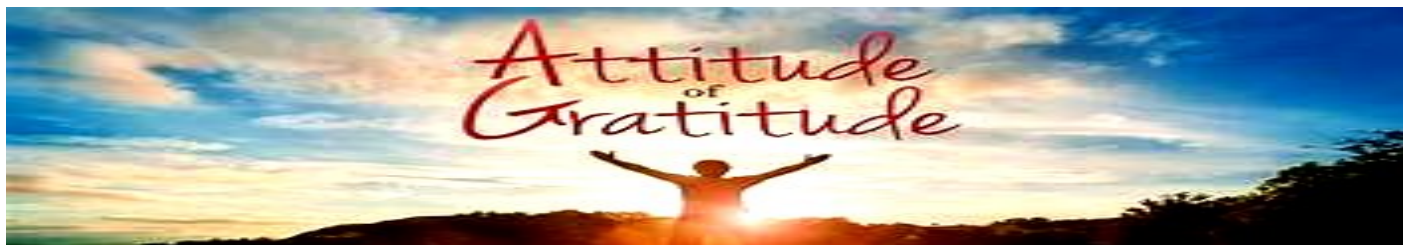


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2nd Annual Winter Craft & Vendor Fair

The LFE PTA will host their 2nd Annual Winter Craft and Vendor Fair on **Saturday, December 14, from 9:00-12:00 pm**. We hope you will come out for some holiday shopping. We have returning vendors from last year

as well as new vendors. Vendor items include clothing from Birdie and Olive, various handmade jewelry, locally made candles, Usborne books, monogramed items, and more.





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Poems From Our Writing Club

Fall

By: Chelsea Biggers
(5th grade Sullivan)

Fall

I see beautiful red leaves.
I smell the crisp night air.
I taste the Thanksgiving turkey.
I hear the crunch of leaves
beneath my feet.
I feel happy under a pile of
raked leaves.

Fall

Fall

By: Jaxson
(4th grade VanTassel)

I see leaves on the ground.
I see the leaves colors.
I see only yellow and orange.
I feel a bit cold.
I taste cold rain.
I hear birds migrating.
I feel the dirt on the grass floor.
I see the pumpkin.



Teacher Spotlight

- ◆ We recently announced **Chrissy Respass**, STEAM Lab Instructor, as the 2020-2021 Lake Forest Teacher of the Year. We know she will represent our school well. We appreciate all she does for our students and their families. Way to go, Mrs. Respass!
- ◆ **Amy Bryson**, 1st grade teacher, will be featured on WYFF News 4 as a Golden Apple Award Winner soon. We are so proud of her and the work she does each day to prepare, support, and inspire students! Congratulations, Mrs. Bryson!



Lake Forest Elementary

School Moto:

"Taking Pride in Learning!"

Vision Statement

To empower students to learn, grow, lead, and succeed.

Mission Statement

The mission of Lake Forest Elementary is to provide a nurturing, student-centered learning environment where students are empowered to learn about the world, persevere through challenges, and develop positive character traits.