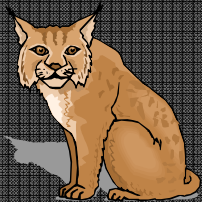


LSES Lynx Line



Vision

- Lynx to the future

Mission

- Each child at Lithia Springs Elementary will acquire the skills to become effective decision makers, problem solvers, and communicators to confidently solve real world challenges. Each child will possess sound values, a sense of self-worth, and a life-long love of learning.

Upcoming Events:

- Sep 2** – Early Release - 12:15
- Sep 7** - Labor Day
- Sep 8** – Media Moms Training 9:00 & 1:00
- Sep 9** – Lynx Writes!
- Sep 12** – Jr. Deputy, 1st Gr Pedestrian Safety
- Sep 13** – Grandparents Read
- Sep 14** – SAC Meeting 5:45PM
- Sep 15** – Open House for K, 1st and 2nd
- Sep 16** – Early Release - 12:15
- Sep 17** – Open House for 3rd, 4th and 5th
- Sep 19** – AR Begins
- Sep 29** – 2nd Grade RJ Stadium Tour
- Sep 29** – Progress Alerts sent home
- Sep 30** – 2nd Grade RJ Stadium Tour

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Principal's Message from Mrs. Keene

THE BEST SCHOOL START EVER! That is how I would describe this year's start to school. It is exciting to walk through classrooms and see students organizing themselves, learning classroom routines and procedures, and receiving instruction from their teachers.

We extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families. We also want to welcome our new faculty and staff members: Kevin Martin, Assistant Principal; Heather Leonard, Kindergarten Teacher who is taking Mrs. Scott's maternity leave position until November 10; Leslie Janasiewicz, First Grade Teacher; Brenna Harris,

Second Grade Teacher; Megan Brown, Second Grade Teacher; Winfred Mazanec, IEP Assistant; Theresa Patten, School Nurse; and Sandra Landers, School Secretary. We are also fortunate to have Mrs. Demmi, AGP Teacher, and Joy Patterson, Second Grade Teacher, return to teaching. I know that you will enjoy working with these professionals this year. Each year the Department of Education provides each school with a full Accountability Report. This report, called SPARS, is available to parents to their review. The SPARS report shows the indicators that are required for the annual

public disclosure reports under NCLB (including DOE-prepared indicators and locally added indicators), as well as additional indicators providing data of interest on the status of Florida's public schools. If you are interested in reviewing this report, please contact Mr. Martin or me.

Lithia Springs is a wonderful school to be at each day. The learning that goes on in this building is phenomenal. If we can be of further assistance with any educational issue for your child, do not ever hesitate to contact my staff or me. We are here to assist you in anyway possible.

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Assistant Principal's Message from Mr. Martin

First, I would like to thank the many community members, parents and students that have made me feel so welcome to Lithia Springs Elementary. I feel truly blessed to be here and I look forward to helping contribute to such an amazing school culture!

I have been in education for 12 years as a 4th, 5th and 6th grade teacher. I hold a Bachelor of

Science Degree in Marketing as well as Master's Degree in Education.

My main focus is to help the teachers at Lithia Springs continue to provide your children with a top-notch elementary education that will prepare them to move on to middle school and beyond. Future Lynx Line editions will include information and updates from our Art,

Music, P.E., and Media Center Specialists. Let me know if you think of a topic of interest or importance that could be shared! Please feel free to drop by and see me if you think I may of service in solving a problem, answering a question or accepting a suggestion.

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Guidance Updates from Mrs. Richards

The comprehensive school guidance program at Lithia Springs is designed to support the mission of the school by promoting and enhancing the learning process of every student through integration of academic, career, and personal/social development. Many prevention topics are addressed through classroom guidance, small group guidance and district approved school-wide presentations. Examples of these topics include:

- Physical and Emotional Health/Safety

- Character Education
- Drug and Alcohol Prevention
- Harassment and Violence Prevention
- Bullying Prevention/Conflict Resolution

There are some grade level specific programs that may be available to your child, such as:

- * Grades K-5 – **Red Ribbon Week** utilizes the "Too Good for Drugs" Mendez Curriculum
- * Kindergarten – **Mendez Foundation/ Friends R Happening Show** Teaches students about making safe decisions especially

when it comes to drugs and violence.

* Second Grade – **Mendez Foundation/ Carmen and Wagoner Show** teaches second grade students through lively songs and dances to be drug-free and to resist peer pressure.

* Third Grade – **Child Abuse Council's Kids-on-the-Block** uses puppets and child-appropriate language in skits to cover child abuse issues with students in third grade. These are just a few examples of the exciting activities that your child may be participating in at our school.

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Teachers open the door, but you must enter yourself.

For more information on these PTA Programs and more be sure to check out the web site!

lsespta.com**Lithia Springs****Elementary Recycles**

We are recycling paper and cardboard at LSES!

Not only does it help the environment, it also raises money for our school. You may drop paper or cardboard into the bin on the east side of the lunchroom any time (with the exception of drop off 7:30-8:00AM and pick-up 2:00-2:45PM).

Used ink cartridges are also recycled by the school and may be dropped off in the main office anytime!

Thanks for helping our planet and our students!

PTA News You Can Use**Volunteer Training**

Volunteer training is Thursday, September 3, at 8:15 a.m. in the multipurpose room. There will be a representative from the School District of Hillsborough County's SERVE Volunteer Organization there to speak to our volunteers. If you plan on volunteering at the school, please make it a point to attend this meeting. Muffins and coffee for all!

Fall Fundraiser

It's here...the Lithia Springs Fall Fundraiser! You can help our school by participating in one or more of the following opportunities:

- 1) A wonderful catalog of products from *Nancy Daniels*
 - 2) *Sun in the Fun* coupon book for local businesses in the Brandon area
 - 3) A donation for a student walk-a-thon
- Ready, Set and GO...Reach for the stars by supporting your child's school!

Yearbook Update

The yearbook will be up for sale soon, so please remember to take plenty of pictures. The PTA calendar has a list of wonderful events that are grade-specific along with events that are for everyone. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me, Pam Flynn, at pampam66@aol.com.

Receipts and Labels Are Going Green!

This year at Lithia Springs we have launched a brand new fundraiser/recycling program. In addition to collecting *Box Tops for Education*, *Campbell's* and *Tyson* labels, we have started the Juice Pouch and Cookie/Snack Wrapper Brigades. In the cafeteria we have set up two bins where students can deposit their empty

juice pouches (no boxes) and cookie wrappers. For every pouch or wrapper our school will get \$0.02 back, as well as make an awesome impact on helping the school and planet to go green! You can also start collecting at home and bring items into the cafeteria. This is a fun and easy way to help raise money for our school

and save the planet. For more information, please refer to our new PTA website at www.lsespta.com under fundraising.

Thanks for helping to support our school

Lynn Blakey,
Receipts and Labels
Chairperson

Spaghetti Dinner

Tuesday, September 15 and Thursday, September 17
5:00-6:00PM LSES Multi-Purpose Room during Open House Nights

Dinner includes spaghetti, salad and a roll for only \$5.00 per person! Look for the flyer in the Tuesday folder and send in your orders by September 8th!

The 2010 Census is Coming!

The 2010 Census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year and to make decisions about what community services to provide. The 2010 Census questionnaire will be one of the shortest in history and consists of 10 questions, taking about 10 minutes to complete. Strict confidentiality laws protect the confidentiality of respondents and the information they provide.

Beginning in mid-March 2010, more than 120 million questionnaires will be delivered to U.S. residential addresses. Please complete the form you receive as accurately as possible and return it. Students will learn about the Census this year. We will share updates with you as we receive them.