

Lone Star Elementary School

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Principal's News

"Lights, Camera, Action"

Greetings to each of you and welcome back to the 2009-2010 school year. I look forward to a great new year that is sure to be filled with fun, hard work and notable success for everyone.

WOW, LSE has done it again!!! Certainly we all know that hard work really pays off. Thank you to our teachers, students, staff, parents and community for working together and supporting our school for we remain an "A" school.

As we begin a new year, we will continue to set high expectations for our students and provide them with enriching and meaningful experiences on a daily basis to ensure academic success for all.

From day 1, we must instill in our children the importance of attending school and being on time if they are to learn. Please make attending school your # 1 priority. Unless they are sick, or running a fever, we expect all students to attend school daily. It would be great and help teachers immensely if you would schedule doctor and dental appointments after school hours. If this is totally impossible, try to schedule appointments early morning so that your child will not miss a full day of instruction.

LSE loves our PTA and would love for you to join and support them. PTA dues are only \$5.00 and well worth the investment. We have a great community who continues to contribute their time, effort and support to our school.

My door is always open to parents, students and our community to hear your thoughts and concerns. If you are unable to schedule an appointment, please try and call ahead to make sure I am available. Let's have a great year together.

Open House Sept. 10th

3rd - 5th Grade
6:00 - 6:40 (3rd)
6:45 - 7:25 (4th)
7:30 - 8:10 (5th)

Sept. 24th

K- 2nd Grade
6:00 - 6:40 (K)
6:45 - 7:25 (1st)
7:30 - 8:10 (2nd)

Important Information for Your Convenience

Early Release Days for September are as follows:

- September 9th and September 23rd - 1:45 Dismissal
- First bell rings at 8:25 a.m.
- School begins at 8:30 a.m.
- School Office - 565-2711 - 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Extended Day Hours - 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Office Staff: Mrs. Kovir, Bookkeeper
Mrs. Richhart, Office Clerk
Mrs. Sasser, CRT Operator

Website Address: www.duvalschools.org/lonestar

◆ SCHOOL WIDE ORIENTATION August 21, 2009

9:00 - 5th Grade
10:00 - 4th Grade
11:00 - 3rd Grade
12:00 - 2nd Grade
1:00 - K
2:00 - 1st Grade



Medications at School



School Events

8/31 - 9/15

*Entertainment
Book Sale*

9/4 - *Flag Raising @
9:00AM*

9/7 *Labor Day - No
School*

9/10 - *Open House
3rd - 5th Grade*

9/11 - *Back to
School Dance
6:00 - 8:00*

9/17 - *SAC Meeting
5:30PM*

*PTA Program
7:00
4th Gr. Performs*

9/24 - *(3rd-5th Gr.)
Grandparent's Tea
9:00 - 10:00*

*Open House
K- 2nd Grade*

9/25 - *(K-2nd Gr.)
Grandparent's Tea
9:00 - 10:00*

- Must come in the original prescription or over the counter container.
- Parents must sign the state mandated form provided by the office.
- Changes in dosage require new forms to be filled out and provided to the front office and Nurse Taft.
- Children **may not** carry medication unless a medication form is on file in the front office.
- Prior arrangements must be made with the school nurse or principal. This includes asthma INHALERS, cough drops, eye drops, nose sprays, etc.
- The prescription bottle is considered the doctors authorization.

FRONT OFFICE SAFETY PROCEDURES

Procedures are in place for entering and exiting the building throughout the day. As you approach the double doors on the west side of the building, please ring the buzzer and when you hear the click, pull the right handed door to enter. Beginning at 8:30 am, all doors will remain locked. As you enter our facility, please report to the front office and **SIGN IN**. You will be asked to present ID and then a visitor's badge will be issued for you to wear while in the building.

Remember, **all students are learning up to the last minute!** To keep down the noise in our hallways, we ask that you wait for your child/children outside the front office area until the bell rings. Duval County policy states there is no early pick-up after 2:15 p.m. unless it is a dire emergency. Please be cognizant that if we ask you to allow your student to remain in class until dismissal, we strongly encourage you to adhere to this request.

Attendance is closely related to student success. Good attendance includes arriving to school on time and ready for instruction when the final bell rings. If your child is tardy or absent, we would like for you to call the office at 565-2711 prior to 9:00 a.m. Attendance is monitored and input daily. Our first bell rings at 8:25 a.m. and school begins at 8:30 a.m. promptly. Students are tardy 8:31 a.m. **Three tardies** within a nine weeks period will result in your child losing an opportunity to receive **Perfect Attendance**.

Traffic Flow Pattern for Dismissal

Please adhere to the following procedures for traffic safety and parking to help guarantee our students' security. Always keeping safety in mind, we would like for you to be aware of our dismissal procedures for car riders and walkers.

Two lanes have been designated for car riders. The lane closest to the school and the lane closest to the street are pause parking and we ask that you remain in your car if you are in either of these lanes.

Each grade level will have a designated waiting area within the building or in front of the school. Drivers will pull forward as far as they can and continue to pull forward when a driver pulls out.

Students are called via walkie talkie and will be allowed to move from their waiting area when they see their pick-up person's vehicle. Students traveling together (siblings or car pool), the older sibling or carpool student may go to the younger sibling's or carpooler's waiting area, and wait there for the pick-up person. Students will enter their car doors using the door opposite of the car from the drive through lane. Teachers and patrols are posted strategically to direct the flow of traffic.

To ensure student safety for our walkers, crossing from school to the crossing guard and painted crosswalk, cars are not allowed to park in this area and must yield for student crossing. **Traffic flow through the parking lot at arrival and dismissal times is ONE-WAY.** The faculty and staff of Lone Star appreciate your support and cooperation to help insure the safety of our staff and student body.

HAVE YOU  OUR FILES?

IF YOU MOVED OVER THE SUMMER OR YOU ARE PLANNING TO MOVE SOON, LSE requires proof of address anytime you move to a new residence. If you have moved since last June, please come in, fill out the change of information form, and provide a utility or phone bill or other document that shows your new address.

CUSTODY PAPERS or RESTRAINING ORDERS NEED TO BE ON FILE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE!

Those who have special custody papers or restraining orders need to bring copies to the school office so we are aware of any legal issues. It will be kept confidential. Feel free to contact our front office staff or an administrator if you have any questions.

LONE STAR LOVES OUR VOLUNTEERS!



VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL *Required Policy!*

We encourage parents to volunteer in school. There are many areas of volunteer opportunities available to you. You can inquire with our PTA, classroom teachers, administrators or front office staff for more information. Any person volunteering in our school will need to undergo district-mandated background checks. These forms can be picked up in the front office.

Background checks may take anywhere from 4-8 weeks to process. If you plan on chaperoning on a field trip or working in a classroom, the background check **MUST be approved prior to any classroom activity or field trip. When you receive the application, please return it to our office staff so that this process will not be delayed causing you any inconvenience. Thank you for your cooperation**