

Panther News

DUVAL COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

**4- PTA Board
Meeting, 4:00pm**

5-Early Release

**18-4th/5th grade
Mathematics
Night, 6:00-7:00**

19-Early Release

**20-SAC meeting,
7:30am**

**21-McTeacher
Night, 5:00-8:00**

**24- PTA Fund-
raiser begins**

26- Ident-A-Kid

**27-Fall Festival ,
5:30-8:30**

28-Planning Day

The Lone Star Elementary vision is to inspire high academic achievement among all students, serve their needs, challenge their minds and enrich their lives for success and participation in a global society.

Dr. Anastasia Washington, Principal
Mariah Gaskins, Assistant Principal
Edward Dutton, School Counselor-Extended Day
Director

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A word from our 'Lead Gardener':

As the school year continues to roll, I can't believe the end of the first quarter is fast approaching. Soon we will host our first Parent Night for parents of students in grades 4th and 5th. Please mark your calendar for October 18th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. This will be an informative meeting for all, and wonderful activities are being planned which will be worthwhile.

Special thanks to our faculty, staff, students, families, and community members, for donating your time in helping to beautify our campus on September 10th and 24th. I would also like to thank Mrs. Myra Jones for spearheading this project. With great perseverance, she solicited businesses to donate over \$2000.00 worth of plants. We are indebted to the kindness shown to our school by our community and businesses rallying to support us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We welcome our new Kindergarten teacher,

Ms. Kelli Darlington. Ms. Darlington previously taught Kindergarten and second grade transferring to us from another Duval County School. We are so excited to have her aboard and looking forward to her joining our team.

Learning is critical and we are constantly planning and implementing strategies so that each child will perform at their very best. Progress reports have been sent and it may be time to set appointments for conferences with your child's teacher. If I may be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me. Our RtI time which is scheduled from 8:45 – 9:15 is vital. During this time, teachers and staff members provide individual and small group instruction to students based on their specific needs. Please try to have your child in school during this time.

You are invited to become members of our Parent Teacher Asso-

ciation (PTA). The membership fee is \$6.00 per family. Please support our school and your child's class by joining. Also, we invite you to become a member of SAC, or a volunteer. As the school year progresses, please encourage your child to read for 15-20 minutes each night. You may choose to read together or revive the tradition of family reading time. We don't want our students to believe or feel when school ends so does reading.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended Open House last month. We had a terrific turnout for both sessions and our teachers and PTA certainly appreciate your patronage at our Book Fair.

Lone Star is committed to serving our families and more importantly our students. Your feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

Sincerely,

Anastasia Washington

Principal

McTeacher Night

Come out and have dinner on October 21st from 5:00-8:00 at the McDonald's at the corner of Monument and McCormick Rd. Some familiar faces from Lone Star will be there to greet you and maybe even share a bite! A portion of the sales during this time will be donated to Lone Star Elementary! Please come out and support LSE!



Join PTA for just \$6! Joining PTA helps promote and fund many activities here at Lone Star Elementary!

Open House

Thanks to all who participated in Open House. Being involved in your child's life is most important to their academic success. Remember to keep in contact with your child's

teacher, read together daily, and complete all assigned homework. If you haven't received your child's grade portal password, show your picture ID at the front office to obtain it. Please do not share this password with anyone.

Parent Night

Do you know what your 4th or 5th grader needs to know by the end of the school year? Come and

learn more about math, writing, reading, and science expectations for your 4th or 5th grade student. There will

be fun activities, lots of information and door prizes as well! See you there!!!!

**Parent Night
October 18th
6:00-7:00**



5/3 Bank Helps Sponsor Grandparent's Tea

Grandparent's Tea was a huge success this year! We had an overwhelming response! Grandparents of many came to enjoy a doughnut, coffee, and even made a magnet craft together after browsing our book fair.

Thanks to 5/3 Bank for sponsoring the events and providing the refreshments for this activity. Thanks to PTA for volunteering their time to organize this event. We appreciate their dedication to our students! Plan now to

attend the event next year! More volunteers are always welcome as well!



Win a Bike!

Academy Sports has donated 30 bikes and helmets to Lone Star Elementary as an incentive to help reduce the number of excessive absences and tardies. There will be 15 boy bikes and 15 girl

bikes. How does it work? For 9 weeks, beginning the week of Oct. 10th, each week a student is present and on time, they will receive a 'bike ticket'. Each student could have the potential of having 9 tick-

ets in the drawing! The drawing for the bikes will be the week of Dec. 12th. Be present and on time all 9 weeks for the best chance to win a bike!!!!



Flag Raising

Congratulations to all our students that put forth their best effort during FCAT testing last spring. During our flag raising ceremony in September, we hon-

ored the students who scored a Level 5 in reading or math. Some students even scored a Level 5 in both! We also honored our students

who scored a Level 6 on the FCAT writing test! We hope to have great success again this year!

