



Home of the
Panthers



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Principal's Message

Fall is in the air and amidst the fall colors and preparing for the upcoming holidays we are facing concerns of this year's flu season and student safety.

Lone Star has increased our efforts to keep frequent human contact areas as clean as possible. Our custodians, teachers and staff are wiping down and cleaning desks more frequently, as well as washing hands to keep down the spread of germs to a bare minimum.

There is no reason to be alarmed. We are tracking student absences so we are abreast of what our students are facing.

Here are some suggestions for home to help us keep all of our students, faculty and staff healthy.

- Know the signs and symptoms of the flu: high fever (100 or higher) cough, sore throat and body aches.
- Keep sick children at home until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication.
- Do not send children to school if they are sick.
- Teach your child not to share food or drink with their friends.
- Remember to call the office when your child is in poor health, so the absence can be excused.

Thank you for all of your support at the Fall Festival. Our PTA and community are an incredible asset and we realize we could never accomplish what we do without each of you. Thanks to everyone for all you do to make Lone Star a great school. It is a privilege to be here for you and your children.

Mrs. Kavanagh

Dates to Remember

November 1st – Time Changes (fall back 1 hour)

November 3rd – Report cards go home

November 4th and 18th – Early Release Days

November 5th – Quiznos Spirit Day

November 6th – Ident-A-Kid Badges Day

November 9th – 1st Grade Field Trip (Fl. Theatre)

November 10th – Picture Retakes

Flag Raising Ceremony @ 9:00 a.m.

November 11th – Veteran's Day Holiday

November 18th – Reflections Projects are due

5th Grade to Marine Science Center

November 19th – Evacuation Drill

PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

November 23rd – 2nd Grade Field Trip (Jax. Zoo)

November 25th – Weather Day – No School

November 26th and 27th – Thanksgiving Holidays

SECOND CHANCE TO SMILE!

Picture retakes are Tuesday, Nov. 10th for students who were absent on Picture Day. Once you receive your child's pictures, the photos you do not want to purchase must be returned to the school.



Wow—what a magnificent FALL FESTIVAL! It was wonderful to see so many happy faces come together and enjoy all of the festivities and the nice cool feeling of fall. A colossal thank you goes to the 2009-2010 committee, who worked diligently planning during September and October to prepare this fantastic event.

Select classrooms participated in our scarecrow contest. How adorable were the costumes! We would like to thank each of our participants and the winning classes were awarded piñatas filled with goodies. Our winners were: 1st Place - Mrs. Claxton and Mrs. Weber's class, 2nd Place - Mrs. Rowe's class, and 3rd Place - Mrs. Brock's class. Congratulations to our winners!

PTA will agree that such a night would not be possible without the many volunteers who donated their time, money, gift items for the silent auction, and superb enthusiasm. THANK YOU for all of your support.

Lone Star is a fantastic place to be! We should all be excited about what is happening in our children's education. If you have not joined PTA, you still have time. Your help and involvement would be greatly appreciated.



PARENT
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COMING
SOON!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Lone Star would like to welcome Mrs. Luanne Isaacs, our school nurse and Mrs. Alicia Davey, our new office clerk.

Nurse Isaacs has been an RN for 30 years and she brings a wealth of experience to us. She transferred to Lone Star from Finnegan Elementary School.

Mrs. Davey, is a former banker and mother of three. We are grateful to have these ladies join our Lone Star family.

There's a Chill in the Air!

Parents please remember to send a sweater or light jacket with your child. Although it may warm up in the afternoon, it is sometimes quite cool in the morning.

Don't forget to mark your child's name on these items!

If you happen to miss your child's sweaters, jackets, or sweatshirts, etc. please feel free to check our Lost and Found.



Reflections Theme 2009 - "Beauty Is..."

All entries are due Wednesday, Nov. 18th. When you turn in your entry at the office you will receive a sticker. Please make sure the entry form, and all rules are followed before your entry is turned in, and don't forget your parent's signature.

The categories are: Visual Arts, Dance Choreography, Photography, Literature, and Film Production. Rules and forms can be found at:

<http://www.floridapta.org/Reflections>

Get creative and have fun this year!

From the Office of the School Nurse

Strep Throat: After being diagnosed with strep, if the student has been on antibiotics for 24 hours and is fever free, he/she may return to school.

Cold flu season guidelines: In order for an ill child to return to school, he/she should have had a normal temperature and be free from vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.

Classroom parties and birthday treats: No homemade treats or food items are permitted. All treats must be commercially prepared and packaged for distribution with the ingredient label intact.

NUMBER SENSE

Get your child used to thinking about numbers and what they mean.

+ Have him count objects regularly. How many computers are in the library?
How many books are in his room?

+ Give directions involving numbers. *Examples:* "Please put three plates on the table." "Take four steps to get into bed."

+ Ask your child to count to 10 by finding numbers around the house. *Examples:* "1" on a clock, "2" on a remote control, "3" on a board game spinner, and so on.

Skip Counting

2, 4, 6, 8... Learning to "skip count" will help your child count faster and with more confidence.

+ While walking up the block, have him read the house numbers. Point out how they increase by 2 or 4.

+ Ask him to number 20 craft sticks (1-20) and lay them down side by side. If he removes every other one and says the numbers that remain, he will have counted by 2's.

+ Encourage him to count to 50 while bouncing a ball. He can swing his leg over the ball on every 5th number (5, 10, 15) to get the rhythm of counting by 5's.

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