

# LONE STAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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October Newsletter

**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!**

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## IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

October 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

Early Release Days

1:45 Dismissal

October 8<sup>th</sup>  
Fall Pictures

October 13<sup>th</sup>  
Radio Disney  
Assembly

October 15<sup>th</sup>  
SAC Meeting  
@ 5:30

October 16<sup>th</sup>  
Fall Festival  
6:00 – 8:00 PM

October 26<sup>th</sup>

Teacher  
Planning  
Day

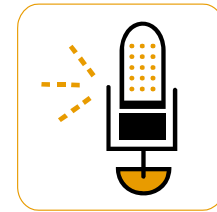
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October 30<sup>th</sup>  
Report Cards

**School Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM**

Students are tardy after 8:30 AM.

**\*There will be no afternoon  
dismissal after 2:15 PM!**



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As the school year continues to roll by, I can't believe the end of the first quarter is fast approaching. Numerous assessments have been administered to determine appropriate levels in reading, math and science.

There is great energy in the confines of each classroom. Learning is critical and we are constantly planning and implementing much here at Lone Star. 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.

We invite you to become members of our PTA, SAC, Dad's Club 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.

Report cards will be sent home on October 30<sup>th</sup> so please mark your calendars.

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

*Mrs. Kavanagh*

## PARENT LINK IS HERE!

Parent Link is a school to home communication system that will leave a phone message regarding current school events or an emergency message to your home phone. If your child is absent from school, you will also receive a message which is reported daily. By now you should have received messages from the Parent Link. Just in case you have not received a Parent Link message, make sure that the front office has a current phone number, especially if you have recently changed numbers. Please stop by the office and update your child's information card so that our files can be updated and you can begin to receive messages.

Calling ALL  
volunteers...  
The Fall  
Festival  
Committee  
NEEDS YOUR  
HELP!!!  
Contact  
Amy Barker  
(abarker1215@yahoo.com)  
for more  
information.



## STRATEGIES FOR READING AND MATH

Students are taught to use reading strategies while they are reading. They are also to use them at home. Things good readers do are to: **Question, Predict, Infer, Connect and Summarize**. Before, after, or during reading, ask your child these questions:

- 🚩 What do you think this story is going to be about? (Predict)
- 🚩 What is the main idea of the story?
- 🚩 Why did the author write this story? (Authors write to entertain (Fiction), to Inform (nonfiction), to Teach (nonfiction) and to Persuade (nonfiction...newspaper ads, editorials)
- 🚩 What is the meaning of this word?
- 🚩 What caused this to happen in the story?
- 🚩 Summarize the story (in your own words).

### Math Strategies

- 🚩 Read the word problem carefully.
- 🚩 Decide what is important, and underline it.
- 🚩 Decide which operation is needed to solve the problem. Will you add, subtract, multiply or divide. Is there more than one step to this problem?
- 🚩 Decide on a strategy to use. Will you draw a picture?
- 🚩 Write a number sentence, and solve it.
- 🚩 Remember to go back and double check your work.

ABOUT

US

*Want to know  
more about  
our  
Art Program  
here at Lone  
Star? Check it  
out at:*

[www.artinthelight.blogspot.com](http://www.artinthelight.blogspot.com)

## FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING!

One of Lone Star's biggest school events is coming soon. Our annual Fall Festival will be held on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8:00 PM.

Our PTA and faculty are working hard to make this Fall Festival the best one ever. We would love for you to join us for an evening of fun for the

entire family. This year one of our booths will feature a Silent Pumpkin Auction. The artfully designed pumpkins (designed and decorated by Lone Star artists) will be up for silent auction!



Monies raised will support the PTA and our Art programs.

You don't want to miss this great event. There will be games, painting, car racing, a haunted house, scarecrow contests, bouncies and even a dunking tank. Which teacher or staff member will get dunked this year?

Come out and join in the fun. Hope to see you there!

## To See or Not to See

Students at Lone Star were recently screened for vision and hearing services.

Duval County Public Schools Vision Services program is a collaborative effort with the Duval County Council of PTA's.

Volunteers from our PTA as well as other community organizations have

been screening students for many years for possible vision and hearing problems.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped our school complete the Vision and Hearing screening last month.

Lone Star would like to express a special thank you to the Lions



Club for lending a hand and assisting with our screening process. We could never complete monumental tasks such as this one without the support of wonderful people who value the educational needs of children. We appreciate your time and service rendered to our students.

## SAY YES TO LIFE WEEK

# October 26<sup>th</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup>





Check out these websites for Reading and Math.

➤ [Brainpop.com](http://Brainpop.com)

➤ [Mathfactcafe.com](http://Mathfactcafe.com)

➤ <http://duval.riverdeep.net/lms>

➤ [bookadventures.com](http://bookadventures.com)

## TIPS FOR READING TIME

Preview the book. This will help give the reader context. Let your child know the main character's hard-to-sound-out name or location.

For beginning or struggling readers, you may need to do most of the reading, but have your child follow along with a finger or the eraser-end of a pencil as a pointer.

When you get to a word that she/he should know or that is very clear in context, let the reader join in. This works especially well with books that repeat content ("This is the house that Jack built") or with rhyming words at the end of a sentence.

Take turns reading. Switch after every page, chapter or every sentence if necessary.

