



Penguin Press



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Dear Penguin Families,

It is hard to believe that we are entering the last month of 2017! We want to extend our warmest Congratulations to Mrs. Erica Fife, First Grade teacher, who has been selected as our Teacher of the Year and to Mrs. Caroline Lebron, Data Entry and front office, who has been selected as our School-Related Employee of the Year. Mr. Fife and Mrs. Lebron are outstanding representatives of our amazing staff here at Lake Orienta. They both go above and beyond to help our students and their families!

Our Winter Break will begin for students on Friday, December 22, 2017, which also marks the end of our 2nd semester and the ½ point for this school year. We strongly encourage your child or children to take advantage of their access to iReady over the break. When we return in January, students will take their 2nd diagnostic assessment and we are hoping for all students to show growth. If they spend 1 hour per week in both reading and math for a total of 8 hours for the break, we feel like this will greatly support their chances to improve and show growth. If you have questions about how to access iReady over break, please reach out to your child's teacher.

We will dismiss students at 1:00 pm on December 19, 20 and 21. Many classrooms will be planning some type of winter festivities. We ask that you send in only the solicited items that the teachers request. Many times classrooms are overflowing with treats and we have to send these items back home or discard them. Teachers plan these activities and will send home requests for items needed.

We wish you a safe and relaxing winter break! And we wish you a very Happy 2018!

Donna Weaver

News from our Assistant Principal:

Well, 2017 is almost at an end. However, here at school, we are gearing up for more instruction. You can assist your child simply by reading with them over the long winter break. You can also work on projects together. Have students measure things around the house. Google Winter projects and see what comes up. There are many winter books and holiday books to read together.

We hope you can join us for our many events this month. See more in this newsletter. Please be prepared for our short days: Dec. 19, 20, and 21. School will be dismissed at 1:00PM on those days.

In January, we are planning a Hands-On Science Night. Prepare your students by going to a science website called, HowStuffWorks.com. There is a great article on that sight about the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree in New York City. Have a safe winter break and we will see you in 2018!

Mary Walters-Clark, Assistant Principal



LKO PTA CORNER

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PTA needs you...

Volunteer for three events and earn a FREE mint LKO Penguin t-shirt! Come have some fun and support your Penguins! Contact Shannon Perez at s.perez0501@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY SHOP



This shop gives your children the opportunity to buy gifts for friends and family. Items range in price from 25¢ to \$10. Please send spending money and specify who your child is shopping for. Be on the look out for the date and time your child's class will attend.

*The kids always enjoy shopping for their family
and we hope you enjoy the gifts!*

The dates for the Holiday shop are December 11 -14,
9 am—2 pm. Items cost between .25¢ and \$10.
Classes will be assigned a date and time
to visit the Holiday Shop.

To volunteer please email jennifer_dickerman@uhc.com.

DECEMBER EVENTS

- 4 MAKERSPACE OPENING** -Volunteers needed
- 5 PTA MEETING**, Auditorium,
3:30 pm, All welcome!
- 6 CHIPOTLE SPIRIT NIGHT**,
5:00 pm-8:00 pm
- 11-14 HOLIDAY SHOP** -Volunteers needed

DON'T FORGET...
**Lake Orienta Run Club is
every Friday at 8:05 am!**

If your child wants to participate contact
Kerri Strianese at kerristrianese@gmail.com.

Please consider joining LKO's PTA. Your dues help provide wonderful family and appreciation events, extracurricular activities, educational programs, and more to make our school amazing. Send \$8 in an envelope marked 'PTA Membership'. Please include your name and email, and your student's name and grade. Your help makes a big difference for our Penguins!



Please don't forget that December 18th- December 21st will be early dismissal. School will let out at 1:00 pm. Please make prior arrangements to have your child(ren) picked up from school and bus stop on time.



Lost and Found:

We have a table set up with jackets. If your child has lost or misplaced their jackets, please have them check the tables by the auditorium. Any jackets left after Dec. 21st will be donated.



Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 5th- PTA meeting 3:30pm
- Dec. 8th-Kindergarten Field Trip
- Dec. 6th- Chipotle Spirit Night
- Dec. 11th-14th- Holiday Shop
- Dec. 19th-21st- Early Dismissal at 1:00 pm
- Dec. 22nd-Jan. 7th- Winter Break