



Dear Penguin Families,

Happy 2018! We hope that everyone enjoyed time with your families and friends and feel rested and ready to focus back on the learning here at LKO. We were happy to welcome back our students on January 8. This is a very busy time of year in our classrooms. We are preparing to take our iReady Diagnostic and are looking for our students to show growth in their learning from the first diagnostic. We are focused on preparing our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students to take the Florida Standards Assessment later this spring. FSA is rigorous, demanding and requires students to think and reason their answers to show what they know. The FSA is designed to test students' mastery of the Florida Standards and what they need to know to be successful in their upcoming years of school.

Our teachers have been focused on scheduling conferences and meeting with parents to discuss students' progress. If you have not yet met with your child or children's teachers, please contact them so that they can schedule a time to meet with you at your convenience. Our 4th and 5th graders will take the FSA writing assessment in early March and all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will take the FSA in reading and math during April 2018. Our 5th graders will also add Science to their assessments.

Please help us by insuring that your child attends regularly and arrives on time to school. The time the tardy bell rings, the classrooms are hard at work. Students who are absent miss out on the quality instruction provided by our teachers and students who arrive late disrupt the routine of the classroom for all students.

Thank you for your continued support!

Donna Weaver

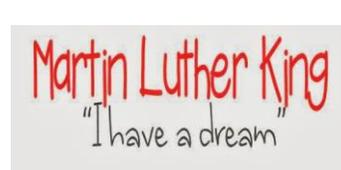
News from our Assistant Principal Mrs. Walters-Clark:

I am often asked about how parents can go about getting extra help for their children that are having trouble in different subject areas. The first step for this is to start with a conference with your child's teacher. Think of your child's teacher as a primary care physician for your child's education.

Most of the time they will be able to "prescribe" or suggest some different activities and resources to help your child. These may include, but are not limited to, morning tutorial, internet websites with activities targeting your child's needs, books to read with your child, books to have your child read, apps on mobile devices, and going to IREADY at home.

There are occasions where these resources will not be enough. Some other personnel at our school are "specialists" can be called upon for more suggestions and additional helpful advice. These school employees can include, but are limited to our Reading and Math/Science coaches, our Resource Teachers, our Certified School Counselors, or our ELL (English Language Learner) teachers.

The gatekeeper for all of these resources is your child's teacher. Keep the lines of communication open whether your concern is about your child's reading, his/her math, your child's behavior and socialization, or even if you feel your child needs additional challenges and enrichment.



Just a reminder... There is **no school** on **Monday, January 15, 2018.**

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.

JANUARY EVENTS

- 9 **PTA MEETING**, Auditorium, 5:30 pm, All welcome! Childcare provided.
- 9-19 **COUPON BOOK SALE FUNDRAISER**, Seminole County coupon book is full of great deals for local businesses. They're \$20, sell 5, get one free one.
- 19 **FAB FRIDAY**, 1st, 3rd, 5th and Hopper students, please donate a breakfast item to supply an appreciation breakfast for the staff!
- 25 **SKATE NIGHT** -Semoran Skateway, 2670 Cassel Creek Blvd., Casselberry 6:15pm - 8:15pm \$6 per skater or \$5 per skater for PTA Members (includes skate rental) *Wear your Pajamas!!*



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!

Title I Family Science Night!!

Join us for our Title I Family Science night on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. Pizza and lemonade will be served from 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm and activities will begin at 5:30 pm. There will be Mad Science Discovery Stations with some really fun things for parents and children to do together. We hope you will join us! A flyer with more information will be going home. Be on the lookout... and don't miss out!



Don't miss out on the fun... come out on January 18, 2018 and enjoy a Movie Night (Hosted by 4th grade). Admission price is \$3.00, will be collected at the door. Time of activity is from 5:15-7:30. Make sure to wear your Pj's and bring a blanket. Refreshments will be sold at a cost. This is not a drop off activity an adult must be present at all times. Be on the lookout for a flyer coming home in the next couple days.



Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 8th- School Resumes
- Jan. 15th- No School Martin Luther King Jr.
- Jan. 18th- Movie Night
- Jan. 23rd- Title I Family Science Night
- Jan. 25th- Skate Night 6:15pm-8:15pm