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The Newsletter for Lake Orienta Elementary

"Success for Every Student"

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## From the Principal

Dear Penguin Families,

It is hard to believe that the last month of 2014 is here. Time really does seem to move quickly. The school year will already be  $\frac{1}{2}$  over by the time winter break starts for students on December 19. The students have been hard at work on quality learning experiences provided by their hard working teachers and support staff. Please know that we continue to focus on academics and learning during the 3 weeks before break.

Teachers will plan a small holiday celebration for their classes during the last week of student attendance in December on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, or 18<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will send home a request for any item needed and as always, your participation is voluntary. We do have students with food allergies and dietary restrictions, so we request that you not send any treats or items that have not been requested by the teacher. We do not want this to be a disappointment for your child if you send something that is not used in their classroom and returned home. This is a special time of year, both at home and school, and we look forward to making special memories here at school for all of our students.

We wish you all happy holidays and a wonderful winter break beginning Friday, December 19, 2014. We will see the students back on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

Best Wishes,

Donna Weaver, Principal

## There's an "AP" for that!

### News from the Assistant Principal- Mary Walters-Clark

I have been visiting classrooms recently to speak to our students about bullying. I have shared what bullying is, what it is not, and how to prevent bullying. I have spoken about kindness and how important it is to be kind to everyone. The school board of Seminole County defines Bullying as: "systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students, a school district employee or a school district volunteer, including unwanted and repeated written, verbal, or physical behavior, this includes any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment; cause discomfort or humiliation; or unreasonably interferes with the individual's school performance or participation."

As parents, the first step to take if you think your child is being bullied at school is to contact your child's teacher. They will know more about whether it is something that is affecting the school performance. From there, if you feel that this is something that needs to be addressed outside of the classroom, please do not hesitate in contacting the office or me through phone or email. Thank you! We hope you have a great holiday season!

## Code Red Drill

Parents,

Please be aware that we are required to hold a Code Red Drill each semester to practice what teachers, staff and students should do in case of a lock down emergency. This drill will be conducted by the staff and the Altamonte Springs Police Department on Tuesday, December 9 at approximately 2 pm and will last 10-15 minutes. Should you need to check your child out of school around that time, please plan to arrive before 2 pm or you will have to wait until after the drill has been completed.



Lake Orienta Family Programs  
Where Parents Make Things Possible!



**Upcoming Family  
& Involvement Events**

**Holiday Shop! - December 8th-December 11th**

**Early Release Days:**

**Tuesday, December 16th dismissal at 1pm**  
**Wednesday, December 17th dismissal at 1pm**  
**Thursday, December 18th dismissal at 1pm**

**Winter Break School Closed:**

**December 19th - January 5th, 2014 Resuming on Tuesday, January 6th, 2014**

**Holiday Shop  
December 8th - December 11th**



Students can come shop for holiday gifts during school hours on these days. Each class will have an assigned time to shop during this event. Most gifts range from \$1.00—\$5.00. Envelopes will be sent home for your child to bring in their list and money.  
*If you are interested in volunteering please contact Tessa Lambe at [tlambe@cfl.r.com](mailto:tlambe@cfl.r.com) or 407-625-9349*

On behalf of LKO PTA we wish you and your family and safe and happy winter break! See you January 6th!

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For information or assistance with Family Programs contact Mrs. Leonard  
[Jonita\\_Leonard@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:Jonita_Leonard@scps.k12.fl.us)

**Café News**

At Lake Orienta Elementary Dining Services, as well as all the other Seminole County Public Schools, we pride ourselves on serving hot nutritious meals for both breakfast and lunch. This year our No Charge Breakfast is served daily from 8:05-8:30, we have introduced Apple Cinnamon and Cranberry Orange Scones served with a dollop of vanilla yogurt every Thursday morning, which are proving to be one of the students' favorites. Apple Cinnamon Bagels along with Cinnamon Cream Cheese bagels are served daily. Our lunches are all about options. We are now offering two hot entrees three out of five days a week and all wheat products are made with whole grain flours. Uncrustable Peanut Butter Sandwiches, both grape and strawberry, a variety of freshly made Chef Salads, and Pizza or Turkey Lunchedibles are offered daily as well. Our recipes and products have been adjusted to low sodium recipes and fewer calories in comparison to previous years. Local produce is always available. We offer three different vegetable cups daily, and at least five different fresh options of fruits too.

It's a new day and a new dining experience at Seminole County Public Schools. Please allow us the opportunity to serve your child.

Thank you,  
Zoe Brooks

**\$ Field Trip Reminders \$**

We would like to thank all parents for their support and Dividend participation on Field Trips.

- \* PaySchools is the preferred method of payment for upcoming Field Trips.
- \* Remember Chaperones must be approved Dividends before making a Chaperone Payment

**Visit:**

<http://www.scps.k12.fl.us/dividends/Home.aspx>

to register!!!

**Holiday Cool Kits**

Parents please be reminded that if you are not purchasing your child's Holiday Cool Kit please return it to your child's teacher by **December 12th**.