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"Success for Every Student"

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From the Principal

Dear Penguins,

We are off to a great start in 2015! Students and teachers are hard at work and the results of their efforts are shining through in the classrooms and throughout the hallways of Lake Orienta. We appreciate those of you who came to our Title I Family Skills night on January 27, 2015. The teachers worked very hard to prepare and share important information about our upcoming FSA assessments and how you can help your child at home. Mrs. Walters-Clark, LKO's assistant principal, will share more information in this newsletter. For those of you who were unable to attend, the powerpoint presentations have been placed on our website for Grades 3, 4, and 5.

Congratulations to Mrs. Tracy Shannon, 1st grade team leader, who was selected to represent Lake Orienta as our Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Shannon is a shining example of the quality teachers at Lake Orienta and will do a fantastic job as our representative. Mrs. Jo Leonard, who works in our front office was selected as our School-Related Employee of the Year. Congratulations to both Mrs. Shannon and Mrs. Leonard!

Finally, I cannot stress enough the importance of your child's regular attendance at school. Students need to attend each and every day. The value of the instruction daily in the classroom is key to your child's academic success. For your information, our attendance policy has been placed on the back of this newsletter. Please help us remain a high performing school by insuring your child is here every day, on time and ready to learn. Completing and turning in homework is also very important.

Thanks again for all of your support for the students at Lake Orienta!

Donna M. Weaver, Principal

There's an "AP" for that!

News from the Assistant Principal- Mary Walters-Clark

With FSA/ELA Writing rapidly approaching for our 4th and 5th graders next month, now is a good time to stress the importance of writing for all grade levels. A great activity is to choose an object or picture of something your student recently learned in class. Then, both you and your child write as much about that object or picture in 2 minutes as possible. Afterwards, share your writings and see where the ideas went. You can increase the amount of writing time as you see fit.

Enjoy!

Mary Walters-Clark

Valentines Day at LKO

There will not be Valentine's Day parties across the grade levels. Teachers will send home information about any Valentines' card exchanges for their particular class. Please do not send treats, etc. to the school for the classroom unless you have coordinated this with your child's teacher. This includes treats for lunchtime. Your cooperation is appreciated. Unwanted items will be returned with the student for you to enjoy at home.

LKO Lost & Found and "Discovered" Glasses

Parents, there's an abundance of jackets, sweaters, winter hats and pairs of lost glasses found on our campus. If your child has lost or is missing a pair of glasses or any of these items, please feel free to visit or have your child stop by to check our lost and found. Thank You!



Lake Orienta Family Programs
Where Parents Make Things Possible!

Lake Orienta Attendance Policy

Attendance and Absences

Regular and punctual attendance is essential for the optimum learning, growth and development of students. When a student is absent from school, he/she must bring a written excuse stating the reason for the absence on the day he/she returns to class. The Principal has legal authority to determine if an absence is excused. A student will be excused from school only for those reasons listed in the Seminole County School Student Conduct and Discipline Code. A student shall be considered truant when absent without permission of the parent/guardian or when the parent/guardian consents to unnecessary absences.

An excused student absence is defined as illness, death in the family, family emergency (approved by the Principal), and observance of religious holy days. Students with excused absences will be given the opportunity to make up schoolwork according to the following guidelines: a student who is absent is required to make up all coursework missed, regardless of whether the absence is excused or unexcused. Students with unexcused absences will receive a zero for the daily assignment (s). It is the student's responsibility to obtain assignments upon returning to class immediately following an absence. Students shall have no less, plus one, than the number of days absent to complete and turn in make-up work for credit.

Absences due to head lice (pediculosis), nits, or immunization non-compliance in excess of three (3) school days will be considered an unexcused absence. The school will make a referral to the School Board nurse who will assess the need for forwarding the student to the school social worker.

A student may be excused for a continued or repeated illness up to ten (10) attendance days in a span of ninety (90) calendar days. After this period of time, medical verification will be required. If no verification is submitted within three (3) student attendance days, referral to the School Board nurse will be required.

Dismissals during the Day

No child may be dismissed during the school day unless a parent/guardian comes to the office to sign the appropriate form releasing the child. Student attendance records will be updated to indicate students who do not attend a full day of school. If you must pick up your child before dismissal time, we request you do so **prior** to the last 30 minutes of the school day to insure maximum student safety and to avoid the busy activity of dismissal.

Early release of students is strongly discouraged. Students may only be released (signed out) to parents, guardians, or other persons designated on the Lake Orienta Security Card. You will be required to use the security code on the Security Card and/or show identification when picking up your child from the office. A phone call may be made to the parent or guardian who signed the enrollment form to verify if an individual is eligible to remove the student from the campus.

Tardiness

Classrooms open at 8:30 am. Those students arriving after 8:35 am will be marked tardy. Parents must accompany their child(ren) into the building. Students must get a tardy slip at the reception desk. **NOTE:** Excessive tardies could result in disciplinary action. To help the school know that the tardiness is legitimate, and not a matter of student negligence, a note should be written explaining the tardiness.

Upcoming Family

Involvement Events & News:



Spaghetti Dinner/Basket Fundraising Night
Thursday, February 12th, 2015 6pm—8pm

School Closed - Presidents Day - Monday, February 16th, 2015

Spring Picture Day - Monday, February 24th, 2015

Book Fair Set-up - Friday, February 27th, 2015

