

## Lake Orienta Elementary

Penguin Pride: Positive Work Habits, Good Study Skills, Respect and Self-Control.



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Dear Penguin Families,

Welcome to March! There are 2 big events this month here at Lake Orienta. Our spring Book Fair begins on March 6<sup>th</sup> and continues through March 12. Our Family Night will be Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 6:30 PM. Our theme is Dinosaurs. More information will be coming home. We hope that you can join us!

PTA hosts their Spring Carnival on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 -7:30 pm. We have a lot of fun activities for the whole family so please plan to attend.

Spring Break begins on March 15<sup>th</sup> – March 24<sup>th</sup>. Students return on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. We hope that you enjoy time off with your families and return rested and ready for the last 9 weeks of the school year!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher to schedule a conference if you have not yet met with them to discuss their progress. We want to keep communication strong between teachers, staff and our families.

Donna Weaver

### Message from Title I Dept.:

Be sure to check out the SCPS Parent Resource Center! The PRC includes a resource library with over 1,200 books and reading, math, and science games to check out and use at home to support student learning! The PRC also hosts monthly parent workshops and has a computer lab for parent and student use.

Email [SCPSfamily@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:SCPSfamily@scps.k12.fl.us) with any questions!

### News from our Assistant Principal Mrs. Saintil

Dear LKO Parents,

“Spring brings out the growth, weed out the bad and make room for something beautiful.” (Anonymous) It is that time of the year to show growth and weed out bad... and make room for the beautiful things that are to come.

**Bringing out the growth...** Teachers and students have been working hard on mastering standards since the first week of school. With a fast approaching testing season, we are sure our students will show great growth. Parents, we are urging you to visit the local library, science center, the zoo and/or museums to keep your child's mind intrigued with interesting facts.

### **Weed out the bad...**

- Many of our students are out growing their school clothes so please adhere to the SCPS dress code when purchasing new apparel.
- There is one designated car drop off area located in front of building 2.
- Excessive tardies and absences deprive our students of optimal learning experiences.

Parents lets work together to weed out the bad to make room for the beautiful things.

**Make room for something beautiful...** At the end of the testing season, we will have several beautiful events in May. Please check out the PTA calendar as we have changed the week we will celebrate Teacher's Appreciation.

Yours in education,

*Sandra Saintil*

### Grade Level News

**2nd Grade:** Sea World Field Trip is March 8<sup>th</sup> and students will return to school at 5pm. Students must be picked up in the car rider line.

**4th grade:** We're excited to go on our field trip to St. Augustine on March 1<sup>st</sup> to see the historic sites we've been learning about in Social Studies.

**Grades 3-5** will be participating in a Mock FSA Test to practice their reading/writing skills on March 4<sup>th</sup>. This will give us valuable information to better help your child with the reading and writing skills they need to be successful on their FSA Test.

**Attention 5th Grade parents:** Please return 6<sup>th</sup> grade Course Selection Sheet to Ms. Johansson.

### **Calling All Penguins!!** 5th Grade Celebration Donations!!

We are currently accepting the following donations. Donations are on a voluntary basis and we appreciate all your support as we plan this special day for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Thank you!!

**March:** Cases of bottled water

**April:** Candy and Snack-size bags of chips

**Lost and Found:** Please ask your child to check the lost and found table for any items that may belong to them.

**Our March key to character is KNOWLEDGE.** The Awareness of facts, truths and principles through critical and creative thinking processes.

