



Three Oaks Elementary Newsletter

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Ms. Jody Moorhead, Principal
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Volunteer Orientation

All new and returning volunteers who did not attend the orientation last year must attend the 2017-2018

Volunteer Orientation prior to volunteering.

We are offering two Volunteer Orientation times for your convenience:

- **Thursday, October 26th at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the media.**

This is an important meeting regarding our volunteer program. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon McMahon at 267-8020.

Volunteer ID Badge picture day will be November 6th for any volunteers who do not have a badge from previous years and have completed a volunteer application. Volunteer ID Badge picture schedule will be from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m..

School Website:

<http://oak.leeschools.net>

School Number: (239) 267-8020

School Fax: (239) 267-9559

Twitter @ TOEBears

School Times: 7:55 - 2:10 p.m.

Student Arrival: 7:25 - 7:55 a.m.

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Picture Day:

Picture Day has been rescheduled for Monday, November 6th. Picture Day flyers will go home with your child on Friday, 10/27/17. If you wish to purchase a package, follow the instructions on the envelope and please include cash or check payable to Lifetouch. **Picture orders must be received on or before 8:00 a.m. on picture day. No late orders can be accepted because Lifetouch programs the students' order in the camera just prior to taking their picture.**

Also for your convenience orders can be placed ONLINE- MORE BACKGROUND CHOICES/OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE!

Simply Go to www.mylifetouch.com and in the green box – enter Picture Day ID #FT927050Q0 and follow all instructions.

******VERY IMPORTANT** - Please remember when placing your online order, your child must present the final printout from the online order to the photographer on picture day.

Volunteer ID Badge picture schedule will be from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. *Volunteer ID Badges are available to any volunteer who does not have one from previous years and has a volunteer application on file.



Dates To Remember:

- **Sun., Oct. 15th:**
Beef O' Brady's
Spirit Night 4-9 pm
(Grande Oaks in Estero)
- **Fri., Oct 20th:**
Bear-A-Thon Kick- Off
- **Fri., Oct. 27th:**
Report cards go home
- **Tue., Oct. 31st:**
1st grade Egypt Day

SAC Meeting

Thursday,
October 19th
5:15pm



Due to Hurricane Irma

Monday, October 16th is a regular school day for students. Please make this correction on your calendars.



Helping your children after a hurricane

We are so happy that no one was seriously injured from the storm. Children will react in their own way and in their own time to their disaster experience. Most reactions are normal and typically go away with time. Be observant, though, if this does not happen. Often children will cling to parents and may not want to be away from them. When a child shows excessive clinging and unwillingness to let a parent out of sight, the child is expressing fear and anxiety of separation or loss. Parents should give them comfort and reassure them that they are safe. Once they feel safe, they will begin to let go. Some children need to talk about a traumatic experience all the time and others do not want to talk at all. This is normal. While it is important not to force children to talk about their experiences, it is also critical for parents to let them know they are willing to listen, then, to listen. Anxiety about disaster experiences and problems sometimes keeps children awake at night or nightmares might wake them. Temporary changes in sleeping arrangements following a disaster may be helpful, such as parents letting children put sleeping bags on the floor in their room or sleeping closer to them at first. After brief period of temporary changes, it is helpful to move back to Pre-disaster bedtime routines. Giving children choices helps them feel some control when their environment has felt out of control. Choosing food, clothes, what games to play—any appropriate choices—can be helpful. Children still need discipline. It helps them feel safe to know their parents will not let them get away with too much and that normal rules still apply. Parents will want to establish daily routines as soon as they can- meals, bedtimes and other regular parts of their day can help children feel comforted and know what to expect. Sometimes students react to trauma and stress with anger. They may feel it gives them a sense of control. Adults should be understanding but hold children responsible for their behavior. *It is Not OK to hurt others* or to break other home, and school rules even though students may feel stressed. It does not help younger children to watch coverage of the disaster repeatedly. However, some older adolescents may find viewing some factual media reports helpful in order to better understand the disaster and recovery efforts. Parents should remember to take good care of themselves, too. This will help you to have the energy necessary to take care of their children. Your ability to cope with this disaster will help your children cope as well. Be gentle on yourselves and your children. We went through a tough time but we are **#TOEStrong! Please let me know if I can help you or your children in any way.** *“You are making a difference!”*

Ms. Lori Wallace, MA, School Counselor- email: lorisw@leeschools.net

Emergency School Closing

The School District of Lee County will always consider student and staff safety of primary importance when making a decision to close school when severe weather threatens. Unless there is a clear threat of danger, the decision to close school will be made and announced through NBC, WINK and ABC TV morning news shows, and via NOAA Weather Alert radios. Three Oaks Elementary and Lee County School District will send out a Parent Link advising you of any school closures. Parents and staff should listen to local media beginning at 5:00 a.m. for the latest information pertaining to school closings during severe weather months.



BOX TOPS

Box Tops contest has **been extended another two weeks to October 16th**. Pizza party will be given to the class who brings in the most Box Tops. So far, Mrs. Slepian/Mrs. Alexander's 5th grade class is in the lead bringing in over 1100 the first week! Keep clipping those box tops! For participating products you can search the website at www.btfe.com.



PARENT PATIO GUIDELINES

Having Lunch with your Child

Parents may eat at the picnic tables with their child **ONCE a week during their child's lunch time**. Due to popularity of the Parent Patio we must limit lunch visits to one visit per week.

Due to food allergies and/or parent safety preference, **ONLY your child** (no classmates) may join you for lunch.

Students who eat with their parents go with their class when their class leaves the lunchroom. Your child may only leave the patio area with his/her teacher and class.

Parent Visits and Luncheons

When visiting our school campus, all visitors must enter through the office to scan their driver's license for a visitor's badge. Badges must be returned to the office upon leaving the campus.

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Three Oaks Elementary 7th Annual PTO

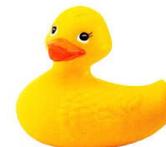
BEAR-A-THON 2017 will be here soon!!
 October 20TH WILL BE OUR KICK-OFF

As many of you know our wonderful Three Oaks Elementary was one of the hardest hit schools in the county putting us in the national spotlight. We have received inquiries as far as Australia to see how our little school in Southwest Florida is doing. We thought this BEAR-A-THON would give us the opportunity to bring normalcy to all.

The funds raised this year will assist in rebuilding the boardwalk, planting new trees by the PE field and, most importantly, to help local families. All of this is in addition to our continued support of the supplemental educational needs for our students.

Any donation big or small, cash, check or online will help us make an impact.

As bad as our community has been hit there has been so much good to come from Irma. Neighbors and families becoming closer, everyone working together to find the most basic of needs and the rebuilding of this paradise we are lucky enough to call home.



Each student will raise funds by asking sponsors, such as parents, friends, a members to contribute a tax-deductible donation. *Please do not approach strangers!*

- ◇ **ALL DONATIONS ARE TO BE COLLECTED AT THE TIME OF SOLICITATION.**
- ◇ **CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: THREE OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**
- ◇ **ONLINE DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED**
<http://oak.leeschools.net/pto-bear-a-thon>

We are now accepting online donations through PayPal!!!

Visit the school website

<http://oak.leeschools.net/pto-bear-a-thon>

By supporting this fun event *the PTO will not* have to do any more traditional fundraisers this school year!!!