



Three Oaks Elementary Newsletter

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Ms. Jody Moorhead, Principal
Mrs. Tami LeMaster, Asst. Principal

Dear T.O.E. Families,

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.

The teachers and staff here make learning relevant and engaging for our T.O.E. Bears – it is a real joy for me to visit the classrooms and see all of the smiles on the students' faces! I look forward to being a part of our PTO Bear-A-Thon fundraiser again this year. Kick Off day will be September 29th, flyers will go home that day. I am amazed at the many ways you as parents and families support this outstanding school! Because of the efforts of the PTO, staff, and students, the 2016- 2017 Bear-A-Thon raised enough money to buy fans for PE, library books, ukuleles and many other things.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2017 Bear-A-Thon and all of the other events that make our school so special!

Sincerely,
Jody Moorhead



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Picture Day:

Picture Day flyers will go home with your child on Friday, 9/15/17 (please inform the office if you did not receive one) . Prepaid portraits will be taken on **Tuesday, September 26th**. 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:

- **Tue., Sept. 12th:**
Curriculum Night
K,1st and 2nd 6:15-7:00 pm
- **Thur., Sept. 14th:**
Curriculum Night
3rd, 4th and 5th 6:15-7:00 pm
- **Fri., Sept. 15th:**
Interim Reports go home
- **Tue., Sept. 26th:**
Picture Day

SAC Meeting

*Thursday,
September 14th
5:15pm*



**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST**

Transportation & Safety Reminders

- Students may not be dropped off before 7:25 a.m. as there is no supervision.
- In order to assure that our morning drop-off runs smooth please make sure your child(ren) are ready to get out of the car when you pull up to one of our safety patrol or staff member.
- Students must be picked up by 2:30 p.m. or they must attend the After School Program.
- Right turn only when exiting the parking lot, this helps the car line move faster.
- If you need to change your child's way of going home at any time during the school year, please send a note to the teacher the day of



the requested change and include a telephone number where you can be reached.

- Please **do not** e-mail transportation changes to your child's teachers.
 - Phone calls regarding transportation changes due to emergency situations must be made prior to 1:15 p.m. to ensure that the message is relayed.
 - All parent pick-up and "walk-up" families must display their "BEAR" tag.
- "BEAR" tags are available in the front office.



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 dates for your convenience:

- Thursday, September 7th at 8:00 a.m. in the media.
- Thursday, October 27th at 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 September 26th 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. in the cafeteria.

Please join us to learn
about the Core Knowledge
curriculum

Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night will be on:

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 6:15-7:00pm

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade

Thursday, September 14, 2017 6:15-7:00pm

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade



CORRECTION

Please make this correction in your student Calendar & Handbook that went home the first week of school. February 16, 2018 is **not** a Professional Duty Day. Students will need to attend school on this day. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.



Out-of-Field Teachers

Florida State Board Rule 6A-1.0503(3) requires that the School Board must approve all instructional personnel who are assigned to teach Out-of-Field. Linda Heussner is our Out-of-Field teacher.

The following faculty members are engaged in training to add the English as a Second Language (ESOL) endorsement to their certificate:

Stephen Damico, Linda Heussner, Jennifer Rodriguez and Kelly Thompson

Counselor Corner

September 2017

Welcome back to a new school year at Three Oaks Elementary! Setting routines is fundamental to having a great year. Getting to bed on time (children need at least 10 hours of sleep), getting a good breakfast, getting to school before the first bell, getting homework done is so much easier when there is a routine. Make a to-do list to have your children check off before they leave of what they need for school.

Here are some guidelines for homework:

- Set aside time each day for family learning- No TV and everyone reads or does homework.
- Help your child with work only when they ask for it.
- Help your child only when they aren't frustrated or angry. Take a break if they are frustrated and come back when they have calmed down.
- Avoid guiding them every inch of the way. Check their work when they are done and ask them to explain how they got the answer if it's not correct- ask them to rework the problem. Only help them solve if they can't do it alone. This builds their self-esteem.

Teaching children respect is a daily challenge for parents and educators but it is the most rewarding moment when you see your child handling a situation in a positive manner. How do we teach respect? Teach patience and responsibility. Patience is a life saver. It relieves stress and helps them make better decisions. **Our Core Essentials Assembly will be Thursday, Sept. 14th.** Your child has learned about respect and friendship. Read the book-How to be a bucket filler, by Carol McCloud. If you have questions, please contact me.

You are making a difference! Ms. Wallace, School Counselor, 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

Our Box Tops contest will continue the whole month of September. Weekly prizes, and a pizza party will also be given to the class who brings in the most Box Tops. 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.