



LYNCH PRIDE NEWSLETTER

December 2017

Home of the Lynch Lions



Lynch Elementary School
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Dear Families,

During this season it is with pleasure that we pause and express our best holiday wishes and deepest appreciation for your support.

December is here with hopes of cooler temperatures coming soon. The upcoming weeks can become quite overwhelming as families prepare for family gatherings, special travels, and perhaps some shopping outings in preparation for special traditions. At times families need to make a concerted effort to see that the rush and stresses of the holiday season do not seep into their child's daily routine and need for consistency.

Live, Love, and Laugh. Spend all the time you can with your family and may the warmth and love of the season fill your hearts and home.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely, Cynthia Kidd, Principal



Happy Holiday Season from Ms. Jones

The time is upon us. We have returned from Thanksgiving Break and are planning our Winter Break....but.....

In the meantime we have 2 more strong weeks of instruction to help our students grow. Just like snowflakes, each child is an individual and grows in different ways. Some will turn out to be our future fireman, salesman, governors, scientists, etc. Someone at Lynch may be our future President.

Think about activities you might do with your students over the upcoming break. No, not big projects, or spelling words, but how about a board game? Share a traditional recipe you make with your family and have your student help (build that vocabulary and math measuring concept). We've been talking about respect and kindness as well as differences, how about taking time to help out someone in a little or big way? Learning comes in many ways. Your children are smart and are now shaping their lives.

Enjoy your little snowflakes as individual and beautiful as they are.

I myself plan to be in the gym with both my daughter and son who play high school basketball for Clearwater High. I plan to volunteer with my children helping at our local church delivering or preparing food. I'll probably sleep in a little, maybe a lot. I always buy a new game (board game or cards) and invite the family over New Year's Eve to eat and have fun. Last year it was Sparkle (dice game) with all of my grandchildren, nieces and nephews....so much fun and laughter.

I hope you too, create some great memories this holiday.

Julie Jones, Assistant Principal

The Gift of Reading ~ Ms. Magill, Media/Tech

Please consider gifting your children with a good story this Winter Break. The Public Library is a perfect place to hear a story read aloud or check out a good book. We also have electronic books available for your students on our school homepage at <https://www.pcsb.org/lynch-es> on the bottom left navigation bar, you will see Overdrive and MackinVia. Both of these electronic libraries have thousands of books to read for free. Happy Reading!



Upcoming Events

(See page 2 for full student calendar)

December 13

Club Picture Day

December 19

SAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.

December 20

All Pro Dads 7:30 a.m.
Vision & Hearing Screening

December 21

PTA meeting 6:00 p.m.

December 23

Winter Break thru Jan 8

January 8

Students & Staff return

Important Announcements

Office Clinic Needs:

We are in need of:

- ♦ NEW boys/girls underwear size 4-10s.
- ♦ Gently used shorts boys/girls 4-10s.

Many children are having accidents. Please keep a set of clean clothes in your child's backpack.

Lost and Found

All items are in the LOST & FOUND will be donated to GOODWILL on Friday, December 22. Please stop in today to check for any of your child's belongings.



Happy Holidays
from the staff at
Lynch Elementary!



Volunteers, Mentors, Parents, Guardians, and Families:

Help us to help you stay up-to-date on Lynch Elementary School's news and events by visiting our website at <https://www.pcsb.org/lynch-es> You'll find Newsletters under the "Resources" tab at the top of the page, and lots of other important information for students and families throughout the site. Check it out-- let us know what you think!
*hint: copy the link above as a bookmark or favorite.

Parents Right to Know

To: All Parents
From: The School District of Pinellas County

Date: December 1, 2017

As a parent of a student attending a Pinellas County Public School, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's teachers:

- Whether the Florida Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the Florida Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of circumstances.
- The teacher's college of major, and any advanced degrees, if so, the subjects and degrees
- Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child, and if they do, their qualifications.
- Review Principal's Attestations (in the Principal's office and LEA office)

In addition you have the right to be provided information on your child's level of achievement on assessments like End of Course Exams, FSA in reading/language arts, writing, mathematics and science This information will be available at your child's school.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact your child's school at 727-570-3170. You may call the school between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday and ask to speak to Cynthia Kidd, Principal regarding this request. An appointment will be made for you to come to the school to view this information.

Cynthia Kidd
Sincerely,

Student Calendar 2017/18



Dec 23-Jan 8	Winter Break
Jan 8	Students return (Hurricane Make-up day)
Jan 10	Ready, Set Kindergarten (new, incoming K students)
Jan 15	MLK Jr. Day, school closed
Jan 19	Report Cards Home
Jan 25	Class Group Picture Day
Feb 19	Pro Dev - No students
Feb 20	Spring Picture Day
March 12	School Opened (Hurricane make-up day)
March 23	Report Cards Home
March 24-April 1	Spring Break
April 2	Students return
May 24	Last day for students Report Cards Home

