

LYNCH PRIDE NEWSLETTER

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Home of the Lynch Lions 

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Greetings Lynch Families,

Thanks for partnering with us this year, we look forward to great things happening in 2018.

We continue to welcome you to visit our school. There are many opportunities available during the school day to fit your schedules. Having parents take an active role in their child's education is vital to success. Please contact our volunteer liaison, Cheryl Hanneman to find out how you can take part at Lynch Elementary School...as we welcome each of you!

There are a few things I would like to share with you regarding our day to day operations at Lynch Elementary. We want to be a family friendly school and also ensure the safety and well-being of all students, staff, and parents. You may help by doing the following:

Please have your child to school by 8:35 a.m. The front gate closes at 8:35 a.m. and students arriving after the designated arrival time are considered tardy and will need a pass to class from the front office.



Breakfast is served from 8:05-8:25 a.m. Students arriving after 8:25 a.m., will report directly to class. The exception will be bus students who arrive late.

All kindergartener students report to the cafeteria each morning and are escorted to class by their classroom teacher...even the students who do not eat breakfast.

Lynch is a closed campus during the school day. To be on campus you must present a valid driver's license or a state ID and receive a visitor's badge from the front office.

Please arrive in a timely manner for afternoon dismissal. Dismissal is at 2:35 p.m. and staff is on duty until 3:05 p.m.

Arriving to school before 8:00 a.m. offers no supervision by school staff. Some students are arriving as early as 7:00 a.m. Please check at the YMCA, Fossil Park, or Roberts for early morning care.

As you drop off your children in the AM please remind them to be seated and wait until the front gate opens at 8:05 a.m. Many students are running around and leaving campus...this a safety issue. Students who continually do not follow the rules will not be allowed to arrive before 8:05 AM.

We are a uniform school. If you are not sure about the uniform color or types of clothing please see front office staff.

Last...very important...the bus circle...many parents are parking in the STAFF PARKING lot which is connected to the bus circle...I have closed this off before but would like to extend a courteous offer by leaving it open, BUT...students are summoned across the bus drive to you standing by your car in the parking lot...although I have placed a staff member on duty there, this pulls them away from the actual crosswalk, and I'm very concerned about students looking at you and not the busses. I will have someone visit from transportation to give me feedback on a safer way...If you are parking in that lot for now, please park, walk across to collect your child and then walk them back. Please don't summon them over. If you can't leave your car because of little ones, then please go through the car circle...it's much safer and faster at this point of the year.

If you have questions or would like to know more about Lynch Elementary, Principal Kidd is available to share all the wonderful things going on. You may reach me at (727) 570-3170 ext. 2004 or call my secretary Diane Wray for an appointment at (727) 570-3170 ext. 2003.

We look forward to seeing each of you this year! Stop in to volunteer, eat lunch with your child, or participate in (PTA, SAC, All Pro Dad), and other school functions.

Mrs. Kidd, Principal
Mrs. Jones, Assistant Principal



Upcoming Events

(See page 2 for full student calendar)

February 14

Valentine's Day



February 16

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
RSPV – Cheryl Hanneman

February 19

Teacher Work Day – No Students

February 21

All Pro Dads ~ 7:30 a.m.

March 12

Hurricane Make-Up Day
Students in attendance

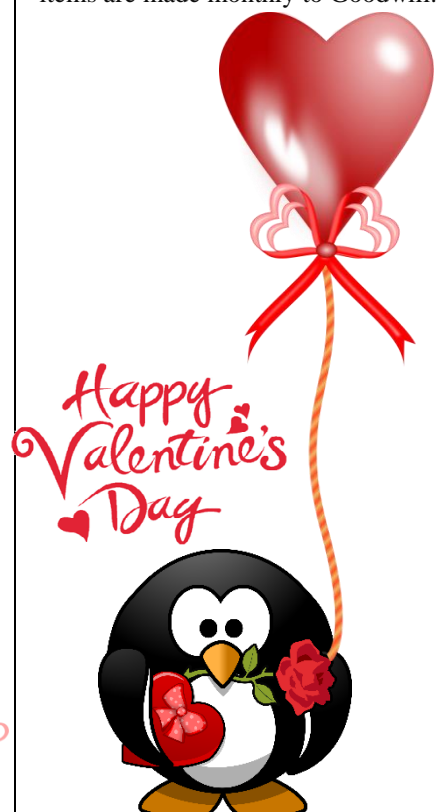
March 24

Spring Break –students return April 2

Important Announcements

Lost and Found

Please, please, please check the LOST & FOUND for your child's missing items. Large donations of unclaimed items are made monthly to Goodwill.



Volunteer Department ~ Cheryl Hanneman, Family & Community Liaison



Our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is this Friday, February 16, from 11:00-12:30pm. We are honoring our volunteers and mentors as they touch the lives of all of our students, whether it is working one-on-one with a student, helping in the classroom, media center, from home, or distributing Pack-a-Sack, etc. If your child is working with a mentor or has a classroom helper, this is the perfect time to have your child write a thank you!

Wanted...caring individuals willing to be engaged with students as mentors. Do you know a friend, grandparent, aunt/uncle, retiree, or another person willing to make a difference?



It doesn't take much time to have an impact on a child's life.
· Attend a one-hour mentor training workshop.
· Be matched with a student at a school of your choice for 30 minutes a week.

Register to volunteer and obtain a free background screening. Level II screening will be available for other volunteer roles (cost \$45.00). Register for a workshop and learn more: [click here](#) or call Strategic Partnerships; 727-588-6000

Below are links to mentor videos:
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=pinellas+county+schools+mentoring

Thank you to: Publix, AMC Movies Sundial, Regal Movies Park Pl, New Journey Fellowship, Raymond James, families who have donated uniforms, and our Lynch Volunteers and Mentors! We couldn't do it without you!!

Art News ~ Ms. Levine, Art Teacher

I'm excited to announce that four of our Lynch students have been honored in two different art shows. Our 5th graders participated in *Kids Tag Art*, among the many submissions, three students were selected to celebrate their artwork. Gabriela Negron, Allyson Minelli, and Naomi Glass were honored at an awards ceremony, at Largo High School.



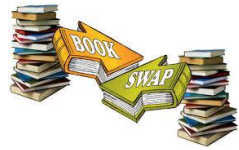
PE News ~ Mrs. Werly, Ms. Cadmus, Mrs. Doyle, Mr. Bates - PE Coaches

The 2018 Winter Olympics, officially known as the XXIII Olympic Winter Games and commonly known as PyeongChang 2018, is a major international multi-sport event scheduled to take place from February 9 – 25, 2018 in Pyeongchang County, South Korea. I hope you were able to catch the opening ceremonies on Friday, February 9th.



Media News ~ Sherri Magill, Media/Teach Specialist

Clean Out Those Old Books!
Every household has books lying around that the children have outgrown, but they are in great condition and you hate to throw them away. Consider allowing other children the opportunity to enjoy them by donating to our Book Swap. With each two books donated, your student will receive a Golden Ticket that allows them the first opportunity to pick out books from the collection that they would like to read. Last year, we collected over 2,000 books that will be enjoyed again by another child. Our Book Swap happens in May and we need your help now to make it a success. Just have your student bring the books they wish to donate to the Media Center. Or, feel free to drop them off yourself. Thanks in advance for supporting our literacy programs!



Title I News ~ Jennifer Bigler, MTSS Coach

Students at our school are able to check out Dell laptop computers to use at home. Students will also have free access to several online educational resources that will help them to improve their skills in many subjects, including reading, language arts, math, science and social studies.



- Beyond the Classroom online educational activities
- Information for school projects and homework
- Home use of the i-Ready® online instructional program when enrolled in Promise Time ELP
- Important software applications
- Home use of ST Math and iStation

This opportunity is made possible by Connect for Success — A Title I Digital Enterprise. The purpose of the program is to give students throughout the district equal access to the technology they need to be successful in school. It's also part of a larger district plan to extend learning beyond the classroom and expand digital opportunities for all students. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact me to schedule a training time.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Bigler, at (727) 570-3170 or biglerj@pcsb.org.



Student Calendar 2017/18

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

Goodwill Dropbox:

As you begin your spring cleaning please donate to the Goodwill Dropbox in the east parking lot. Lynch Elementary PTA receives .50¢ per pound for items donated!

