

LYNCH PRIDE NEWSLETTER

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Home of the Lynch Lions



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Kidd's Korner ~ Cynthia Kidd, Principal

Happy Summer Lynch Families,

It's been a great year, looking forward to growing greatness next year. Have a safe and restful summer.

Please check out the new Title I Family Engagement Facebook and Twitter page so you can learn about all of the ongoing Parent and Family Engagement articles, activities, events and programs offered throughout Pinellas County.

<http://twitter.com/PCSBTitleI>

We appreciate each of you!



Jones' Jots ~ Julie Jones, Assistant Principal

Greeting Lynch Families,

I'd like to thank all of our Lynch families for a great school year. Teachers, students, staff and parents put forth great efforts into growing their children/students. We've just completed testing and I know the students did well.

Please remember to have students engaged in physical and academic activities over the summer. We don't want students to show any evidence of summer slide.

Encourage your students to read, magazines are great sources for quick reads. I ordered Sports Illustrated for Kids for my son when he was in 5th/6th grade as he was a reluctant reader. The new sunshine state books are out and they are great reads for the summer as well, especially for students who may want to be on the 4th/5th battle of the books team.

Summer is a great time to work on addition, subtraction and multiplication...these help students with being more successful with other skills/standards that they will be learning at the on-set of school next year.

Build vocabulary by having conversations with your students. I once had a student at my house (middle school) who when I asked, "Do you want some cantaloupe?" replied, "what's that?" When I showed him, he said he didn't know the name, he just called it the orange melon....

I hope your summer is wonderful and relaxing. Good luck to our 5th graders and their new middle school ventures.



Cafeteria Information ~ Ann Niles, School Nutrition Manager III

Lynch will remain a Community Eligibility Program (CEP) school for the 2018/2019 school year. This means breakfast and lunch will continue to be free for all students, however parents need to complete an online application to receive the free and reduced lunch benefits (Before/Aftercare, Clothes To Kids, etc.) the Website for the application is: www.applyforlunch.com

Art News ~ Esta Levine, Art Educator

This year has been a busy one creating art. Your children have used their creativity working on so many art projects. I'm proud of the progress they've made. Not just for their competency manipulating tools and materials, but in their confidence to explore and be unique!

I'm grateful for any support you have shown your children to help build their confidence in so many ways. Whether it is in the visual arts, math, or cooking, their I-can-do-it attitude leads to success. I look forward to seeing you and your children next year.

Have a safe summer, full of family and friends.




BOX TOP\$ for Education ~ Melissa Doyle, PTA Secretary, Box Top Coordinator

Great job this year bringing in Box Tops. We have a total of 7,551 as of May 7th that means \$755.10 for our school!! Although we didn't reach our goal of \$1,000 we did get close. I will still accept Box Tops until the last week of school but the tally will go on next year's count. The top 3 classes this year with the most turned in are as follows: 1st: Mrs. Douglas's class with 722, 2nd: Ms. Al's class with 677, and 3rd: Ms. Nesmith's class with 613. Great job and keep collecting over the summer!



Lynch Calendar

- May 16**
Golden Book Swap for students
- May 17**
Last day for Promise Time
- May 18**
Mighty Lion PE Carnival
- May 18**
ALL Library Books Due
- May 24**
5th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony
9-10 a.m.
- May 24**
Early Release – 12:35pm
Last day for students
- August 13**
First Day for Students 2018/19 SY
NEW HOURS: 8:45-2:45 p.m.



Please click the link below to send an email to the school. Include: student name, date of birth, teacher, date absent & reason.

LynchES.Absence@pcsb.org

Reminders & Important Announcements

Lost and Found

One last chance to check the Lost and Found for your child's items! All items in the Lost and Found will be donated to Goodwill on Friday, May 25th.



2018-2019 Changes:

New Hours: 8:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
Earliest Drop Off: 8:00 a.m.

Lynch Elementary PTA News!

Check our new Facebook page!
www.facebook.com/lynchelementarypta/
See what exciting things the PTA is doing for your children and Lynch! Watch for important announcements about upcoming events and learn how you can become involved.

Goodwill Dropbox:

The Goodwill Dropbox located in the east parking lot. Lynch Elementary PTA receives .50¢ per pound for items donated!



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

Summer is officially starting soon and with the beautiful hot days, sun safety protection comes to mind. Here is a great list of some Sun Safety Tips for you and your family!

- Seek the shade, especially during the sun's peak hours (10:00am - 2:00pm)
- Wear a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher
- Cover up with clothing, especially a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses.
- Keep newborns out of the sun.
- Teach children good sun-protective practices

Avoid tanning and especially - do not burn! (One blistering sunburn doubles your risk for skin cancer.)



Volunteer Department ~ Cheryl Hanneman, Family & Community Liaison



THANK YOU to all of our Lynch Families, Volunteers, Mentors, Classroom Helpers, Media Center Helpers, Field Trip Chaperones/Drivers, Lion's Den Workers, PTA Members, SAC Members, Teach-In Speakers, All Pro Dad's Group, Community/Business Supporters and Donors of all sorts! We are also grateful to those who have participated, helped, donated or supported Lynch in ways that we may not be aware of; there are so many who have given their time and energy!!!

2018-2019 Lynch Families:

Lynch needs you! Please consider volunteering with us next school year in one of the capacities listed above; we are always welcoming folks who are willing to participate in making Lynch great!

- Girlfriends of Pinellas County- a group mentoring program designed to empower young ladies,
- LunchPals- an individual lunch-time mentoring program providing students with encouragement, support, role models, and a safe place to share
- Contact Cheryl Hanneman, to find out you can become involved as a volunteer

2018-2019 6th grade Families:

Please ask your middle school's Family/Community Liaison about Mentoring Programs available for students in grades 6-12. Programs include:

- Take Stock in Children- an individual scholarship and mentoring program
- 5000 Role Models of Excellence- a group mentoring program designed for male students
- Girlfriends of Pinellas County- a group mentoring program designed to empower young ladies,
- LunchPals- an individual lunch-time mentoring program providing students with encouragement, support, role models, and a safe place to share

AND MORE! Please see <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/461> for more information, and about how YOU can help make an impact.

Media News ~ Sherri Magill, Media/Teach Specialist

We love you Ms. Evey! Ms. Evey Antle has been a volunteer at Lynch since before our new school was built. That was more than six years ago. Many students know her because she has taken a personal interest in their lives, following many from Kindergarten to Fifth Grade. Ms. Evey is on campus Tuesday to Friday each week. She schedules regular lunch dates with the students she has mentored over the years, and she is an integral part of Ms. Jackson's and Ms. Nesmith's classes, spending many hours helping teachers and students alike during the day.

Ms. Evey fills our hearts and our stomachs too! Every Friday, many students receive Pack a Snack for the weekend because she takes the time to organize and distribute the bundles to students who may not have a weekend snack, if it were not for her. It is obvious how much the students care about her as you hear the "Hi Ms. Evey" around campus all day and see the number of students who seek her out in the Media Center.

Speaking of the Media Center, have you ever been in our Media Center? It has a fresh look regularly thanks to Ms. Evey's decorating talents. She is skilled at picking out just the right books to go along with her ever changing ideas and themes.

Ms. Evey puts a lot of hours in at Lynch each week, but more than that, she puts in a lot of heart. She is a role model for all of us as she teaches us that you can impact the lives of those around you just by showing that you care. From the bottom of our hearts....We Love You, Ms. Evey!

Title I / Connect for Success ~ Jennifer Bigler, MTSS Coach

Five Easy Tips for Summer Learning ~ ReadingRockets.org

Research about how much children lose ground over the summer is well documented. Harris Cooper of Duke University notes, "Overall, children experience an average summer learning loss across reading and mathematics of about one month".

The thing is, though, kids don't have to lose over the summer. In fact, you can encourage your child to have a summer of fun *and* learning with these five free and easy things to do. Try them out!

1. Read Every Day- Take your kids to the library often and let them choose which books to check out. Listen to books on tape. Subscribe them to a magazine. Take turns reading to each other. Allow your kids to stay up a half hour later at night as long as they're reading.

2. Use Math Every Day- The largest summer learning losses for all children occur in mathematical computation, an average of 2.6 months (Cooper, 1996). Practice the multiplication facts by making each point in a basketball game worth 7 points (or 8 or 9). Ask your kids to make change at the drive-thru. Have your child go to ST Math and let them teach you how to solve the puzzles. Make up math word problems in the car and at the dinner table.

3. Get Outside and Play- Intense physical activity programs have positive effects on academic achievement, including increased concentration; improved mathematics, reading, and writing test scores; and reduced disruptive behavior (Journal of School Health 1997).

Find ways to ensure your child is active for 60 minutes each day. Have him or her walk the neighbor's dog, go swimming, play badminton or soccer, take walks, or go for family bike rides. Look for safe, fun ways to play outside together year-round.

4. Write Every Week- More freshmen entering degree-granting postsecondary institutions take remedial writing courses than take remedial reading courses (NCES 2003).

Ask your child to write a weekly letter to his or her grandparents, relatives, or friends. Encourage him to keep a summer journal. Have her write the family's grocery list. Organize a secret pal writing project for adults and kids at your church or in your community.

5. Do a Good Deed- Students learn better and "act out" less when they engage in activities to aid in their social-emotional development, such as community service (The Collaborative for Academic Social and Emotional Learning, 2004). Encourage your child to help out neighbors or friends. He or she can volunteer with a local group or complete a service learning project.



A Child's Work is never done! As children transition from a time of structured activities during school to non-structured activities of summer vacation, keep in mind the value of a child's "work". *Playing* is the "work" of children which helps them to learn about the world and their environment. Not all children enjoy playing in the same manner. Some different types of play include: **Onlooker** – watching how others play without joining in; **Solitary** - playing independently such as with crafts or reading; **Parallel** – playing side by side with the same activity but with limited interactions; **Associative** – playing in small groups with no specific rules or roles; and **Cooperative** – working together to reach a goal or using assigned roles. Not all children are comfortable with the same type of play or interactions, so as long as your child is enjoying the activity and interacting on his comfort level, play should be gratifying. Parents and caregivers can support play by ensuring a safe environment, listening to your child's interests and using it as a special time to strengthen bonds.

Student Calendar ~ 2018-19	
Monday, Aug 13, 2018	1 st day for students
Monday, Sept 3	Labor Day Holiday/schools closed
Monday, Oct 15	Non-student day
Saturday, Nov 17 - Nov 25	Thanksgiving Holidays/schools closed
Sat, Dec 22, 18 - Jan 6, 2019	Winter Holidays/schools closed
Monday, January 7	Non-student day
Tuesday, January 8	Students return from Winter break
Monday, January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday/schools closed
Monday, February 18	Non-student day
Friday, March 8	Non-student day
Sat, March 9 - March 17	Spring Holidays/schools closed
Monday, March 18	Schools reopen/classes resume
Friday, April 19	Schools closed for students
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day Holiday
Wednesday, May 29	Last day for all students



Hurricane make-up days			
Make-up 1 day	Make-up 2 days	Make-up 3 days	Make-up 4 days
October 15, 2018	October 15, 2018	October 15, 2018	October 15, 2018
	January 7, 2019	January 7, 2019	November 19, 2018
		March 8, 2019	November 20, 2018
			January 7, 2019

*If hurricane occurs later in the season the one day make up day will be January 7, 2019.

