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The Mission of the Lynch Elementary School Community is to prepare every student for college, career and citizenship by providing quality educational experiences and integrating literacy through all disciplines.



Vision:
100% Student Success

PRINCIPAL MACON 'S MEMOS

Greetings to each of our families as we embark upon a new year of learning. We are very excited for all this year promises to bring.

We are noticing some excellent momentum as our scholars are coming to school on time each day and they are excited to continue their learning from the day before. As a school, we are taking a closer look at how we support and grow our children as readers. Each day they learn something new, and we are challenging them to take ownership of that learning by applying the skill or strategy while reading their independent books. You can encourage this work as well by asking what they learned about in class and how it can help them read with accuracy and understanding.

In addition, we want our children to find joy in reading and identify books that tap into some of their passions. Sometimes a spark can be ignited by reading a new genre of book together or by asking friends for book recommendations. This helps fuel creativity and innovations as children begin to ask questions and read purposefully to answer those questions.

Thank you for a spectacular beginning of the year. Please reach out any time you have ideas, concerns, suggestions or questions. Your input is helping us to make our school better on a daily basis. Thank you!



Principal Macon

Appreciation Strategy Humility
Commitment Responsibility
Integrity
Leadership
Honest Communication
Values Purpose Determination
Passion Principles

Assistant Principal Carlson



Mrs. Carlson's Corner

We have completed our first progress monitoring assessments. These are new tests aligned with the new BEST state standards and will take place three times per school year.

For students in VPK through grade 2, scores will be printed and sent home with your student.

For students in grades 3 through 5, scores will be available on the FOCUS parent portal.

Because these are new assessments, the district is also sending an email with information on how to read the results. Please remember that these assessments cover the entire year's curriculum, so we expect scores to rise as the school year progresses. If you have any questions about your student's individual scores, please reach out to your student's teacher.

Celebrations at School

Scholars may only be given Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value (FMNV), candy items or other restricted foods, for up to two different school-wide events each school year to be determined by the school.

A school administrator must approve the exempted events. During these events, FMNV may not be given during mealtimes in the areas where school meals are being served or consumed, and regular meal service must continue to be available to all students in accordance with regulation. **This includes birthday celebrations. Birthday celebrations are limited to the cafeteria and are not to interfere with the instructional day. Cakes and cupcakes are not allowed. Thank you for our compliance to this District policy.**



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Congratulations

Congratulations to our Lynch artists with 2-D and 3-D artwork currently displayed in the 2022-2023 Pinellas All-County K-12 Art Exhibition at the PCS Administration Building in Largo. These artists will be honored at a reception event on Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

Mia A., Jacob A., Ariana B., Kenneth E., Madelynn H., Amelia M., Preslee M., Charlotte P, Aiden R, and Lelany S.



Lynch Elementary will be celebrating Start with Hello Week! Start with Hello week is a nationally recognized program being implemented in all 50 states. It was started by parents who were impacted by the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2012. The staff and students at Lynch Elementary will be participating in Start with Hello week by promoting kindness at our school and in our community throughout the week of September 19th-23rd. The Start with Hello program enables students to make a difference with their peers in a simple, fun, and impactful way by encouraging them to take small but powerful actions to promote connectedness and inclusion, and to identify and help others who are showing signs of social isolation.

Hello! My name is Danielle Merrett and I am the new literacy coach here at Lynch. My role is to help our staff implement the best reading instruction possible. I have been teaching in Pinellas County Schools for 10 years. I am excited to get to be all over campus getting to know your students. Please make sure you read together for 20 minutes a night.



9/19-23 Starts with Hello week
9/21 Vision/Hearing Screenings
10/4 Fall Picture Retakes
10/14 Parents may eat lunch with their child

PCS Connects is a district initiative that provides 1:1 laptop devices for all students in grades 1-12. Students in grades 3-5 at Lynch can check out their devices to bring home to extend the learning day if needed. Contact Mrs. Goodloe for more information.

PCS CONNECTS My Device Care Pledge	
Taking care of your PCS issued device	
Keep device free from markings, stickers, or decals	Keep my password a secret.
Only use the device for its intended purpose.	Walk with my device and not run.
Keep food and water away from my device.	I will NOT download any programs to my PCS device
Respect and look after my device.	Sign out of my device.
	Charge my device after use.



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