

Lynch Lions Newsletter

February 2021

Notes from Principal Kidd

Greetings Lynch Families,

We are now in the month of February and the school year is winding down...officially this Friday, February 5th is the 100th day of school. We have had much to keep us busy and not spending time counting days. We continue to work on assisting our scholars who have unfinished learning and those who need acceleration. So, you see we are not a "one size fits all" school. Our vision is a 100% success for all scholars.

A special thanks to each of you for all your efforts in following the school-wide expectations as well as ensuring your child is doing the same. We have noticed a significant decline in office referrals as behaviors have improved school-wide. We are soliciting your assistance with the following each day:

- All students should arrive to school wearing a mask without any portholes for breathing
- All students should bring a water bottle
- All students need to arrive to school by 8:45 AM to eliminate being tardy. The gate goes down at 8:45 AM.

In this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to strive to keep everyone safe. If your child is not feeling well, we ask that you keep them home from and notify the school of their absence and we will mark it accordingly. Also, if you are ill and are going for a test, you may want to have your child tag along for a test as well. When a household member tests positive, your child will be quarantined due to direct contact. There are several different scenarios for who is and who is not quarantine. For additional information about exposure and quarantining, please call the school for Principal Kidd or Secretary Diane Wray as all information is confidential. Also remember it is not Lynch Elementary School or Pinellas County School District who issues the quarantine, but the Department of Health.

We have missed having you on the campus for lunch, volunteering, conferences, etc. We are now in the process of planning parent workshops to assist you in helping your child achieve their greatest potential. Unlike large gatherings in the past, the make-up of the workshop will look somewhat different to ensure all safety guidelines are followed. For the month of February, we are planning on hosting reading and math opportunities for our families.



Lastly, we share that our wonderful art teacher, Ms. Esta Levine is retiring. Friday, February 5th will be her last day and we will certainly miss her love of the arts. Our students will have art as we will fill the position within the next 2 weeks.

We wish for the month of February to be filled with lots of love for family and friends as we continue to bond closer together during these tough and uncertain times. Take care and stay safe!

GO BUCS!

Principal Cynthia Kidd

Lynch Elementary School



Please take our Annual Title 1 Parent Survey!

Parents of students enrolled at any Pinellas County Title I School are encouraged to have their voices heard by completing the annual Title I Parent [Survey](#). The purpose of this survey is to provide the district's Title I program's leadership with valuable feedback. The survey is open and available online through Thursday, Feb. 11. Your opinion is valued, appreciated, and important to continued school improvement. No individual data will be reported only summarized data will be presented in the report.

Title I is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools and is intended to help ensure that all children have the opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and the skills to master the Florida Standards. Title I provides additional resources to schools with economically disadvantaged students.

[Take the Title I Parent Survey.](#)

Math Memos from Mrs. Macking

Hello Parents!

You may have seen your student working on the DreamBox Math program at home or heard them talking about it from their experience at school. Many of our students have been earning DreamBox reward certificates because of their performance on DreamBox! 😊

What is DreamBox? DreamBox is a research based online curriculum based on the principles of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). It is closely aligned with national and state math standards. It is designed to help students at all math levels to have a deeper math understanding.

Parents, did you know?

- K-5 students completing **5 or more lessons** per week grew **175%** more than their peers who have been completing 2-5 lessons per week.
- K-5 students meeting the minimum recommended usage by **completing 5 or more** DreamBox lessons per week grew **0.61 grade levels** since the beginning of the school year.

Please encourage your child to complete DreamBox lessons at home each week to help them improve their math skills.

Remember, with DreamBox math, students should:

- Try every problem, even when it's hard

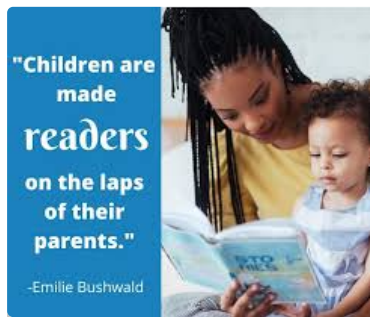


- Utilize in lesson support such as feedback, hints, and help.
- Use headphones or speakers with volume on in order to listen to directions and feedback
- Work independently (Don't let others do your work for you)
- Strive to complete 10 lessons per week to experience the most growth.

Parents, we know you love to help your child. With DreamBox math, it's important NOT to help them because the program adapts according to their answers. If YOU (or someone else) helps them, they may be moved up to a more difficult level before they are ready. Just think...you wouldn't help your child on an eye exam, right?

Encourage your child to stay positive and to use the assistance provided within the program so that DreamBox will adapt to their learning.

Thank you for your continued support! 😊



Literacy Coach Lessons

When it comes to reading, nothing is more effective than modeling the love of reading for your child. A great family activity, especially since we spend so much more time in our homes these days, is to set aside 20-30 minutes a few times a week for family reading. Here are some suggestions for what this might look like:

- For Pre-K students, read the book to your child, asking them to name items in the pictures, or simply retell you something they heard.
- For primary students, focusing on characters, setting, problem and solution can certainly lead to some very interesting conversations. This is also a great time to work on sight words together.
- For intermediate students, reading the same chapter book and then discussing it is such a wonderful way to get reluctant readers excited about reading. The fact that you are modeling by reading with them, and even reading the same book, can build a true love of reading. As adults, you lead by example, and this would definitely be a great way to set a positive example for your child.
- It might simply be each member of your family reading something of their own at the same time, dedicating intentional blocks of time to help instill the love of reading and enjoy the written word.

~Ms. Bennett
Literacy Coach

[Click Here For The February Elementary Lunch Menu](#)

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WHAT MEAL OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PINELLAS COUNTY CHILDREN?

Starting **Thursday, October 29**, children in Pinellas County 18 years & younger are eligible for


- 7 days' worth of breakfast, lunch, snack and dinner meals, **FREE**
- Distribution on Thursdays at 30 school locations
- Child does not need to be enrolled in Pinellas County Schools or be present for pickup
- No ID required for pickup
- Meals are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis

PICKUP LOCATIONS

- **Elementary Schools (Pick up 4:30-6:30 p.m.)**
 Belleair El Lakewood El
 Eisenhower El Sandy Lane El
 Garrison Jones El Skyview El
 High Point El
- **Middle Schools (Pick up 5:00-7:00 p.m.)**
 Azalea Middle Oak Grove Middle
 Bay Point Middle Osceola Middle
 Carwise Middle Palm Harbor Middle
 Dunedin Middle Pinellas Park Middle
 Fitzgerald Middle Safety Harbor Middle
 Hopkins Middle Seminole Middle
 Lealman Innovation Academy Tarpon Middle
 Madeira Beach Fund. Middle Thurgood Marshall Middle
 Meadowlawn Middle Tyrone Middle
- **High Schools (Pick up 4:30-6:30 p.m.)**
 Boca Ciega High East Lake High
 Countryside High Largo High
 Dixie Hollins High

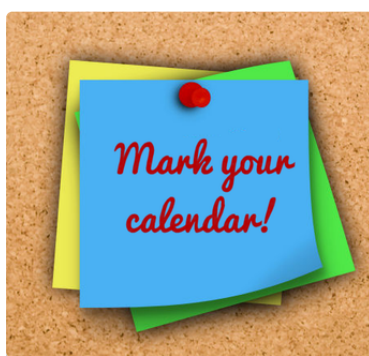
MORE INFORMATION
 Learn more at pcsb.org/food

pcsb Pinellas County Schools **VISION: 100% STUDENT SUCCESS**
MISSION: EDUCATE AND PREPARE EACH STUDENT FOR COLLEGE, CAREER AND LIFE



Check it out!

Our Lost and Found cart is full of items just waiting to get back home. Please remind your child to check the lost and found cart, which is located near the back door to the office, for any lost items. Items not collected in a timely manner will be donated to our Goodwill collection box.



Upcoming Events:

- 2/15: No school for students
- 2/17-18: Hearing and Vision screenings at school
- 2/23: picture retake day
- 3/15-19: Spring Break
- 3/23: No school for students
- 4/2: No school
- 4/20: Individual Spring Pictures
- 4/21-24: Dental Sealant Program
- 5/31: No school
- 6/9: Last day for students. 2 hour early dismissal



Our Vision:

100% Student Success

Our Mission:

We will prepare every student for college, career, and citizenship by providing quality educational experiences and integrating literacy through all disciplines.

Area 4 Superintendent:
Pat Wright