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Mission Statement

The Lealman Intermediate School family will promote student success by providing a unique learning environment that fosters academic and social growth.

School Vision Statement

EVERY CHILD MAKING PROGRESS EVERY DAY

Dear Lealman Intermediate Families,

We are excited to begin second semester! As we begin to prepare for the Florida Standards Assessment, we encourage families to prepare at home by discussing the importance of the FSA and having a positive attitude daily. We are committed to serve each and every one of our students by individually addressing their needs. Our goal is 100% student success and with your daily support, we will be able to achieve this goal. Your student will be involved in grade level assessments in the area of Reading, Writing, Math, Science, etc. It is important to build their confidence and promote a can do attitude. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming assessments, please contact your child's guidance counselor.

Thank you for everything you do!

Ms. Mathews

MATH FAMILY NIGHT @ Midtown Walmart—Monday—February 9

"Shop" with your family and friends while learning about the practical application of math in everyday life! Join Lealman Intermediate teachers and staff at Midtown Walmart, 1794 22nd St. S., St. Petersburg starting at 6:00 PM and ending at 8:00 PM. Come out and enjoy food, great activities and learn how easy it can be to support your child's math education! We had a great time last year at the Midtown Walmart and look forward to having an even better time this year! See you at the Walmart!

SOCIAL STUDIES FAMILY NIGHT

Parents, students, teachers and staff had an "historical" time at this year's Social Studies Night at Lealman Intermediate on January 15th. Enjoying pizza and ice cream, families also were treated to a realistic LIS election thanks to the Pinellas County Supervisor of Election Outreach Coordinator, Nancy Adams. Afterwards, LIS Social Studies Department teachers presented information about these classes. Thank you to all the families who attended. This Family Night could only have been better if more families had been there!

2014-2015

Looking Ahead...

- ✓ February—Black History Month
- ✓ February—Volunteer Month
- ✓ Feb. 2—Grade Level Assemblies
- ✓ Feb. 4 to Feb 11—District Application Program Acceptance period
- ✓ Feb. 9 Family Math Night 6:00 PM
- ✓ Feb. 13, PTA—Read-a-Thon Fundraiser starts on Celebration of Reading Day
- ✓ Feb. 16—no school for students
- ✓ Feb 17, SAC & PTA 6:00 PM
- ✓ March 2, PTA—Read-a-Thon Fundraiser ends on Dr. Seuss' birthday
- ✓ March 12, Junior Achievement for 5.5- & 6th grade students
- ✓ March 13, end of grading period
- ✓ March 16, no school for students.
- ✓ March 17, SAC & PTA-6:00 PM
- ✓ March 26, Family Enrichment Night 6:00 PM
- ✓ March 30-April 3, 2015, Spring Break No School for Students
- ✓ April 6, Classes Resume
- ✓ April 21. SAC & PTA-6:00 PM
- ✓ May 25, Memorial Day No school for staff and students
- ✓ May 26, Finance Park Field Trip for 8 & 8.5 grade students
- ✓ June 2, last day of school for students

Parent/Family Involvement Dates Funded by Title I

- ✓ Feb. 9, 6:00 PM Math Night at the Neighborhood Walmart, 1794 22nd Street S.
- ✓ March 26, Enrichment Night at Lake Vista Park Recreation Center 1401 62nd Ave. S.

Title I

News from

Mr. Rinchiuso

8 and 8.5 Social Studies classes will be attending a mandatory field trip on May 26th. We need 20 parent volunteers to please contact Mr. Rinchiuso via e-mail or phone at the number and e-mail address provided below. Thank you parents in advance.

Our new website is being worked on by Mr. Rinchiuso. Check it out!

Mr. Rinchiuso - (727)528-5802

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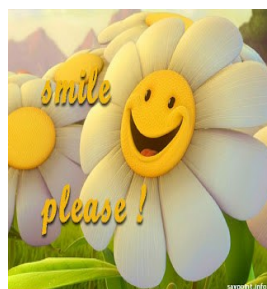
Teachers Out-of-Field

Our outstanding teachers are dedicated to our students and to the goal of having them reach their highest level of academic achievement. Our teachers are all certified by the state of Florida. In addition, they attend workshops designed to keep them current with the best strategies to help our students achieve. The following teachers are considered out-of-field until he/she completes additional training in their subject area.

Robin Brady, ESOL and Reading Endorsement, **Layne Farmen**, ESOL and Reading Endorsement, **Edward Levy**, Elementary Ed and ESOL Endorsement, **Earl Morris**, MG Math, and **Kim Yelton**, ESOL Endorsement.

Initial teacher selection and on-going determination of class assignments is a challenging process. It often becomes necessary to assign a teacher to instruct a course/subject for which he/she is not currently certified. These decisions are made with consideration to teacher competence and with a continual commitment to highest student achievement.

Teachers assigned out-of-field are chosen carefully, given additional district support and are expected to work towards appropriate certification in a timely manner.



Yearbook Pictures Needed!

Yearbook staff members need your help! Send us your pictures of the following events.

- Weekend/Friday night activity photos
- Places you hang out after-school/weekends (around town/friend's house)

- Sports you play outside of school photos
- 2014 Summer vacation photos

Please include your name, grade level, and the names of other students if they are pictured with you. We will try our best to feature all pictures sent in! Email pictures to mitchellchr@pcsb.org

2014-2015 Yearbooks Are Now on Sale!

- Pre-order for your 2014-2015 LIS Yearbook online deadline has passed, but it's not too late to place your order for this year's copy. They are still available for purchase for \$25 (cash only) during the school day. Please see Mr. Mitchell to place your order!



Welcome aboard Mr. Nick Wright, our new Technology Teacher!



February- School Psychologist Says...

Keeping your mind, body, and spirit energized and rejuvenated is key to your overall wellness and daily functioning. This is true for children and adults alike. An energized mind allows you to think clearly, focus, make good choices, and problem solve through the challenges you encounter each day.



Cobra Hatchlings!

- 8/8.5 student baby photos (these can be brought in to Mr. Mitchell. I will take a picture of your picture and then return it back to you or they can be sent through scanning them. Send your pictures via email to Mr. Mitchell at mitchellchr@pcsb.org or upload them directly to our yearbook site at www.hjeshare.com and enter our school code (1358).



Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Guidance Corner

We are pleased to announce that our vacant guidance counselor position is now filled. Our newest counselor is Mr. Kyle Marcou. He will be servicing our 8th and 9th grade students.

Mrs. Raines: ext. 2016

6 Grade Students

5.5 Grade L-Z

Ms. Spaight: ext. 2015

7 Grades Students

5.5 Grade A-K

Mr. Marcou: ext. 2017

8 and 9 Grade Students

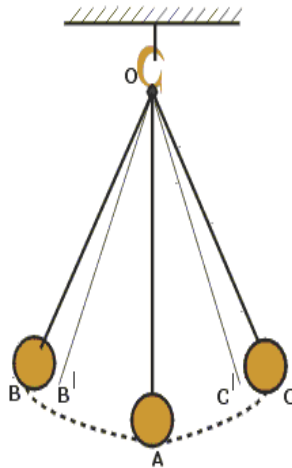
National School Counseling Week is the week of February 2nd-6th, 2015.

Box Tops, Box Tops, Box Tops!!!!

We are in need of Box Tops for Education!!! Please search your cabinets, freezer, Kleenex boxes, and drawers for any of those cute little pink certificates. February will be our last submission of the year. We have a collection box in the front lobby, or they can be dropped off with Mrs. Hunter in room 187. Happy collecting!



Can you Build Something For Me?



I would love someone to help me out with a project for my class. Do any of you have some scrap lumber that can spare so you can build me a pendulum? It needs to stand about 24 inches tall and have a heavy, weighted base. The upper arm needs to be 12 inches long. I will be adding a cup hook on the upper arm for the string and weight. Thanks to any volunteer that has the time and scrap wood! You can contact me at the school, 528-5802 and Mrs. Hunter will gladly return your call.

We need magnets, 3 Yards of Cloth, and Toy People!

Do you sew? Have any spare, STRONG Magnets, or some toy people that you aren't using any more? We can use them in 6th grade Science! We need about 3 yards of thin cotton cloth, as many strong magnets (We will be hunting for meteorites in our next unit) as we can get, and some toy people (they will be parachuting using the cloth) in our class. It is almost time for Spring Cleaning, so this will give you a head start! If you find anything else that looks like it can be used in Science, give me a call and we can discuss it! Our number is 528-5802. Ask for Mrs. Hunter.



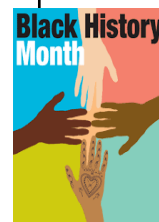
Art News:



Lealman Intermediate was well represented in a recent student exhibition at the Morean Art Center. The show "My Personal Hero" was on display from January 7- February 4, 2015. Exhibiting artist's were 8th grader Zaire Mohead; 7th graders Marshall Deuel, Yessenia Everhart, and Sierra Smith; 6th graders were Latrez Bradley and Javon Everhart.

A reception was held on Saturday, January 17, for the exhibiting artist's and their families. Latrez Bradley was presented with Honorable Mention for his artwork called "My Hero Jesse Wilkins". We are proud of our students that show such outstanding achievements in the visual arts.

"Way To Go Students!"



February 1st marks the start of **Black History Month**, an important time to honor the great achievements, contributions and struggles of the black community in the United States.

Since 1976, every president has deemed the month of February "Black History Month."

Honor Roll

Grade 5

Layla Alharbi
Bethany Bach
Darius Bacon
Samir Bailey
Shamareia Bradham
Au`mhryaun Brown
Amir Candelario
Hayden Fogerty
Kendall Kidd
Ina Lozic
Alexandria Newton
Corinthians Speights
Jade Steck
Elijah Tutson-Wilson
Lonnie Williams
Antorio Willis

Grade 6

Jayvion Archer
Latrez Bradley
Robert Burr
Andrew Craft
Faith Davis
Jovon Everhart
Madison Farrow
Jaylen Hall
Donshae Hannah
Victor Harb
Janaijha Holtzclaw
Laquail Humphries
Insignares Jackson
Victoria Johnson
Alina Kabotsky
Alyssa Keiper
Josiah Medina
Tellysa Mobley
Angelina Moran
Kameran Myers Brown
Johnathan Nguyen
Roshonda Pilley
Briawna Pineiro
Kenneth Powell
Nakerra Rentz
Yolanda Rivas
Rauyelle Telsede
Logan Vaught
Kenneth Watson
Jeremiah Wise

Grade 7

Faith Bailey
Zamirria Cobb
Jacquezha Davis
Terrell Drayton
Jada Edmond
Courtney Eubanks
Yessenia Everhart
Mirracia Gavin
Senta Love
Alisa Mathis
Preston Mitchell
Ramone Smith
Sierra Smith
Arcilio Soria

Grade 8

Bryce Begraph
Jamia Blackman
Laquisha Carter
Deion Coleman
Cameron Cruz
Bobby Eubanks
Chassity Graham
Richard McCurdy
Destani Pearson
Kevin Silakhom
Michael Snead

Awesome!



Support Employee of the Year!

Linda Wilson, Plant Operator, at Lealman Intermediate School was nominated for Support Employee of the Year. The 2014-15 Support Employee of the Year celebratory luncheon was held on January 5th at Feather Sound Country Club. Ms. Wilson is pictured here receiving her award from Superintendent Michael A. Grego Ed. D. Great job Ms. Wilson!

THANK YOU,

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

We talk a lot about helping students understand the importance of entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and work readiness. What are you going to be when you grow up? How much education will you need to pull it off? Where are you going to live? What are you going to drive? How much will all of it cost you? What about your credit? These questions are part of all the serious stuff you need to ask.



We thank Junior Achievement and their volunteers for providing this opportunity to our 7th and 8/8.5 students on January 29!



Title I News

On March 17th, we need your input for the 2015-2016 School Compact and Parent Involvement Plan. When schools work together with families to support learning, children are better prepared to succeed not just in school, but throughout life. Please come celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the March SAC meeting at Lealman Intermediate at 6:00 PM. This is your opportunity to help determine the types of family events that we should plan for the upcoming school year and to give your

suggestions for changes and additions needed in the 2015-2016 school compact. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please call Ms. Rohrig at 727-528-5802 ext. 2005 or e-mail rohriga@pcsb.org. Your opinion is valuable!

The goal of Title 1 is highest student achievement for all children. In order to meet this goal, home and school partnerships are essential. Families are asked to sign a compact. A compact is a voluntary pledge or agreement among parents, students and teachers who agree to work together so that all children succeed in school. It is important that you provide input to the development of this contract so that your child can succeed!



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Attend School Advisory Committee (SAC) meetings to get a full update on what is happening at Lealman Intermediate and the new **Lealman Innovations Academy**.



CARING FEBRUARY

Being kind, friendly, considerate and being willing to listen, give, and share.

PCS—DISTRICT FACT

Pinellas County School District transports approximately 10,000 students twice a



day, logging more than 10,000,000 a year. Teach your child the importance of following bus rules so that everyone arrives safely!

FINANCE PARK 2015—JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

8 and 8.5 Social Studies classes will be attending a mandatory field trip on May 26th. We need 20 parent volunteers to please contact Mr. Rinciuso: rinciusor@pcsb.org or (727) 528-5802. Thank you, parents, in advance.



The new Lealman Intermediate (LIS) website is available at www.lealman-ms.pinellas.k12.fl.us. Mr. Rinciuso, webmaster, invites you to visit the site and come back for updates on news from LIS!



LIS PTA SPRING FUNDRAISER

We want to make this year's Lealman Intermediate Spring Fundraiser an *academic success* as well as a *financial success*. Our goal is to have our students read 15 minutes a day for 18 days between **Feb. 13**, "Celebration of Reading Day" and **March 2**, "Reading Across America" and Dr. Seuss's birthday!



Students will collect pledges from family and friends for the minutes they read and earn prizes throughout the 18 days of their Read-a-Thon. Students will bring home their Read-a-Thon packets February 13th!

Please support your child in this fundraiser. The funds raised will benefit students, teachers and classrooms at Lealman Intermediate.



MAY 1ST 2015

*7 PM – 12 AM (early entry at 4 pm) One complimentary chaperone ticket for every 10 student tickets purchased. A safe and exciting event specifically for 8th grade grads. A drug- and alcohol-free event. **Meal includes one entrée and one regular-size beverage per person. Some menu restrictions apply to beverage items. Entertainment elements, attractions, show and operating hours are subject to change.

Start saving NOW!!

We will RULE the night and ride the best roller coasters on the west coast of Florida

Space is limited, so start saving NOW!!

**The \$60 payment collections are 10/30/14 and 02/26/15
DON'T MISS OUT!!**



Florida

Standards Assessments

Information for Families

As many Floridians are aware, our state has been in a period of transition as we have made important decisions to improve our education system and raise the bar for our schools, educators and students. Please see below for an overview of the direction we are moving in statewide assessments, which assessments will be offered in the upcoming school year, how those assessments will be offered and ways families can support their children in preparation for the new assessments.

The Florida Standards and Florida Standards Assessments

The Florida Standards in Mathematics and English Language Arts were approved by the Florida State Board of Education in February 2014 and will be fully implemented in grades K–12 in the 2014–2015 school year. All Florida schools will teach the Florida Standards, and the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has contracted with the American Institutes for Research (AIR) to develop and administer new statewide assessments. These assessments will provide parents, teachers, policy makers and the general public with information regarding how well students are learning the Florida standards.

What assessments will my child be taking?

The following Florida Standards Assessments will be administered for the first time in Spring 2015:

- Grades 3–11 English Language Arts (Writing component in grades 4–11)
- Grades 3–8 Mathematics
- Algebra 1 End-of-Course Assessment
- Geometry End-of-Course Assessment
- Algebra 2 End-of-Course Assessment

Promoting Success and Family Support

Parents can promote student success by staying involved in their child's education, offering positive support and feedback and encouraging them to relax and do their very best. By staying connected with their student's school and teachers and taking advantage of online resources, such as school websites and portals, parents can stay informed and be best equipped to meet the needs of their students at home.

Finding Resources

Families are encouraged to take advantage of the information and resources available on the Florida Standards Assessments portal (www.FSAssessments.org) and the FDOE website (www.fldoe.org). More resources will be made available throughout the 2014–2015 school year, so parents and students should check these websites regularly for updates.

Computer-Based Testing

Florida has been transitioning to computer-based testing since 2010 and will continue to do so in Spring 2015. AIR offers a dynamic computer-based test delivery system. Students will respond to items in multiple ways, including creating graphs, writing short responses and using other interactive features. The various question types are designed to assess higher-order thinking skills and offer exciting new ways for students to show what they know and can do. Training tests are now available for students, parents and educators to become familiar with the new testing system. The training tests can be accessed at www.FSAssessments.org/training-tests.

In Spring 2015, all grades 5–11 English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments will be administered online, with paper-based versions available for students with disabilities who have this accommodation outlined in their Individual Educational Plans (IEPs). Computer-based accommodations, such as text-to-speech, will also be available in the platform for eligible students who require them. Grades 3 and 4 assessments in 2014–2015 will be paper-based tests only. Please reference the 2014–2015 Statewide Assessment Schedule located on the FSA portal (www.FSAssessments.org) for information about when the tests will be administered.