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Thoughts from Tyka

News for all LFMA families!

We have officially begun the final third of our school year. It is unbelievable to me how quickly this school year is going! This month will go by quickly because of Spring Break, but there is a lot going on, so please read this newsletter fully and keep an eye out for information going out in your family files, student folders, and postings in the foyer.

To begin with, registration for our current families will open on Monday, March 2nd for the 2015-2016 school year. We have already been getting phone calls and conducting tours for next year for all classes, so please turn in your registration forms as soon as possible. Registration to the public will open on April 1st and although we are anticipating very few openings, we expect them to fill quickly. Last year, all upper level classes (kindergarten through eighth grade) were filled within the first three days of opening to the public. Please turn in your registration forms prior to Spring Break so that you don't risk losing your spot for next year. Thanks!

The Step Up for Students Scholarship is currently open for renewal (current) families. If your child is currently receiving the Step Up for Students scholarship or has received it in the past, please submit your paper work as soon as possible. New families will have the opportunity to apply in early spring. We are expecting there to be an increase in the income level for eligibility this year, allowing even more families to qualify for a partial or full scholarship through Step Up. As soon as we receive any more information I will let you know!

Mrs. Price's Class News

Welcome spring! I for one cannot wait for spring to get here! Although we have had a very mild winter, I am ready for the weather to even out and stay warm.

This month we will begin our unit study on the animal kingdoms in science. During this unit students will learn how to classify different animals, study various biomes, and explore various topics related to hibernation, camouflage and adaptation, migration, and metamorphosis to name a few.

In social studies we will be working through the continent of Asia and discovering new cultures, places, and animals. We will also be celebrating disability awareness month. Students will read about Helen Keller, discuss specific disabilities, and conduct simulations for various challenges that many individuals must face.

Our author of the month is one of the students' (and many parents' and teachers') favorites, Dr. Seuss. Our composer this month is Camille Saint Saens and we will be listening to his famous composition, Carnival of the Animals. Our artist of the month is Monet, so students will be heading outdoors to paint a watercolor landscape.

Registration for current families will open on Monday, March 2nd. Please turn in your registration forms quickly. We have already had several calls for our class and for Mrs. Manley's as well. Last year, the classes were completely full by the first week of opening to the public. Please don't lose your spot!!

The end of the school year field trip for all classes will be on Friday, May 8th. We will be going to Sea World and a parent or guardian must attend. Field trip forms and payment are due no later than Wednesday, March 31st. If your child (VPK through 8th grades) is not attending, you will need to make other arrangements for child care, as the staff will be attending the field trip. If your child is in pre-school and will be coming to LFMA for care for the day, you will need to let us know the hours you will need care so that we can staff appropriately. Thank you.

Our Spring Fling will be on Thursday, April 2nd. All classes will be participating, so please stay on the lookout for more information. A sign-up sheet for snacks will be on the office door if you would like to send in something to share.

LFMA will be closed for Spring Break during the week of March 23rd-27th and again for Good Friday on April 3rd. The staff will be doing some spring cleaning and putting new works on the shelves. They will also have the opportunity for some much needed rest and time with their families. I hope that all of our students, families, and staff will enjoy their time off from school and have a safe and happy spring break!

Mrs. Jennifer's Class News

Happy March! This month we will complete our science unit on the Animal Kingdom. We have been working hard on the different characteristics of the different animal families. The children have done a fantastic job at learning, understanding, and sorting animals! We will focus on the letters "N", "J", and "O" this month.

Teddy Bear Portraits will be returning to LFMA on Wednesday, March 4 from 3 PM through 6 PM. At this time they will have portraits available for purchase.

It is that time of the year to begin looking ahead for next school year! Registration for the 2015-2016 school year will be available to our current families this month! Forms will be available in the foyer. PLEASE make sure to turn yours in promptly as registration will be opened to the public after Spring Break! VPK FAMILIES- Mrs. Price's class fills up extremely quickly and we have already

Our end of the year field trip will be to Sea World on May 8th. Forms will go home in your child's folder during the first week of March and are due with payment by March 31st. Please turn them in as soon as possible so that we can call Sea World with our final numbers.

Our Spring Fling will be on Thursday, April 2nd. Students will be doing an Easter egg hunt, participating in relay races, and playing lots of games. If you would like to send in a snack to share, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the foyer. Thanks!

LFMA will be closed during the week of March 23rd-28th for Spring Break and for Good Friday on April 3rd, so please plan ahead.

Mrs. Manley's Class News

We are officially in our third and final grading period and the year just seems to fly by from here on out. March will seem especially fast because spring break is quickly approaching. Spring break is March 23-27th. Now that we are in our final grading period of the year it is also time for registration for the 2015-2016 school year. Right now, registration is only open to our current families. Please be sure to get those registration forms in quickly. When we get back from spring break, registration will open up to the public and we want to insure your child's spot for this coming school year. On another note, this Wednesday, March 4th, your child's teddy bear portraits will be available for purchase and pick up.

We just finished Frindle, in our literature class and the kids really enjoyed it. It is definitely one of my favorite books as a school teacher because Mrs. Granger, one of the main characters, does such an amazing thing by empowering a student even though she may have appeared as the villain initially. We are now reading a very funny story about a child who LOVES candy, but most of all chocolate. The kids are going to learn from this child's perspective that too much of a good thing is not a good thing. The book is called The Chocolate Touch if that gives you any hints as to what happens.

We are officially finished with all of our vocabulary for the 2014/2015 school year and we are quickly

been fielding calls for each classroom. If you are interested in Kindergarten at Lake Fern, make sure you turn in a registration form to secure your spot! If you are waiting to hear from Step Up for Students about a scholarship, please turn in a registration form with "Step Up Pending" written at the top, to secure your spot and bring in your award letter once you receive it. If this is the first you are hearing about the Step Up for Students Scholarship, please email me or see me to find out!

If your child turns 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2015, your child is eligible for VPK for the 2015-2016 school year. VPK vouchers are now available online. Step by step instructions were sent home last month. If you need a new copy or need assistance with applying please let me know and I will do my best to assist you! If you need to have your supporting documents scanned (child's original or certified copy of birth certificate and proof of residency, such as driver's license or current utility bill) I can help you with that as well!

I have had many VPK parents asking about homework for their child. My personal opinion is that at this age traditional homework in the form of worksheets is not necessary or beneficial. My suggestion if you feel like your child needs more practice is to make up a game while in the car, out for a walk, at the grocery store... really anywhere! I Spy is a great game that you can change up by looking for shapes, colors, beginning sounds, upper or lower case letters, etc. Another suggestion would be to get your child a coloring book and have them practice coloring in the lines, coloring nicely, and using more than one color to create a beautiful picture. Making a collage of construction paper or cut out pictures from magazines is great practice in cutting and gluing!

And finally, LFMA will be closed March 23 through March 27 for Spring Break.

*LOOKING AHEAD- LFMA will be closed on Friday, April 3rd for Good Friday.

approaching the end of our spelling for the year. We are moving right along in math, and we will be studying electricity in science. We are going to be focusing on the different methods of getting power for electricity and learning a great deal about circuits.

As always, thank you so much for all of your continued support. Feel free to email me, text me on class dojo, call or stop by anytime. I hope you and your family have a marvelous March.

Mr. Price's Class News

The Third Grading Period will be ending on Friday, March 13TH. Report cards will be available for pick up starting March 16TH. As with other grading periods, I only give the report cards to parents. It gives us the opportunity to talk and set a conference, if necessary.

Our class, as with the rest of the school, will be having their Spring Fling on Thursday, April 2ND. There will be sign-up sheets in the foyer for snacks and goodies. Students should wear clothing that day that is OK to get dirty and/or wet.

Remember, Spring Break is coming up the week of March 23RD to March 27TH, so make sure all those break time chore lists are ready. Nothing says "Spring Break fun" like some good old fashion manual labor, besides... how many video games can a person REALLY play! In addition, during our first week back from break, we will be off for Good Friday on April 3RD. As always, have a restful and blessed time off!

As we near the end of the school year, things start to pick up in pace and there will be a lot going on; keep an eye out for all of the various activities and important dates. One of these important date related activities is early registration, which opens to our current families on Monday, March 2ND. Please get your registration into us as quick as possible. Registration opens to the public on April the 1ST and I don't want anyone losing their spot!



The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

Dr. Seuss



You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child.

Dr. Seuss



LFMA School Calendar for March 2015

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 Sonic 2015-2016 Registration Opens to Current Families	3	4 Teddy Bear Pictures Review and purchase portraits 3:00-6:00	5	6 Kelsey's	7
8	9 Sonic	10 Scholastic Book Orders Due	11	12	13 Kelsey's	14
15	16 Sonic	17	18	19	20 Kelsey's	21
22	23 Spring Break School Closed	24 Spring Break School Closed	25 Spring Break School Closed	26 Spring Break School Closed	27 Spring Break School Closed	28
29	30 Sonic	31 Kelsey's Sea World Field Trip Forms/ Payment Due	April 1 2015-2016 Registration Opens to the Public	April 2 Spring Fling	April 3 Good Friday School Closed	April 4