



Home of the Soaring Eagles Newsletter

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School Website:

<http://dun.leeschools.net>

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Assistant Principal

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Upcoming Dates August & September

August 27th SAC Meeting 4:30pm

August 29th Curriculum Night 6:00pm – 8:00pm

August 30th Student/Staff Picture Day

September 2nd No School (Labor Day)

September 11th NJHS General Meeting

September 17th Dads Take Your Child to School

September 27th NJHS Induction Ceremony Rehearsal @ 3:30pm

September 30th No School (Rosh Hashanah)



Curriculum Night Thursday, August 29, 2019

Please join the Faculty and Staff at PLDMS for our Annual Curriculum Night on August 29th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This is a great opportunity to walk your student's schedule, meet the teachers and get up-to-date information about school and classroom expectations. There will be a Principal Presentation that starts promptly at 6:00pm, followed by a modified Bell Schedule to follow. Students and Siblings are invited to attend with their parents. Students that attend will receive a free dress down pass at the end of the night.

Out-of-Field Teachers

Florida State Statue 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the fields in which the teacher is certified. The following faculty members are: Chelsea Clarke – ESOL, Aaron Hubers – ESOL, Pamela Le - ESOL



New School Entry System

The new school entry system has been installed and changed the way parents and visitors now enter the building. We ask that all parent and visitors assist in the following:

1. Push Door Button located on the right side by door handle
2. Show Photo ID and state reason for entry
3. Once the light turns green and you hear the voice prompt please pull the door handle.

Student Drop-Off and Pick-up

- School bell times are 9:45am - 4:00pm
- Morning drop off for school is no earlier than 8:45am. Supervision is provided in the cafeteria from 8:45am until the 9:45am start time for students.
- Dismissal is at 4:00p.m., students must be picked up by 4:30pm.
- Students are not permitted to be unsupervised on campus before 8:45am or after 4:30pm. Arrangements can be made with Ray V. Pottorf Elementary Before/Afterschool Daycare program. Please contact Ms. Silsby at 239-274-3932 to register your child.

Student Sign-Out Procedures

Student sign-out requires the adult to provide a valid photo identification. The adult must be listed on the student contact/emergency card or Parent Focus Portal as an authorized person to sign-out the student. Exceptions to the rule can only occur when the parent/guardian listed on the emergency card provides a signed letter authorizing the individual to pick up the child. Student's safety is our largest concern!

Due to monitoring and attendance needs by teachers, there will be no student sign-out during a student's 25-minute lunch period. Parents are asked to pick up students before, or wait for the completion of lunch.

To minimize disruptions to the learning environment. No student sign-out after 3:30pm, unless prior arrangements for early dismissal are approved by administration.

Students signing-out during whole-school events, such as assemblies, Pep Rallies, activities, etc., may be delayed as much as 30 minutes while students are located around campus. To assist with timely service, parents are highly encouraged to sign out students BEFORE whole school events.

Student Messages

Parents and Guardians are asked to limit interruption of the learning environment, messages to students while in class are delivered on an emergency basis only. However, all messages to students are delivered during the last period of the day before 3:30pm. Any messages after 3:30pm are not guaranteed to reach the student before dismissal.



Parent Portal

Welcome to the School District of Lee County Focus Parent Portal registration screen. This portal provides parents/guardians a real-time view of their child's grades and assignments. For the protection of your child's confidential information, we have created the following secure procedures for parents/guardians to register for a Focus Parent Portal account online.

TO REGISTER FOR A FOCUS PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT, YOU WILL NEED:

Your Email address - The email address used to create your Focus Portal Account should be the one you have on file at your child's school. If you do not have an email account, you can create one for free at www.gmail.com. Be sure to provide your new/updated email address to your child's school so they can update your emergency contact information in the district's official system of record.

Your child's Student ID

Your child's Date of Birth

To create a Focus Parent Portal Account, parents/guardians have two options to register online:

OPTION 1: ONLINE REGISTRATION & AUTOMATIC ACTIVATION:

If you can provide your current email address on file with the district, your child's Student ID, Date of Birth, and the last 4-digits of your child's Social Security Number (if their SSN is on file with the district), you can register and activate your Focus Parent Portal account online by clicking the CREATE MY ACCOUNT link below. Providing this information during the registration process will allow the system to automatically verify your Focus Parent Portal account and give you with immediate access to your student's information.

OPTION 2: ONLINE REGISTRATION AT HOME & SCHOOL ACTIVATION

If you can provide your current email address on file with the district, your child's Student ID and Date of Birth, but do not know (or do not want to provide) the last 4-digits of your child's Social Security Number (or their SSN is not on file with the district), you can register for a Focus Parent Portal account online by clicking the CREATE MY ACCOUNT link below; however you will not have immediate access to your student's information. Instead, once you've registered, your child's school will verify your request and activate your account within 1-2 business days. At that time, you will be provided access to your child's confidential information via the Focus Parent Portal.

DO YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE STUDENT IN THE DISTRICT?

Regardless of the number of students enrolled in the District, you only need to create one Focus Parent Portal account. If you have multiple children in the District, you can add additional students to your existing account by clicking the ADD A CHILD link below. Your child's school will verify your request and activate your account within 1-2 business days. At that time, you will be provided access to your child's confidential information via the Focus Parent Portal.

QUESTIONS?

If you need assistance with your Focus Parent Portal account, please contact or visit your child's school.



Picture Day Friday, August 30, 2019

Student picture day is Friday, August 30th. Your child will receive an order form on Monday, August 26th during homeroom. All picture forms and monies are given to the photographer on picture day. Payment of check (made payable to Strawbridge Studio) or cash are accepted, if payment by cash please have exact amount, change will not be available. Pictures may also be ordered online at STRAWBRIDGE.NET and enter code FM327512. Please print online student proof of purchase to give to the photographer. The school dress code still applies on picture day and students are asked not to wear green due to using the Green Screen technology.



School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Date: August 27, 2019 @ 4:30pm

All parents, community members, and staff are invited to be a part of PLDMS School Advisory Council Committee. Through your participation in SAC, you will receive information from the district, make decisions that will help our school, and work together to ensure all students reach their highest potential. All dates are on our school calendar located at dun.leeschools.net We look forward to seeing you at our next SAC meeting of the 2019-2020 school year.



FGCU TRIOS at PLDMS

The [Talent Search](#) Program strives to identify and assist 6th-12th grade students from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. Talent Search staff will work with eligible students as they plan and prepare for postsecondary education through a variety of activities at the school site and on the FGCU campus. Please contact Vincent Lewis at VincentEL@leeschools.net for more information and upcoming meetings.



Volunteers Needed - PLDMS is always in need of support for various activities and events. If you would like to be a PLDMS Eagle Volunteer, please contact Bobbi Stage at BobbiLS@leeschools.net and complete a Volunteer Application in the front office.



2019-2020 Spirit Shirt



The students have submitted their shirt size during the grade level meetings last week. We asking for a recommended \$5.00 donation from each student, turned in to their homeroom teacher on Monday, August 26th. The small donation will insure we have spirit shirts for all our students. A donation is not required to receive a t-shirt, but we ask those that can help, do so however they can. If you would like to donate above the \$5.00 recommended donation, the funds will be used to sponsor shirts for other students.



PBS Activities and Upcoming Events Positive Behavior Support

Eagle Cart

The Eagle Cart is available for students to exchange their Soaring Eagles for things like pencils, binders, water bottle, and other assorted items. Soaring Eagles are earned by positive behavior in school.

Balloon Burst

Balloon Burst will be held each quarter in the cafeteria during lunch. Students can purchase a balloon for \$2.00 and burst the balloon to win a prize. The prizes range from spirit shirts, dress down day pass, 20 soaring eagles, and dance tickets.

If you would like to donate items to our Eagle Cart and Balloon Burst please contact Tommerlee Castellanos at TommarleeAC@leeschools.net or Bryan Betz at BryanMB@leeschools.net



PLDMS Fine Arts Association Inc. Join Today!



Please support the Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School Fine Arts Association (PLDMS FAA) by joining today! The cost is only \$5 per person, which goes towards the Fine Arts Programs.

Your membership alone will give us a BIGGER voice in our school and community! Budget, programs, school events, and volunteer opportunities will be discussed at quarterly meetings (attendance is not mandatory). We would love for you to join us at our next meeting and see all the awesome things the PLDMS FAA has to offer!!!

Keep in mind that anyone can join the association: parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. Anyone that has an interest in making your child's potential a reality can join and make it possible.

Membership forms are located on our school website or may be obtained in the front office. Please contact Matthew Murrell at Matthewrmu@leeschools.net with any questions.



Facebook – LIKE and FOLLOW US!

Parents,

If you use Facebook, please LIKE and/or Follow us on the app. It's a great tool for getting information out, sharing pictures and events, and staying aware of Parental Involvement Events. Find us at "Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle" and look for our logo as the profile picture. Hit LIKE and FOLLOW, and join us for another great year.



School Counselor Request

Students may request to see their School Counselor through CASTLE on their Chromebook. We are here to help your child grow in the areas of: personal, social, academic and career goals.

Counselors:

Mrs. Eileen Cherbini - EileenC@leeschools.net Ms. Maricela Ferras – MaricelaFE@leeschools.net

Take Stock in Children

The only 6th Grade Scholarship in Lee County. Please contact Mrs. Cherbini to see if you meet the income eligibility guidelines, application, and how to apply. Deadline is November 1, 2019.

Duke Tips

The Duke University Talent Identification Program is a nonprofit organization that supports academically talented students in grades four through twelve. I will be inviting qualifying students soon. For more information: <https://tip.duke.edu/>



The Box Top for Education contest will run from August 19, 2019 through May 15, 2020. Students turn in the following to their 1st period teacher: Box Tops (10 points), Coke Caps (5 points), Labels for Education (1 point) and Pull Tabs (1 point). The grade level classes with the most points will win a pizza party. These products earn cash for our school and will be used for the benefit all of our students. Please contact Clay Farno at claytonf@leeschools.net with any questions.



Who:

PLDMS Students may be recommended by a teacher or they may choose to attend 11th period tutoring for free academic assistance with a certified Math, Language Arts, Science, or Social Studies teacher.

What:

Students have an opportunity to work on specific subject area skills. This may include independent study, homework help, make-up assignments, or assistance with group projects.

Where:

At dismissal, students will report to the cafeteria to check-in and receive a bagged snack. Students will be escorted to their designated area based on subject area needs.

When:

Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays from 4:10 pm – 5:20 pm
This may change due to the weekly school schedule.

Why:

To give students an opportunity to achieve, succeed, and receive free support in Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies.

****The Before/After School Activities form must be filled out and returned to the front office in order to participate.***

11th Period Tutoring Coordinator – Amber Davis

Amberld@leeschools.net



33rd Annual Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program

Teachers are the heart of our school system as they nurture our children's inquisitive minds and prepare them for the challenges of their future. Help Us Recognize an Outstanding Lee County Public School Teacher. The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools will honor six outstanding representatives of the teaching profession in Lee County at the Thirty-Third Annual Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Banquet.

Who is eligible? Outstanding full-time teachers employed by The School District of Lee County (Pre-K through 12th, including career and technical). This includes school counselors, media specialists, technology specialists, coaches, and all special area teachers. Please submit a nomination via our website at <http://www.leeschoolfoundation.org/> or mail to P.O. Box 1608, Fort Myers, FL 33902 by Friday, October 4, 2019.



SPARS School Public Accountability Reports

The **School Public Accountability Reports (SPARs)** are available for review at all Lee County Public Schools or at the District's Communications Department at the Lee County Public Education Center. The SPAR reports may also be viewed online at: <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclb spar/index.cfm>. or dun.leeschools.net under Quick Links.



Sports News and Activities



Students trying out for Intramural Sports must have a completed Intramural Form that contains insurance information. This form is located in the front office or P.E. Office. Please contact Mr. Ladwig at ErichRLa@leeschools.net or Coach Gisse ErinKG@leeschools.net with any questions.

2019-2020

Intramural Start/Tryout Date(s)

Boys & Girls Basketball Tryouts

Monday, August 26th 8th Grade Boys & All Girls
Tuesday, August 27th 7th Grade Boys and All Girls
Wednesday, August 28th 6th Grade Boys & All Girls
Tuesday, September 3rd 8th Grade Boys & All Girls
Wednesday, September 4th 7th Grade Boys & All Girls
Thursday, September 5th 6th Grade Boys & All Girls
Friday, September 6th Team Announced/Posted

Cross Country

Tuesday, August 27th Boys & Girls Tryouts
Tuesday, September 3rd Boys & Girls Tryouts
Thursday, September 5th Boys & Girls Tryouts
Friday, September 6th Team Posted
Tuesday, September 10th Team Practice
Wednesday, September 11th Team Practice
Tuesday, September 17th Team Practice
Thursday, September 19th Home Meet @ 5:45pm
Tuesday, September 24th Team Practice
Thursday, September 26th Meet @ Oak Hammock 5:45pm

Future Tryout Dates:

Volleyball

Tuesday, October 16th

Soccer

Monday, December 10th

Track & Field

Monday, February 11th

Tennis

Monday, March 25th

Golf

Monday, March 25th

** All Games and times are subject to change due to weather or scheduling conflicts*

Before and After School Activities



11th Hour Tutoring

Afterschool – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 4:10am to 5:20pm

Amber Davis AmberLD@leeschools.net

(The tutoring sessions are in groups and subject related)

Agents of Peace – Peer Mediation Applications now being accepted.

Club Sponsor Eileen Cherbini eileenc@leeschools.net

Anime and Manga Club – Tuesday

Club Sponsor – Dillon Jepkema dillonj@leeschools.net

Art Club – Wednesday beginning Wednesday, September 4th

Club Sponsor Kellen Mill KellenBM@leeschools.net

Battle of the Books – 1st Meeting Tuesday, September 24th

Club Sponsor Bryan Cori Bryanc@leeschools.net

Club Elect - TBA

Club Sponsor ChrisnoI St Illis ChrisnoIS@leeschools.net

Drama Club – Last Tuesday of the month

Club Sponsor - Michael Lynch MichaelSL@leeschools.net

Dunbar Girls Rock – Wednesday

Club Sponsor – Bianca Demay BiancaBD@leeschools.net

Game Club – Monday

Club Sponsor Jason Blauet JasonAB@leeschools.net

Math Team – Wednesday

Michael Senicola MichaelHL@LeeSchools.Net Bryan Betz Bryanmb@leeschools.net

Multicultural Club – Tuesday (Beginning September 3rd)

Club Sponsor – Tommerlee Castellanos tcastellanos@leeschools.net & Tina Velez agustinasv@leeschools.net

Peer Mediation – Accepting Applications, 1st Meeting October TBA

Club Sponsor Eileen Cherbini Eileenc@leeschools.net

Junior Thespian Society– Wednesday until February

Club Sponsor Michael Lynch MichaelSL@leeschools.net

Youth in Government – Wednesday

Kaisha Dunne Kaishad@leeschools.net



Students that participate in an after school activity must have a signed After School Activity form on file in the front office. Club description and list can also be seen on our school website at <http://dun.leeschools.net>