



Home of the Soaring Eagles Newsletter

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School Website:
<http://dun.leeschools.net>
 School Number (239) 334-1357

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Principal

Mr. Trent Eckhardt,
Assistant Principal

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Assistant Principal

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Admin. Designee

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School Counselor

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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: Jacob Boudreau – ESOL, Chelsea Clarke – ESOL, Aaron Hubers – ESOL, Pamela Le - ESOL

Upcoming Dates December & January

December 4th Choir Winter Concert @ 6:00pm PLDMS Cafeteria
 December 10th Band Winter Concert @ 6:30pm PLDMS Cafeteria
 December 17th ESOL Fiesta
 December 18th – 20th Early Dismissal (2:00pm)
 December 20th End of Quarter 2
 December 23rd – January 3rd No School (Winter Break)
 January 6th No School (Hurricane Make-Up Day)
 January 7th No School (Professional Duty Day)
 January 8th Students Return from Winter Break
 January 15th PLDMS School Choice Open House (2020/2021 6th Graders)
 January 20th No School (Martin Lutheran King Jr Day)
 January 21st SAC Meeting @ 4:30pm

Early Dismissal Procedure

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.

Board Policy 4.16 - To minimize disruptions to the learning environment. No student sign-outs 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.



Exam and Early Release Schedule December 16th – 20th

Parents please know your child’s classroom lunch time. Early release during this time needs to be before or after their lunch period. Also a reminder the cut off time on early release days will be 1:30pm. This is per LCSD Board Policy 4.16 Please contact the front office at 239-334-1357 if you have any questions.

Semester 1 Exam Schedule				
Monday, Dec 16 Homeroom Schedule	Tuesday, Dec 17 Exam Schedule	Early Release Day Wednesday, Dec 18 Exam Schedule	Early Release Day Thursday, Dec 19 Exam Schedule	Early Release Day Friday, Dec 20 Exam Schedule
<i>Homeroom</i> 9:45 – 10:15 (30 min)	<i>Period 1</i> 9:45 – 11:09 (84 mins)	<i>Period 2</i> 9:45 – 11:07 (82 mins)	<i>Period 8</i> 9:45 – 11:07 (82 mins)	<i>Period 9</i> 9:45 – 11:07 (82 mins)
<i>Period 2</i> 10:18 – 11:18 (60 min)	<i>Period 5</i> 11:12 – 1:06 (84 mins + 30 mins lunch)	<i>Period 6</i> 11:10 – 12:35 (85 mins + 25 mins lunch)	<i>Period 6</i> 11:10 – 12:35 (85 mins + 25 mins lunch)	<i>Period 5</i> 11:10 – 12:35 (85 mins + 25 mins lunch)
<i>Period 4</i> 11:21 – 12:21 (60 min)	<i>Period 3</i> 1:09 – 2:33 (84 mins)	<i>Period 4</i> 12:38 – 2:00 (82 mins)	<i>Period 10</i> 12:38 – 2:00 (82 mins)	<i>Homeroom – Pep Rally</i> 12:38 – 2:00 (82 mins)
<i>Period 6</i> 12:24 – 1:54 (90 min)	<i>Period 7</i> 2:36 – 4:00 (84 mins)			
<i>Period 8</i> 1:57 – 2:57 (63 min)	Lunch 1 st Shift 11:15 – 11:45 2 nd Shift 11:25 – 11:55 3 rd Shift 11:50 – 12:20 4 th Shift 12:00 – 12:30 5 th Shift 12:25 – 12:55	Lunch 1 st Shift 11:10 – 11:35 2 nd Shift 11:20 – 11:45 3 rd Shift 11:40 – 12:05 4 th Shift 11:50 – 12:15 5 th Shift 12:10 – 12:35* *5 th shift bring backpacks	Lunch 1 st Shift 11:10 – 11:35 2 nd Shift 11:20 – 11:45 3 rd Shift 11:40 – 12:05 4 th Shift 11:50 – 12:15 5 th Shift 12:10 – 12:35* *5 th shift bring backpacks	Lunch 1 st Shift 11:10 – 11:35 2 nd Shift 11:20 – 11:45 3 rd Shift 11:40 – 12:05 4 th Shift 11:50 – 12:15 5 th Shift 12:10 – 12:35* *5 th shift bring backpacks
<i>Period 10</i> 3:00 – 4:00 (60 min)				

You're invited

2020 Incoming 9th Grade Students South Zone Choice Open House

Parents and students are invited and encourage to attend the South Zone Choice Open Houses listed below. This will allow you to see what each school has to offer and to help make your choice for the 2020-2021 high school year.

- Bonita High School – Tuesday, December 10, 2019 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Esterio High School - Monday, December 9, 2019 @ 4:30pm
- Lee Virtual Info Night – Thursday, December 19, 2019 @ 6:00pm
- Fort Myers High School – Wednesday, January 8, 2020 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- South Fort Myers HS – Thursday, January 9, 2020 6:00pm to 7:30pm
- Dunbar High School – Monday, January 13, 2020 6:30pm to 8:00pm
- Cypress Lake High School – Wednesday, January 15, 2020 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Please contact the high school directly on Choice Open House questions or visit the schools website located at www.leeschools.net

Open Enrollment 2020-2021 School Year

The Open Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year will begin Monday, January 13 through Friday, February 28, 2020. Parents of incoming Kindergarten, 6th or 9th grade will need to register during Open Enrollment.

Note: Although application mailings are staggered, all students may enroll in person from any time during the student open enrollment period.

Student Enrollment Process

- Parents rank schools available for their subzone of residence
- After enrollment period ends, each application is assigned a random number
- Each application is weighted based on preferences
- Lottery process begins

Pre- Printed Applications with PIN

Student Enrollment staggers the mailing of pre-printed applications with PIN. Parents that do not receive a District Letter with a PIN number or cannot retrieve a PIN number from FOCUS will need to apply at Student Enrollment Office. Applications will be mailed on:

- Friday, January 10, 2020 to incoming 9th graders attending a District school (excluding students enrolled in a Charter School)
- Thursday, January 16, 2020 to incoming 6th graders attending a District school (excluding students enrolled in a Charter school)

Directions to Access PIN in Focus

- Sign into FOCUS
- If you have multiple students, select the student you are wishing to view the PIN
- Click on “My Child” in the top navigation bar
- Click “Child Info” in the drop down

Student Enrollment Office

2855 Colonial Blvd.

Fort Myers, FL 33966

Email: StudentEnrollment@leeschools.net

Office Hours: Monday- Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Yearbook orders are still available for \$20.00. Payment can be made by cash or check (payable to PLDMS) and given to Ms. Siekkinen in room 603. Parents may purchase online at www.strawbridge.net using the online code YB112173

Make Your Mark by Advertising in the Yearbook!

- \$10 - Shout Out (30 Words Max)
- \$20 - Business Card
- \$20 – 1/4 Page (One Photo and Literature)
- \$40 – 1/2 Page (Two Photos and Literature)
- \$80 – Full Page (Six Photos and Literature)

All pictures/literature need to be emailed to Kiara Siekkinen at kiraas@leeschools.net by Friday, February 7th . You give us your picture and what you want said...we will design the rest. Cash or checks (made payable to PLDMS) will be accepted in room 603.



8th Grade Panoramic Photo Day December 5, 2019

The PLDMS 8th Grade Class will have their Panoramic Photo taken on Thursday, December 5, 2019. Order forms have been distributed during homeroom. The cost is \$15.00 and checks are made payable to Strawbridge Studios Inc. You may also order online and pay by credit at www.strawbridge.net. Follow the online instructions and enter the code FM327514 when prompted.



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



Fine Arts Department Holiday Events & Showcase



Choir

December 4, 2019 ~ Winter Concert @ 6:00pm (PLDMS Cafeteria)

Band

December 10, 2019 ~ Winter Band Concert @ 6:30pm Fort Myers High School

Theater

December 11th - 13th ~ Theater Three Performance @ 6:30pm (PLDMS Cafeteria)

December 17th ~ Theater Two Film Festival @ 6:00pm

December 24th ~ Thespian Showcase

January 13, 14, 16, ~ Talent Show Audition

January 24th ~ Thespian Showcase

January 31, 2019 – February 2, 2020 State Thespian Competition (Orlando, Florida)



Stem Environmental – School Wide Compost Program

The Stem Environmental Science class has a school wide composting program. This program will reduce our school waste and help their garden flourish. Students, staff, and parents are encourage to look for the orange and blue buckets on campus and place anything that does not contain meat or fat inside. Buckets are also available at parent pickup. The following are example of the items placed in the buckets: Coffee Grounds, Egg Shells, Vegetables and fruit, etc. Please contact Christol Smith at ChristolJS@leeschools.net if you have any questions or would like to make a donation.



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 Mrs. Maricela Ferras – MaricelaFE@leeschools.net



SOAR Special Olympics Adaptive Recreational Dance Donations

Please help support the PLDMS 5th Annual Special Olympics Dance. We have invited 12 middle schools special needs program to our gymnasium to celebrate the end of first semester. We are looking for juice boxes, granola bars, and snack packs. We will be hosting approximately 300 staff and students during this event. Please contact Jennifer Kuehl at JenniferAKue@leeschools.net if you are interested in donating for this event.



Anti Bullying Day



Unified Basketball Team

Pride and Patriotism 2019

Congratulations to the winners of the 2019 Pride and Patriotism Poetry Writing Contest. The winners were honored and presented with medals at the Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall. The 1st place winner was Kaylee Jones, 2nd place Catherine Daly, and 3rd place Dhruva Sharma.



Pictured with Dr. Shaker from left to right:
Catherine Daly, Kaylee Jones, and Dhruva Sharma

ArtsPoems Program at PLDMS

PLDMS has been chosen to pilot a program called ArtsPoems. This is a creative collaboration of artist and poets that will showcase their creations on new art and poetry. Southwest Florida will celebrate its fourteenth year in 2020 with the unique vision and voice of this program. PLDMS selected poets this year are Carolina Solomon and Jaansi Parsa. The selected artist will be Beth Feige and Adrian Cox, with Ms. Holly Rose was also chosen by the selection committee to be a participating poet. The following is the dates and times of events that will feature our artist and their work.

- February 26, 2020 @ 7pm Performance at the Alliance of the Art:
- March 25, 2020 @ 7pm FSW
- April 3, 2020 @ 6pm Art for Act Gallery Showing April 2020
- March 2020 - TBA





2019 PLDMS Science Fair

The 2019 PLDMS Science Fair was a tremendous success! Students worked very hard at completing extensive studies in several fields including behavioral science, engineering, chemistry, and environmental science. Judges from SWFL Society for Science evaluated the students work as they were interviewed about their investigations. The following projects will be moving to the Thomas Alva Edison Kiwanis Science and Inventor's Fair. We are looking forward to seeing all these brilliant projects at FGCU on January 18th.

Science Fair

1st Elsa Marcet
2nd Pranav Devaguptapu
3rd Joshua Yue
4th Olivia Kushner
5th Robbie Stewart

Projects of Distinction

Nishini Fernando
Macy Jackson
Jonathan Lopez
Tanish Madhar
Ryan Malkani
Advaith Menon
Jaya Parsa
Dhruva Sharma
Shawnak Shenoy

Inventor's Fair

1st Robbie Stewart
2nd Dhruva Sharma



Multicultural Club Volunteers & Donations



The Multicultural Club is back! Anyone interested in joining please see Ms. Castellanos or Ms. Velez in the 700 Suite. The club meets every Tuesday afterschool from 4:00pm to 5:20pm. We would like to get as many different cultures involved. Volunteers and donations are needed to assist our club sponsors with teaching dances, introducing foods, and sewing costumes/clothing. There will be a Multicultural Performing Arts Festival held in April. Please contact Ms. Castellanos at TommerleeAC@leeschools.net or Agustina Velez at AgustinaSV@leeschools.net if you are interested in volunteering or sending in donations.

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)

Anime and Manga Club – Tuesday

Club Sponsor: Dillon Jepkema dillonj@leeschools.net

Art Club – Wednesday

Club Sponsor: Kellen Mill KellenBM@leeschools.net

Battle of the Books – December 17th & January 14th

Club Sponsor Bryan Cori Bryanc@leeschools.net

Drama Club – Last Tuesday of the month

Club Sponsor: Michael Lynch MichaelSL@leeschools.net

Dunbar Girls Rock – Meeting Dates: 12/11, 01/15, 01/29, 02/12 & 02/26

Location: PLDMS Cafeteria @ 4:00pm – 5:20pm

Game Club – Monday

Club Sponsor: Jason Blauet JasonAB@leeschools.net

Math Team – Wednesday

Team Sponsor: Michael Senicola MichaelHL@LeeSchools.Net and Bryan Betz Bryanmb@leeschools.net

Multicultural Club – Tuesday

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

Peer Mediation/Agents of Peace – See Mrs. Cherbini for an application (800 Suite)

Club Sponsor: Eileen Cherbini Eileenc@leeschools.net

Junior Thespian Society– Wednesday until February

Club Sponsor: Michael Lynch MichaelSL@leeschools.net

Youth in Government – Wednesday

Club Sponsor: Kaisha Dunne Kaishad@leeschools.net

Yoga Club – Monday @ 8:30am (Email Ms. Rose for availability)

Club Sponsor: Holly Rose HollyJR@leeschools.net



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



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



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)

Volleyball – Boys & Girls

Wednesday, December 4th Playoffs – Round 1 PLDMS vs Oak Hammock MS

Thursday, December 5th Playoffs – Round 2 TBD based on 12/4/19

Cross Country

Friday, December 6th Championship Meet @ Kelly Road Sports Complex @ 11:00am

Soccer – Boys & Girls

Monday, December 9th Tryouts - Grade 8 Boys & Girls

Tuesday, December 10th Tryouts - Grade 7 Boys & Girls

Wednesday, December 11th Tryouts - Grade 6 Boys & Girls

Monday, December 16th Tryouts - Grade 8 Boys & Girls

Tuesday, December 17th Tryouts - Grade 6/7 Boys & Girls

Monday, January 13th Team Roster/ Practice to Begin

Tuesday, January 14th Team Practice

Wednesday, January 15th PLDMS @ Varsity Lakes MS (Time: TBA)

Tuesday, January 21st Team Practice

Wednesday, January 22nd PLDMS vs Fort Myers MS (Location & Time: TBA)

Monday, January 27th PLDMS vs Oak Hammock MS (Location & Time: TBA)

Tuesday, January 28th Team Practice

Wednesday, January 29th PLDMS vs Varsity Lakes MS (Location & Time: TBA)

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



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/nclbpar/index.cfm>. or dun.leeschools.net under Quick Links.



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.