



Home of the Soaring Eagles Newsletter

Title 1

School Website:

<http://dun.leeschools.net>

School Number (239) 334-1357

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Principal

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Assistant Principal

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Upcoming Dates September & October



September 15th SAC Meeting @ 4:30pm via Zoom

September 28th No School (Yom Kippur)

October 1st Interim Quarter 1

October 7th Health Screening 6th Grade

October 9th Golden Apple Nomination Forms Due

October 26th -30th Red Ribbon Week

October 30th Early Dismissal (2:00pm)

October 30th End of Quarter 1

November – Picture Day TBA



School Advisory Meeting Tuesday, September 15th

Please join us for our first SAC Meeting of the school year. The meeting will be held via Zoom at 4:30pm Eastern Standard Time using the following:

Meeting ID: 985 4538 3931

Passcode: 069511



Lunch Reminder

Parents are asked not to bring special treats or fast food lunches in for students. All students can obtain a free lunch at PLDMS or bring one from home.

Out-of-Field Teachers : As of September

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 and Pamela Le – ESOL, Chrisnol St Ilis – Health



Student Drop-Off and Pick-up

- School bell times are 9:30am - 4:00pm
- Morning drop off for school is no earlier than 8:45am. Early arrivals will be accepted at the gate nearest the basketball courts in the parking lot.
- Beginning at **9:15am** students will be dropped off at the southern gate of the parent pickup/drop off loop (where it meets the bus ramp) and proceed to enter at the single entrance doors off the bus ramp.
- Students eating breakfast should arrive by **9:00pm** as they will report to their 1st class of the day no later than **9:30am** or be marked tardy.
- Dismissal is at 4:00pm, 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.
- Please do not leave vehicles unattended on the circle during pick up or drop off times.
- Students **are not permitted** to walk through the parking lot during drop off or pick up.
- To ensure everyone's safety, please keep younger siblings in the vehicles while you wait. Children are not permitted to be playing on the sidewalk or in the front of the school area during pick up or drop off times.

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 30-minute lunch period**. Parents are asked to pick up students before, or wait for the completion of lunch.

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.

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

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.



6th Grade Health Screening October 7, 2020

The screening for the 6th grade students will be on Wednesday, October 7, 2020. This year's screening will be for hearing and vision only, and will take place in the students' classroom. We will have several of the Lee County School District nurses conducting the screening to assure minimal disruption of class time.



Golden Apple 34th 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. We invite you to nominate a teacher who exemplifies excellence in teaching. The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools will honor six outstanding representatives of the teaching profession in Lee County at the 34th Annual Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Banquet.

Who is eligible? The nominees must be a full-time teacher employed by The School District of Lee County (Pre-K through 12th, including career and technical) school counselors, media specialists, technology specialists, coaches, and all special area teachers. Nominations can be completed online at www.leeschoolfoundation.org, or by nomination form located in the front office. All nominations are due to the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools by Friday, October 9th.



November 2020

Student picture day is scheduled for the month of November. Your child will receive an order form once the date has been set. 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 given. You will also have the option to pay online. The school dress code still applies on picture day and students are asked not to wear green due to using the Green Screen Technology.

13th PERIOD *Tutoring*

Who

PLDMS Students may be recommended by a teacher or they may choose to attend 13th 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 dinner. Students will be escorted to their designated area based on subject area needs.

When

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 4:00 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 electronically through the Students Toolkit (located in Google in order to participate.***

13th Period After School Coordinator
Andrew Colvin – PLDMS Teacher
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239-334-1357



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.



SchoolMessenger App

SchoolMessenger Communicate is a program that enables administration from the District and schools to send families important messages, emergency broadcasts, attendance alerts and event reminders. Families may sign up for a **free account** at go.schoolmessenger.com to set communication preferences for calls and emails. In addition to performing the opt-in process above, you will want to ensure that the district has your wireless number(s) in our student information database. If you have not already provided that information to your school, please contact them directly.



Grab and Go Meals Lee Home Connect and Lee Virtual

The School District of Lee County will make Grab & Go Breakfast and Lunch meals available to students using the Lee Home Connect Instructional Model and Lee Virtual School. Middle and high schools will be used as the main distribution sites for these meals.

Five breakfasts and five lunches will be picked up twice a week during assigned times.

- Tuesdays, students will receive two breakfast and two lunches per student
- Thursday, students will receive three breakfast and three lunches per students

To locate your Grab & Go assigned distribution site with times go to leeschools.net or dun.leeschools.net



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 Link



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

Red Ribbon Week

Soaring with a Drug-Free and Bullying Free Lifestyle Campaign

Red Ribbon Week is October 26th through the 30th. Daily Themes, Door Decorating Contest, and More! Information coming soon on themes and activity dates.

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.

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/>



FGCU TRIOS at PLDMS

The Talent Search Program strives to identify and assist 6th -12th grade students from disadvantage 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. Please contact our Talent Search Coordinator Darcy Dalziel at 239-590-7834, or one of the following emails: ddalziel@fgcu.edu DarcyRD@leeschools.net

This years services have been modified. You and your parents can expect the following:

- Online Tutoring
- Online Counseling (Academic and Life Skills)
- Webinars
- Virtual Tours of Educational Attractions Around the Country