



Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle Title 1 Soaring Eagles Newsletter

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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: Maria Ferrao- ESOL, Aaron Hubers – ESOL, Pamela Le – ESOL, John Mattson – ESOL and Reading

Upcoming Dates February & March

February 15th ELA Mock Testing

February 18th No School (President's Day)

February 19th No School (Teacher In-Service Day)

February 26th SAC Meeting

March 7th -15th Book Fair (Online beginning March 2nd)

March 15th No School (Professional Duty Day)

March 18th – 22nd No School (Spring Break)

March 25th Students Return

March 26th SAC Meeting

**PLEASE READ:
IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**

New School Entry System

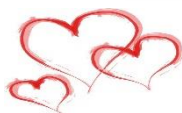
The new school entry system has been installed and changed the way parents and visitors now enter the building. We ask that all parent and visitors assist in the following:

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 "Click" please pull the door handle hard.

Parent 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.

**Proud to be the 1st Middle School in Lee County to be named a
Special Olympics Unified Champion School.**



**Valentine Day Dance
Wednesday, February 13th**



Tickets are now being sold for the PLDMS Valentine Day Dance from February 6th – 12th in the morning at the grid or during lunch. The cost is \$3.00 for a dance ticket or \$5.00 to include pizza, with other concession items sold separately. Our Valentine Day Dance will be from 4:00 p.m. until 5:20 p.m. with the after school activity bus available. Please contact Ruth Villaverde at RuthAV@leeschools.net



Father- Daughter Dance

The Father-Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, March 1st from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Our theme is “Under the Sea’ with the dance attire being semi-formal. Ticket sales will be February 20th – 27th with the price of \$5.00 per couple. Your ticket will be placed in a raffle during the dance to win some great prizes. Refreshments will be served with a DJ playing music for you to show off those dance moves. Anyone attending with a PLDMS student must be 18 years old to attend. Please contact Ms. Rogozinski at SarahGR@leeschools.net with any questions or donations to the dance.



**A Night of Jazz
Fine Arts Association**

The Fine Art Association of PLDMS would like you to join them for a night of jazz at our “Speak Easy” on Friday, March 2nd from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. This evening will include live music, food, auction, dancing, and most importantly fun! Advance reservation price is \$20.00 per person, \$30.00 at the door with seating limited. Reservations may be purchased online at [HTTP://OURSHOW/ANIGHTOFJAZZ](http://ourshow/ANIGHTOFJAZZ) Roaring 20’s Attire Preferred. ***All students attending must be accompanied by a paying adult, unless performing.***

**The School District of Lee County
District Grants Parent and Family Engagement Workshop**

*Please join us for a parent presentation on:
Communicating with Respect*

February 28, 2019 at South Fort Myers High School Auditorium from 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Thomas Edison Regional Science and Engineering Fair

Please congratulate the following students for participating in the Thomas Edison Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

Regional Science Fair Participants

What type of bacteria produces the most energy? **Bhavika Agarwal**

Do video games distract you from pain? **Shawnak Shenoy**

Does the amount of rainfall affect the amount of lead in soil? **Anna Mudgett**

Resistance is futile? A study of fluid drag **Robbie Stewart**

Coastal Eutrophication **Ethan Dinottia**

How do aquatic plants affect PH levels? **Lauren Dumas**

Lunchbox Science: The effect of a homemade acidic and organic solution in the enzymatic browning of organic Fuji apples **Elsa Marcet**

Does your solar panel need to cool off? **Kyle Keene**

Microbial food cell **Joshua Yue**

Which preservation method can preserve an avocado the best? **Jonathan Lopez**

What's your SPF? **Macy Jackson**

Regional Inventor's Fair Participants

Classroom bullet blocker **Autumn Rhodes**

Boat ride boat wrap **Robbie Stewart**

Red tide reader **Aum Dhruv**

Congratulations to the following students for their continued excellence in science.

Bhavika Agarwal - 3rd Place for Chemistry

Ethan Dinottia - Middle School Best of Fair, Grand Champion Environmental Engineering, SW Florida Community Foundation Newton Scholar Award, 1st Place Environmental Engineering

Lauren Dumas – Florida Natural Butterfly Society Award for Excellence in Animal & Planet Sciences

Kyle Keene – Honorable Mention for Chemistry

Elsa Marcet – Grand Champion for Biochemistry, 1st Place in Biochemistry, Chief Information Officer (CIO) STEM Award of Excellence, Florida Association of Science Teacher Award

Shawnak Shenoy – 1st Place Behavioral Science

Robert Stewart – Grand Champion Environmental Science, 1st Place Environmental Engineering, Naval Science Award

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Thomas Edison Regional Science and Engineering Fair

Inventor's Fair

Aum Dhruv – 2019 CIO STEM Award for Excellence from Dell Computer Awards by Lee County Public Schools

Autumn Rhodes – 1st Place GHN, Inc. Safety Award

Robbie Stewart – Division Winner for Middle School, 1st Place 7th Grade Division, Seminole Gulf Railway Advancement of Transportation Award 1st Place, SW Florida Community Foundation, James & Eleanor Newton Scholarship



Robotic Team Competition “Code Mode”

The Robotic Team “Code Mode” will be competing in the Suncoast West Florida First Lego League Regional Championship on Saturday, February 23rd in Plant City Florida. We wish “Code Mode” good luck on their upcoming tournament.

Joseph Koraya, Advait Menon, Jakob Musich, Siri, Muvva, Anthony Pham, Alex Sareh, Wesley Savage, and Robert Stewart



2019 FSA & EOC Testing Schedule

Our FSA and EOC test dates have been scheduled. Please make sure your child arrives to school on time and has a good nights sleep before each testing day.

Leaving Campus—If your student begins a test session and leaves campus before completing it (for lunch, an appointment or illness, etc.), he or she **will not** be allowed to complete that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.

Friday, February 15th – ELA Mock

Tuesday, April 9th - ELA Writes

Wednesday, May 1st – FSA Reading

Thursday, May 2nd – FSA Reading

Tuesday, May 7th – FSA & EOC Math

Wednesday, May 8th – FSA & EOC Math

Thursday, May 9th – FSA 8th Grade Science

Tuesday, May 14th – FSA 7th Grade Civics

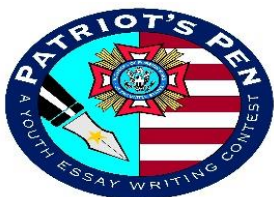
** For information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2019 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at www.fsassessments.org, click on the **Students and Families** icon, select the **Frequently Asked Questions** card, then select the question, “How long are the tests?”*



Art Beat by Kellen Mills

Art Fest was on February 1st – 3rd with many sculptures on display by our very own Art Club students. The sculptures and art on display was made with recycled materials. These students will now turn their talents toward the upcoming SW Florida Fair School Booth Competition. This year's theme is "We've Got a Good Thing Growing". Mrs. Ciampaglia's (February 28th –March 10th) Language Arts students and Visual Arts students will collaborate. Please be sure to check out our booth.

Art Parents and Enthusiast, please remember to visit our web gallery at www.artsonia.com to see all the wonderful and creative work being made by our students. You can leave a compliment for your budding artist and also share art work with family members.



Patriot's Pen Essay Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following students for their exceptional writing in our annual Patriot's Pen Essay Contest.

- 1st Place – Elinor Rienzo (7th Grade)
- 2nd Place – Katherine Borst (8th Grade)
- 3rd Place - Lorelai Witenko (6th Grade)



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.

Amy Williamson – AmyW@leeschools.net

Mrs. Eileen Cherbini - EileenC@leeschools.net

National School Counseling Week – Helping Students to Realize Their Full Potential
February 4th – 7th

Wednesday, February 6th – Inspirational Messages (Cafeteria Screen)

Wednesday and Thursday 6th & 7th – Career, Personality, Friendship and Fun Quiz with Guidance

Counselors. Please reserve your space with Mrs. Williamson or Mrs. Cherbini through Counselor Request on Castle.



March Madness Book Fair

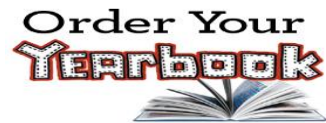
We will have our March Madness Book Fair beginning on March 2nd (online orders) through March 15th. Please go to our web page at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/paullaurecedunbarmiddsch> to browse and order books online. The in school book fair will be available during school hours on March 7th -15th. Students may purchase with cash, check made payable to PLDMS in the exact amount, or through ewallet. See our book fair web page for details.

On Tuesday, March 12th we will have our GRAND Event from 4:15pm – 5:30PM for all the Grand people in our students' lives (grandparents, aunts, uncles, parents, etc.) you are invited to browse and buy while you wait to pick up your child from an after school activity. It's a great opportunity to make sure they have a great book to read during Spring Break.



Eagle Pride Press

The very first student launched newspaper has been published! Our Eagle Pride Press is filled with exciting articles, artwork, and entertainment all written by our PLDMS students. Visit our school website at dun.leeschools.net and click on "Our School" for the latest issue.



We are now taking orders for the 2018-2019 Yearbook. The cost is \$20.00 and is payable to PLDMS by cash or check. All orders and monies are given to Ms. Siekkinen in room 603 in the morning before the final bell. We also have online orders at www.strawbridge.net and use code 112173, then select yearbook.

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



Box Tops for Education

The Box Top for Education contest begins August 15th and runs through May 15th. 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.



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 (Matthewrmu@leeschools.net) or Amy McQueary (Amylmc@leeschools.net) with any questions.



UPCOMING Events

Band, Choir and Theatre

Fine Arts Association General Meeting: March 14, 2019 @ 4:30PM

FAA Cruz Chocolate Fundraiser begins January 31st and ends February 28th

Band

February 4th – 5th Jazz MPA (Lehigh Senior HS)

February 8th – 9th Solo and Ensemble (Lehigh Senior HS)

February 21st All County Jazz Auditions (NFM Academy for the Arts)

March 2nd Silent Auction

Choir

February 28th Choir Concert @ 6:00PM in the PLDMS Cafeteria

Theater

February 1st – 2nd State Thespians in Orlando

March 8th Talent Show @ 6:00PM



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 Coach Luecke at MichaelHL@leeschools.net or Coach Gisse ErinKG@leeschools.net with any questions.

Soccer

Thursday, February 7th – PLDMS vs Varsity Lakes MS @ Lehigh HS (Boys 5:45PM, Girls to Follow)

Monday, February 11th – PLDMS vs Oak Hammock MS @ Lehigh Acres MS (Boys 5:45PM, Girls to Follow)

Tuesday, February 12th – Soccer Team Practice

Thursday, February 14th – PLDMS vs Varsity Lakes MS @ Lehigh Senior HS (Boys 5:45PM, Girls to Follow)

Wednesday, February 20th – Soccer Playoffs vs Ft. Myers HS (Girls 5:45PM, Boys to Follow)

Thursday, February 21st – Soccer Playoffs vs Caloosa MS (if Win) Boys 6PM, Girls to Follow

Track

Tryouts:

Monday, February 11th – 8th Grade Boys & Girls

Tuesday, February 12th – 6th & 7th Grade Boys & Girls

Wednesday, February 13th – No Tryouts due to Valentine Day Dance

Wednesday, February 20th – All Boys 100m, 800m, Mile, Shot Put

Thursday, February 21st – All Girls 100m, 800m, Mile, Shot Put

Monday, February 25th – 6th & 7th Grade Boys and Girls 400m, Long Jump, Discus

Tuesday, February 26th – 8th Grade Boys and Girls 400m, Long Jump, Discus

Wednesday, February 27th – 6th & 7th Grade Boys and Girls 200m, 800m, Mile, Shot Put

Monday, March 4th – 8th Grade Boys and Girls 200m, 800m, Mile, Long Jump, Shot Put

Tuesday, March 5th – 6th & 7th Grade Boys and Girls 100m, 400m, Discus

Wednesday, March 6th – 8th Grade Boys and Girls 100m, 400m, Discus

Monday, March 11th – 6th & 7th Grade Boys and Girls 200m, 400m, 800m, Mile, Long Jump, Shot Put

Tuesday, March 12th – 8th Grade Boys and Girls 200m, 400m, 800m, Mile, Long Jump

Wednesday, March 13th – 6th & 7th Grade Boys and Girls 100m, 400m, 800m, Mile, Shot Put, Discus

Friday, March 15th – Track Team Posted

Tennis

Tryouts:

Monday, March 25th – All Boys

Tuesday, March 26th – All Girls

Wednesday, March 27th – All Boys

Monday, April 1st – All Girls

Golf

Tryouts:

Tuesday, March 26th – All Boys & Girls

Wednesday, March 27th – All Boys & Girls

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

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)

Art Club – Wednesday

Club Sponsor Kellen Mill KellenBM@leeschools.net

Battle of the Books – Next Meetings: February 5th & 19th and March 5th & 26th

Club Sponsor Bryan Cori Bryanc@leeschools.net or Ruth Villaverde RuthAV@leeschools.net

Club “DAB” (Delivering Abstract Brilliance) – Monday and Tuesday

Club Sponsor Amanda Ciampaglia AmandaDC@leeschools.net

Club Elect – Wednesday in Room 601

Club Sponsor – Chrisnol St Ilis Chrisnolls@leeschools.net Mr. Mattson JohnPM@leeschools.net

Ms. Smith KimberlyKS@leeschools.net

Drama Club – Last Tuesday of the month

Club Sponsor - Michael Lynch MichaelSL@leeschools.net

Eagle Helper Club – Every other Tuesday

Club Sponsor – Laurel Blackburn LaurelB@leeschools.net

Environmental Club – Tuesday

Club Sponsor- Sara Rogozinski SarahGR@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

Peer Mediation – Tuesday @ 9:00 a.m.

Club Sponsor Eileen Cherbini Eileenc@leeschools.net

Thespians – Wednesday

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.



Eagle Pride Spirit Shirts Now Available

Eagle Pride Shirts and Book Bags are now available for purchase in the school store every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:15 a.m. to 9:35 a.m.

Prices:

Short Sleeve \$10.00 (White, Blue, or Black in Youth Large and Adult Small)

Long Sleeve \$12.00 (White, or Blue)

Book Bags \$5.00 (Red, or Blue)

**Payments : cash or checks made payable to PLDMS*



Do you want to keep track of your student's grades, attendance, and assignments? It's easy and accessible, and only takes about 20 minutes to set up. Follow these steps to get started.

1. Go to lee.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus
 2. Click on the link "Click here to create a Focus Parent Portal Account"
 3. Follow the directions to create an account and add each of your students to the account.
 4. You will need each student's 8 digit Student I.D. – it's the number they use for their lunch. You will also need their birthdates.
 5. When you set up the login and password, save it for future reference – take a note or screenshot and save it in a safe place.
- ❖ Once in the program use the drop down menu to switch between students.
 - ❖ To view assignments and grades, click on Assignments & Grades in the top left corner and choose a class from the dropdown menu.



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



6th Grade Field Trip – April 18, 2019 **Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI)**

The 6th grade field trip will be to the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) in Tampa, Florida on Thursday, April 18, 2019. All students have been given a permission slip packet in their Language Arts class. The cost is \$45.00 with space limited to the first 150 students that return a completed packet with payment. Please contact Mrs. Quintero ChelseyQ@leeschools.net or Ms. Gisse ErinkG@leeschools.net with any questions.



7th Grade Field Trip – April 18, 2019 **Busch Gardens**

The 7th grade students at PLDMS will have their yearly field trip to Busch Gardens, Tampa Florida on Thursday, March 18, 2019. Currently we have a waitlist, and to be placed on the list a completed permission slip (no payment) will need to be submitted to Mr. Howarth. If a seat becomes available you will be notified and payment made at that time. No season passes will be accepted in lieu of paying for the field trip ticket. There will be no refunds if a student is eliminated from the trip due to behavior or academics. Please contact Mr. Howarth at MontanaJH@leeschools.net if you have any questions.



8th Grade Field Trip – May 17, 2019 **Gradventure**



This year the 8th grade Grad Night will be at Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios in Orlando Florida on May 17, 2019. The entire parks' shows and attractions are open exclusively to Grad Night middle school students from 1:00pm to midnight. Currently we have a waitlist, and to be placed on the list a completed permission form (no payment) will need to be submitted to Mrs. Mele. If a seat becomes available you will be notified and payment made at that time. The cost includes ticket to both theme parks, a light meal on the park, a charter bus seat, and a PLDMS Class of 2019 T-Shirt. All 8th grade students have received the information letter in regards to payment deadlines, trip guidelines, and dress code. Please contact Amy Mele at AmyMM@leeschools.net with any questions.



PERSONAL | PASSIONATE | PROGRESSIVE

Marijuana Prevention Parent Presentation

Join us for an informative presentation on marijuana prevention. We will break down the myths and discuss the facts and consequences of teen marijuana use. Together we can help our students make better choices.



**Thursday, February 20, 2019
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School
4750 Winkler Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33966**

All parents are welcome, regardless of the school your child attends. For questions, call (239) 335-1570 or (239) 337-8218

YOU'RE INVITED

> PRESENTED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY'S PREVENTION DEPARTMENT