

Summer Edition

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The Heron's Call



THREE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

A letter from the principal

Dear Parents,

I hope you are enjoying your summer and taking the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends. The administration and office staff are diligently preparing for the 2011-2012 school year. We are pleased to report that the 2010-2011 FCAT results are in and the students at Three Oaks Middle demonstrated significant gains in both math and science. These gains are a direct result of the hard work invested by students and staff. I am excited about the growth in academic achievement and look forward to the continued success of our students in the coming year. If you have not received your child's individual scores, you may pick them up at our Back to School Open House or stop by the school. Our Back to School Open House will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2011 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Students will have the opportunity to pick up their schedules and supply lists, meet their teachers, and purchase P.E. uniforms. Bus schedules will also be available.

The school hours are Monday through Friday, 9:45 am until 4:00 pm. Students should be dropped off at parent pick up no earlier than 9:15 am. Three Oaks Middle School will again offer a fee based before school program. This program is available from 7:00 am to 9:15 am each student school day beginning August 8. The daily fee will be \$5.00. Three Oaks Middle School will also offer after school programs. In addition to free tutoring, the south zone intramural sports programs will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm beginning September 13. A fee based after school program will be available for students Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4:15 to 5:15 when school is in session. The daily cost for the after school program is \$3.00. A registration fee of \$20.00, which covers both programs, will be assessed prior to participation in the program.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer. I look forward to a very successful school year!

Sincerely,

Michael S. Carson

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Principal

**First Day of School
August 8, 2011**

Thoughts for summer activities

Sometimes with all the demands made upon us and our daily lives we forget that a child's education does not begin and end with the school year. If you stop and think about it, you will realize that children spend very little time in formal "schooling", and much of their acquired knowledge is through other processes. Summer recess should not be an endpoint, and learning should take place throughout the year. Here are some suggested activities for the summer that could help keep your child's mind sharp.

- Use the library; read as many books as possible
- Participate in a sport, such as tennis, swimming or bowling (learn to keep score)
- If taking a family trip, map out the route and highlight places of interest
- If watching television is an interest, occasionally tune in to PBS, History, or Discover channels
- Volunteer at a summer camp
- Begin a hobby



Sunshine State Young Readers List 2011-2012

Angleberger, Tom *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda*

Baggott, Julianna *The Prince of Fenway Park*

Breathed, Berkeley *Flawed Dogs: The Novel: The Shocking Raid on Westminster*

Draper, Sharon M. *Out of My Mind*

Falls, Kat *Dark Life*

Hegamin, Tonya & Nelson, Marilyn *Pemba's Song: A Ghost Story*

Hiaasen, Carl *Scat*

Logsted, Greg *Alibi Junior High*

Paterson, Katherine *The Day of the Pelican*

Paulsen, Gary *Woods Runner*

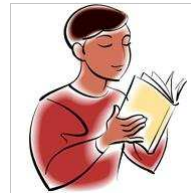
Preller, James *Bystander*

Sanderson, Brandon *Alcatraz versus the Evil Librarians*

Slade, Arthur G. *Jolted: Newton Starker's rules for survival*

Taylor, Greg *Killer Pizza*

Woodson, Jacqueline, *Peace Locomotion*



Basketball & Cross Country Intramurals



Basketball and Cross Country intramurals will be starting during the second week of school. All students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade for the 2011-2012 school year are encouraged to try out for the teams. If you are not sure which sport you would like to participate, let the coaches know during the first week and we will let you try both sports. With the season starting early in the school year, athletes need to practice and run during the summer. Our Mighty Blues program is respected throughout the county for not only our strong sports program, but also for our sportsmanship. See you in August! Coach Moomaw

Principal's Luncheon

Congratulations to the following students. These students celebrated their academic achievements at a luncheon given by their principal, Mr. Carson. The students were treated to a pizza party and an afternoon of fun and games with administrators and staff. The students received all A's in ALL academic subject areas throughout the first three quarters of the school year.

6th Grade: Carolina Arango, Arye Beck, Jennifer Dorrian, Michael Ifrim, Komila Khamidova, Gregory Libersher, Bridget MacPherson, Enisa Molabeciri, Cameron Obrochta, Lorena Ramirez, Aistin Reichart, Joselinne Retana-Jimenez, Britani Rice, Kevin Short, Jonathan Wojciki and Olivia Yang.

7th Grade: Christian Bedwell, Hunter Bedwell, Nathalie Cazares, Daley Cline, Erika Dennison, Cody Frosh, Ethan Hull, Taylor Kent, Hunter McAloose, Danielle Plecki, Olivia Stover and Gabriel Trank.

8th Grade: Christopher Dang, Angelica Estala, Megan Feeney, Serena Fernandez, Sanya Georgieva, Jennifer Gravitt, Allison Ha, Alexander Harrigan, Paige Harris, Brian Hurtado, Kyle McKenna, Marley Preston, Mireya Ramirez, Ryan Roberts, Katherine Schultz, Emma St John, Isaac St Romain and Samuel Turner.

Great Job!

Preliminary School Supply List 2011-2012

6th Grade

- Pencils—#2
- Pens-black or blue only—no gel pens
- Markers or colored pencils; highlighters
- 2 packages notebook paper
- 1 ream copy paper (optional)
- Band-aids, paper towels, tissues (optional)
- 8 duo-tang folders (3-prong with pockets)
- One—1" 3 ring binder with dividers
- In/cm ruler
- Pack of dry erase markers
- Composition book



7th Grade

- Pencils—#2
- Pens -black or blue only—no gel pens
- Markers or colored pencils
- 2 packages notebook paper
- 1 ream copy paper (optional)
- Band-aids, paper towels, tissues (optional)
- 6 duo-tang folders (3 prong with dividers)
- One—1" 3 ring binder with dividers
- In/cm ruler



8th Grade

- Pencils—#2
- Pens-black or blue only—no gel pens
- Markers or colored pencils
- 2 packages notebook paper
- 1 ream copy paper (optional)
- Band-aids, paper towels, tissues (optional)
- 5—duo-tang folders (3 prong with pockets)
- 3—150 page spiral notebooks
- A simple function hand-held calculator (for home use)
- In/cm ruler



Although the school provides the materials and supplies for basic instructional activities, the optional supply items on this list will allow your child to have an enhanced educational program. We appreciate your commitment to the education of your child and with your donation, we can provide a great program for the students at Three Oaks Middle School.

Additional items may be requested, such as art supplies for a student assigned to an art class.

All students will need a heavy duty backpack to carry their books and school supplies. Backpacks with wheels are allowed.

Any parent with a concern regarding the donations requested on the school supply list may contact the school at 267-5757.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Inform the Registrar in the guidance office if you have a change of address, home telephone number, email or work location, and if you are not returning to Three Oaks Middle next year. This information will help facilitate communication between home and school, as well as allow immediate contact in case of an emergency.

Acceptable proof of change of address is a power bill, phone bill, cable bill, water bill, lease agreement, mortgage acceptance letter or statement from a landlord.



Please consider donating new or gently used books to the media center for all students to enjoy. Three Oaks Middle School appreciates your generosity! Please contact Mrs. Scotti at 267-5757 or JaneenMS@leeschools.net with questions or comments pertaining to book donations.



Three Oaks Middle School Uniform Dress Code 2011-2012

Research has shown that there is a direct correlation between dress, behavior, and achievement. Compliance with the dress code of Three Oaks Middle School is mandatory and the responsibility of the parent/guardian and their child attending Three Oaks Middle School. Students must be neat, clean, and properly dressed. No student will be permitted to wear clothing or hairstyle that creates a disturbance in the learning environment. Please follow these rules to ensure that Three Oaks Middle School students are appropriately dressed for school.

Shirts: Any solid color, standard style polo/golf shirts or Oxford style shirts with short or long sleeves and a collar. A standard polo shirt has no more than 3 buttons and FULL SLEEVES—NOT CAP SLEEVES. Shirts MUST HAVE buttons—no zippers or snaps. Shirts must be long enough to be tucked in and remain tucked in when arms are raised above the head. Shorts must be worn appropriately—no oversized or tight fitting shirts. All shirts must be tucked in and no logos larger than a half dollar. (exception-school logos may be larger)

Uniform Pants/Shorts/Capri's: Acceptable colors are: NAVY, TAN, GRAY, BROWN, or BLACK
No jeans of any color. No rivets or studs. No cargo pockets or carpenter style. No Lycra, Spandex, or "stretch" fabric allowed including "skinny fit" styles. Plain front or pleated front, cuffed or un-cuffed. Low-rise pants are not allowed. Clothing must fit appropriately-no oversized or tight fitting clothing. Shorts must be Bermuda-style or walking short. The shortest length allowed is JUST ABOVE THE KNEE. Pants or shorts that have belt loops must be worn with a plain solid colored belt that has a plain standard belt buckle. Belt buckles should not display names, logos, flags, or other insignia.

Uniform, Skirts/Skortts: Acceptable colors are: NAVY, TAN, GRAY, BROWN, or BLACK
No jeans of any color. No slits in skirts or skortts above mid-thigh. No rivets or studs. No cargo pockets. No Lycra, Spandex or "stretch" fabric allowed including "skinny fit" styles. Skirts or skortts that have belt loops must be worn with a plain solid colored belt that has a plain standard belt buckle. The shortest length allowed is JUST ABOVE THE KNEE.

Uniform Jumpers: Acceptable colors are: NAVY, TAN, GRAY, BROWN, or BLACK
Jumpers sold as student uniforms will be allowed as long as they fall JUST ABOVE THE KNEE.

All one color attire is not allowed. Shirts must be a different color from pants, shorts, skortts, capris, or jumpers.

Sweater or Jackets: Any solid color, plain jacket may be worn on cool days and must be button or zip the entire length of the front. No jean jackets. The sweater or jacket must be worn with a dress code shirt and cannot be tied around the waist. Pullover sweaters, jackets and sweatshirts are not allowed.

Footwear: "Sneakers" are acceptable. No flip flops, sport sandals, or open back shoes. Socks are to be a solid color.

Reminders: No rivets, no stretch fabric, no cap sleeves, no cargo pockets, no clothing may be worn in any altered fashion, all one color attire is not allowed, bandanas are not allowed on campus, clothing that is torn, frayed, or in disrepair is not acceptable, and no jeans of any color.

The dress code for Three Oaks Middle is as follows:

- ◆ Shoes shall be worn at all times.
- ◆ Apparel must be considered appropriate for school in both length and coverage.
- ◆ Pants must be worn fastened at the waist. Pants may not be low rise or drop below waist level on any student.
- ◆ Shirts will be appropriately fastened in accordance with the design of that shirt. The length must extend beyond the waist and remain tucked in when arms are raised above the head.
- ◆ Any articles of clothing or jewelry that could likely cause injury are prohibited.
- ◆ Apparel, emblems, insignias, badges, or symbols that promote the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or any other illegal activity are prohibited.
- ◆ Apparel or symbols, which may be gang related, cannot be displayed on a student's person, locker, agenda book, vehicle or any other location on campus.
- ◆ Adornments such as hoops or rings attached to the nose, eyebrow, cheeks, tongue, or lips may not be worn.
- ◆ Unnatural hair coloring, hair carvings, or distractive hairstyles, such as mohawks, are prohibited. Hair must be of a natural color and style.
- ◆ Students may wear only one school appropriate bracelet.
- ◆ Wearing hats, caps, headgear, or sunglasses on campus is prohibited except with designated school approved uniforms or at authorized athletic practices or activities. There may be certain exceptions for medical conditions and physical education classes held outside. The principal will determine these exceptions.

The School District of Lee County 2011-2012 School Calendar

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- Schools Closed
- Professional Duty Day – No school for students
- Teacher Inservice Day – No school for students
- Hurricane Makeup Day
- Early Dismissal Day - Students

Special Notes

- All Jewish holidays begin at sundown the day before they are listed

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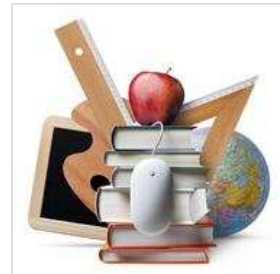
Back to School

Open House

Saturday, August 6, 2011

9:00 am—12:00 noon

- **Pick up schedules**
- **Visit classrooms**
- **Purchase PE uniforms—\$20.00 set**
- **Check bus schedules**



SCHOOL MEAL PRICES FOR 2011-2012



Free Breakfast Program available to all students

Lunch Price \$2.25

Reduced Price .40 cents

Immunization Requirements

Sixth graders entering seventh grade next year are required to have a TDAP booster after 8/08/06. The Lee County Health Department gives the immunizations on Mondays through Fridays free of charge. The State of Florida requires **TDAP instead of TD.** Make sure your child receives the correct immunization.

Immunization records must be in compliance with Florida law in order for students to receive their schedule to enter seventh grade. You can avoid waiting in line at Open House on August 6, by dropping off your child's records over the summer. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am until 4:00 pm.



Builder's Club

The Three Oaks Middle School Builder's Club finished its first full year. The club is sponsored by the San Carlos Kiwanis Club and is part of a national program for middle school age students. The elementary school K club, the middle school Builders Club and the high school Key Club all help students become better citizens through community service activities. Encourage your child to become a member of the Three Oaks Middle School Builder Club next school year. The activities are fun and the personal rewards are great.

Soaring To New Heights

Early Heron Program Fee-Based After School Program Begins Monday, August 8, 2011



Guidelines:

The "Early Heron" program is designed to provide a supervised location for Three Oaks Middle students prior to 9:15 a.m. The program will operate from 7:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. every student school day. All students dropped off **prior to 9:15 a.m.** must be enrolled in the Early Heron Program. Students may bring snacks or purchase healthy snacks from our vending machines. Lee County District Schools will be offering a Free Breakfast Program for the 2011-2012 school year. Three Oaks Middle School begins serving breakfast at 9:15 a.m. each morning to all its students.

The Early Heron Program is held Monday through Friday. The Fee-Based After School Program is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. After School Activities and Intramural Sports are held on most Tuesdays and Thursdays and are free of charge. Bus transportation is provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

One registration fee per student of \$20.00 is required to attend either program. This fee is non-refundable.

The cost of the program is \$5 per day for Early Heron and \$3 per day for the after school program. Per Florida Statute payments must be received in advance. Please make checks payable to "Three Oaks Middle School" and note on the check your child's name and the week for which you are paying. **Payment is due every Monday. Exact change or checks are required.** Non-payment of fees will result in dismissal from the program. The Lee County School System does not extend credit to Fee Based programs.

- Students enrolled in the Early Heron and After School program must adhere to the District Code of Conduct and the School Responsibility Plan. Violation of either may result in the student being removed from the program.
- The school clinic will not be open until 9:45 a.m. All medication must be administered at home or in the clinic after 9:45 a.m.



Early Heron Registration Form

Name _____ Grade _____ HR Teacher _____

Additional Child _____ Grade _____ HR Teacher _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Emergency Contact Phone _____

Father's Name: _____ Employer _____ Phone _____

Mother's Name _____ Employer _____ Phone _____

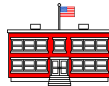
Please check the program(s) your child will attend:

_____ Early Heron _____ After School Program

For office use only

Reg. paid Cash _____ Check # _____ Daily rate: Morning Program \$5 _____ Afternoon Program \$3 _____
Both Programs \$8 _____

Three Oaks Middle School



The Nation's Premier
Core Knowledge Middle School



Proud To Be A "5 Star" School

Three Oaks Middle School has the distinction of being the first, fully-integrated "Core Knowledge" middle school in the nation. It has been recognized for offering a thematic/high tech approach to **Core Knowledge** in a learning environment where students feel safe, cared for and involved in the learning process. The Core Knowledge curriculum provides a sequential, grade-specific content that can be taught consistently year after year. Material is organized by grade levels up to grade eight, becoming more sophisticated and detailed in each successive grade. Its goal is to guarantee that all children have access to the same knowledge base to ensure later educational success. The school is focused on academic achievement so that all students meet or exceed rigorous District Standards.

Interdisciplinary units and integrated curriculum contribute to the fullness of Three Oaks Middle School instruction, affording our teachers opportunities for professional growth, and students the benefits of their teachers' new knowledge.

In addition to the classroom experience, Three Oaks Middle School students are active participants in community projects geared toward increasing their sense of responsibility to the world in which they live and the community they call home.

The School Board of Lee County, Florida: Jeanne S. Dozier, District 2; Jane E. Kuckel, Pd.D., District 3; Don H. Armstrong, District 4; Thomas Scott, Chairman; Mary Fischer, M.A., Vice Chairman; Dr. Joseph Burke, Superintendent of Schools.

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