

Three Oaks Middle School

Parent Newsletter

October 1, 2018

The Heron's Call



A letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

The end of the first quarter is quickly approaching and students are working hard to meet their **Accelerated Reader (AR) goals by the October 10th deadline**. The District office will be mailing your child's report card on approximately October 26th. Please have an up-to-date mailing address on file in the school office. Also, make sure to notify the school if you need to update your email address or phone number.

The cross country and basketball teams are in full swing. Volleyball intramurals will begin October 16th. Every student that participates in any intramural sport must have a completed intramural form on file prior to the first practice. If your child needs a form, they can pick one up in the office.

Save the date, **October 30th and 31st, Three Oaks Middle School will be celebrating the first quarter honor roll**. Parent volunteers are needed to set up before and clean up after the honor roll events. If you can help, please contact Mrs. Rossi. **As always, should you have any questions concerning your child's education, please contact the school at 267-5757.**

Sincerely,

Michael S. Carson

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Principal



Dates to Remember



Thursday, October 11

NJHS Meeting 8:35 - 9:15 AM

AVID Parent Night 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Friday, October 12

End of Quarter 1

Monday, October 15

Teacher Duty Day - No School



Tuesday, October 16

Volleyball Intramurals Begin

Monday, October 22

PTO - Media Center 5:00 PM

Wednesday, October 24

School Advisory Council (SAC) 8:30 AM

Thursday, October 25

NJHS Meeting 8:35 - 9:15 AM

Fall Band Concert - Cafe 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Friday, October 26

Student Council Fall Frightening

Festival Dance - Cafe 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Tuesday, October 30

Sixth Grade Honor Roll - Cafe 2:20 PM

Wednesday, October 31

Seventh Grade Honor Roll 9:50 AM

Eighth Grade Honor Roll 10:55 AM

Wednesday, November 21 -

Friday, November 23

Thanksgiving Break



Winter Break

Monday, December 24 -

Friday January 4

Winter Break



Monday, January 7

Hurricane Makeup Day

Tuesday, January 8

Professional Duty Day





The School District of Lee County

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Why is my school asking me to okay receiving telephone calls or text messages? Under a federal law designed to protect consumers, we have to get your permission to send non-emergency messages to a mobile phone by automated voice call or SMS text. It's also just a good idea, so that we're sure the message is going to the right phone number for the right person. This permission is needed only for automated voice calls and texts. Permission is not necessary for other calls from the school, like you might get directly from a teacher, principal, or other staff member.

I have never been asked about phone calls before. Is this new? While it is not completely new, the rules were recently updated to make it clear that we need the recipient's okay to send non-emergency automated phone notifications, as well as SMS text messages, to a mobile phone number. To comply with the law contact information must be current.

What if there is an emergency? In an emergency, we will call or text you as long as we have your contact information on file. The law has an exception for calls made for "emergency purposes," which is usually a situation affecting the health and safety of consumers. What if I change my mind about phone calls, or change my mobile number? You can opt out of non-emergency calls and text messages at any time. For voice calls, we will provide instructions on how to use touch-tones on your phone keypad to stop receiving calls. For text messages, you can stop receiving them by texting "UNSUBSCRIBE" or "STOP" after receiving a text from us.

Can I be contacted in other ways, too? Yes. We can contact you, if you would like, by email. Email is covered by a different set of rules than the permission required for automated voice calls and text messages to mobile phones.

My school says it uses the SchoolMessenger app. What is it? The SchoolMessenger app is a free web and mobile app that gives you access to school notifications of all types (text messages, voice and email) inside a single inbox. You can also change your contact preferences and adjust contact numbers in the web app, available from any Internet-enabled device.

How do I sign up for the SchoolMessenger app and provide permission? The easiest way is to visit the SchoolMessenger app website at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com/>. Create an account by clicking "Sign Up" on the top right menu, using the email address that you have provided to the school. You can choose how you want to be contacted based on the category of message (from emergencies to school activities) and provide contact permission. You will also be able to listen to and read messages from the school for the previous 30 days so you do not miss a thing, including alerts, notifications and attachments. You can also sign back in to change your preferences at any time.

What if I want to use the SchoolMessenger mobile app? You will find the SchoolMessenger app in the Apple iOS Store or Google Android Play Store. If you have already created an account, you simply have to log in. If you have not, Click the "Sign Up" button, enter your email address, and create a password. An email will be sent to that address with a secure token. If you receive a "This email is already registered" error message, which means you have already created a SchoolMessenger account via another SchoolMessenger product. Simply follow the "Return to login" link and login. Use the "Forgot your password" link if needed.

Will the SchoolMessenger app notify me if there is new information? You can opt in to receiving Device (or push) Notifications under Notification Preferences. When you choose to receive Device Notifications, a badge or alert will appear when new communications are available in your SchoolMessenger app inbox.

How private is the information in the SchoolMessenger app? West, the trusted provider of SchoolMessenger is one of more than 200 organizations that has signed the Student Privacy Pledge (www.studentprivacypledge.org). The Pledge spells out a dozen commitments related to the protection and responsible use of student data. You can rest assured that your student's information is secure and will never be sold, rented, or shared. Signatories to this pledge can be held legally responsible for actions or practices that do not conform to it.

Who should I contact if I have more questions? Please contact us at the school offices if you need any more information.

Science/Invention Fair Letter to Parents



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Soon your child will be taking part in an exciting school event, the science/invention fair. Science offers children experiences in exploring beyond the classroom to understand more about their world. Investigating a selected science topic in detail can open up new vistas and a new appreciation for not only this planet but also the worlds beyond.

I would like to invite you to work along with your child as he or she selects, investigates, and reports on an appropriate area of science. With your interest and encouragement, your child can develop the skills and attitudes he or she needs to make this project a valuable experience. Please encourage your child to do most, if not all, of the work. Parents sometimes want to build an entire project, to make it "perfect." It is more important that your child wrestle with problems and try to solve them, because learning is in the doing. Guide your child whenever and wherever you can, but let the final project reflect your child's individual effort and design.

To help you in helping your child prepare for the science/invention fair, I will be sending home instructions and suggestions in this packet for them to use as a guide.

Students will also be discussing and completing assignments on the various science/invention fair components in class. These guidelines will give you and your child some ideas on how to create an effective project and help make the science/invention fair experience more enjoyable for everyone. Plan to take some time every now and then to talk these suggestions over with your child.

Remember that your child's success in our science/invention fair will not be measured by

ribbons, trophies, or certificates. Your child will succeed by learning and understanding more about science and how scientists work. Awards are secondary. The real goal of the science/invention fair is stimulating your child's curiosity about the world.

I look forward to your participation in our upcoming science/invention fair. Please call any time during the preparations and during the fair with your questions and suggestions. Please visit the following website for important information and updates about the science/invention fair <http://www.edisonfairs.org>. Let's work together so that our science/invention fair will be a memorable and educational experience for your child.

Mr. Laux will be available for assistance after school Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:15-5:15. **Family and friends are invited to the science/invention fair Family Night on Monday, December 3rd from 4:30pm to 6:00pm to view the exceptional projects.**

Sincerely,

Mr. Laux

Mr. Laux

Science/Invention Fair Director

Phone: 239-267-5757 Ext. 242

Email: JasonLL@leeschools.net



Please inform the Registrar (located in the Guidance office) if you have a change of address, telephone number, email, or work location. 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.



Volleyball Intramurals/Tryouts

*Intramurals will be held in the gym
from 4pm – 5:15pm.

Students attending intramurals MUST have transportation arrangements to be picked up by 5:15pm, bike/walk home, or ride an activity bus to a school closer to home.

*students MUST have a green intramural form completed for the 2018-2019 school year

Tuesday, October 16 – Volleyball

Intramurals 8th grade girls
6th – 8th grade boys

Wednesday, October 17 - Volleyball

Intramurals 6th and 7th grade girls

Thursday, October 18 - Volleyball

Intramurals 8th grade girls
6th – 8th grade boys

Tuesday, October 23 - Volleyball

Intramurals 6th and 7th grade girls

Wednesday, October 24 - Volleyball Tryouts

8th grade girls
6th – 8th grade boys

Thursday, October 25 – Volleyball Tryouts

6th and 7th grade girls

Tuesday, October 30 - Volleyball Tryouts

8th grade girls
6th – 8th grade boys

Wednesday, October 31– No Intramurals

Thursday, November 1 – Volleyball Tryouts

6th and 7th grade girls

Friday, November 2– Girls and Boys

Volleyball Teams Announced

Designs and Dreams

Gallery Walk

Congratulations to Mrs. Campbell's Art Students Who Will Have Work On Display at the Lee County Public Education Building
Designs and Dreams
Gallery Walk and Show Opening!!
Tuesday, October 23, 2018



Ava Broadhead
Natalie Brodgon
Erin Correll
Destiny Josie
Bailey O'Lone
Gavin Scott

And Former TOMS Student
McKenzie Donahue

PTO Update

Mark you calendars:

The next PTO meeting will be on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the TOMS Media Center

Coupon Book Fundraiser was a great success. Thanks to all who participated.

Three Oaks Middle School PTO

now has a FACEBOOK page.



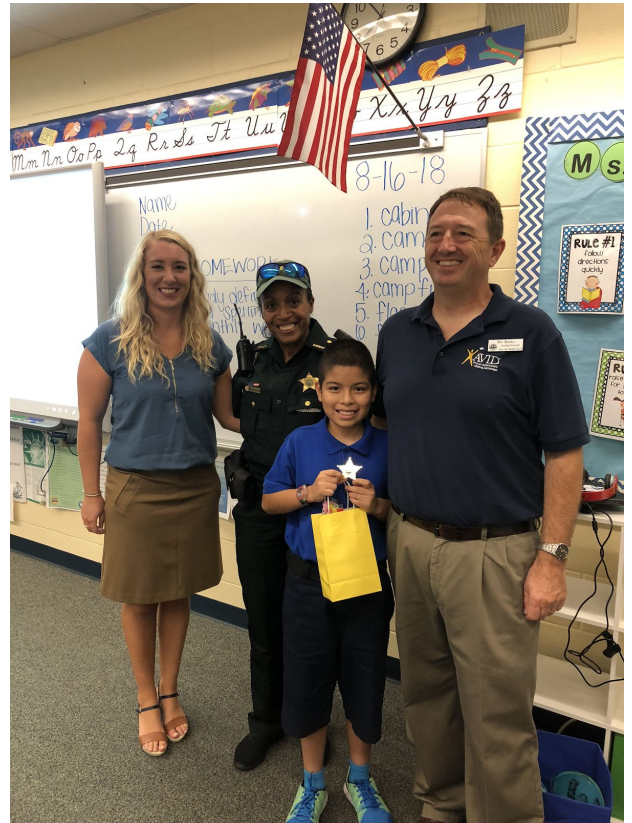
A Big Three Oaks Welcome to
SRO Corporal Iris Sullivan
Corporal Sullivan
Recognized Dianna San
As Junior Deputy of the Week



Dianna San

(pictured L-R Ms. Lebeau, Dianna San, Mrs. Janicki, and Corporal Sullivan)

More Junior Deputy Pictures



Christopher Palomino-Gonzalez

(pictured L-R Ms. Lebeau, Corporal Sullivan, Christopher Palomino-Gonzalez, Mr. Barta)



**Great Job
Junior Deputies!**



Brooke Gardiner

(pictured L-R Corporal Sullivan, Ms. LeBeau, Brooke Gardiner, Dr. Adkins, Mr. Carson)

Thank you for all you do for
Three Oaks Middle School
Corporal Sullivan!

Student Council Frightening Fall Dance

Tickets \$3.00
October 26, 2018
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.






On October 26, the Three Oaks Middle School student council will be holding a Frightening Fall Fest school dance. The dance will be held in the cafeteria from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Permission slips will be given out during school before the dance, and in order to purchase a ticket, this slip will be needed. The parent/guardian will need to review and sign it. Tickets will be available for purchase in the courtyard from 9:15-9:35 am on October 22-25 for students with a signed permission slip and money. Tickets are \$3.00 each. The dance will be a fun event including a costume contest, a DJ, and dancing. Students are encouraged to wear a costume, but no masks or inappropriate costumes or accessories are allowed. Concessions will be available during the dance for your child to purchase. Chips and water are \$1.00, and candy, soda, and pizza by the slice are \$2.00 each. We hope to see you there!

Final Results of Student Council SOCKtember Class Competition


Congratulations to
Mr. Felegie's class

SOCKtember Winners

 **1st Place - Mr. Felegie** 

 **2nd Place - Ms. Baker** 

3rd Place - Mrs. Brock

**TOMS donated 2013 pairs
of SOCKS for the Homeless!**  

The students and staff of TOMS have donated over 1,000 pairs of socks to the Student Council collection for Sock-tember! Janet Bartos, Executive Director of the Lee County Homeless Coalition came to receive the socks from Student Council during their meeting on Oct. 2.

Thank you students, faculty, and staff for making this worthwhile endeavor a success!

After School Activities

Along with after school sports and clubs, the FREE after school tutoring program is available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. To provide for safety, students are required to be picked up no later than 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday Math Tutoring, Civics, Student Council,
(Interact Club begins October 9 and will meet every other Tuesday)

Wednesday Book Battle, Math Tutoring, Cadet Leadership

Thursday Math Tutoring, Reading and Writing Lab, Scholar's Club every other Thursday



Bus transportation for bus riders is available to school sites on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

An announcement will be made in advance in the event that buses are not available.

MUSICAL THEATRE

The theater department is collecting Box Tops for Education. Please turn in your box tops to your 1st period teacher clearly labeled with your child's name and Homeroom teacher's name. The winning first period will receive a donut party at the end of the semester.



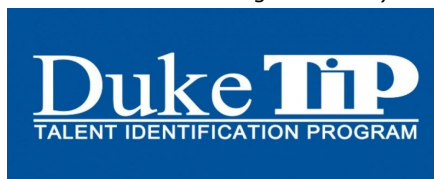
endorsement work completed out-of-state, needs to add endorsement to Florida teaching certificate)

Classroom Fun

Mrs. Lastrom's STEM Class test their juice box race cars



Ms. Cicero's Culinary Science Class learns to make fresh pasta.



Congratulations to the following seventh grade students. Due to their excellent performance on a recent grade-level standardized test, they have qualified to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program's Seventh Grade Talent Search.

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| Keagan Adams | Jeremiah Alfred |
| Drew Arrington | Aidan Baxter |
| Alyssa Benton | Haley Blanc |
| Felipe Bonini | Taylor Brindley |
| Ava Broadhead | Edwin Cepeda |
| Taylor Cheh | Payton Cross |
| Savannah DeKoff | Angelia Discenza |
| Mollie Donaghy | Sarah Friedman |
| Robert Frost | Joshua Geiger |
| Marcos Godoy | Tyler Guillette |
| Brooke Ham | Andrew Hanyzeski |
| Darick Harrison | Debra Helton |
| William Holden | Andrew Huffman |
| Donovan Hunt | Hailey Jacob |
| Lukas Jonuskis | Adam Kaska |
| Dennis Kerry | Kaylee Kienzle |
| Kyle King | Carly Kitzinger |
| Brett Kueick | Pamela Lang |
| Christopher Lastrom | Alexa Macri |
| Carlos Martinez | Emily McDowell |
| Jakob McElroy | Nicholas Medina-Molina |
| Teairi Melendez | Hope Minsky |
| Brock OLone | Sophie Perkins |
| Ava Pham | Annie Phung |
| Jareah Plummer | Eva Pokharel |
| Isabel Ramirez | Jasmine Rodarte |
| Gavin Scott | Evan Sherwood |
| Alexandra Simeone | Cayden Starnes |
| Jeffrey Stevens | Ava Stollard |
| Kamryn Trenasty | Justin Trometer |
| Hailey VanRoekel | Kendall Williams |
| Aidan Wuttke | Emily Zarbanelian |

Teachers Out Of Field

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers, at times, must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers at Three Oaks Middle School are certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation.

The following staff members are in the process of adding a subject area to their teaching certificate:

Elementary Education - Michelle Patterson

English - Kathryn Carparelli

Math - Beau Voltz (taken and passed math 5-9 in June 2018, needs to have area added to teaching certificate)

Science - Doug Beck (taken and passed science)

The following staff members are enrolled in training to add the English as a Second Language (ESOL) endorsement to their current certificates: Kristi O'Bannon, Mary Carroll, Janeen Scotti, Michelle Patterson

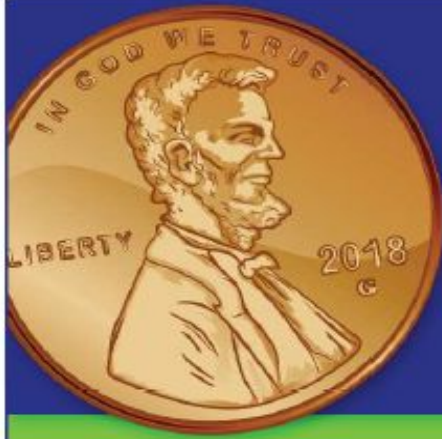
The following staff members are enrolled in training to add the Gifted endorsement to their current certificates: Lacey Mendoza, Alan Staal

The following staff members are enrolled in training to add the Reading endorsement to their current certificates: Kristi O'Bannon and Mary Carroll, Kathryn Carparelli (has reading



On Thursday, October 11th, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM we have our first AVID Parent Night of the year for our AVID students and their families! This is a time where AVID parents and students will be able to learn more about the AVID elective, gain strategies for student success, and have fun!

Please RSVP by October 4th to Ms. Harmon at elizabethaha@leeschools.net.

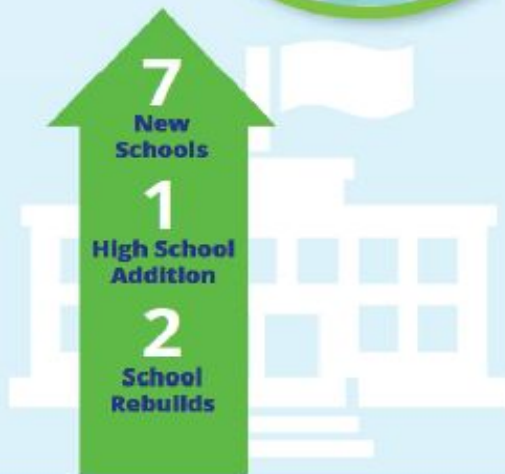


CHANGE FOR CHANGE

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THE PROPOSAL

Increase the sales tax in Lee County by a half-cent, from 6% to 6.5% per dollar, to fund school capital projects.



KNOW THE FACTS on the Lee County School Board's Half-Cent Sales Tax Referendum!

HOW MUCH MONEY WOULD THE SURTAX RAISE?

Approximately \$59 million annually for 10 years.

WHAT WOULD THE TAX PAY FOR?

New school construction, renovation projects, safety and security improvements and technology upgrades. By law it cannot pay for salaries or bonuses.

WHEN WILL THE TAX INCREASE EXPIRE?

The proposal calls for a limit of 10 years with the tax expiring on December 31, 2028.

WHO WOULD PAY THE TAX?

Everyone who purchases taxable goods would pay the extra half-percent sales tax. Exempt items like **groceries** and **medications** still **would not be taxed**, and the additional half-percent tax would only be applied to the first **\$5,000** for large purchases. It's estimated that 30 percent of the revenue generated would come from tourists.

HOW MUCH WILL I PAY?

It's estimated a family of four with an average income of \$50,000 would pay an additional \$64 per year.



The School Board of Lee County, Florida: Cathleen O'Daniel Morgan, District 7 (Chairman); Pamela H. LaRiviere, District 5 (Vice Chairman); Mary Fischer, District 1; Melisa W. Giovannelli, District 2; Chris N. Patricca, District 3; Steven K. Teuber, District 4; Jane E. Kuckel, PhD, District 6; Dr. Gregory K. Adkins, Superintendent.

Canned Food Drive

October 1-12



Captain Canned Goods

Bring in **cans** of food like

- tuna
- beans
- pasta
- vegetables
- fruit
- soup

Bring in **boxed** or **dry** food like

- beans
- pasta
- oats
- rice
- cereal

Bring in **plastic jars** like

- peanut butter
- jelly
- fruit juice

Please - **NO** glass
containers or expired foods

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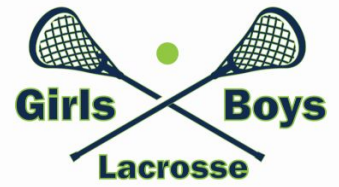
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Thank you to Summit Church for donating backpacks to our students and providing Tropical Smoothies to our teachers during pre-school week!



Park Alliance Church

Thank you to Park Alliance Church for donating lunch to our T.O.M.S. Teachers during pre-school week.

Thank you to Cody Krucker and the Krucker family for your donations and always supporting Three Oaks Middle School.

