Three Oaks Middle School

Parent Newsletter October 2, 2019



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 9th deadline**. The District office will be mailing your child's report card on approximately October 24th. 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 basketball season is in full swing. Volleyball intramurals will begin October 15th. Every student that participates in any intramural sport must have a completed intramural form and an emergency card completed on FOCUS prior to the first practice. If your child needs an intramural form, they can pick one up in the office.

Save the date, November 5th and 6th, 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

Michael S. Carson Principal



Dates to Remember

Thursday, October 3

Musical Theater Practice 4:15-5:15 PM Basketball vs. Lexington 5:15-6:30 PM Musical Theater Parent Meeting 5:30-6:30 PM

Monday, October 7

AVID Parent Night 5:30-7:00 PM

<u>Tuesday, October 8</u> Cross Country Begins

Wednesday, October 9

AR Due

Thursday, October 10

NJHS Meeting 8:35- 9:15 AM

Friday, October 11

End of Quarter 1

Sunday, October 13

Marine Lab Trip departs 8:30 AM

Monday, October 14

Teacher Duty Day - No School



Wednesday, October 16

Marine Lab students return 4:30 PM

Thursday, October 17

Musical Theater Rehearsal

4:15-5:15 PM

Monday, October 21

PTO - Media Center 5:15 PM

Wednesday, October 23

School Advisory Council (SAC) 8:30 AM

Friday, October 25

Student Council Fall Frightening

Festival Dance - Cafe 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Important Upcoming Dates Tuesday, November 5

Seventh Grade Honor Roll 1:40 PM Eighth Grade Honor Roll 2:45 PM



Wednesday, November 6

Sixth Grade Honor Roll 10:15 AM

Monday, November 25 -Friday, November 29 Thanksgiving Break



Monday, January 6 Hurricane Make Up





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 attaching instructions and suggestions on your child's google science classroom 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 or email 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 PM.

Sincerely,

Mr. Laux

Science/Invention Fair Director Phone: 239-267-5757 Ext. 242

Email: jasonll@leeschools.net



*Intramurals will be held in the gym from 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM

Students attending intramurals MUST have transportation arrangements to be picked up by 5:15 PM, bike/walk home, or ride an activity bus to a school closer to home. *students MUST have an intramural sports form completed for the 2019-2020 school year

<u>Tuesday, October 15 – Volleyball</u> Intramurals 6th and 7th grade girls

<u>Wednesday, October 16 - Volleyball</u> Intramurals 8th grade girls and ALL boys

<u>Thursday, October 17 - Volleyball</u> Intramurals 6th and 7th grade girls

<u>Tuesday, October 22 - Volleyball</u> Intramurals 8th grade girls and ALL boys

<u>Wednesday, October 23 - Volleyball Tryouts</u> Intramurals 6th and 7th grade girls

<u>Thursday, October 24 – Volleyball Tryouts</u> Intramurals 8th grade girls and ALL boys

<u>Friday, October 25</u> Volleyball Team selected

Coaches

Britt LeBeau -<u>BrittCL@leeschools.net</u> Tara Williams <u>-Taralw@leeschools.net</u>

Join the Volleyball Google Classroom For updates, drills to prepare for try-outs, and any questions about tryouts.

Classroom code is: cxxyfj





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.

PTO Update

Mark your calendars:

The next PTO meeting will be on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 5:15 PM in the TOMS Media Center

Three Oaks Middle School PTO

now has a FACEBOOK page.



PTO would like to say a huge thank you to our T.O.M.S. families and staff for your support of our PTO Coupon Book Fundraiser!

The PTO Coupon Book Fundraiser was a huge success. We sold just over 300 books with a total profit of \$2,565.00. The 1st Period Class with the most sales <u>was</u> Mr. Gandolfo's class with a total of 39 books sold. All the proceeds will go directly back to the teachers and staff.

Student Council Frightening Fall Dance

Tickets \$3.00 October 25, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 PM



On October 25, 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 8:00 PM. Permission slips will be given out during school before the dance, and in order to purchase a ticket, this slip will be needed. parent/quardian will need to review and sign it. Tickets will be available for purchase in building 10, room 11 from 9:15-9:35 AM on October 21-24 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!

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 PM.

Tuesday Math Tutoring, Cadet-Leadership, Student Council, Math Club, Interact Club will meet the first three Tuesdays of the month

Wednesday Book Battle, Math Tutoring, Yearbook Club (application process), **Dungeons and Dragons Club**

Thursday Math Tutoring, Reading and Writing Lab, Debate Club

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

An announcement will be made in advance if buses are not available.





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.

Jose Albores-Tapia Saffron Beekman Fernanda Bello Giancarlo Blanco Anabella Brites **Kyler Carter** Matias Castro Leah Cevallos Brvce Colver Cash Ellinger Nicholas Fabian Hayden Gallacher William Gravlin Veereshwar Gupta Brayden Hasty Luca Hedlund Julian Higuera John Hollenbeck Arielle Houde Nicole Jagarova Ty Kolaczynski Leo Lin Jacob Luken William Mevers Antonio Moreno Seamus Murray John Nassif Alessandro Nieto Riley Parris Thomas Patricca Michael Patterson Kaitlyn Platz Vince Reese Averie Robinson Robert Sladcik Nicholas Snow Cianna Stinziano Janry Tang Preston Trenasty Maria Urakawa Bella Verdecanna Diego White Lisette Yzaquirre

Zakkary Biszantz Evan Bostock Saure Emma Burkett Hannah Carcamo Martinez Leila Ceilley Logan Claprood Keira Conrev Lillian Ensminger Robert Fitzsimmons IsabellaGarcia Natalia Gonzalez Cabrera Ethan Hambling Caden Havens Lucas Hiers Dominic Himshoot Iris Horigan Landon Ide Sadie Johnson Katelyn Kuieck Solomon Lucas Aaliyah Maheux Michelle Montufar-Bajana Padraig Murray Jiya Naik Phi Nguyen Alison O'Malley Matthew Ortiz-Fuentes Eden-Rose Parkinson Christopher Perez Dennis Quisenberry Johan Rioux Robert Schmidt Harrison Small William Solomon Xavier Stohl Joseph Terry Totch Turner Alyssa Vargas Elonas Vigraitis Taylor Wright



On Monday, October 7th, 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 Mrs. Brown at elizabethabro@leeschools.net.

Final Results of Student Council SOCKtember Class Competition



Congratulations to Mr. McKellar's first and second period classes!

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. 4.



AR DUE October 9, 2019



Report Cards will be mailed out from the District Office on October 24, 2019

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 enrolled in training to add the English as a Second Language (ESOL) endorsement to their current certificates: Kristi O'Bannon, Lauren Bubb, and Christy Wolpoff

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

The following staff member is enrolled in training to add the Language Arts endorsement to their current certificate: Janeen Scotti

The following staff members are enrolled in training to add the Reading endorsement to their current certificates: Kristi O'Bannon, Lauren Bubb, and Mary Carroll

The School Board of Lee County, Florida: Gwynetta S. Gittens, District 5 (Chair); Chris N. Patricca, District 3 (Vice Chair); Mary Fischer, District 1; Melisa W. Giovannelli, District 2; Debbie Jordan, District 4; Betsy Vaughn, District 6; Cathleen O'Daniel Morgan, District 7; Dr. Gregory K. Adkins, Superintendent.

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