



LION'S ROAR

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Upcoming Events

- April 2**
3rd FSA ELA
4th & 5th FSA Writing
- April 3**
3rd FSA ELA
Long Wednesday
Dismissal @ 3:00 p.m.
- April 8**
SAC Meeting @ 5:30
PTO Meeting @ 6:30
- April 9**
Volunteer Tea
- April 10**
Battle of the Books
Competition
- April 15 & 16**
Spring & Class Photos
- April 17**
McDonald's Spirit Night &
Literacy Night Event
- April 18**
Spring Music & Art
Festival @ 6:00 p.m.
- April 24**
NEHS Induction
Ceremony
- April 29**
Progress Reports Go Home
- May 1**
Long Wednesday
Dismissal @ 3:00 p.m.
- May 1 & 2**
4th & 5th FSA ELA

A Message from the Principal

Hello Lion Families,

The Bay Lake team has welcomed spring with lots of excitement! We have many activities planned during our last two months of this school year, including our Volunteer Tea, Science PTO Spring Fling, McDonald's Literacy and Spirit Night, and more! Please be sure to follow our Facebook page and check your child's agenda nightly to stay informed. We really want everyone to be included in this very special time of year.

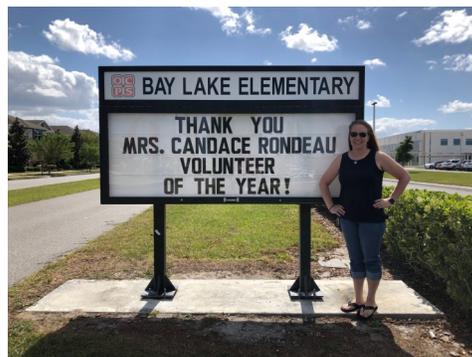
Thank you to all of our parents for showing your support and participating in various school events, including our recent Multicultural Night, Literacy, Math, and Science nights, school spirit nights, and SAC and PTO meetings. On that note, please mark your calendars for our next SAC/PTO meetings on April 8th and 9th, respectively. We look forward to collaborating with you as we plan for upcoming events and review school initiatives and policies.

As many of you already know, our third, fourth, and fifth grade students have been preparing for their Reading and Math FSA tests, which began this month. Students must be on time as the testing environment cannot be interrupted once we begin. It is important that students get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast to prepare for their test. Students and teachers have worked extremely hard and I'm confident that our scholars will do well!

Warmest Regards,



Volunteer of the Year



We are so excited to announce Bay Lake's Volunteer of the Year, Mrs. Candace Rondeau! Mrs. Rondeau has devoted much of her time and talents to supporting our Bay Lake students and staff throughout the year. As one of our PTO vice-presidents, she has been involved in coordinating a variety of school-wide events, mentoring new PTO members, lending her artistic skills to enhance staff appreciation events, and much more. She has also been vital in building ties between Bay Lake and our local Cub Scouts pack.

Under her leadership, pack members, along with other Bay Lake families, volunteered their time to beautify our campus in the fall with new landscaping and a butterfly garden. Outside of these specific events, it's not uncommon to see Mrs. Rondeau "jump in" to support the school team when the need arises.

Mrs. Kovar's Korner

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Bay Lake Families for supporting our March book fair. The book fair was our final fair this year and our families have made each and every book fair successful. A successful book fair means adding books to our library as well as to our classrooms.

April brings many interesting events to our students. On April 10th, the Bay Lake Battle of the Books Team will compete in a friendly competition against other elementary schools. Our team consists of Davi Barros, Samuel Camacho, Madelyn Carlson, Caroline Free, Madelyn Israel and Diego Pesciotta. These students read the 15 Sunshine State books and have been working very hard during their weekly practices. This competition consists of knowing in depth details about each of the 15 books. We look forward to this competition and wish this team good luck.

On April 11th, our Kindergarten through 5th grade students will be voting for their favorite Sunshine State Jr. or Sunshine State book. Any student who has read at least three of the titles will take part in this voting. These votes will then be tallied and sent to the Orange County Supervisor of Elections where we will learn the favorite book chosen by students of Orange County. We look forward to finding out which book was the "favorite".

Once again, thank you for encouraging your children to read and enjoy reading..

Happy Reading...

Mrs. Kovar



PTO Highlights

Dear Lion Families,

Can you believe there are only 2 months left in this school year? It is time for the PTO to start planning for next year, too. Please check our Facebook page for more information on how you can become part of this amazing group of volunteers. Our organization works to create connections between our Bay Lake families and the school, as well as support academic needs through raising financial support. Please join us for our last two meetings on April 8th and May 14th in the media center at 6:30 pm.

We have had a great spring celebrating with dances and spirit nights! Now the PTO is hard at work on planning our big Spring Fling for May 24th! Food trucks, inflatables, games, and more...don't miss our last opportunity to party with your Bay Lake friends and family before summer!

Sincerely,

Tammy Forrester

Afterschool Programs

Mondays:

- Fierce Athletics Cheerleading
- Bricks 4 Kidz
- Junior Golf
- Spanish 2

Tuesdays:

- GGS Soccer
- Dramatic Education
- Spanish 1

Thursdays:

- JB Mobile Gymnastics
- Music After School Piano
- Music After School Guitar
- TGA Tennis

Looking Forward in Learning

Kinder

It is unbelievable that we in the last quarter of kindergarten. Our kindergarteners have grown so much academically over these past months and we know they will continue to grow over this remaining quarter. In Reading the students will continue to answer questions using details from the text. In Math, the children will explore addition and subtraction. Our young Lions continue to work hard at Bay Lake!!!

1st Grade

In April, we continue to shower our students with higher learning expectations and opportunities to show evidence of skills learned this year. This month, our focus is literature in Reading as we continue to review ELA standards, but students will be expected to demonstrate higher understanding. The standards that students will be practicing involve re-telling key details, describing story elements, sensory language, fiction and non-fiction, points of view, information from illustrations and text, and comparing and contrasting adventures and experiences of characters. In Math, our students will be learning about money and representing data. The last i-Ready testing will also take place this month, so please encourage your child to keep working hard so they can demonstrate their best performance of what they have been practicing.

2nd Grade

April has arrived and our students are blooming! Second grade had a blast on our field trip to the Crayola Factory last month. Thank you too all the parents/guardians who helped chaperone this field trip. We are grateful for your support! In Reading, we are continuing to cycle back through all of our reading standards. In Math, we will begin our time unit. Students will be learning how to write and tell time on both an analog and digital clock. In Science, we will be learning about different plant and animal life cycles and we have some fun activities planned for this unit. As we come towards the end of the school year, we want to continue to encourage students to keep reading every night and utilize i-Ready. We want to make sure our students are well-prepared to step into third grade.

3rd Grade

In third grade for the month of April, we are cycling back to a literature unit in reading. We will working on asking and answering questions, recounting stories, and describing characters in a story. Students will also have to refer to parts of a story, dramas and poems, as well as distinguishing their point of view from that of the author, comparing and contrasting themes, settings and plot. In Math, students will be working on elapsed time. Then we will cycling back through all the standards that we taught throughout the year.

4th Grade

The 4th grade team hopes everyone had a wonderful spring break! Our 4th graders have been working hard to identify two-dimensional figures and classify angles and triangles. Get ready to get hands on with protractors, because our next unit is all about measuring angles! In reading, we have begun our informational reading unit. We are covering six standards that we have already taught including drawing inferences, determining the main idea and details that support it, explaining events including what happened and why, the text structure, and whether it is written in firsthand or second hand. Don't forget to read nightly for 30 minutes and take at least one AR quiz each week with a score of 85% or higher.

5th Grade

Hello parents! It's amazing to think that we are already entering the last marking period of the year! We are extremely proud of the students and all that they have accomplished thus far. We are entering a critical part in the school year - testing. Please encourage your students to continue weekly i-Ready time as well as Science and Math practice. We will be sending home packets that have FSA style questions. These packets will have a tremendous impact on helping students practice what they've learned throughout the year as they prepare for upcoming state assessments. We look forward to ending this year with a bang and we know your students are ready to finish strong. Thank you again for all you do to help.

Looking Forward to Next School Year

In looking forward to next school year, many parents are concerned about their child's classroom placement. While we look forward to working with you to make sure your child is given the best opportunities at Bay Lake, we do not accept specific teacher requests. You are welcome to complete a Student Placement Form which allows you to share information about your child's characteristics and special interests. Student placement forms will be available in the front office.

Character Trait of the Month

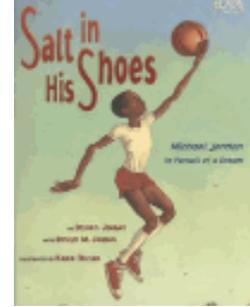
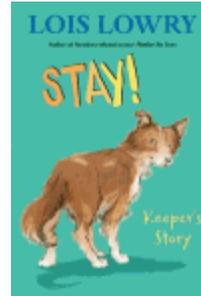
Perseverance

Having perseverance means that you are determined to complete a task even when it becomes difficult, boring, or even discouraging. Oftentimes people may show perseverance by working towards challenging goals, overcoming obstacles, not giving up easily, and being resourceful.

Want to learn more about perseverance?

Check out these great books from our Bay Lake media center:

- *Shaking Things Up* by S. Hood
- *The Most Magnificent Thing* by A. Spire
- *Stay!* by L. Lowry
- *Salt in His Shoes* by D. Jordan



Featured Staff Member of the Month

Meet our 5 STAR Custodial Team!

These five ladies are Bay Lake's remarkable custodial team. They are hard working, dedicated, and take pride in making Bay Lake look its best. It's no surprise that for the last two quarters they have been recognized as the Five Star Custodial Team for the Southwest Learning Community.



They are an amazing team who work well together and maintain high levels of flexibility to support all school events. Their smiles and positive attitudes are contagious and reflective of Bay Lake's working environment.

- ◆ Brenesly Goveo, Crew Leader
- ◆ Meranyely Maldonado, Resident Custodian
- ◆ Ana Burgos, Custodian
- ◆ Wanda Rivera, Custodian
- ◆ Luz Valencia, Custodian

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