



LION'S ROAR

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Upcoming Events

February 4-8

Conservation Week

February 6

5th Grade Oration Contest

February 7

Yearbook Club Pictures

February 8

PTO Father Daughter Dance

February 12

SAC Meeting at 5:30
PTO Meeting at 6:30

February 15

Progress Reports
Go Home

February 18

Presidents' Day
No School

February 20

McDonald's Spirit Night
Site 25-E-SW-4
Community Meeting

February 26

Kindergarten Round-Up
at 9:00 a.m.

March 8

Multicultural Night,
5:30-7:00 p.m.

A Message from the Principal

Hello Lion Families,

The school team continues to make steady progress towards meeting the goals outlined in our School Improvement Plan. Teachers, students, and our support staff are working diligently to help each student learn and achieve their learning goals. At the beginning of the new year, our school team completed mid-year assessments, which teachers are using to plan student-centered instruction for the second semester.

It is important for those students involved in tutoring to attend all sessions. Our data is yielding positive results for those scholars who attend regularly. Also, please remind your child to work towards reaching their i-Ready weekly goals of 30 minutes in Reading and 30 minutes in Math.

I hope you all have a wonderful Valentine's Day!

Warmest Regards,

Bay Lake is Going Green!

We'd like to introduce you to our Bay Lake Green Team: Ms. Diaz, Mrs. Dantas, Ms. Russo, Mrs. Riemenschneider, Coach Caldie, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Givens. Throughout the year they have been working behind the scenes to plan and implement green initiatives, such as the expansion of our recycling program and strategies for school-wide resource conservation and awareness. Thank you for helping us celebrate our first Conservation Week as a way to encourage students to take action on important green initiatives, such as resource conservation and healthy lifestyle habits.



Kindergarten ROUND UP

We would like to invite you to our Kindergarten Round-Up on February 26th from **9:00-10:30 a.m.** This is a pre-registration opportunity for parents to learn about Bay Lake Elementary and our kindergarten classes. Children who are five years old on or before September 1, 2019 will be eligible to attend kindergarten next school year.

Parents are welcome to bring their upcoming kindergarten children to this event! Please RSVP and we will reserve a spot for your child to visit one of our kindergarten classrooms.

Mrs. Kovar's Korner

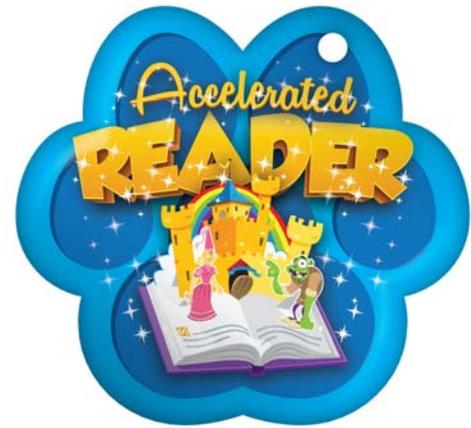
Bay Lake Lions have been very busy reading and earning their AR points. We have many students who have read their way into the AR point club. We have 148 students in our 25 point club, 64 students in our 50 point club, 15 students in our 100 point club and 3 students in our 250 point club. It is quite impressive to speak with the students because many of them do not stop at their individual goal, they continue to take their AR quizzes to exceed their individual goal. As for class goals, the following classes are leading their grade levels with AR points: Kindergarten: Mrs. Luethe, 1st Grade: Mrs. Dowling, 2nd Grade: Miss Hardy, 3rd Grade: Mrs. Fischer and Miss Kovar, 4th Grade: Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Ippolito and in 5th Grade: Mrs. Maillo and Mrs. Green.

Next month, March 6th – March 13th, will be our last Scholastic Book Fair this year. The book fairs have been extremely successful and we hope you will support this one, as well. I thank you for the support you have shown us and want you to know that I greatly appreciate it. During this last book fair, Bay Lake will be hosting multi-cultural day on March 8th and Science night on March 13th. Please stop by and pick up some great books for your children.

As always, thank you for encouraging your children to read.

Happy Reading!!

Mrs. Kovar



PTO Highlights

Dear Lion Families,

We are pleased to announce that our first set of sun shades have been installed on the playground. The second and larger sun shade will be coming soon. We can't wait for the final reveal!

The PTO is looking forward to hosting our Father/Daughter/Special Someone Dance this month along with a Flippers 4th & 5th Grade Spirit Night.

A special thanks to all those who participated in our Valentine's Day Bundt Cake presale. Your cakes will be coming home on the 13th.

Don't forget to check out our website BayLakePTO.org to purchase year-books and stay in-the-know about what we are doing in the PTO.

Sincerely,

Tammy Forrester



Afterschool Programs

Mondays:

- Fierce Athletics Cheerleading
- Bricks 4 Kidz
- Junior Golf
- Sarah's Spanish School

Tuesdays

- Advanced Spanish
- GGS Soccer
- Dramatic Education

Thursdays

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

Meet Our Teacher Teams!

Kinder

February is a short month packed full with wonderful learning for our young learners. Our Kindergarteners will once again dig deeper into informational text as they talk about key details, main topic, and connections within a text. In Math, students will analyze and compare two- and three-dimensional shapes with different sizes and orientations. In Science, students will learn to describe the five senses including seeing, hearing, tasting, feeling (touch), and smelling.

1st Grade

February is here, and first grade is loving the progress our students are making! The challenges of working more independently on classwork, assignments, and assessments will continue. This gradual release is in preparation for second grade expectations. We are excitedly awaiting our field trip to Gatorland on the 26th. It's always an educational and fun-filled day. Our standards in reading are spiraling, but we will be digging deeper when re-visit them in our informational texts. Word problems for addition and subtraction are the focus in math, using CUBES strategies to solve them. In writing, our students are writing their opinions in response to informational text, as well as writing informative pieces in response to literary texts. We continue to encourage consistent work on i-Ready to strengthen mastery of grade-level skills.

2nd Grade

Well, we made it to February! The second grade team would like to thank all the parents and guardians who attended our parent/teacher conference night last month. It was a pleasure to see so many parents/guardians invested in their child's success. Moving forward, we will be working on our close reading strategies with the goal of becoming better and stronger readers. We are revisiting our reading standards and are working hard on mastering these skills. In math, we have started our measurement unit. In science, we are learning about severe weather. In social studies, we are learning about the Constitution and American symbols. Second grade is working hard and we look forward to this new month of learning.

3rd Grade

In third grade for the month of February, we are cycling back to a nonfiction unit in reading. We will be working on asking and answering questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, determining the main idea and the supporting details, and describing the relationship within a text. As always, students are still working with the close reading process to enhance their learning as they read. Each read during the close read process focuses on one skill so that students can go deeper into the standards. In math, students will be continue deepening their understanding of fractions. This month we will now focus on comparing fractions to one another and understanding equivalent fractions. In science students will start learning about how radiant energy from the sun can heat objects. Then, we will be moving into organization and development of living organisms.

4th Grade

Happy February fourth grade Bay Lake parents! We had a wonderful time visiting St. Augustine Florida last month for our 4th grade field trip! It was an memorable trip as the students were able to learn all about the oldest city in Florida. This month in Math we are finishing up the 8th unit. Students are learning how to compare fractions to decimals. Once we finish with that unit we will start unit 9 on area and perimeter. In Reading, students have started studying text features and are using them to gain a better understanding of informational text. Also, they are learning to identify an author's claim and how he/she supports the claim with evidence and reasoning. As we wrap up unit 6 we start revisiting our standards starting with unit 1. Students are expected to read nightly for 30 minutes and take at least one AR quiz each week with a score of 85% or higher. As a reminder, continue to check Class Dojo for important announcements from your child's teacher.

5th Grade

We are officially past the 100 day mark of school! The school year is flying by and your students continue to amaze the staff with their academic and social success. We are entering an extremely crucial portion of the school year- test prep. The Math team has started it's 100 day spiral math countdown while the Reading side has begun going through their reading standards rotation. We have also started a standards-based intensive intervention in which we focus heavily on the standards where students demonstrate a need for additional support. This is a great opportunity to remind your students of great study habits and the importance of consistent practice on i-Ready. We are very proud of the entirety of 5th grade and all of their progress thus far. We still have a lot of work to do, and I know with your help we will make this another successful school year.

Site 25 Elementary School

We would like to welcome Dr. Julie Helton as principal of the new elementary school Site 25-E-SW-4-OCPS. If your children will be attending the new school next year, be sure to check out the official Facebook page at www.facebook.com/OCPS25/.

For questions about Site 25, please email Dr. Helton at julie.helton@ocps.net.



Character Trait of the Month

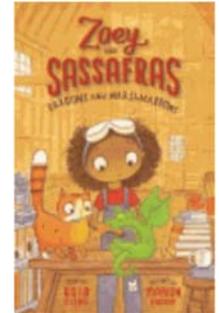
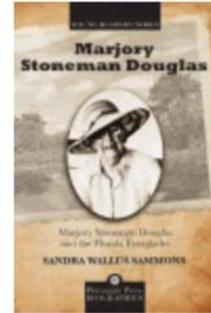
Caring

Caring people love, help others, give, and are kind. When you're caring you may show it by taking care of people, pets, plants, and even the planet. You can be caring by being kind to others, expressing gratitude, forgiving others, or helping those in need.

Want to learn more about being caring?

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

- Bear Feels Sick by K. Wilson
- Clifford, The Big Red Dog by N. Bridwell
- Marjory Stoneman Douglas and the Florida Everglades by S.W. Sammons
- Zoey and Sassafra: Dragons and Marshmallows by M. Lindsay



Featured Staff Members of the Month



Meet Bay Lake's Program Assistant, Sherly Sosa!

Ms. Sosa is an invaluable member of our team. You may have seen her in our front office, our lunchroom, or working with our students. She can do it all!

As part of our front office team, Ms. Sosa welcomes students, parents, and visitors to our school. She assists with school registrations and provides a brief overview of our school to new students. She also provides instructional support to students, assists with testing, and supervises students during lunch. We are proud to call Ms. Sosa a Bay Lake Lion!

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