



LION'S ROAR

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Upcoming Events

October 5
PTO Kindergarten Party

October 9
SAC Meeting at 5:30
PTO Meeting at 6:30

October 10
No Early Release
Young People's Concert
for 3rd-5th Grade

October 12
End of 1st Quarter

October 15
Teacher Workday
No School

October 16
Art Club Field Trip

October 22-25
Red Ribbon Week

October 24
Writing Night for
4th & 5th Grade

October 25
Storybook Character
Parade

October 26
No School

October 29
Report Cards Go Home

A Message from the Principal

Hello Bay Lake Families,

Our young lions are making steady progress towards meeting the goals outlined in our School Improvement Plan. Initial assessments have been completed and teachers, students, and many volunteers are working diligently to make sure that Bay Lake continues on our journey of excellence.

As we support our students in their success, your participation makes a huge difference in your child's education. I encourage you to log onto ProgressBook Parent Access for current updates about your child's academic progress throughout the school year. Additionally, if you have not yet signed up to be a part of our PTO or ADDitions, it is not too late! Please remember that our School Advisory Council (SAC) and PTO meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 and 6:30PM—You are welcome to join us! You can also find important information on our school website (www.baylakees.ocps.net) and on our Facebook page.

Thank you all so much for your support and I look forward to seeing you around campus!

Warmest Regards,

Join us for Teach-In!

Each November the Foundation for Orange County Public Schools celebrates American Education Week through OCPS' Teach-In event. This opportunity allows volunteers to visit classrooms and talk about their careers, hobbies, and educational experiences with our students. Some volunteers read books to young students, others teach practical skills, give demonstrations, or provide hands-on experiences.

This year's Teach-In event will be on November 14th. If you are interested in being a "Teacher for a Day", or just for an hour, please contact our assistant principal, Heather LaFave, at heather.lafave@ocps.net. All volunteers will need to be ADDitions approved and will need to sign up for the Teach-In opportunity. We hope to see you there!



Mrs. Kovar's Korner

September was an extremely successful month for students. We now have two students in our AR 100 point club, seven students in our 50 point club and 47 students in our 25 point club. Congratulations to all of our Bay Lake Lions for joining our AR point clubs. Their names are represented on our AR Bulletin Board by the stairwell.

As for our Bay Lake Lions who have been reading the Sunshine State books and Sunshine State Jr. books, our bulletin boards are filling up with their names, too! Our students are reading, reading, reading. We are so proud of all of them. Each Friday our newsroom is packed with students earning their first charm from Mrs. Kimble for reading their first Sunshine State book and passing their quiz. We are proud to announce that Madelyn C. from Mrs. J. Williams' 4th grade class has already read all 15 Sunshine State books and passed the quizzes. She was recognized on morning announcements and received her 15th charm for her bracelet. We are so proud of you!

Our Storybook Character Parade will take place on October 25th. We are excited to see our students dressed as their favorite storybook characters! Please remember, no masks, face paint, or anything that looks like a weapon (swords, wands, etc.) are allowed on campus. Parents are invited to line up on our streets and cheer on students and staff. Just a gentle reminder that non-school aged children are not allowed on campus during the school day.

I would like to extend a warm thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with our Scholastic Book Fair. We couldn't have had a successful book fair without all of your help. We had over \$12,000 in sales! This is tremendous because it allowed us to build up our classroom libraries as well as add books to our Media Center. Thank you for supporting our school by purchasing books for your students. Our next book fair will be in November and we hope that it will be just as successful as our last one.

Happy Reading!!

Mrs. Kovar

PTO Highlights

Dear Lion Families,

Thank you to all the families who participated in our Yankee Candle Catalog Sale fundraiser. We look forward to using some of our proceeds towards educational needs at school!

A special thank you to all of our Sponsors (see logos on the back page) who helped make it possible to supply our students with Field Trip t-shirts this year! Please show your gratitude with your patronage and let them know you are from Bay Lake.

Lastly, we hope our Lion families will enjoy our new Grade Level Spirit Nights this year! Kindergarten is kicking it off in October at school and First Grade in November at Toasted. Keep checking backpacks and our Facebook page for more information.

Thank you for your support!

Respectfully,

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

Kindergarten is a busy and exciting year for the children. We look forward to preparing your child for their educational experience. This month in reading, your child will continue to learn about informational text. In math, students will work on implementing correct counting procedures by pointing to one object at a time using one counting word for every object, while keeping track of objects that have and have not been counted. We are having fun, working hard and growing in Kindergarten!

1st Grade

As fall is almost upon us our first graders have been adjusting to the change of new routines and expectations. We are working hard, laying the foundations in reading and math to prepare for the skills ahead. Our students have been re-visiting story elements in literary texts, learning to ask and answer questions, as well as deepening their close reading skills. We are shifting to the craft and structure of nonfiction text. In math, they are reading and writing numbers to 120, strengthening thought processes when counting through number talks, and learning addition strategies. It's a season of growth in first grade!

2nd Grade

Our second grade Lions are excited about this new school year! We have already had a great start and have jumped straight into our academics with full force. In reading, we will be learning about the structure of a story. In math, we are working on addition and subtraction using two-digit numbers. In writing, students are working hard on writing prompts using informational texts. In science, we are learning about changes in matter and in social studies, students are learning about recognizing important United States symbols. Additionally on October 4th, second grade will be taking a field trip to the Orlando Repertory Theater to see Junie B. Jones is Not A Crook live on stage. We are also looking forward to the Storybook Character Parade at the end of the month. There is a lot of exciting things happening this month in second grade and we can't wait.

3rd Grade

In third grade we are continuing to work on different parts of stories, dramas and poems. From there we will be diving into different text features and search tools. In class 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 continue working on multiplication and division word problems. They will also be looking at patterns in multiplication tables and addition tables. Lastly, the students will be going to the Orchestra on October 10th!

4th Grade

In Mathematics, students are currently learning how to multiply and divide whole numbers using various strategies. In Reading, students have begun diving into a DBQ (Document-Based Question) unit. We are learning about why Spain settled St. Augustine. The students are analyzing documents for evidence each day to determine the answer to this question. Students will be using the evidence gathered through the analysis process to construct their first essay of the year. Preparation for the Science Fair has officially begun and the students' final projects are due November 5th.

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

Hello 5th grade parents! On behalf of every fifth grade teacher, we want to thank you for all you do. Our scholars have assimilated very well to their new fifth grade classes and have already shown their deep intellect and energetic spirit!

We are in the tail-end portion of our first nine-week period. We have finished all diagnostic testing and we have started our intervention and enrichment process to help the specific needs of our students. Our goal is to make sure we sustain the good work our students have been providing for the past two years!

Please remind your scholars to finish at least 45 minutes of both reading and math i-Ready instruction. Also, remind them of their AR goals and AR testing. We look forward to this year and the inevitable success of our students!

Parking Lot Safety Reminders

Help us keep our children safe!

- DRIVE SLOWLY through the parking lot
- Children must be seated with the seatbelt buckled
- Parents must stay in car during drop-off/pick-up
- Use right lane for pavilion drop-off/pick-up
- DO NOT cut off traffic along pavilion
- Cellphone use is NOT permitted when driving
- Use pedestrian crosswalks
- Parents must accompany children when crossing
- Keep car tags visible during pick-up
- Be respectful and courteous to other drivers



Character Trait of the Month

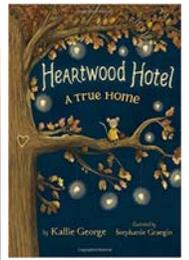
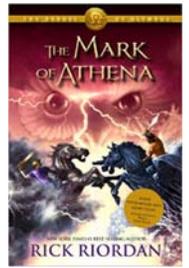
COOPERATION

Cooperation is the ability of people to work together for a common purpose. You can show cooperation by being supportive of each other's ideas, making others feel welcome, taking turns, and doing your part to work as a team.

Want to learn more about cooperation?

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

- *A Taste of the Moon* by Michael Grejniec
- *The Mark of Athena* by Rick Riordan
- *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole* by Mac Barnett
- *The Heartwood Hotel Series* by Kallie George



Featured Staff Member of the Month



Meet Carissa Robinson, Behavior Specialist at Bay Lake Elementary!

As our behavior specialist, Miss Robinson provides support to classrooms and students throughout our campus in areas of behavior and instruction. On a regular basis, she coordinates with faculty and staff to plan, implement, and evaluate classroom management strategies. Miss Robinson also works with the school team to develop school-wide support systems and interventions to help students build positive behavior skills. Oftentimes you can find Miss Robinson working one-on-one or with a small group of students to practice their behavior, social/emotional, and even academic skills.



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