

**SPECIAL
DATES OF
INTEREST**

- October 21-25
Red Ribbon
Week
- October 30-noon
dismissal ; Octo-
ber 31-November
1 Teacher work
Day, Student
Holiday
- November 6
Picture Make-Up
Day
- November 7-13
Book Fair
- November 8-
Report Card
Conferences
- Cookie Thursdays
and Pizza Fridays

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LECS PICNIC —DONE WRIGHT AGAIN

The Lake Eola Charter School picnic is the event that generally sets the tone for the school year. This year was no exception. Ally and Stan, the chairs of the event, always provide the “Wright” mix of food, information and socialization.

The picnic was a great opportunity to catch up on what the students have done over the summer while bridging the gap between the pace of summer activities and the expectations for the academic year. It was also a great opportunity for our new families to meet their children’s classmates, teachers, and other parents.

In the past, the picnic has been where carpool “deals have been made.” This year, Insight Finan-

cial was there to encourage parents to open school accounts for their children. They will continue that banking opportunity bi-monthly, so if you are interested



Sidney, Maddie, Fin, CJ & Robby in the Jungle

in opening an account for your child, you will have the luxury of having a branch on site!

The picnic is a PTSA sponsored event. A membership table was

set up in addition to recruitment for Dad’s Club. If you are not a member of one or both of these groups, you are encouraged to join. The goal is for 100% membership. The cost is \$10.00 for a single membership and \$15.00 for families. There is also the opportunity to purchase PTSA merchandise such as mugs and t-shirts. The activities held by the PTSA directly benefit the children at the school, so please lend your support. More information can be found on the website at www.mylecsptsa.org.

The Staff at LECS would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTSA for all the wonderful things they provide during the school year. It is greatly appreciated.

What Better Way to Honor...

When 2011 alumna, Delani Baker received the call from her mother, on the afternoon of August 22 informing her of Mr. Hughes’ passing, both of their thoughts were we have to do something. Delani shared, “ I thought, what would be better than a community service project in Mr. Hughes’



honor at Lake Eola?.”Delani organized the entire event which was held on Saturday, August 31st. Former and present students and parents came out, 41 in total, to clean the lake and honor Mr. Hughes.

2nd Grade “Leaves” Summer and Heads into Fall



Grade 2 News

We are studying about Fall and animals that migrate, hibernate or go into a state of torpor. What fun we are having watching the migration of the butterflies from Canada to points south on our Promethean Board! We’ve been making life cycle projects about the metamorphosis of the butterfly! We are enjoying all the new activities on our board as we learn about fact families,

take on-line quizzes and watch short videos on a variety of topics.

This month we went to the Young People’s Concert presented by the Orlando Philharmonic and thoroughly enjoyed the concert! The William Tell Overture always gets the children’s attention. We look forward to this every year.

In science, we are studying the types of clouds. All second

grade parents be prepared to learn about each cloud as the kids travel in the car, on the street, etc. They are always excited to share!

Reading Oasis Finds a Fertile Spot at LECS

The LECS Book Fair is scheduled for November 7-13. The hours are from 7:30-3:30 on 11/7, 11, 12, & 13 and all day (10-6) during the Report Card conferences on November 8th. This is also Family Fun Day where light refreshments will be served.

The theme of this year’s book fair is **Reading Oasis**. An oasis, a time or experience

that is pleasant or restful, seems tailor-made for our students. They read in the morning, at lunch and of course, to their reading buddies. It is a pleasure to watch their love of books which is nurtured by their teachers through in class exposure and trips to the library.

We encourage you to visit the Book Fair and to make a pur-

chase. All proceeds directly come back to the students.

These books are wonderful Christmas, Chanukah, and Kwanza presents in addition to sharing the joy of reading as a family.



“A room without books is like a body without a soul.”
Cicero

The Magic Murphy Touch

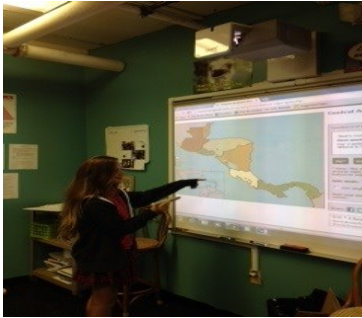
It was the creative genius of Ave and Todd Murphy (parents of Mia, an 8th grader) who created the Donor Wall in our lobby. For years, we have wanted to recognize those who have been exceptionally generous to the school. It was after the incredibly successful Technology Drive in the Fall of 2012 that we realized that this was a must. Todd and Ave were able to take our ideas and give them life. They incorporated the school logo, pictures and the motto: **Love, Educate, Create, Serve** to create this masterpiece and installed it in a matter of hours!

thank you!

Thank you!
Merci
Danke
Gracias



“A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes”



Maddie Child using the SMART Board in Spanish

ago under the lead of Laura Sundburg and her committee, almost \$30,000 was raised to create our own digital village.

When the students returned to school, they were greeted with a computer lab set with 18 new computers that has enabled us to offer keyboarding to our 6th graders in addition to standard usage. There was also a 22 lap top computer cart ready to be used throughout the school.

Promethean Boards, funded by PTSA, were installed in grades 1 and 2 to complete the interactive white board presence at LECS.

Committee Chair, Laura Sundburg found the parents eager to work toward the lofty technology goal that the committee set.

One of life’s ironies: is that our connectivity exceeds OCPS’ and we are having some issues with linkage to their system!

Regardless, we are grateful to each and every donor-thank you.

Since we are Orange County residents alive and well in the land of Disney that quote seems appropriate to capture what has been made possible through the parent lead Technology Drive. Started a year

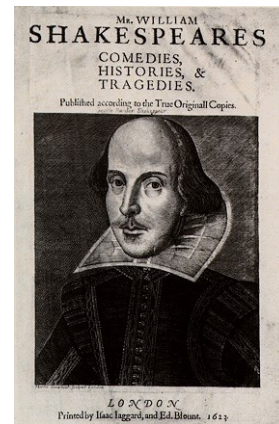
“The actors interpreted the play with a western motif using fake guns!” revealed Gerald Hamilton.

Cowboys and Shakespeare

“Sit by my side and let the world slip: we shall ne’er be younger” Taming of the Shrew.

On September 17th, cluster 3 sat side by side as they slipped into the world of Shakespeare with a twist. The comedy, **Taming of the Shrew**, was performed western style. Julia Tamborello related, “ This approach really fit the play. The cowboy and Indian gear that the actors wore fit the play’s theme. Also, the arranged marriage in Taming of the Shrew was much like what they did in the old west.”

The students seemed to have related well to this adaptation which will be helpful as they transition into their own study of select scenes in language arts class which is scheduled to start after Thanksgiving. The in class activity will culminate in a spring performance.



The Kinder Dance Card is Full

- *Kinder students had their first field trip to the Safety Village to extend learning pertaining to October’s Fire Safety month and emergency protocol(s)
- *Kinder will have their annual field trip to Green Meadows at the end of the month
- *Thanks to the generous donations of Kinder families and a local business, Kinder was able to receive 10 tablets to support teaching and learning in the class



Safety is more than just stop, drop and roll.



Lake Eola Charter School provides differentiated instruction leading to mastery of national standards and uses best practices to develop comprehension, computation, critical thinking, character, and community service in our family of learners

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STEP Students “Clean Up Their Act” and then “Take Off”

On a Saturday morning, when most of us were sleeping in, Mr. Madewell’s STEP (Space, Technology and Engineering Program) were busy at Lake Lucerne cleaning up around its banks. The students generally felt like they were helping the environment. Some, however, are worried about what they found such as syringes and a plethora of bar admittance wrist bands. Riley Kelly pretty much summed it up when he said, “I had fun cleaning up the lake and I found some disgusting stuff that was not healthy.”

Mr. Madewell’s group performs this activity at least once annually. It is a way for the students to put into practice some of what they have learned and to give back to their community at the same time.

The Lake Eola Charter School Science, Technology and Engineering Program (STEP) is a science club that meets on Tuesdays afterschool from 3:00-4:30. In the meetings the students learn about space exploration and its history, engineering and technology. The students make and launch hot-air balloons and model rockets. They will visit the Orlando Science Center, Kennedy Space Center, and the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) in Tampa Bay. All this is done to prepare them for a 40+ hour student space simulation to be held next year in May. During the mission students will fill the roles of astronauts, mission controllers, biological and environmental specialists, computer and video engineers, robotic engineers and educational liaisons in a simulated NASA mission to Mars.



The STEP crew paddling around Lake Lucerne for clean up.