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DECEMBER PAW PRINTS



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Home of the Leopards
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Vision: Lutz K-8: *Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow*

Mission: Lutz K-8: *Building Tomorrow's Leaders Through Responsibility, Effort, Attitude, and Leadership*



Early Release Days

Please be aware MONDAYS are early release days, students dismiss at 1:10pm.

Monday, December 18th is NOT an early release day, students will dismiss at 2:10 pm.



Principal's Note

Leopard families,

We hope everyone had a great Fall Break! Before we know it, it will be time for our Leopards to leave for Winter Break! We here at Lutz would like to take a moment to thank you for the commitment you have made to our students, school, and community as we continue through the school year. Without you and your collaborative efforts, we would not have the magnificent community of learners here at Lutz. This is a reminder to fifth grade families that the choice window closes 12/15/23. We hope all our families enjoy winter break! Students return to school on Monday, January 8th as we begin the third nine weeks!

Joshua Phillips
Principal
Lutz K-8 School

Winter Break is December 25, 2023 through January 5, 2024

Jingle Bell Jog



December 11th-15th our elementary leopards (pre-k-5) will be participating in the "Jingle Bell Jog". Students will be learning the importance of warming-up and cooling-down when participating in physical activity. This event will be held during their Physical Education class. Kindergarten and pre-k have been added to the schedule. Students will walk, jog, or run around a 1/5-mile track and will later calculate their total distance completed. Students who complete the most laps from each grade level will receive an award on WKID. Please help us make sure your child is appropriately dressed for P.E. and wearing sneakers. Parents, you are welcome to come and run/walk or help hole punch lap cards during your child's class time. Please check with your child's homeroom teacher for correct jog times. The jog schedule can also be found on the school website. Yours in health and fitness,
Amanda Fulmer
Physical Education Specialist

PTSA Holiday Shop

The PTSA Holiday Shop will be open for preview on December 4th and students will be able to shop December 5th-7th. Cash and Checks are accepted, as well as the Shop's online wallet. To purchase a gift card, please visit www.wonderland-gc.com and be sure to print the gift card image, which includes an important code number for your child to shop with.

Important
Dates

News from The Den



The Den at Lutz has been busy this fall! Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to collect 1,233 items and we created 12 food boxes for Leopard Families. The remaining items were donated to One More Child. Please contact our school if we can help your family this holiday season.

Order Your Yearbook Today!

Yearbooks with personalization and accessories are available to purchase.
Yearbook - \$35
Yearbook with Digital Name Imprint - \$40
Yearbook with Digital Name Imprint and Blank Autograph Supplement - \$45
Ads are also available to purchase for Pre-K, K, 5th, and 8th graders. Go to: <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/index.cfm/job/24724> to order.

Winter Concert

The Winter Concert is Thursday, December 7th at 6pm on the covered court. 2nd/3rd Chorus, 4th/5th Drums, Chorus & Xylophone, 5th Hand Bells. 6-8 Chorus. Please feel free to bring a blanket and/or chair as there will be limited seating.

SLAM Showcase Projects

SLAM Showcase projects are due Feb 2, 2024. Project details are posted on the Lutz K8 website under the Resources - Media Center tab. Please e-mail Mrs. Davis if you have any questions.

Dec 1 8th Grade Physics Day at Busch Gardens
Dec 1 Bucs Day - Raise the Flag - Students & Staff invited to wear Bucs gear
Dec 1 November Den Winner Pep Rally - Wear your Den shirt
Dec 4-22 NJHS & NEHS Veterans Support Supply Drive
Dec 4 PTSA Holiday Shop Preview Day (Room 19)
Dec 5-7 PTSA Holiday Shop Open (Room 19)
Dec 5 Club Picture Day, 5th & 8th Grade Panorama
Dec 6 M.S. Track Meet @ Wharton - 6pm-7pm
Dec 7 Winter Concert - 6pm - Covered Court
Dec 11-15 Jingle Bell Jog

Dec 12 6th Grade health screening
Dec 14 4th Grade Field Trip to the Straz Center
Dec 15 3rd Grade Field Trip to Pin Chasers
Dec 15 Theatre Performance - 6pm in MPR
Dec 18-22 M.S. Semester Exams
Dec 18 Non-Early Release Day - Dismissal is at 2:10pm
Dec 21 Leopard Leader of the Month Celebration
Dec 22 End of Second Nine Weeks
Winter Break 12/25/2023 - 01/05/2024
Students Return Monday, January 8th - early release day 1:10pm