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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*

Principal's Note

Leopard families,

We are rounding the corner to the end of this school year. Our third quarter will end on March 28th, and we will be heading down the stretch to the end of the school year! Our National Elementary Honors Society and our National Junior Honors Society induction ceremony will take place April 15th. Our spring concert will be held Wednesday March 13th, and our OLDEN Day is Friday March 14th. Good luck to our girls soccer team as they continue their undefeated season! Spring break will be March 17th-March 21st with students returning Monday March 24th.

We want to remind everyone that school begins at 7:40 am. We have had many late students recently and we need to make sure we arrive on time – we certainly do not want them to miss out on any instructional time. Thanks for your continued support with this matter. Happy Spring and we hope everyone has a wonderful spring break!

Mr. Phillips
 Principal
 Lutz K-8 School

 ← **Parent Apps** – Questions and answers on ParentVUE, Canvas & Synergy.

Here Comes the Bus – Download the app today to see the location of your child's school bus in real time. Instructions here → 

 ← **Yearbook**—Order your 2024–2025 yearbook now! Lutz K-8 – Job #24724 www.yearbookordercenter.com

FBLA News

Please congratulate Breanna Ramaglia and Nicholas Freeman on their advancement to the FBLA State Conference in Orlando. Breanna earned first place in Career Exploration and Nicholas earned fourth place in Critical Thinking. Congratulations to all our Leopards who competed!

STEM Fair News

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen to represent our school at the district level STEM fair! *Way to go Leopards!*

Student Names	Awards
Mrs. Hoffman & Mrs. Iglesias K9 Class	
Mrs. Young's 1 st Grade Class	Building Scientists Award Superior
Mrs. Gonzalez & Mrs. Ovitt 2 nd Grade Class	
Helder Da Conceicao	Guy Cacciatore Memorial Award Excellent
Regan Ericsson	Thinking Outside the Box Award Excellent
Tucker Dietz	Excellent
Rhett Cunningham-Presnell	Excellence in Discovery Award
Maddie Haas, Charlie Jarosi & Hazel Pastorius	Excellent
Brantley White, Andrea Hatch & Aurora Sanders	
Cole Baldwin & Jackson Edwards	Excellence in Discovery Award Excellent
Eliza Lake & Emma Warner	Outstanding
Wyatt Caron	Legoland Engineering Award
Grayson Raposa	Superior
Lily Brown	Superior
Oliver Wilson	
Audrey Powers, Emma Hautsch & Dylan Crook	Excellent
Dean Scott, Liam Premraj & Justin Kokenda	Outstanding
Lawson Ricketson, Carter Green & Elohim Alvarado-Romero	Excellent
Carolina Pruitt & Harper Green	Excellence in Discovery Award Excellent
Reid Patterson	Outstanding
Justin Gallo-Castillo	Superior Fifth Grade Best of Fair
Evelyn Hamblen	
Nash Bornemann	Lola Simons 33 Stem Education Award Superior
Bianca Godoy-Lopez & Arya Orellana	
Sophia Jabaut, Abby Elmer & Aliya Goodwin	Outstanding
Paulo Gonzalez, Harini Kalanjeri & Lily Fae Mills	Lego Education Award & Superior
Gabe McLaughlin & Julia Johnson	Outstanding

SPECIAL SHOUT OUT to Justin Gallo Castillo for getting BEST OF FAIR in his grade level, way to go Justin!

Spring Break March 17th-21st

Lutz K8 Spring Concert

The Lutz K8 Spring Concert is Wednesday, March 13, 2025 @ 6pm under the covered court. Musicians report to the music room at 5:30pm. Parents are welcome to bring a chair.

M.S. Flag Football Tryouts

Middle School Flag Football Tryouts will be held on March 24th and March 26th from 2:20pm-3:30pm

College Day

Every Friday is College Day! Students and staff are invited to wear college gear to school.

KONA ICE DAY

PE is doing a year-long fundraiser with Kona Ice. 25% of all sales will go directly back to our school. **Currently for Middle School Students only**
 Classic \$4 / King \$5
 Kowabunga \$6 (\$3 refill) / Color Changing \$6 (\$3 refill)
 Allergy Concerns? E-mail wesleychapel@kona-ice.com
 3/27 • 4/17 • 5/15

All County Fine Arts Festival

Congratulations to the following students who will be performing at the Fine Arts Festival, which is an audition-only event comprised of 4th and 5th graders from Hillsborough County. They will be performing at the Straz on March 12, 2025.

Chorus:
 Lily Brown
 Elizabeth Musial
 Maysen McDonald
 Audrey Parham

Mallet Percussion:
 Emogen Dodd
 Emilio Gutierrez
 Carolina Pruitt

Lutz Olden Days – March 14th

Information for Olden Days was sent out recently. PK-4th must have a signed permission slip for the hayride. If you are interested in volunteering, please make sure your volunteer status with HCPS is active. Follow this QR Code to sign up to volunteer or donate: 

March 3 M.S. Soccer vs Buchanan @ Gaither 6pm
 March 4 5th Grade Field Trip to JA Biztown
 March 4 7th Grade Donut Fundraiser
 March 7 College Day – Students & Staff Wear College Gear
 March 7 February Den Celebration 1:10pm
 March 10 7th Grade Donut Fundraiser
 March 12 All Pro Dad Elementary & M.S. 7:00am
 March 12 PTSA Spirit Night – Main Event
 March 13 Spring Chorus Performance 5:30pm
 March 14 College Day – Students & Staff Wear College Gear
 March 14 Lutz Olden Days

March 17-21 Spring Break – No School
 March 24 Football Tryouts 2:20-3:20
 March 25 Down Syndrome Awareness Day
 March 26 Football Tryouts/Practice 2:20-3:30
 March 27 Virtual Coffee & Conversation w/Admin 9am-10am
 March 27 Football Practice 2:20-3:30
 March 28 College Day – Students & Staff Wear College Gear
 March 28 End of Third Nine Weeks
 March 28 Student of the Month Celebration 7:15am MPR
 March 31 Football Practice 2:20-3:20
 March 31-April 4 Assistant Principal Appreciation Week

