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# MAY PAW PRINTS



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**Lutz K-8 School**  
 Home of the Leopards  
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 Joshua Phillips  
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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*

## NO SCHOOL MONDAY MAY 26<sup>th</sup>

There is no school on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL MAY 30<sup>th</sup>

May 30<sup>th</sup> is a half day & the last day of school! **Student dismissal will begin at 11:40am.**



### Principal's Note

Lutz Leopards,

Wow... we have reached the end of the 2024-2025 school year! It has been a great year and the faculty and staff at Lutz K-8 School want to wish all our families a great summer! As we enter May and prepare for the end of the year, we want to wish our Leopards much success as they complete their May FAST/STAR/EOC and science assessments. Please reference the testing calendar or contact your child's teacher if you are unsure of specific testing dates. Our students have worked so hard all year, and we know they will try their best to rock the test! We are looking forward to all the end of the year activities and wish our eighth-grade students much success as they transition into their high school journey. This is a reminder that the last day of school for students is Friday May 30<sup>th</sup>. Students dismiss at 11:40 A.M. We hope our students and families have a wonderful summer and cannot wait to see everyone back for the first day of school on August 11<sup>th</sup>! Be on the lookout on our website for supply list information and updates to our uniforms for next year. Have a great summer and see everyone in August!

Mr. Phillips  
 Principal  
 Lutz K-8 School

## Mental Health Awareness

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Support the mental health of all children – before, during and after challenges arise. Together, we can help children build resilience, learn self-care strategies, and develop skills for managing life stressors in healthy ways.

### ELEMENTARY TESTING SCHEDULE

May 6	Grade 3 FAST ELA
May 7	Grades 1 & 2 STAR ELA
May 8	Grade 3 FAST Math
May 13	Grades 4 & 5 FAST ELA
May 14	Grades 1 & 2 STAR Math
May 15	Grades 4 & 5 FAST Math
May 21	Grade 5 Science

### MIDDLE SCHOOL TESTING SCHEDULE

May 1	6-8 FAST ELA
May 8	6-8 FAST MATH
May 14	Grade 8 Science
May 20	CIVICS
May 21	ALGEBRA TESTING
May 23	Period 1 & 4 Exams
May 27	Period 2 & 5 Exams
May 28	Period 3 Exam
May 29	Period 6 & 7 Exams

## Hello Summer!



As summer vacation is almost upon us, here are a few tips for continued learning and connecting throughout the summer months.

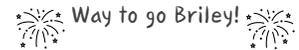
1. Read daily. 😊
2. Explore new places together.
3. Use materials at home to create something together.
4. Get outside and play favorite games from PE together.
5. Take turns sharing your favorite parts of each day.

**Don't forget to read every day!**

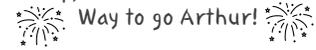
## Teacher & Staff Appreciation

We are celebrating Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week May 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Celebrate the spectacular educators in your life!

**NFTE Entrepreneurship Competition**  
 Congratulations to Briley Goble for advancing to the semi-final round of the NFTE Entrepreneurship competition. She will represent Lutz K-8 in Miami May 12-13.



**NJHS Outstanding Achievement Award**  
 We are proud to announce that Arthur McLaughlin has been selected as the NJHS Outstanding Achievement Award recipient. Arthur will receive \$500.00 in a 529 college savings account to be applied toward his higher education. Recipients are chosen based on their demonstrated work to support the five pillars of NJHS: scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship.



## Media Center News

May 16<sup>th</sup> is the last day for library book check-out. All library books are due May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have lost a book, please send an e-mail to Mrs. Davis: [kimberly.davis@hcps.net](mailto:kimberly.davis@hcps.net)

## Clinic News

If your child has prescription medication stored in the clinic, please pick it up on the last day of school. Any medication that is not picked up will be disposed of properly. Please contact Ms. Shelley to arrange for pick up. Clinic - 813-949-1452 ext. 227

April 30	Career Fair	May 16	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Flying Squirrel
May 1	Theatre Performance 6pm MPR	May 19	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Patrol Picnic 11:30am-2:00pm
May 2	College Day – Students & Staff Wear College Gear	May 20	Junior Civitan Banquet (MPR) 6pm-7pm
May 2	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Nature's Classroom	May 21	Pre-K Graduation 8:30am-9:30am
May 2	Student of the Month Awards Ceremony (MPR) 7:15am	May 23-30	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Week in MPR
May 5-9	Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week	May 23	College Day – Students & Staff Wear College Gear
May 5-6	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Nature's Classroom	May 23	Kindergarten Picnic on the Lawn 10am-11am
May 7	3 <sup>rd</sup> General PTSA Meeting 6pm-7pm (cafeteria)	May 23-29	Middle School Semester Exams
May 9	College Day – Students & Staff Wear College Gear	May 26	MEMORIAL DAY – NO SCHOOL
May 9	Second Grade Mother's Day Breakfast 7:10am-7:40am	May 28	April & May DEN Celebration 1:10pm-2:10pm
May 9	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance (MPR) 5:30pm-8:00pm	May 29	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Clap Out – 12:30pm-2:45pm
May 14	All Pro Dad Elementary & M.S. Meeting 7:00am	May 29	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Car Parade – 12:45pm-1:00pm
May 15	FBLA Banquet (MPR) 6pm-7pm	May 30	Senior Class of 2025 Clap Out – 8:30am-9:00am
May 16	College Day – Students & Staff wear College Gear	May 30	Last Day of School for Students – Dismissal at 11:40am
May 16-17	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Grad Venture		