

LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

● ● AUGUST 18, 2023, Week 1 ● ● ●



2nd Grade Rocks!

Welcome to the new school year. We will try to provide you updates through our school newsletter. Last year we sent out the LS newsletter weekly. This year we may revert to a bi-weekly or monthly newsletter. Make sure to read all the content, especially the last page where we will post reminders, updates, and upcoming events.



Students enjoyed attending their related arts classes this week. They had art, music, library, PE, and Spanish!



Students in third grade created their own messages in a bottle and added them to their bulletin board in the hallway!



Students in Kindergarten and first grade took on the Marshmallow Challenge. See more on the next page.



Students enjoyed recess when the weather permitted. If the heat index was too high, we held indoor recess.



The students had fun connecting with their friends during lunchtime!



First grade had fun with math centers. See more on the next page.



Welcome to all our new students! See next page to see who is new this year!



Aftercare is off to a great start...see next page for more details.



Hello!

NEW STUDENTS

KINDERGARTEN - FIFTH GRADE

WELCOME to our school!



KINDERGARTEN

From top, left to right: Wren Lumpkin, Leo McDaniel, Aubree Le, Griffin Rosenblum, Leo Bleakney, Grayson Holzworth, Sailor Peterson, Levi Robinson, Bees Postal, and Burkley Ford



FIRST GRADE

From left to right: Aleadia Clinton, Harry Costaldo, Mary Townsend Fogle, Luciano Saliba



SECOND GRADE

Reina Marona



THIRD GRADE

James Costaldo
Greer Hawley



FOURTH GRADE

Laney McCoy



FIFTH GRADE

Grace Costaldo
Robert Marona

"AFTERCARE IS SO MUCH FUN!"

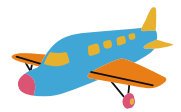
says Harry Costaldo

Welcome Mrs. Gloria
and Ms. Madison!



FUN

Aftercare program registration packets are available in the office or on our website. A complete packet must be on file prior to any student attending the program.



MARSHMALLOW CHALLENGE

KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADERS



Kindergarten and first graders competed in a team-building activity in which teams must compete to build the tallest free-standing structure out of 20 sticks of spaghetti, tape, string, and one marshmallow. The marshmallow had to be at the top. Both classes had towers standing. The tallest tower in first grade was 15 inches tall. The tallest tower in kindergarten was 12 inches tall!

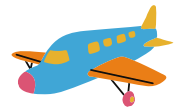


MATH CENTERS 1ST GRADERS

First graders learned about three different math centers on Tuesday. One of the centers is writing numbers up through 100. Some of the students took it further and started writing numbers up through 200!

The students had fun working and learning with their partners!





THIRD GRADERS

● ● ● **HANDS UP FOR LEARNING!!!** ● ● ●



FOURTH GRADERS

COOL OFF IN THE SHADE ● ● ●



FIFTH GRADERS

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ARE THE COOLEST!!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



WE WISH A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO....

08/16 Reina Marona, 2nd grade
08/17 Charlotte Davies, 1st grade
08/17 Sutton Sharp, 1st grade

Happy
Birthday
to You

IMPORTANT INFO

FALL CHESS CLUB

Starts September 5th. Registration forms will be emailed out to families of 3rd-5th graders. If your child is interested, complete the registration form and return it to your child's teacher by August 28th.

CAR RIDER LINE IN FRONT OF LOWER SCHOOL

During dismissal time, the first car in the line needs to pull up as far as possible. A good guide would be to line up the car door that the student will enter with the first column on the vestibule. This will help us out a lot. Thank you!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS CLUB

Battle of the Books meetings will begin the week of September 11th. Mrs. Grah and Mrs. Noonan will be sending out more information on this program. The meetings will occur twice a week. This is for 3rd - 5th grade students.

R.E.A.D. PROGRAM IS RETURNING

Battle of the Books meetings will begin the week of September 11th. Mrs. Grah and Mrs. Noonan will be sending out more information on this program. The meetings will occur twice a week. This is for 3rd - 5th grade students.

GATES - ENTERING CAMPUS DURING THE DAY

Both gates (Petigru and Blue Stem) will be open from 7:00-8:30am and 2:00-3:30pm on school days. To enter during other times, you can only enter through the Petigru gate. If you have an RFID tag, the Petigru gate will open automatically. If you do not have an RFID tag, call the MS/US office and Mrs. Christie can open the gate for your remotely. We cannot open Blue Stem remotely.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 21 - Star Reading and Math Assessments window opens
- August 23 - School Picture Day! Dress your best!!! You can wear Sunday best or your uniform...your choice!
- August 24 - First Fire Drill - this one will be very guided
- August 30 - R.E.A.D. dogs will come for a visit to all classrooms
- September 1 - First LS Hallway Assembly - Focus: Honor Code
- September 4 - School is closed, Labor Day
- September 5 - LS Chess Club starts - 3-3:30 on Tuesdays-send in registration for if interested (3rd-5th graders)
- Week of September 11th - Battle of the Books meetings start (3rd-5th graders) Information coming home soon - sponsors: Mrs. Grah and Mrs. Noonan!

