

EAGLE EDITION

February
2009

Principal's Corner - Mr. Fred London

Dear Parents & Students,

I would like to remind all students and parents that no student is allowed to check out after 2:00 p.m.

LEAP and iLEAP testing is fast approaching. Testing will be held April 1 - 3 and April 6 - 7. It is very important for all of us to use our time now to prepare ahead for these tests.

Sincerely,

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SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER



Feb. 2	Job Shadow Day
Feb. 3	Family Night 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	Club Day
Feb. 6	Interims Spirit Day
Feb. 12	Smoothie King (\$2.50 @ recess)
Feb. 23 — 24	Mardi Gras Holiday
Feb. 25	Eagle Buck turn-in
Feb. 27	PBS Day Activity Night/Spring Dance
Feb. 28	Livingston Parish Band Festival @ LOHS
April 1-3, 6-7	LEAP and iLEAP Testing



Live Oak Middle Club News

Beta Club

Beta will be participating at Family Night Feb. 3rd. Those helping from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., remember to wear nice clothes. February 21st will be Beta's Trash Bash. Sign-ups will be held during the February meeting.

Environmental Science Club

The members of the ESC would like to send out a big THANK YOU to our guest speaker, Gregg A. Snedden, Ph.D. from the U.S. Geological Survey for the exciting presentation during our January meeting. Coastal conservation and restoration are extremely important and we are glad you could share your work with us! We would also like to recognize the following club members who participated in writing environmental children's books for kindergarten students: Sarah Martin, Catie Rutherford, Lauren Glover, Laura Martin, Jonathan McLain, Brittany Anderson, Kelsey Guerin, Channing Millitello, Kristen Chambers, Rhaimy Floyd, Shaunyn Bourgeois, and one with no name entitled: How You Can Make Our World A Better Place? Great job guys! Be ready for a surprise meeting on February 4th!

Spanish Club

Special thanks to all the students, parents and other friends in our community who helped with our recent fundraiser! Once all the totals are in, I hope to report that it was a big success! Remember that this was meant to help defray the cost of the Spanish Club field trip to see Justo Lamas in concert on March 4th in Texas. We're working on our "Learning Spanish Language & Culture Through Music" unit now, which will also prepare the field trip attendees to get the most out of the concert experience! Other upcoming events...February 3rd - selected club members will be handing out "chocolate caliente" at Family Night...February 4th - we'll have a yummy treat for our club members during the meeting!

Students are not allowed to job shadow any LOM teacher!

Family Night

Family Night will be Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the LOMS gym. Sign-in will begin at 6:00 p.m. We will have performances by our flag team, cheerleaders, and band. Special solos will be performed by Sammi Rushing and Giovanni Labella, and a guest speaker will be presenting tips for Internet safety. Several teachers will be offering bonus for attendance. Free hot chocolate will be served by our Spanish Club!

Job Shadowing

Parents:

Monday, February 2, 2009, is Job Shadow Day. Students who participate will be required to complete a worksheet and write an essay about the person they shadowed. The worksheet must be turned in on Thursday, February 5, 2009. This assignment will be graded. Students who attend school instead of Job Shadowing will be completing work in class that will also be graded. Any student absent on that day who does not turn in the completed worksheet and essay will be required to make up missed work, and this work will be graded. If they do not, they will receive a zero for that day.

Next Accelerated Reader Deadline: March 10!



Congratulations to the following students for being nominated for Student of the Year:
 Max Bankston, Kristen Chambers, Sammi Rushing, and Courtney Sherwin. The Live Oak Middle School Student of the Year is:
Sammi Rushing!
 Congratulations, Sammi!

Eagle Pizazz

Eagle Pizazz Dance Team will be attending the National Dance Team Championship Jan. 30th -- Feb. 3rd at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL.

Tryout Info:

- Pizazz tryouts will be held March 14th. The schedule is as follows:
- Feb. 25 - Forms will be in the office
- March 9 - Learn routine
- March 10 - 11 - Practice session
- March 14 - Tryouts
- \$15.00 fee for tryouts. Make the check payable to Live Oak Middle (no cash please).

Drama Trip to NYC

- \$1,055 per person
- April 10-13, 2009
- April 23-26, 2009

Remaining payment schedule:

- February 1 - \$200
- March 1 - \$255

Mrs. Tramonte will not be able to HOLD any payments so please make arrangements to pay the scheduled amount on time. All payments are non-refundable.

A parent meeting will be held soon. Listen to the announcements for updated information.

LOM Cheer

We would like to wish the Live Oak Middle Cheerleaders the best of luck as they compete in the 2009 National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Florida. Please keep the team in your thoughts and prayers as they travel and compete for their second National Championship title!

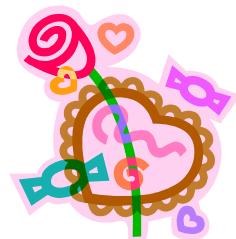
It's that time again....

Live Oak Middle School will be holding cheer try-outs on March 7th. Any 6th or 7th grade girl interested in trying out must have a 2.5 GPA with no "F's." There will be a mandatory try-out clinic March 2nd--5th in the LOM gym. Try-out packets will be available for pick-up from the office counter on Mon. Feb. 2nd.



Band News

The Livingston Parish Band Festival will be held Feb. 28th at Live Oak High School. Go Band!



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

PBS Quote of the Month

"Having a positive mental attitude is asking how something can be done rather than saying it can't be done."

--Bo Bennett

Team 6A

Morgan Berry
John Maurello
Dane Picard

Team 7A

Dylan Gordon
Hannah Jones
Matthew Rayburn

Team 8A

Seth Doiga
Morgan Thorpe
Sam Wilson

Team 6B

Devan Bennett
Dylan Sonnier
Sarah Thomason

Team 7B

Jacob McGuff
Breanna O'Quinn
Alex Rand

Team 8B

Chase Lindsey
Brianna Russo
Rebekah White

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the 7th Grade Pioneer Day on Thursday, April 30th. If you are interested in volunteering, please email amanda.jones@lpsb.org or allison.bernard@lpsb.org.

Color Guard

The Live Oak Middle School Color Guard will be beginning their official competition season on Jan. 31st at Harrison Central High School in Gulfport, MS. Teams from Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida will be competing throughout the day.

The Color Guard is currently selling raffle tickets at \$2.00 each. First prize is a \$100.00 gift certificate to Oak Point Fresh Market and second prize is a 30 minute massage at Therapeutic Massage center.

We are also getting ready to begin our "Flocked by Flamingos" fundraising campaign. Be looking for more information soon. Remember, the Flamingos may be migrating your way! Please help support the LOM Color Guard.

The Guard will also be competing at Festival Disney on May 1st at the Indiana Jones Temple of Doom set. Last year, the Guard brought home the Best In Class Award as well as many others. At this particular competition, the team competes at the high school level.

Dance Dress Code

The dress code for the February 27th spring dance is as follows:

- Dresses must have 2" straps or sleeves.
- Dresses or skirts must be no shorter than 4" above the knee.
- No halter-top, strapless, or backless dresses are permitted.

Students who do not follow these rules will not be allowed in the door.

Young Readers' Choice Award Voting News
 3rd Place: Runaway, Tie for 2nd Place:
Heat and Shug, and 1st Place: Storm Thief
 Thank you to all who participated!