



Manatee Message

“Learners Today, Leaders for Life”

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A Title I School

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Principal's Post

Greetings, families!

Can you believe we are already half-way through the school year?!?! What an amazing first half of the year this has been at Manatee Elementary! I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you the happiest of times during this holiday season and best wishes for a prosperous new year. Let's continue to make the second half of this school year just as amazing as the first. As always, please feel free to stop by or call anytime with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
 Ashley

January Character Word: Commitment

Some traits of commitment are staying with the task and not giving up, trying again and again, and again, and being patient and willing to work hard. Feel like giving up? You need a pep talk from Kid President! <https://youtu.be/l-gQLqv9f4o>

After School Tutoring Program

Manatee will be offering an after school tutoring program free of charge to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Tutoring will be held from 3:35-5:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Transportation will be provided. Please be on the lookout for more information when we return from Winter Break. We are hoping to start this program by January 17, 2017.

Upcoming Events

Event	Date(s)	Time
School Resumes	1/9/17	
SAC Meeting	1/12/17	4:00
NO SCHOOL – MLK Jr. Day	1/16/17	
Incoming Kindergarten Tours	1/17-1/20	9:00-10:30
After School Tutoring Begins – Grades 3,4,5	1/17	T/Th 3:35-5:30
Report Cards Go Home	1/19/17	
Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off	1/30/17	9:45-10:45

After School Activities

Art Club – Mondays – 3:35-4:30
 Good News Club – Tuesdays 3:35-5:00
 Chorus – Thursdays – 3:35-5:00
 Tutoring (Grades 3-5) Tues/Thurs 3:35-5:00
Please be on time when picking your child up afterschool.

School Choice Open Enrollment

Parents of **currently** enrolled students in Lee County Public School grades five, eight, and students in Pre-K attending Lee County Public Schools who are eligible for Kindergarten for 2017/18, will be mailed their child's personalized application on January 19, 2017. This is a very exciting time of year for students and parents as they plan for 2017-2018.

Those receiving the applications can save time by applying online! Please read the documents sent to you very carefully, and determine if you want to apply online, mail it back to us, or bring it to one of our offices in person. This is a nine-week application period. There is no need to stand in long lines the first few days since you have nine weeks to submit the application. All applications are processed as a group.

Parents of children who will be five on or before September 1st, 2017 and who are not enrolled in one of the district's Pre-K programs must visit one of our offices to register for kindergarten for the 2017/2018 school year (bring registration requirements). This should be done during the first application period (January 23 – March 24) to increase the chances of being assigned to your preferred school. Brand new students cannot apply on-line – they must be registered in person. There are **no automatic assignments** – parents need to register incoming kindergartners even if they have an older sibling already attending the preferred school.

Please visit www.leeschools.net for registration requirements and Student Assignment Office locations.

Lee Virtual Instruction Program is the only Kindergarten through 12th grade public school in our area. Students have access many of the same courses as they would in a traditional school. Students who complete the virtual course of study receive the same accredited diploma as any other public school. There are two application periods for LVIP. The first application period coincides with the Student Assignment's first application period. The second one begins the Monday after Thanksgiving for second semester enrollments and closes prior to final exam week of the first semester. Applying to LVIP does not affect your current School Choice assignment until the student completes orientation and enrollment in the LVIP program. Lee Virtual also offers a variety of summer courses for original credit. Visit Lee Virtual Instruction Program at <http://lvip.leeschools.net/>.