

Lynx Letter

Lexington Middle



September 8, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our first two weeks of school went very well! I am so proud of our student's behavior and dress code.

Parents, we continue to grow in enrollment and are making necessary schedule changes to ensure that each child is properly placed and to level our classroom sizes. We appreciate your patience in this process.

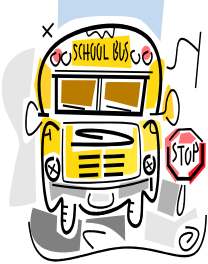
All students should have received a Code of Conduct on their first day of school. The first two pages of this booklet consist of a Directory Information sheet and an Emergency and Health Information sheet. These information sheets must be completed and returned to the school immediately. They are critical to ensure your child's safety and release of information for pictures and yearbook.

Your child is also required to have the Lexington Middle School agenda book at school each day. This "student organizer" is created specifically for LXMS and contains needed information for students and families. The agenda will serve as a major source of communication between teachers and parents. We are asking for a \$5 donation to help cover the costs of these agendas.

If you have not already, please send in a note with your child informing their seventh period teacher how they are to go home in the afternoon. In order to have a safe and orderly dismissal, it is imperative that we know the means of transportation your child is taking. Bus routes from Lexington are still running a little late. We are in continual communication with the Lee County Transportation Department concerning these routes. Your child's route schedule may be adjusted to accommodate to ensure their arrival to school on time.

Our School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. in the Media Center. The Parent Teacher Organization will meet on Tuesday, September 23, at 6:00 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend both meetings.

Educationally,
Linda Caprarotta
Principal



The following was prepared by the Florida Department of Education Office Of School Transportation Management Office of Safe Schools. The information is designed to assist school districts in complying with requirements to provide safety information to parents, guardians, and students (Rule 6A-3.0121, Florida Administrative Code).

The Florida Department of Education and Florida's school districts are committed to the safety of Florida's students and schools. Students often walk, bike, or ride to and from school or the bus stop on their own or with parents, guardians, or others. This brochure offers important tips to parents, guardians, and students on how to stay safe, especially when the students are not with school officials who can help protect them. Please discuss these important tips with your children.

The Safety web page includes the brochures at <http://safety.leeschools.net/crossingguards.htm>. It is found towards the bottom of the web page. <http://safety.leeschools.net/pdf/coefo-08-02brochure1.pdf>
<http://safety.leeschools.net/pdf/coefo-08-02brochure2.pdf>

LXMS Builders Club

Help your Community!

Become an OUTSTANDING LEADER in your school and community!

Have some fun!

Join the Club....BE EMPOWERED!

1st Meeting: Tues, Sept 8 at 4:15 pm Room 319 (Mr. Wagner's room)

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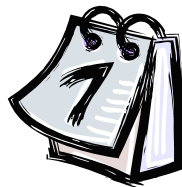
Join the Club!



The School Board of Lee County, Florida: Jeanne S. Dozier, Chairman; Jane E. Kuckel, Ph.D., Vice Chairman; Robert D. Chilmonik, District 1; Steven K. Teuber, J.D., District 4; Elinor C. Scricca, Ph.D., District 5; James W. Browder, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools.

Dates to Remember: Sept.

SAC Meeting 8:30 am media center	16
PTO Meeting 6:00pm media cen-	23
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Dear Parents:

This is to inform you of a **NEW** web based service offered **FREE** to schools and the community. We have contracted with The Parent Institute to bring a new monthly newsletter to parents. The newsletter (Elementary and Secondary editions in English and Spanish) will provide parents with helpful parenting information, tips and resources. (This format is in addition to the "Just for Parents" (tips & suggestions) already available to you.) Updates to this newsletter will change automatically on the 1st of each month, Sept. – May.

Visit our Parent Involvement website under District Intervention Programs and look under "Parent Links", "Parent Newsletter" or go to: <http://intervention.leeschools.net/parent/Parent%20Newsletter.htm>

Thank you.
We hope you will utilize this valuable parent resource!

DIRECTRICES/PROCEDIMIENTOS – INFLUENZA PORCINA H1N1 ("SWINE")

Preparándonos para el año lectivo que viene y para la temporada anual de la influenza, las Seculares Públicas del Condado de Lee está siguiendo sus establecidos procedimientos para los estudiantes y empleados, anotados a continuación:

- Los empleados escolares aumentarán la vigilancia para identificar a los estudiantes que exhiben síntomas como los de la influenza.
- Los conserjes/supervisores de edificio incrementarán su concentración y frecuencia de limpieza de áreas comúnmente tocadas (perilla de puertas, interruptores de luz, pasamanos, etc.).
- Los estudiantes sintomáticos serán mandados a la clínica de la escuela para ser evaluados por la Asistente de Clínica y/o la Enfermera Escolar.
- La Asistente de Clínica y/o la Enfermera Escolar determinará si un niño/a debe ser aislado/a debido a los síntomas.
- Las escuelas identificarán un área donde los estudiantes pueden ser aislados del cuerpo estudiantil general.
- Las escuelas se comunicarán con los padres/tutores legales de los estudiantes aislados y se les pedirá que recojan a su niño/s lo más pronto posible.
- Los estudiantes con enfermedades que aparentan ser como la influenza **tienen que permanecer en su hogar por lo menos 24 horas** después que desaparezca la fiebre (sin usar medicinas para reducir la fiebre como Tylenol).
- Una fiebre es una temperatura que se eleva a más de 100 grados Fahrenheit.
- Si no mejoran (amainan) los síntomas, los padres deben buscar la atención médica de su doctor o proveedor de atención médica.
- Se les permitirán a los estudiantes usar desinfectantes de manos en la escuela **bajo la supervisión de adultos**.
- Los oficiales del Distrito Escolar continuarán trabajando juntos al los oficiales del Departamento de Salud para supervisar y evaluar la situación y determinar si se necesitan pasos/acción adicional.

¿Cómo puede usted ayudar a parar la propagación de la influenza?

- Si está enfermo/a **quédese en su casa** por lo menos por 24 horas.
- Si continúan los síntomas después de 24 horas, vea a un proveedor de salud/médico.
- Cubra su tos:** Usted debe toser o estornudar en un pañuelo desechable o doble el brazo y estornude en el área doblada para evitar la contaminación de su mano.
- Lave sus manos:** El lavado vigoroso de sus manos con agua y jabón es recomendado, si no hay agua y jabón disponible, use un desinfectante de manos aprobado.



NOTES FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

"Maintaining Health & Wellness Promotes Educational Success"

As we begin this new school year, please be sure we have your child's emergency card with all phone numbers where you can be reached, as well as any medical information or need for medication. The proper documentation and permission forms can be obtained from our clinic. Please check with your child's doctor or clinic to be sure all immunizations are up to date, and submit all new immunization documentation to our clinic....*prevention is key to keeping your child healthy.* We would like to see your child in school everyday, learning, healthy, and excited to participate in all of our school activities, but in the event your child is ill, or has a fever, please keep him/her home, and seek medical care if necessary. Feel free to contact me thru out the school year with any questions or concerns you may have.

Looking forward to a healthy and successful school year for all.....

**Sue Grohs R.N.
School Nurse**

Student Absences and Contact Information: To ensure accurate attendance, please email our Information Specialist at Deborahnc@leeschools.net if your child will be absent for any reason. You can also email telephone changes, however, a change in address requires a utility bill (phone, electric, water) be submitted, per District policy. Custody issues will require additional documentation.

Message from Mike Scott, Office of the Sheriff

Dear Citizens of Lee County,

In 2007, the Florida Legislature amended the Florida Sex Offender Statutes. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) now maintains a public, automatic email notification service regarding sexual predators and offenders.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, is pleased to announce the Florida Sexual Offender/Predator Email Community Notification Services is now available.

Information may be requested in two different ways:

1. Select an address of interest
2. Select an offender of interest

We encourage you to sign up for this free service by:

1. Visit the Lee County Sheriff's Office website at <http://www.sheriffleefl.org>
2. Click on Crime Activity
3. Click on SEX OFFENDER EMAIL NOTIFICATION
4. Follow the instructions to register your request

For inquiries or assistance contact the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) at 1-877-335-3767 or for all other sex offender related questions, contact Sergeant Tracey Booth of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Sexual Offender/Predator Unit at 239-477-1081.

Sheriff Mike Scott
Lee County Sheriff's Office

Mensaje de Mike Scott, Oficina del Alguacil "Sheriff"

Estimados Ciudadanos del Condado de Lee,

En el 2007, la Legislatura de la Florida enmendó los estatutos de los Transgresores/as Sexuales de la Florida. El Departamento de Orden Pública (policía) de la Florida "Department of Law Enforcement (por sus siglas en inglés FDLE)" ahora mantiene una notificación pública, automática por correo electrónico "e-mail" respecto a los predadores/as y transgresores/as sexuales.

La Oficina del Alguacil del Condado de Lee, participando con el Departamento de Orden Pública (policía) de la Florida, tiene el placer de anunciar los Servicios de Notificación Comunitaria por Correo-Electrónico disponible ahora respecto a los Transgresores/Predadores Sexuales de la Florida.

Se puede pedir la información de dos maneras:

1. Seleccionar una dirección de interés
2. Seleccionar un trasgresor/a de interés

Le animamos que se inscriba a este servicio gratis haciendo lo siguiente:

1. Visite el sitio de la red "website" de la Oficina del Alguacil al <http://www.sheriffleefl.org>
2. Haga clic en Actividad Criminal en inglés - "Crime Activity"
3. Haga clic en Ofensor Sexual Comunicación por e-mail en inglés - "SEX OFFENDER EMAIL NOTIFICATION"
4. Siga las instrucciones para registrar su petición

Para preguntas o ayuda comuníquese con el Departamento de Orden Pública (policía) de la Florida - "Florida Department of Law Enforcement" (FDLE) llamando al 1-877-335-3767 o para todas las otras preguntas respecto a los transgresores/as sexuales comuníquese con la Sargenta

Tracey Booth de la Oficina del Alguacil del Condado de Lee Unidad de Trasgresor/a/Predador/a Sexual llamando al 239-477-1081.

Sheriff Mike Scott
Oficina del Alguacil Policial del Condado de Lee - "Lee County Sheriff's Office"

Mesaj ki sòti nan men Mike Scott, Biwo cherif nan konte Lee

Chè sitwayen nan konte Lee,

An 2007, lejislati Florid la te amande pwojè lalwa Florid yo konsènan delenkan seksyèl. Depatman chaje pou fè respekte lalwa an Florid (FDLE) mentyen yon sèvis piblik pou notifikasyon otomatik pa kouriyèl konsènan delenkan ak predatè seksyèl.

Biwo cherif nan konte Lee, an patenarya ak FDLE, kontan anonse ke Sèvis konminotè pou notifikasyon pa kouriyèl konsènan delenkan/predatè seksyèl se disponib kounyeya.

Ou gendwa aksede enfòmasyon nan de fason diferan:

1. Seleksyonnen yon adrès patikilye
2. Seleksyonnen yon delenkan seksyèl patikilye

Nou ankouraje ou abònen pou sèvis gratis sila a lè ou:

1. Vizite sitwèb pou Biwo cherif nan konte Lee nan <http://www.sheriffleefl.org>
2. Klike sou "Crime Activity"
3. Klike sou SEX OFFENDER EMAIL NOTIFICATION
4. Swiv direktiv pou enskri demann ou

Pou plis enfòmasyon oubyen pou asistans kontakte Depatman chaje pou fè respekte lalwa an Florid (FDLE) nan 1-877-335-3767, oubyen pou tout lòt keksyon konsènan delenkan seksyèl yo, kontakte sèjan Tracey Booth nan Biwo cherif nan konte Lee inite pou delenkan/predatè seksyèl nan 239-477-1081.

Cherif Mike Scott
Biwo cherif nan konte Lee

H1N1 (SWINE) FLU GUIDELINES / PROCEDURES

In preparation for the coming school year and the annual flu season, Lee County Public Schools is following its established procedures for students and staff, listed below:

- School staff will increase vigilance to identify students exhibiting flu-like symptoms.
- Custodians/building supervisors will increase focus and frequency of cleaning commonly touched areas (i.e. doorknobs, light switches, handrails, etc.).
- Symptomatic students will be sent to the school's clinic for evaluation by a Clinic Assistant and/or School Nurse.
- Clinic Assistant and/or School Nurse will determine if a child should be isolated due to symptoms.
- Schools will identify an area where students can be isolated from general student body.
- Parent/guardians of isolated students will be contacted and requested to pick up their children) as soon as possible.
- Students with influenza-like illness **must remain at home for at least 24 hours** after their fever is gone (without the use of fever-reducing medicine such as Tylenol).
- A fever is a temperature which is elevated above 100 degrees.
- If symptoms do not subside, parents should seek medical care from their doctor or health care provider.
- Students will be allowed to use hand sanitizers at school **under the supervision of adults.**
- School District officials will continue to work closely with Lee County Health Department officials to monitor and evaluate the situation and determine if any additional steps/action is warranted.

HOW YOU CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF INFLUENZA / FLU

- If you are sick, **please stay home** for at least 24 hours.
 - If symptoms continue after 24 hours, see a health care provider.
 - Cover Your Cough:** you should cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend in your elbow to avoid contaminating your hands.
 - Wash Your Hands:** Vigorous hand washing with soap and water is recommended; however, if soap and water are not available, use an approved hand sanitizer.
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LAGRIP PÒSIN H1N1 DIREKTIV/PWOSEDI

Nan preparasyon pou ane lekòl la epi sezon lagrip k ap vini a, Distri eskolè nan konte Lee pral pouswiv pwosedè ki etabli pou elèv ak pèsonèl:

- Pèsonèl lekòl pral plis vijilan nan idantifye elèv ki moutre sentòm lagrip.
- Pèsonèl ki netwaye ak sipèvizè edifis pral netwaye pi dri kote moun ap manyen plis (tankou manch pòt, switch, balistrad, elatriye).
- Elèv ki moutre sentòm lagrip prale nan klinik lekòl la pou resevwa evalyasyon nan men mis lekòl e/ou asistan nan klinik la.
- Asistan nan klinik la e/ou mis lekòl pral detèminen si elèv la dwè izole poutèt sentòm yo.
- Lekòl la pral idantifye yon kote elèv ki moutre sentòm ka ale pou yo izole.
- Lekòl la pral kontakte paran/gadyen elèv ki izole pou mande yo vin chache pitit yo ositoke posib.
- Elèv ki malad ak sentòm lagrip **dwè rete lakay la omwen 24 è aprè fyèb la fin ale** (san lèd medikaman pou lafyèb tankou Tylenol).
- Lafyèb se lè tanperati kò a pi elve pase 100 degre.
- Si sentòm yo pa diminye, paran sipoze chache swen medikal nan men doktè oubyen yon lòt moun ki founi sèvis lasante.
- Lekòl la pral pèmèt elèv yo sèvi ake pwodwi pou netwaye men yo **anba sipèvizyon granmoun yo.**
- Ofisye nan distri eskolè a pral kontinye travay ansanm ake Depatman lasante nan konte Lee pou swiv epi evalye sitirasyon alèkile pou detèminen si etap/aksyon siplemantè ap merite.

KIJAN OU KA EDE ANPECHE LAGRIP GAYE PATOU

- Si ou malad, **tanpri rete lakay la** pou omwen 24 è.
- Si sentòm yo pèsiste aprè 24è, al wè yon moun founi sèvis lasante.
- Lè ou dwè touse**, eseye sèvi ake yon mouchwa oubyen manch ou. Evite touse nan men ou.
- Lave men ou:** Byen lave men ou ake savon e dlo; sepandan, si savon ake dlo pa disponib, sèvi ake yon pwodwi pou netwaye men ou ki apwouve.