



Principal's Message

Dear Lee Community:

WELCOME to another school year at Lee Middle School. I hope your child has had a good start to this first nine weeks. When you receive this newsletter, we are in our sixth week of school. Your child should be receiving their first progress report on September 28th during their 7th period class. If your child has not given you the progress report, please ask to see it or go on the progress book website with your parent password. When your child knows you are keeping up with their progress, they are more likely to perform better as a student. If by chance, you do not have a parent progress book password, please come to our front office and you will be given a copy of the password letter.

It has been exciting to see so many students wearing the Lee uniform. While not mandatory, it is strongly encouraged. We have been strongly enforcing the district dress code and I have been extremely pleased with the way our students have been dressing this year.

We are already working hard to get your students ready for a successful year. During the early part of September your students took a practice FCAT style test (called Benchmark tests) in Reading and Math. We will use these results to help us know your child's strengths and weaknesses. This knowledge will help us create lessons so that they will be successful in all of their educational years. This information will also help them excel on the various FCAT tests.

We are excited about the potential that this year holds. We need your help and support as parents, together we will be able to move our students forward in their educational development. Please contact the school whenever you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

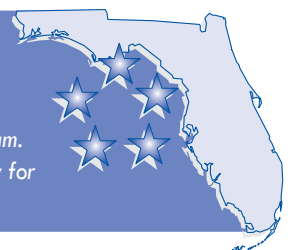
Tom Pylant
Principal

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Lee Middle School Vision

Our school is a positive learning environment that enables and inspires all to acquire the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to succeed in a rapidly changing, multicultural world. *"Our goal is for students to learn and achieve. We invite you to give your input on our instructional program. You may request an Administrative Feedback Survey for any administrator who is assigned the responsibility for evaluating the performance of instructional personnel by contacting your principal."*



Lee Family Bowling Night

Wednesday, November 16th, 2011

Bowl America

Winter Park, FL

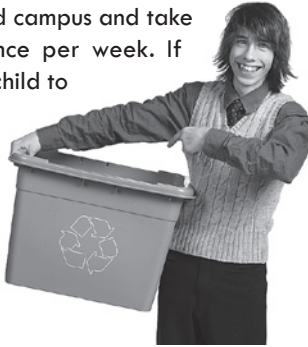
\$9.00 per bowler (2 games and shoe rental)

6:30-8:30 PM

Lee Middle PTSA sponsored event

Recycling

We have a paper recycling program going on at Lee. Please send in your junk mail (address' removed), envelopes, magazines, old phone books, anything but colored paper such as construction paper. We collect the recycling around campus and take it to the bin once per week. If you bring your child to school you can drop it off in the bin or have them bring it to Mrs. Berry in room 109. We appreciate your support!



Skate Night

Wednesday, October 5th, 2011

6:30-8:30 PM

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ADDitions News

Parents-if you are still interested in helping out in the classroom or attending an upcoming field trip with your student, it is not too late to register to become an ADDitions volunteer. It is a very simple process, and can be completed online. You must re-register each school year. Please see below the directions regarding returning volunteers.

New Applicant:

1. Go to the Community Resources website: <http://volunteer.ocps.net>;
2. Click on ADDitions online application;
3. Enter your information into the online application; remember you must fill in the highlighted red boxes to have your form accepted. Move from box to box using the tab key. **BE SURE TO INDICATE LEE MIDDLE SCHOOL** as the school in which you want to volunteer;
4. When the application is completed, please review all information for accuracy;
5. Click on the "send" button to submit.

One application can include up to four schools.

Note: Once you have "sent" your application, it will be forwarded to each of the schools that you have selected. You will receive confirmation via email that your application has been processed. Each school's ADDitions Coordinator will maintain a database of online applications.

Returning Volunteers:

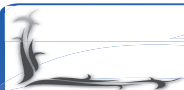
Volunteers who registered during the 2009-2010 school year will need to update their information.

- Follow the steps listed above, but be mindful that some information will be present from your previous application and you will need to update the security questions area.
- Be sure you indicate the area in which you wish to volunteer: field trips-daytime, mentor, etc. This appears in the section labeled "Type of Work" preferred: as shown below.

Please remember if you indicate that you wish to be a field trip chaperone, you must do the following:

1. Fill out the online application (if you have not already done so) six weeks in advance;
2. Fill out the **Chaperone Volunteer** form online or by downloading the application and send it to Stephanie Ickes at Lee Middle School.

Your Lee Middle School ADDitions Coordinator is Stephanie Ickes and her email address is stephanie.ickes@ocps.net. Mrs. Ickes can be reached at 407-245-1800, ext. 2237.



SAC News

The School Advisory Committee meets to discuss school achievement data (how well we're doing on state and district tests) and the strategies that are in place to keep our scores on the rise.

SAC meets with PTSA - the first meeting is Sept. 14th at 6:30pm in the library, but the majority of meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:15pm in the library. Those who cannot attend, but would like more information about SAC can e-mail MLE-SAC@OCPS.GAGGLE.NET to be placed on the e-mail distribution list for all SAC activities. Or, the minutes of all meetings are posted on the Lee Middle website for you to view at any time.

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News from SAFE

Our SAFE Program will be busy with our bullying prevention program. Mrs. Shirley will be teaching bullying prevention lessons to all our students to educate them about the definition of a bully, how to stop bullying, what a target of bullying can do, and our school rules and state laws about bullying. They will also be viewing a video about bullying and its effect on the victims of bullying. SAFE will also show a PSA each month on the morning news about bullying.

Our Lee Middle School website under SAFE has our bullying brochure online with informative website addresses that are interactive such as "Stop Bullying Now." This site has a multitude of information-just click on the link!

SAFE will also be busy providing in-school counseling services for students who are having problems coping due to personal issues and groups for students with various issues such as anger management, grief and loss, poor self-esteem, and poor social skills.

SAFE will also be having various activities and information for students to educate them on the harmful effects of drug use and abuse during Red Ribbon Week. SAFE is also having a speaker come to Lee from the FL National Guard for an 8th Grade assembly.

SAFE also provides resources and information for our homeless and needy students through our PTA's Shared Blessings, giving out free backpacks and supplies, making social worker referrals, and connecting them to community agencies for financial help and free health services for those who qualify.

If you would like more information about our SAFE Program, please contact Mrs. Shirley in the SAFE office at X 2293.

Rebel Yell

This year, the Rebel Yell newspaper will be put together in an actual class. Mrs. Keeler's 1st period Journalism class has been busy with the first issue of the year. After identifying story ideas, students learned some basic tips on interviewing, and then began the writing process. Putting together a school newspaper is not as easy as some of them thought. Besides articles, students have to take pictures, look for graphics to match the topics, and make the paper readable for everyone. Students have already come up with some great ideas to make the paper even better than before.

Once the first issue is completed, an electronic version will be available for viewing through the Lee Middle School web site.

If you would like to help offset the costs of the Rebel Yell, there is one easy way to do so. Clip the Box Tops off specially marked products and send them in with your child. The more box tops we get, the more issues we can publish.

As always, thank you for your support.

News from the Library

The media center is open at 9:10am for students to come in before school to check out books, take Reading Counts tests, do research, etc. Lots of students use this time before school to visit us!

The library is collecting used books for teachers' classroom libraries. If your child has any books that he/she no longer reads, we would love to have them!

Families have access to our library catalog online from home <http://destiny.ocps.net>. There are recommended reading lists for every grade level and interest. Contact Mrs. Barry to set up a user account to view your child's personal checkout information and reserve books online! Remember, you can order books online also from the Orange County Public Library's website <http://www.ocpls.info>. They ship the items to your home, and Mrs. Barry will return them for you on any school night.

Guidance Department

From registration and scheduling to time management strategies and counseling, we are here to provide quality guidance services to our students and their families. Over the next few months, school counselors will be meeting with students individually and will also be providing large group instruction to all grade levels. Information on magnet programs, interest inventories and study skills are just a few topics that will be presented to our students.

As we start a new school year, we would like to provide you with some important information regarding contacts with our school counselors and registrar. Mrs. Jay is the 6th grade and 7th grade A-L School Counselor and can be reached at 407-245-1800 ext.2305 or via e-mail at jill.jay@ocps.net. Mrs. Rauch is the 8th grade and 7th grade M-Z School Counselor and can be reached at 407-245-1800 ext.2291 or via e-mail at tiffany.rauch@ocps.net.

If you are looking to set up parent teacher conference, a meeting with the counselor, or need information on registration or withdrawals, please contact our registrar, Jennifer Ferguson, at 407-245-1800 ext. 2225 or e-mail her at Jenniferdorothea.ferguson@ocps.net. Our guidance department will be happy to assist you.

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Fall Greetings from PTSA!

Your Lee PTSA has been busy working to help provide another successful school year on and off campus. This fall is no different.

October 1st, PTSA will be wrapping up a six week membership drive which included all parents, students, and staff at Lee. PTSA needs your support to continue to enhance your child's Middle School experience on and off campus. If you have not yet had the opportunity to join Lee PTSA this school year you can still join. Simply print the Membership form from the school web site and attach \$5 cash or check to Lee PTSA and send it in to school with your child. It is that easy! There is still time to join PTSA and become an informed and involved parent at Lee.

The 2nd Annual Direct Appeal Campaign is in full swing at Lee. PTSA will not ask you or your child to sell cookie dough, magazines, or wrapping paper; among other items to raise funds to support PTSA sponsored programs and events. We are simply appealing to the families of each student to donate directly to the PTSA. One hundred percent of each donation will stay at Lee and will be used to support programs run by the PTSA. These programs directly contribute to the students and staff and Lee Middle School. Programs affected by your donations are: The Renaissance Academic Incentive Program, Family Fun Nights, Campus Beautification, Staff Appreciation Events, and many more. Any amount you, your family, or your business would thoughtfully consider donating to help Lee PTSA achieve our \$10,000 goal would be greatly appreciated. Without your financial support we could lose these programs.

Speaking of PTSA sponsored events...PTSA will be hosting the first Family Fun Night of the year. Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of roller skating at Semoran Skateway on Wednesday, Oct. 5th from 6:30 until 8:30. The cost for all Skaters is \$5. Teachers can skate for free! A second planned night of family fun sponsored by the PTSA is going to be at Bowl America in Winter Park on Wednesday, November 16th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. For \$9 you will bowl 2 games. This price also includes shoe rental. Come out and join your Lee family for an evening of fun rolling or bowling!

The new dress code policy is definitely picking up momentum on campus. The very popular new Lee t-shirts are still available through PTSA for only \$10. The t-shirts are an acceptable option to this school years new uniform dress code and can be worn any day of the week. T-shirts may be purchased at any PTSA meeting or by contacting leems.ptsa@gmail.com or calling 407-245-1800 ext. 2306.

Are your evenings busy with dinner, sports, and homework? Join PTSA for a lunch time meeting. This year all PTSA meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 12:15 – 1:15 pm in the Media Center. Check the school web site for exact dates. Bring your lunch and join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information on Lee PTSA check out Lee PTSA on the school Web site, friend us on Facebook ~ Lee Middle School PTSA, email contact is Leems.ptsa@gmail.com or call 407-245-1800 ext.2306.

Kim Waldron

Lee MS PTSA President

Reading Moves to the "Next Generation!"

The Reading Department is excited to announce the new program for our students—Read 180, Next Gen. Yes, we have been using Read 180 for a few years at Lee MS, but we are fortunate to get the newest edition of the program for the 2011 – 12 school year!

Read 180 is a research based intensive reading curriculum. Basically, "research based" means the components of the curriculum have been proven over time to help students significantly improve their reading levels. The curriculum has four parts: Whole and Small Group Instruction, Computer and Independent Reading.

In whole group, the teacher presents a short lesson on a topic that relates to what the students are studying in small group. Whole group is also the time where class business might be addressed—such as group rotation changes, or introduction of key FCAT concepts.

During small group, students have the opportunity to participate in active discussions, get clarification with areas that are confusing, and write responses or paragraphs which all reinforce the reading process, including comprehension, or identifying the main idea and supporting details or the sequence of events.

Computer time is self-paced reading time with a variety of learning activities included. The computer has measured each student's reading level. It then presents a story followed by vocabulary and spelling lessons. New with Next Gen is a writing assignment that relates to all of the lessons that are part of the current reading segment. The students write their response to a prompt directly on the computer. The teacher sees the students' work and provides feedback as well as a grade for the writing. A student completes work in each of the "Zones" and is advanced to the next story—and probably the next higher reading level.

Independent Reading is the opportunity for the students to choose their own books to read! They can choose fiction or non-fiction and are guided in choosing books at or a little above their measured reading level. Once they complete a book, they take a Reading Counts quiz that measures the basic comprehension of the book. Additionally, they might be asked to complete a short project about what they have read.

Next Gen takes all of the good things from the previous program and strengthens them to meet the requirements of 21st century learning and learners! For instance, students will be able to monitor their own progress on their "dashboards" where they will see results of previous work and what is next with their tasks.

It is shaping up to be a GREAT year in the Reading Department! Check out our website for what is happening. Go to the Lee MS home page; click on Academics and Curriculum; scroll down to Reading. There the department posts updates and assignments along with helpful reading tips for families!



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Wellness

The more active people are, the more calories they burn. Children and teens should be physically active for at least 60 minutes most or all days of the week. To help your children be more active:

- Limit time in front of the TV and computer to less than 2 hours a day.
- Get them to help with chores such as raking leaves and vacuuming rugs.
- If you live close to the school have your children walk or ride their bikes instead of giving them a ride, walk or ride with them, if possible.
- Be active as a family. Go for walks, ride bikes, jump rope, or play basketball together.
- Set a good example by being active yourself.

For children some of the advantages of being physically active are:

1. It helps them to develop healthy bones, muscles, joints, heart and lungs.
2. It improves coordination and movement control.
3. Assists in maintaining a healthy body weight.
4. Physical activity can decrease the intensity of anxiety and depression, and build self-confidence.

With all of these advantages and means for exercise let's help our kids get out there.



Transportation

Just a reminder-please make sure that your students are riding the trip number that was provided at the time of registration. If you move during the school year, it is important to register your change of address with the school. The address change may or may not affect the trip number that your student rides. Every student is registered to ride a designated trip number. If a student does not ride the correct trip number, he or she will be considered trespassing, and may be subject to disciplinary action. Also, if a student is experiencing problems on a particular bus, please notify the school. This is not a reason to switch student's bus route however, we want to make sure that your student is safely arriving to and from school.

Also, if your student has an issue while riding the school bus, please contact Stephanie Ickes, 7th Grade Dean at extension 2237, for assistance. If you would like to speak with transportation directly, please contact 407-317-3800.

Yearbook

Our students are hard at work on this year's Memory Book. Our goal is to make this year's book the best one yet. The Memory book journalism class will be participating in fundraising by selling ad space in the book. Look for them in your neighborhood soon. Book prices start at \$25 for a plain book and \$28 for name stamps or name plates. Unfortunately, students will not have the option of having their pictures on the cover this year. Order forms will be available in the media center, the front office, and from your child's Language Arts teacher.

We will also be raising money to help less fortunate students who would like to have a book but are unable to purchase one. If you would like to contribute by donating items or money to help with our fundraising, please contact Ms. Benjamin at 407-245-1800 ext 2285.

We look forward to another fantastic year and an opportunity to showcase our creativity.



What is Title I?

Title I is a federal program that has been in existence since 1965. The goal of Title I is to provide instructional services and activities to meet the needs of educationally disadvantaged children. It is part of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation from the federal government.

Title I resources are distributed to schools where needs are the greatest, in amounts sufficient to make a difference in the improvement of instruction.

Title I provides greater decision-making authority and flexibility within the schools and for teachers. However, greater responsibility for student performance is the exchange made for this flexibility.

Parent Involvement in Title I Planning

Lee Middle School is continually monitoring the implementation of its Title I plan and welcomes input from parents regarding its current and future Title I plans and activities. Please join us for the **Parental Involvement Meetings, from 5:30 – 6:30 PM, in the Media Center:**

Title I – Parental Involvement Meetings

Meeting Dates:

(2nd Wednesday of every month)

- § Wednesday, 9/14/2011
- § Wednesday, 10/12/2011
- § Wednesday, 11/9/2011
- § Wednesday, 12/14/2011
- § Wednesday, 1/11/2012
- § Wednesday, 2/8/2012
- § Wednesday, 3/14/2012
- § Wednesday, 4/11/2012
- § Wednesday, 5/9/2012

If you have comments or suggestions regarding Title I, please contact Theresa Hearn, Assistant Principal, at (407) 245-1800, ext. 2237.

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Department News



Language Arts

Language Arts classes are working out of all new textbooks this year. McDougal Littell's Literature books are filled with both classic and contemporary literature. In addition, SpringBoard is also being used to enhance classroom instruction.

6th grade

Britt Blakey
Ann Furstace
Diane Hodgman

In 6th students have been studying character and point of view in fiction, nonfiction, poetry and media. In their studies the elements of plot, conflict and setting have also been covered. Students have taken the elements even further and practiced them in their writing assignments. Authors read have included Ray Bradbury, Gary Paulsen, and Robert Frost.

7th grade

Jamie Lundy
Eric Twachtman
Elizabeth Hastings

We will be continuing to study plot, character, theme, and reading strategies by reading stories from the textbook. We will also be working from the Springboard mythology unit, and continuing to practice vocabulary strategies and improve grammar skills. Also, we will go over and practice writing 7 paragraph essays. Every Wednesday the students will be expected to read for Reading Counts, and utilize skills taught in the day's reading strategies mini lesson.

8th grade

Goldine Benjamin
Eric Twachtman
Doris Keeler

It is a busy year for 8th grade Language Arts. The first semester has focused on all of the elements that make a story worth telling, including conflict, plot, characters, point of view and theme. Students are also busy practicing their writing skills. Eighth graders will take the FCAT Writes test this year so writing is a large focus for the year. From the brainstorming to the writing of final drafts, student writing has already improved.

As always we continue to encourage you to check your student's agenda for daily assignments, homework, and communications from teachers. The agenda is an effective tool for success. Look at the daily assignments and ask to see graded work or check over your student's homework. Progressbook is a great way to keep up with your child's grades. Should you ever have a question about an assignment or a grade, do not hesitate to ask.



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The IB / MYP (Middle Years Programme) is in its fifth year at Lee Middle School and this is a big year for the programme. Teachers and administrators have been working diligently to prepare for the Evaluation Meeting in November. Two individuals from the International Baccalaureate Organization visited our school for two days to see what we are doing right and to help us further improve the MYP at Lee.

Community service has changed for this school year. Even though we strongly advise students to participate in service opportunities around campus and the community, there are no set hours students have to complete to remain in the program. We have set up four achievement levels and students who complete these levels will be recognized at our end of the school year celebration. Last year our students in all three grade levels logged more than 2800 hours of community service! In addition, the Lee IB program donated nearly \$800.00 last year to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

An IB potluck dinner was held September 20th in the Lee cafeteria. Mrs. Keeler, MYP Coordinator, presented a brief summary of the program and solicited parent support for the November visit.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Keeler at doris.keeler@ocps.net

Math Department

Welcome back to another school year! We are pleased to have three new teachers in the Math Department this year. We have been joined by Heather Madison (6th grade), Heather Parker (6th grade), and Kayce Amlong (8th grade). Carl Howard has also joined the Math Department and is teaching 8th grade Math this year. We welcome all these teachers and look forward to their contributions to the education of our children.

Parents are encouraged to participate fully in the educational process by keeping in touch with teachers by phone, through emails, and by checking Progress Book on a regular basis. Check your student's agenda for assignments and other items of interest. Talk to your child about what topics were discussed in class. Look over their homework regularly. Get involved. We need strong parental support!

The primary focus over the next three months for the grade levels will be:

6th Grade (Dietz, Madison, Parker) - Sixth graders will start with order of operations and exponents. Next up will be operations with decimals and fractions. The goal is to develop an understanding of the relationship between decimals, fractions, and percents in order to be able to represent real world situations in mathematical terms.

7th Grade (Carroll, Clark, Lipan) - Seventh graders will begin the year with a complete study of integers. Students will understand the effect of the four basic operations on integers. Following integers, the students will begin learning how to solve one-step and two-step equations. Finally, during the first term, students will begin to explore how ratios and proportions are used in modeling real world problems.

8th Grade (Amlong, Howard, Quinton) - Eighth grade students will focus on many concepts during the fall term. They will begin with writing and evaluating algebraic expressions. Then they will study absolute value and operations with integers. A study of rational numbers will lead into the concept of graphing using a coordinate plane. As the unit on graphing concludes, students will move into the interpretation of graphs and tables. The final area to be studied will include exponents and scientific notation.

Honors classes (Carr) - Algebra I Honors classes will begin working with variables and expressions and quickly move into the order of operations and evaluating expressions. Real numbers will be studied as an introduction to solving multi-step equations. Following a thorough study of equations, the students will begin working with inequalities. A focus on the use of technology will be presented during the entire year.

The Geometry Honors students will be studying points, lines, and planes. Concepts will include measurement of angles, angle pairs, midpoint and distance formulas, and perimeter, circumference, and area of circles. Next, the students will begin working with triangle congruence theorems and will move into similarity of triangles.

Science Department

6th Grade Life Science - Milton, Mistroff, and Cechman. Sixth graders will use hands on experiences to delve into the characteristics and organization of living things. They will understand the basic differences between the six kingdoms and how to identify organisms using dichotomous keys. After Thanksgiving break, we will begin our unit on cell structures including parts of the cell and cell reproduction.

7th Grade Physical Science - Berry, Dennis, and James. In the next few months we will be covering properties of matter, waves and energy. The students will be playing with slinky's, doing hands on activities and measuring objects for volume, density, mass, and weight.

8th Grade Earth/Space Science - Dennis, Henderson, and Klein. Our students will be studying Astronomy for the 1st and 2nd nine weeks. All students will be participating in various hands-on-activities/labs. Students in Ms. Klein's Science classes keep an Interactive Science Lab Book and it should be used for all science work. Parents can check the lab book for daily work. Lab books should also be used to study for tests. All homework and projects need to be turned in on the due date. Honors students will be taking their mid-term exam at the end of the first semester.

Social Studies

6th Grade Ancient History:

We will be finishing the *What are Ancient Civilizations?* Unit and will begin our studies on the Fertile Crescent/Mesopotamia (The First Civilization). This will entail learning the importance of the Tigris and Euphrates's Rivers influence on trade, the creation of writing, and the political and cultural achievements. Students will do their first Document Based Questioning (DBQ) Activity on Hammurabi's Code. Then we will begin a new journey on Ancient Egypt for the second half of the 2nd Nine Weeks. Some of the topics we explore are the connections between religion and government, the social classes, and science and math inventions.

Be on the lookout for individual or group projects, and tests in your student's class. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your student's 6th grade Social Studies teacher: kacie.cooper@ocps.net, luz.fernandez@ocps.net, diane.hodgeman@ocps.net, or tiffany.solomita@ocps.net.

7th Grade Civics:

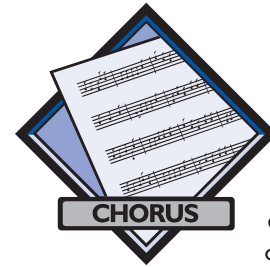
We are currently finishing a Document Based Question (DBQ) Activity on *Citizenship in Athens and Rome*. Then we will shift our focus to United States Geography. Students will memorize the 50 states and capitals. In addition, they will learn the about the major cultural and physical landmarks of the United States. We will start the second nine weeks with the foundations of government. They will explore a variety of topics: different forms and systems of government, the Enlightenment philosophers, and influential documents like the Magna Carta and Common Sense. Then we will analyze the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the US Constitution.

Look for upcoming tests and projects in your student's class. Please make sure your student has the correct supplies for class everyday and is completing their homework assignments. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your student's 7th grade geography teacher: mandy.arias@ocps.net, esther.feliu@ocps.net, or luz.fernandez@ocps.net, gabriel.yopack@ocps.net.

8th Grade U.S. History:

Students are currently studying the causes of the American Revolution. Then, they will learn the Revolutionary War with a specific focus on the Declaration of Independence and major battles (i.e. Lexington/Concord, Saratoga, and Yorktown). We will do a Document Based Question (DBQ) activity on *Valley Forge: Would You Have Quit?* Our focus will then shift to the shaping of our nation. We will investigate the Constitutional Conventions and the Articles of Confederation. In addition, we will conduct an analysis on the Constitution.

Look for upcoming tests and projects in your student's class. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your student's 8th grade history teacher: joseph.beier@ocps.net, william.brady@ocps.net, or luz.fernandez@ocps.net.



Chorus

Lee's chorus is getting off to a great start this year. Students are preparing for all-state auditions on September 22 and October 22. All-County chorus registration will be October 15th. The first practice will be November 29th from 5:30 until 7:30 PM at either Olympia or Chain of Lakes Middle School. The next practice will be January 23rd and then the all day event will be January 27th all at the same location. On January 28th the students will rehearse from 10:00 until 12 and the performance will be at 2 at the Calvary Assembly. We will be able to take about 6 6th graders and 6 7th and 8th graders combined.

We have been learning rounds. Ask your student to sing one for you. Our winter concert will be in early December. I will send out that date to you as soon as it is available.

Orchestra

The Lee Orchestra program is starting off in full swing. All state auditions are in September as well as All-County auditions. The All-County festival will be at Edgewater this year occurring with rehearsals on Nov.3, 10 and 11 with a concert on Nov.12 at 4 PM at the Edgewater High School. We will be sending in the order for concert dress for the advanced orchestra in October. Our December winter concert will be early in December with the date coming home to you soon.



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NJHS

The National Junior Honor Society has an exciting three months of activities planned to close out the fall semester. Members will be selling Halloween Boo-Grams, during lunches, starting from October 17th through October 21st; proceeds will benefit a local charity.

Mark your calendars! NJHS' annual Thanksgiving Dinner will take place on Thursday, November 17th at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Everyone from the Lee Community is invited to attend. Donations will be accepted at the door.

The holiday season will see our members visiting a pre-K class at Grand Avenue Elementary and also collecting toys for the USMC's Toys-for-Tots toy drive. The drive will run from December 5th through December 13th. If you need more information about any of these events or would like to make a donation, please contact Dr. Carr at Alexander.Carr@ocps.net.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes kicked off another event-filled year with the **See You At The Pole** ceremony on September 28. FCA members gathered at the flagpole in front of the school to pray for everyone at Lee Middle School. The annual observance was used to gain momentum for the year as new and old members met to commit themselves to high standards of service and leadership on campus.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is open to all Lee students and everyone is invited to attend the meetings and functions of the group. The next three meetings will be held before school on October 5, November 2, and December 7 from 8:00 to 9:00. Announcements will be made on Lee TV and over the intercom to remind everyone of the upcoming meetings. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Dr. Carroll in room 110.



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