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Leesburg High School Times

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Jacket Nation!

It is hard to believe we are wrapping up this school year already. The Hive is buzzing with excitement and activities with graduation festivities, awards ceremonies, testing, and planning for next year. As we reflect on this past year, we have much to be proud of in the Jacket Nation. Lake County Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Tammy Jerkins, epitomizes what all educators should strive to be and we are so proud she will represent LHS and Lake County this upcoming year. Our boys' basketball team won the state championship with an amazing run and demonstrated tremendous teamwork and selflessness as they overcame adversity on their quest to a state title. Our students involved in the Jefferson Awards project demonstrated that our students understand the importance of community service and giving back, logging an impressive amount of hours while involved in a variety of projects. Our band was also recognized as among the very best in the nation, having been selected from hundreds of bands around the country to go perform in Washington D.C. this spring. I could go on and on with nationally recognized artist, athletes, and scholars. Our students' accomplishments are a testimony to our dedicated teachers, staff, and coaches that give their time and energy to support our students endeavors. I am so proud of our LHS family's commitment to helping our students reach their full potential, both as students and as productive citizens.

As the year ends, I wanted to thank all of the Jacket Nation for their ongoing support. We could not accomplish all that we have this year at LHS without the help and contributions of so many dedicated parents, families, and community members. As your principal, I am proud to serve a school community that understands that we will not reach our goals unless we all work together.

The summer will be here soon, but LHS will still have many activities going on. Please refer to our website for a list of events, calendars, and information on what is going on this summer. Again, thank you for a very successful year and, working together, we look forward to an even better 2017-2018.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Neal
Principal

Administration

Principal
Dennis Neal

Assistant Principals
Porshiale Byfield, 10th
Karla Clark, 9th
Tammy Demps
Clarence Truitt, 11th & 12th

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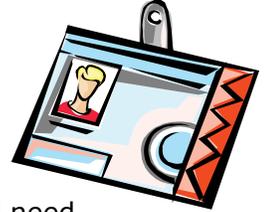
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2017-2018 Student Calendar

July 26	Leesburg High Freshman Orientation 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (Wednesday)
Aug. 10	First day of Classes (Thursday)
Sept. 4	Labor Day/Student Holiday (Monday)
October 16	Non-Student Day/Teacher Work Day (Monday)
Nov. 20-24	Thanksgiving Holiday/Student Holiday (Mon. – Fri.)
Dec. 21 -Jan. 3	Winter Break
January 4	Classes Resume (Thursday)
Jan. 15	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday/Student Holiday (Monday)
Feb. 19	Presidents' Day/Student Holiday (Monday)
March 16	Non-Student Day/Teacher Work Day (Friday)
March 19-23	Spring Break (Mon. – Fri.)
March 30	Non-Student Day (Storm Make-Up Day) (Friday)
May 24	Last Day of Classes (Thursday)

Student's Picture ID's

All students from Carver Middle, Oak Park Middle and New Incoming Students will need a Student ID Badge.



Ms. Nash will be preparing badges during the summer at LHS in Building 4:

July 10 – August 10, 2017

Monday – Thursday

7:00 am – 3:30 pm

*Closed during lunch:
11:00 am – 12:00 noon*

Summer Enrollment

Incoming 9th grade students from Carver Middle and Oak Park Middle will not need to register. Students enrolling at Leesburg High for the first time will need to register.

You will need the following documentation to begin the enrollment process:

- Immunizations
- Physical - (Florida Physical is required for all Out-of-State Students only if current physical is over a year old)
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Proof of Residence – 2 Forms (Utility Bill, Utility Deposit Receipt, Rental/Lease Agreement or Cable Bill)
- Transcript/Withdrawal grades from prior school
- Special Education Records (Copy of last IEP, Evaluations etc.)
- Florida Driver's License or Completed Voters Registration Form

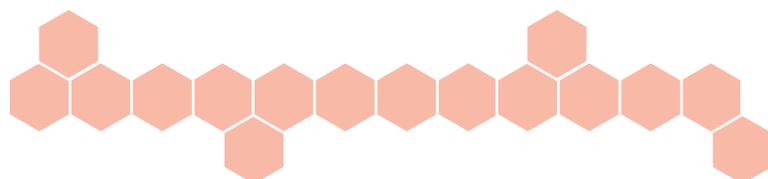
The following web sites or contact numbers may assist you with any further information you may need:

- Lake County Schools website: <http://lake.k12.fl.us>
- Leesburg High School: www.lhsyellowjackets.com
- Skyward: Parent On-line Gradebook: <http://grades.lake.k12.fl.us> (EA+)
- Transportation: (352) 728-2561
- Food Services: (352) 742-6968
- School Insurance: www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com
- Leesburg Health Center/2113 Griffin Road/Leesburg, FL 34748/(352) 360-6548

Registration Summer Hours

8:00 – 3:00 pm (closed 11:30-12:30 pm)

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday



Envirothon

Congratulations to the following for their outstanding academic performance in the Lake Regional Envirothon. First place team will advance to the state Envirothon at Myakka State Park.

1st Place - Squirrel Scouts - Andrew Robinson, Caleb Clayton, Graham Matthews, Alyssa Frates, and Ben Palmeri.

2nd Place - Super Soilers - Noah Pruitt, Lizza Burry, Bryan Nguyen, Elena Monahan, and Shelby Cotta.



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The HOPE Academy Summer Program

Dear Parents or Guardians,

Leesburg High School is proud to introduce the HOPE Academy Summer Program. This unique program provides your child an opportunity to improve their academics by increasing their GPA, and recover credits in order for them to meet their graduation requirements. Courses will be offered through Edgenuity, which is a computer-based learning program.

The HOPE Academy Summer Program:

- June 5th – June 29th
- Session 1– 8:00am – 12:00pm
- Session 2– 1:00pm – 4:00pm
- Breakfast and Lunch served
- Program is free

Students can register at any time and if you are interested please email Mr. Derrick King: kingd1@lake.k12.fl.us.

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Summer Activities To Do This Summer

By: Don Herold

This is a re-post of an article by Kevin McMullen. Summer should be a time to sleep in and enjoy your friends company, but sitting on the couch every day playing video games or playing with your cellphone will not help you get ready for college. Colleges look to see that you are a well-rounded person, able to bring some good traits with you to their college. The Bright Future scholarship looks for between 75 and 100 volunteer hours. Get a bunch every year and you will reach that goal in no time! Do something for someone else. You will be amazed how good it makes you feel.

Here is Kevin's list. I changed number 50 to have you let me know what you did over the summer. The person that does the most during the summer and emails me will have a special prize waiting for them in August (you must have proof of what you do so documentation is important). Have a great summer!!

50 Ways to Spend Your Summer

1. Take an interesting class at your local community college.
2. Get a part-time job at the mall.
3. See how many books you can read this summer.
4. Work in your family's business. Consider doing so for free.
5. Think of ten people—teachers, coaches, family members, relatives—who deserve your thanks. Write them a hand-written letter of at least one page expressing your appreciation and detailing how they have influenced you. Tell them what you are going to do to make them proud and spend the summer doing it.
6. Take saxophone lessons.
7. Coach little league. Or basketball. Or soccer.
8. Work at a summer camp.
9. Volunteer at the local mobile health clinic, or the animal shelter, or the public library.
10. Tutor kids.
11. Start a business with your friends.
12. Set a goal that you are 99% certain you won't be able to achieve this summer. Then go all out and try to achieve it as though your life depended on it. You'll either get there or get much, much closer than you were at the beginning of the summer.
13. Learn how to write computer programs.
14. Read to the blind.
15. Teach something.
16. Learn to paint.
17. Pick something that really interests you and see how far you can go with it.
18. Take classes to become an emergency medical technician.
19. Learn sign language.
20. Pick a cause in your community that you care about. Find groups who care about it, too. Organize people.
21. Offer to intern for free someplace where the work seems interesting, like the city councilman's office, or an advertising agency, or the local newspaper.
22. Play guitar at coffee shops and see how much money you can make this summer.
23. Learn CPR.
24. Cook dinner for your family once a week. Each time, learn a new dish that you prepare. Write your recipes down and make your own family cookbook.
25. Volunteer to lead tours of local state parks.
26. Buy a college guidebook and learn as much as you can about 20 colleges you know nothing about today.
27. Raise money for someone or something that needs it.
28. Learn something that is pure fun, like bongos or hip hop dance or how to make your own purses (check out your local community colleges' "community education" programs).
29. Pick something you love and figure out how to use it to make contributions to others, like playing piano in a jazz band, teaching residents at a retirement home how to use a computer, or helping run the lights for a play at the community theater.
30. Work full time and give all the money to a charity of your choice at the end of the summer.
31. Pick a subject that fascinates you and challenge yourself to learn as much as possible about it.
32. Learn karate.
33. Teach karate.
34. Join a book club.
35. Organize a book club.
36. Go to your school principal and ask what you could do, for free, to improve the school. You could paint a classroom, clean lockers, or refurbish the lunch

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- benches. Better yet, enlist five friends to do it with you. Don't just tell colleges you want to make an impact. Make one.
37. Set a goal to learn as many new things as possible this summer—facts, skills, concepts, etc. Write a blog detailing what you've learned so you can share it with cyberspace.
 38. Build an iPhone app.
 39. Master one subject or skill you currently don't know anything about.
 40. Hold informal soccer conditioning workouts, or barbecues for the new student council members so you can get to know each other better, or meetings at Starbucks with your co-editors to brainstorm story ideas for the paper this fall. Show colleges you can organize people and lead them.
 41. Have a neighborhood bake sale for the French Club in which all sales are conducted in French.
 42. Get a group of kids from the drama club together and enroll in an improv class.
 43. Pick a classic author and read all of his or her works. Find out what all the fuss is about Twain or Hemingway or Plath or Dickinson.
 44. Take the hardest college class you can find and enroll in it "not-for-credit" so you can challenge yourself with impunity.
 45. Visit as many colleges as you can in a 30 mile radius of your house. Take your friends with you. Write your own reviews of each school and share them with people.
 46. Learn to cut and style hair. You'll be a savior during prom season.
 47. Vow not to watch any TV this summer. Not one single second. Pick something cool and fun and productive to do instead.
 48. Find a class offered at a local college that looks fascinating. Email the professor and ask if you can sit in on a session or two just to experience what the class is like.
 49. Train to run a 10k, or a half-marathon, or a marathon, or to do a triathlon. And get your friends to join and train with you. Consider raising money with your efforts and donating to a worthy cause.
 50. Pick the five most enticing things on this list and do them. At the end of the summer, email me at heroldd@lake.k12.fl.us and tell me about your experiences.




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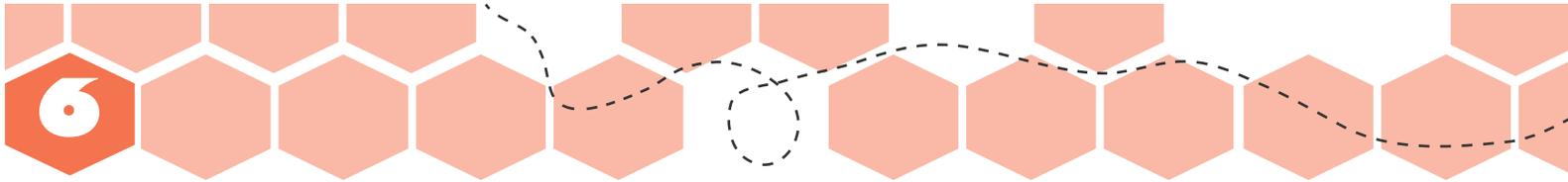
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Bridging the Gap Between Home and School

My name is Charlene Kee. I am the Family School Liaison at Leesburg High School. My role is to aid students and parents in ways that can help in having a successful school year. I am responsible for providing workshops and trainings for you as parents, in order to support your child's success in school.

As the year comes to an end I would like to thank all the parents who attended the monthly workshops. I hope the workshops were beneficial in supporting your child(ren). I also would like to thank Mr. Neal, Assistant Principals, Guidance Counselors, Teachers, Office Staff, District Staff and Custodians for all your support throughout the year supporting the Title I Programs.

The Family Engagement Center would not have been a success without community leaders. Thank you to the following for your donations and support:

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The Youth Outreach Umbrella

To our graduating seniors, Congratulations! I'll miss many of you stopping by for a snack, dress code, school and personal hygiene supplies or just to say hi. Always remember the saying "All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them."

I look forward to seeing all returning students, incoming 9th graders and parents at our first Title I Meeting / LHS Open House. You will have the opportunity to hear what Title I is all about and meet the Principal, Assistant Principals, Guidance Counselors and Teachers. This event will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2017. You will receive a reminder call out and a flyer.

Last but not least I hope you are enjoying the Leesburg High Times. Special thanks to Ms. Mary Bailey and Dr. Lisa Sabino for assisting with editing and everyone that submitted articles. Please look forward to Title I Workshops and happenings in the coming school year at Leesburg High.

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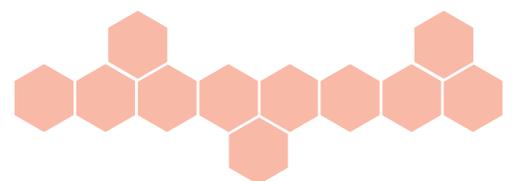
Teen Parent Program

Students! As you are now aware, LHS has a Teen Parent Program that works with teens who are pregnant or have children? We also work with guys who have a partner who is pregnant.

Summer is almost upon us. We will all be marching to our own tune for the summer, whether it is a vacation, working, or taking additional classes. We have more freedom in the summer for the fun activities we like to do. Be careful with your choices.

Should you need me, I will be back during teacher pre-plan in August. You can contact me through a guidance counselor, or if I've already seen you, find me in building 1, room 111A, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. I have an office where Mrs. Kee, Family and Community Liaison contact, is located.

Leah Moyer
Teen Parent Resource Teacher
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Jefferson Awards Foundation

Congratulations to the following Students in Action (SIA) team for their outstanding leadership in the Jefferson Awards Foundation competition.



Left to Right: Sami Chapman, Emily Bailey, Emilee Sprouse, Elena Monahan and Zach Robinson. (Not pictured) Alyssa Frates and Lizzy Burry.

Finalist for Florida Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Jerkins was chosen as one of the five finalists, chosen from a group of 73 teachers for the title of State Teacher of the Year. The announcement will be held at Orlando's Hard Rock live on July 13, 2017.

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Mrs. Tammy Jerkins, Finalist for Florida Teacher of the Year

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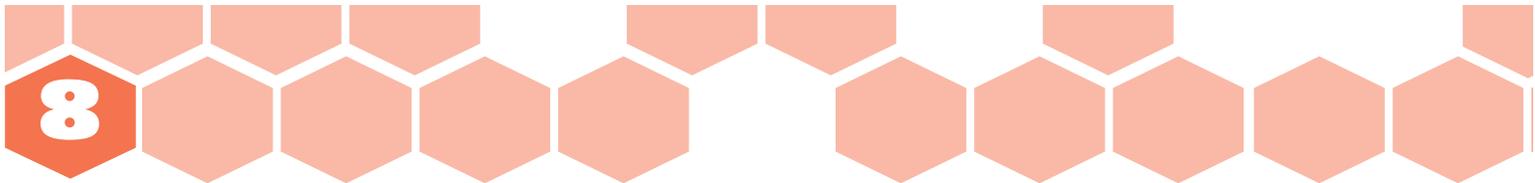
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Boys' Basketball Team Wins State Championship

Congratulations Leesburg High Boys 6A Basketball State Champions



Pictured left to right: Front row - Cordrayius Graham, Lance Erving, Calvin Heflin;

2nd row - Decorian Patterson, Trey Johnson;

3rd row - Jyre McCloud, Keon Ellis, Ernest Hagins and Quentin Peeples.

Head Coach: Sean Campbell

Coaches: Tramond Harris, Adrian Banks, Cam Smith and Berkley Carey

Summer Football Workout

Mr. Oates, Head Football Coach, will be having Summer Football workout starting on

May 30, 2017

from 8:00 - 10:00 am
in the LHS weight room.

