

# dolphins

Lake Mary  
Elementary

**October  
2018**

## October is National Bullying Awareness Month!

Lake Mary Elementary is committed to stomping out bullying! All administrators, teachers and staff at LME take bullying very seriously. In that regard, it's important to understand what bullying is. According to the Seminole County Student Conduct and Discipline pg 5, bullying is defined as “**systematically and chronically** inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students ... including unwanted and repeated written, verbal, or physical behavior threats. This includes any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture that is **severe or pervasive** enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment; cause discomfort or humiliation; or unreasonably interferes with the individual's school performance or participation.” Bullying is generally classified as an imbalance of power with the bully having the advantage over the victim. Bullying occurs when negative actions are repeated and occur over time. If you or your child feels that he or she is a victim of bullying, please report this information to your child's teacher or administration right away.

For more information or ideas on how to talk to your children about Bullying Prevention, please visit

[www.pacer.org/bullying](http://www.pacer.org/bullying)

**FLIPPER  
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**ONE**<sup>1</sup>  
One Year's Growth in One Year's Time



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **November & December**

11/6 5PM SAC Meeting

11/12 Veteran's Luncheon

\*See last page for more information

11/13 Teach In

**11/19-11/24**

**School Closed for  
Thanksgiving Holiday**

12/4 5PM SAC Meeting

12/6 6:30 Chorus & Orff  
Performance

**12/19-12/2**

**1PM Dismissal**

**12/24-1/4**

**School closed for Winter Break**

### **Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS)**

We are committed to providing high-quality instruction and support to promote the highest achievement of all students. We use a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) as a framework to maximize the success of all students. For more information about MTSS, please visit our website at:

[https://  
www.scps.k12.fl.us/  
district/departments/  
epathways/MTSS](https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/departments/epathways/MTSS)

Or access apparent informal video at :

[http://www.florida-  
rti.org/parentResources/  
videos.htm](http://www.florida-rti.org/parentResources/videos.htm)

### **Seminole County Teach In November 13, 2018**

Are you interested in being a teacher for an hour or even a day? If so, please consider volunteering for Seminole County Public School's Annual Teach In. This is a great opportunity for parents and community members to share a career, talent, hobby, or even read their favorite childhood book to a class.

Dr. Singleton is currently looking for classroom speakers to help make this event a success for Lake Mary Elementary. If you are interested in participating, please visit the [SCPS Teach In Page](#) to become an approved Seminole County Public School Speaker. All classroom speakers must be approved by the Community Involvement Office and all topics/materials must be approved in advance by Dr. Singleton.

For additional Information, please contact Dr. Singleton directly at 407-320-5601.

SCPS Teach In URL: [https://  
www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/  
departments/community-  
involvement/teach-in.shtml](https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/departments/community-involvement/teach-in.shtml)



Red Ribbon Week is from October 23-31.

This year's theme is "Life is a Journey. Travel Drug Free"

According to [redribbon.org](http://redribbon.org), children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't, yet only a quarter of teens report having these conversations.

For more information, please visit [www.redribbon.org](http://www.redribbon.org)

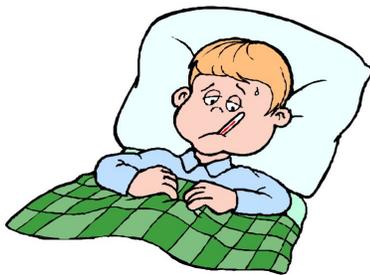
## Cold and Flu Season

This is the time of year when our students (and staff members) start catching a cold or the flu.

There are some basic preventative measures to help everyone stay healthy during this time of year:

- \* **Wash hands frequently**
- \* **Cover your nose and mouth if you have to sneeze or cough**
- \* **Maintain a balanced diet**
- \* **Get a good night's sleep**

If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or higher, you will be notified by the school to pick up your son or daughter. Also, if the fever continues or your child is vomiting, please keep him or her home for at least 24 hours after the symptoms have subsided without medication.



Remember...our clinic **cannot** administer any medications including over the counter medications without documentation from a doctor and signed forms on file.

## ADDITIONAL CLINIC NEEDS

With cold and flu season our clinic is in need of tissues and hand sanitizer. Any donations would be appreciated.

Our little ones occasionally have accidents during the day; therefore, our clinic is in desperate need of NEW undergarments for our students. Also if possible for our PreK, K and 1st grade students, please try to keep a clean set of clothes in your child's backpack, to change into if accidents happen.



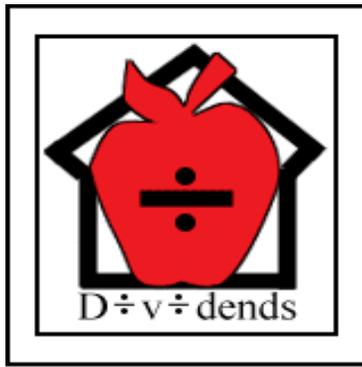
## School Reminders

When on campus please remember...

1. To park in designated parking spaces; not in the emergency or fire lanes.
2. The parking lot by the front office, is not a regular drop-off or pick-up for students during arrival and dismissal.
3. Animals are not permitted on campus. We have numerous students and staff members with allergies.
4. A Photo ID is required of all adults visiting campus. When leaving campus, please sign-out through the office.

## AN IMPORTANT NOTE FROM CITY HALL:

**The area surrounding City Hall is not a designated parking location for Lake Mary Elementary. We know many families park in this area and walk over the pedestrian bridge to pick up students during dismissal. Please consider alternatives for drop off and pick up of your children.**



Be a Volunteer- Apply Here

### WHAT'S A DIVIDEND?

A dividend is a Seminole County Public School Volunteer. Serving as a Dividend is a great way to be involved with LME.

In order to properly screen Dividends for a discretionary activity, an applicant must provide his/her social security number on the application.

Applicants who decline to furnish a social security number may not serve as a school volunteer.

If you are interested in volunteering, please go to the Seminole County website and register. You must be registered and approved before you may assist in ANY manner. To register as a Dividend log into:

[www.scps.k12.fl.us/dividends/home.aspx](http://www.scps.k12.fl.us/dividends/home.aspx)

**Contact Dr. Melissa Singleton for volunteer opportunities at 407-320-5650.**

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

It is important to be on time (8:35 AM) and attend school daily. Students who frequently miss school are more likely to demonstrate deficiencies with academic skills resulting in the need for intervention or remedial lessons. Students with chronic absenteeism are referred to the school's social worker for interventions. If the problem persists, students and parents may be escalated to the school board attorney for truancy.

According to Seminole County School Board Policy, "An excused absence is defined as illness, death of a family member, family emergency (approved by the principal), and religious instruction or religious holidays.

### CELL PHONES

Students are allowed to bring cell phones and other electronic devices to school. All electronic devices should be turned off during the school day. Students are prohibited from using cell phones and devices during school hours. Please do not call or text your child during the school day. If you need to speak to your child, please call the main office at 407-320-5650. Lake Mary Elementary is not responsible for misplaced or broken electronic devices at school. Misuse of electronic devices may result in loss of privileges.

Some teachers may allow devices to be used for specified educational purposes. If this is the case, no student would be excluded from participating because they do not have a device.



SCPS Code of Conduct can be found online at [www.scps.k12.fl.us](http://www.scps.k12.fl.us)

## HOMWORK

LME understands there are a lot of family demands that take place after the school day. As a school, we are making an effort to decrease the amount of nightly homework assigned.

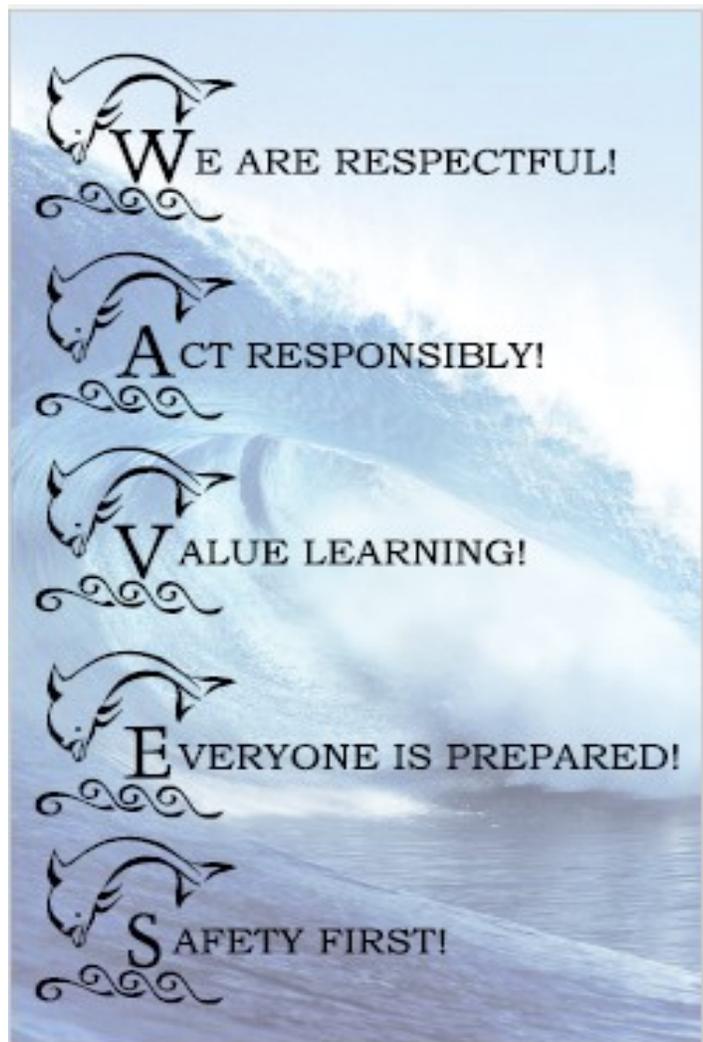
For English Language Arts, students should read 10-20 minutes nightly. Additionally, reading fluency is essential at the primary levels. Students should know their grade level sight words and Frye phrases.

For Math, students have assignments from their teacher. It is important that children have the opportunity to practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, and/or division facts (depending on grade level) nightly. Knowing their mathematical facts helps tremendously with more complex mathematical standards.

If you would like your child to have additional practice at home, i-Ready is available for all students through the Student Portal.

Other homework tasks are assigned as needed by the classroom teacher. If you have specific questions regarding homework, please contact your child's teacher.

LMES Dolphins are making "WAVES". This year, our PBIS Team is working diligently to continue school-wide "Positive Behavior" program. Ask your students how they are helping to make "WAVES" and how their teachers are reinforcing these "WAVES"!!



## Multiplication Facts

Currently our 3rd & 4th grade students are learning different ways to solve to multiplication problems and memorizing their multiplication facts. Developing multiplication fluency is an important foundational skill for advanced mathematical concepts. Please spend 5 to 10 minutes nightly with your child on memorizing multiplication facts.

**Congratulations to our first round of 4th Grade Multiplication Challenge Winners!**

**Ms. Lief's AM Block & Ms. Adam's PM Block**