

APRIL 2014

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LAKEWOOD PARK ELEMENTARY



Plan Ahead: MAY

- *NO EARLY DISMISSAL IN MAY*
- *Sunday, May 11th—Mother's Day*
- *Monday, May 26th—Memorial Day/Holiday for All*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 McTeacher's Night at McDonalds 5:30-7:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <i>FCAT</i>	15 <i>FCAT</i>	16 <i>FCAT</i>	17 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal Day <i>FCAT</i>	18 <i>Holiday For All</i>	19
20	21 <i>FCAT & Makeups</i>	22 <i>Earth Day</i> <i>FCAT 5th Grade</i>	23 <i>FCAT 5th Grade</i>	24 <i>FCAT Makeups</i>	25 <i>FCAT Makeups</i>	26
27	28	29 <i>Progress Reports</i>	30 <i>Student of the Month 2:00 p.m.</i>			

Dear Parents,

April will be a fabulous month as we begin with McTeachers' Night at our Indrio Road McDonald's on April 1st from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. There will be face painting, delicious food and plenty of good times with our Lakewood Park family and friends. Proceeds from this event will be used to support student incentives. We hope to see all of our families there on April 1st . . . No Fooling!

Spring is in the air and Lakewood Park Elementary has been blessed with some wonderful makeovers. The next time you are on campus, I hope you will take a moment to see some of the improvements that our spring cleaning and remodeling has produced. With the help of our school district, the Media Center is looking bright with a touch of paint, new flooring and baseboard trim. In addition to the Media Center, our stage area is sporting a new look with our refinished floor, newly painted walls and thanks to our Lakewood Park P.T.O. we have new stage curtains. Some of our classrooms and common areas had deep cleaning and new baseboards installed as well as updating of the floors and new carpets for our entryways. Finally, our clinic is sporting a new look as well. Spring is the time for growth and change and we are definitely experiencing positive changes that will become even richer over the summer.

Spring is also the time of year in which our third, fourth and fifth graders have the opportunity to show how much they have grown academically over the past year. Beginning April 14th and running through April 25th, the FCAT 2.0 assessment will be given. April 24th and 25th have been designated as make up days, however, we know that students achieve the most success when they are tested on the days assigned. For this reason, *it is essential that students are on time each morning.* Once the testing session begins, students will not be permitted to enter the classroom until the testing session ends. This is a very important time for our students and we are asking parents to help us by making sure that your students are getting plenty of sleep and that they are eating a nutritious breakfast each morning. You will find our FCAT Shirt Colors listed inside this month's newsletter. We are asking that our students and staff wear the color of the day in all classrooms from Pre-K through 5th grade. How exciting and motivating it is to all of our school family members supporting our intermediate students. Go Falcons!

In this month's newsletter you will find a section that delivers information about Kids At Hope. Already I have had the chance to see the philosophy that promotes Kids at Hope vs. Kids at Risk taking hold of the lives of some of our students. It is such a positive experience to talk with students about their hopes and dreams for the future and then to link the importance of what they are learning to their individual goals.

Finally, I want to thank our parents and family members for the support you have shown us over the past few months with our various school and community events. No matter what we need, it seems our Lakewood Park family is willing to step up to the plate and deliver a homerun of excellence in order to support and encourage our young Falcons. Together we can help our students succeed . . . No Exceptions!

Your Educational Partner,
Dianne Young, Principal



Information about Kids at Hope

HOPE! PRIDE! BELONGING!

That is the feeling one experiences walking through the hallways of a Kids at Hope school. It is a school that has embedded the Kids at Hope philosophy into a culture unusual to most schools! Visual displays throughout these buildings reflect the belief that every adult does, indeed, **believe, connect, and mental time travel with students**. Conversations are **positive and meaningful relationships** between adults and students are evident. Students are able to articulate what their **hopes and dreams** are for their future and truly believe they can attain their **goals**.

Kids at Hope is an international initiative that provides “HOPE” for the future of **ALL** of our students. Businesses and our community school are joining the vision and helping to establish a culture within a community that focuses on attitudes and beliefs that “**all children can succeed...NO EXCEPTIONS**”.

This philosophy is based on **Three Universal Truths**:

1. Children can succeed when they are surrounded by adults who *believe* in them, these adults are known as “treasure hunters”.
2. Children succeed when they have *meaningful relationships with caring adults*, these adults are known as “**ACES**”.
3. Children succeed when they can “*mental time travel*” to their future, known as *the “Four Destination of Life”* (Home and Family, Career and Education, Hobbies and Recreation, Community Service).

There are **Five Practices** in reinforcing the Three Universal Truths that one will experience at a Kids at Hope school:

BELIEF – surrounding children are adults who believe *ALL children are capable of success...NO exceptions!*

PLEDGES – there are two types of pledges recited daily, Kids at Hope and Treasure Hunters pledges. These pledges demonstrate and practice the power of positive talk.

REPORT CARDS – there are two types of “report cards”, as well. TEACHER and PARENT Report Cards validate skills, talents and multiple intelligences that build hope and confidence in our children. This ultimately leads to developing a child’s full potential.

PASSPORTS TO THE FUTURE - activities that offer children the opportunity to “mental time travel” into their future through four domains: Home & Family, Career & Education, Hobbies & Recreation and Community Service. Goals and dreams for the future offer HOPE to every child who experiences this “mental time travel”.

ACES TRACKING – validates and documents that all children in a school are connected to a caring adult in a meaningful and sustainable manner.

By adopting this research-based framework, schools and communities have observed the following:

*students perform better on academic tasks and are more self-motivated,

*children not only understand the concept of HOPE, they can articulate what it means to them,

*children are positive and optimistic and build a POSITIVE self-fulfilling prophecy,

*children learn and discover about personal strength,

*adults learn and practice how to measure a child’s potential and not just their behavior,

*adults practice and learn how to instill HOPE in **ALL children** and, adults learn and practice the importance of establishing meaningful and sustainable relationships.

Kids at Hope inspires, empowers and transforms families, schools, organizations, and communities to create an environment where all children experience success...

NO EXCEPTIONS!