



LYONS CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL PAW PRINT



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NEWSLETTER

"Sailing the Waves of Excellence While Anchored in Connection"

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

CUB CAMP ORIENTATION

Over 300 incoming 6th graders came to LCMS on August 8th to engage in mindful breathing, learn behavior expectations, hear advice from 8th graders, tour campus, learn about clubs/sports, meet teachers, engage in team-building activities and STEM competitions. Kudos to Ms. Wright & Ms. Ricketts for coordinating such an engaging event to connect with our cubs!

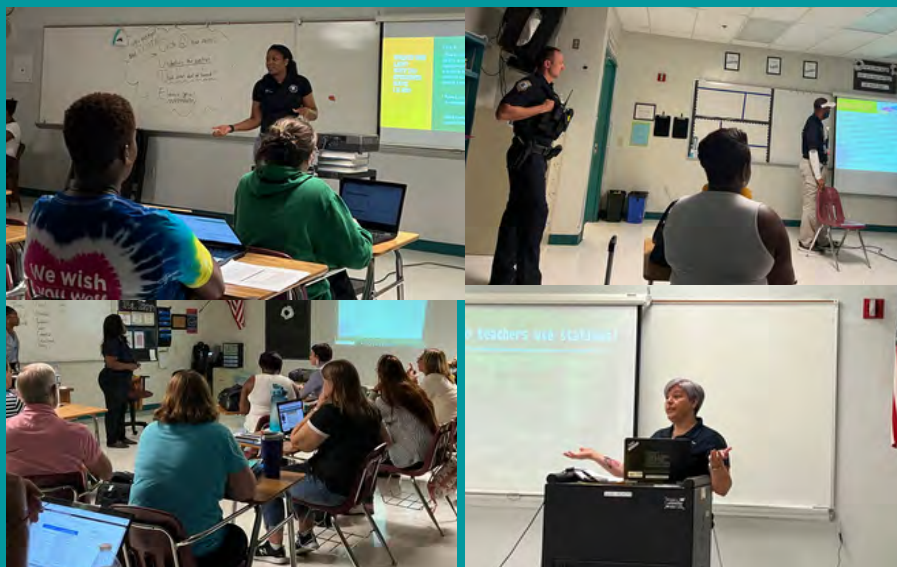


PRE-PLANNING WEEK

Project-Based Learning, Stations & Center-Based Lessons, Social-Emotional Infusion, and ESE/ELL Accommodation Trainings

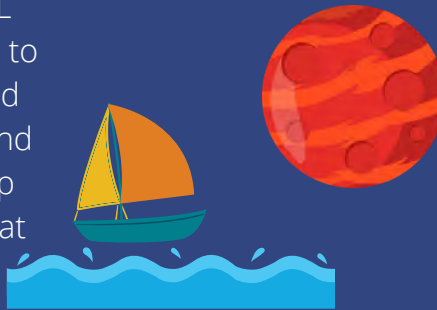
Kudos to Department Chairs, Administrators, & the following presenters:

- Behavior Interventions, De-Escalation Strategies - Ms. Leal, Ms. Wright
- Class Discipline/Routines & Parent Communication Best Practices - Mr. Senghor, Ms. Steegstra
- Conscious Discipline/SEL Infusion - Ms. McGill, Ms. Marzouca
- ESE/ELL Accommodations- Ms. Ricketts, Ms. Jasmin, Ms. Wright
- School-wide Procedures - Ms. Vega, Ms. Maynard, Ms. Konikoff, Mr. Guerrero
- Safety & Security- Ms. Aveni, Ms. Mays, Mr. Fair
- Stations & Center-Based Learning - Ms. Wilton, Ms. Hughes, Mr. Yesner, Ms. Penn
- Project-Based Learning - Ms. Elisier, Dr. Feldman, Ms. Shirley
- Technology Resources- Ms. Johnson, Ms. Tebo



LYONS "MISSION TO MARS" WINNERS

Project-based learning provides an opportunity to teach the standards in a meaningful, real-world application that cultivates Executive Brain Functioning Skills. Our teachers had a blast in our Pre-Planning Week PBL project. All teachers are encouraged to incorporate PBL in their lessons and collaborate with colleagues within and outside of content areas to develop meaningful learning experiences that apply the lessons learned!



LYONS' FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – AUGUST 16, 2022

Special Thanks to our Staff SEL Greeting of students at all entrances to kickoff the year & Special Guests:

- Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Mancini
- Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Motiwala
- Executive Director of Student Services, Ms. Hudge
- Director of Diversity & School Climate, Mr. Watkins
- Instructional Facilitator, Ms. Baptiste
- School Counseling, Ms. Felix
- Coconut Creek Commissioner Brodie
- Coconut Creek Police Sergeant Eberly

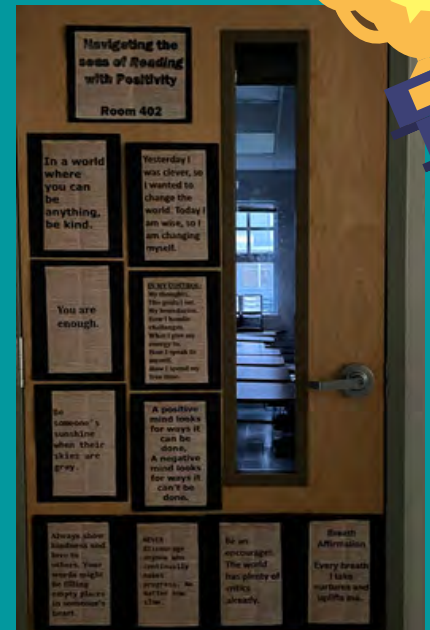


DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

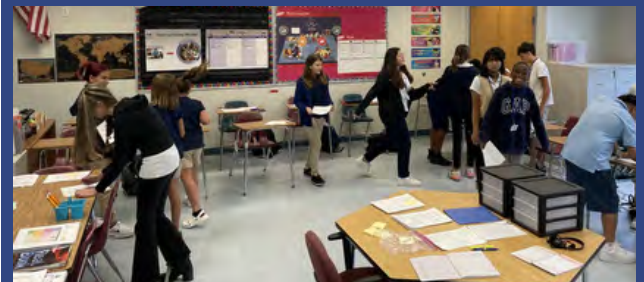


As we welcomed our students for the new school year, we had an opportunity to provide visual encouragement to inform them of our theme for the year. Special thanks to all staff who decorated their doors to create a positive, welcoming visual for our students.

Winners:
Ms. Hughes & Ms. Wilton!!!



Runners-Up:
Ms. Steegstra &
Ms. Williams!!!



SEL MOMENTS IN THE CLASSROOM



Ms. Wilton and Ms. Garcia coordinated social-emotional activities in their reading classes on the first week of school as students made personal connections to literacy!



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OPEN HOUSE

On September 1st & 8th, LCMS families attended a general session to learn important school information and Title 1 details, meet key staff, and partner with the school to support students' success. Then, families visited students' classrooms to meet teachers.



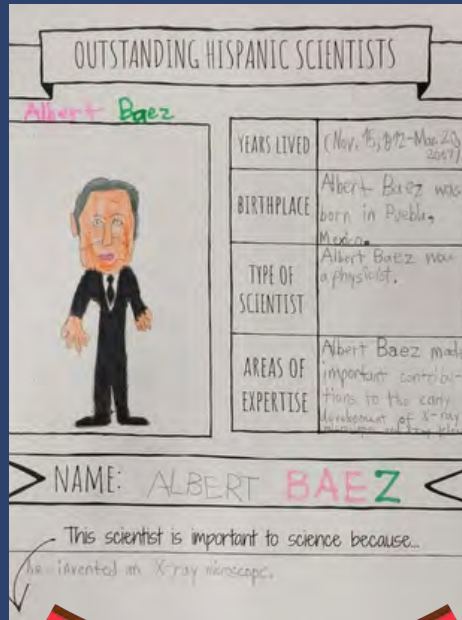
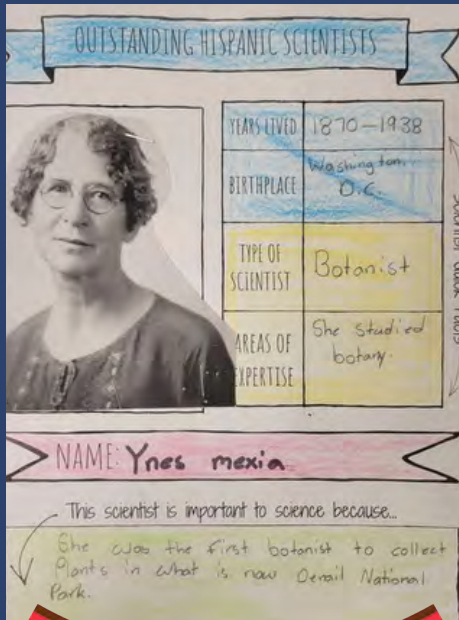
CURBSIDE CONNECTION



On September 13th for Interim Report Day, a team of staff members greeted 400 parents with a gift and a list of upcoming school/community dates while informing parents how to track student academic performance through Pinnacle.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Celebrating diversity & infusing culturally responsive teaching practices



**WEAR GREEN
FOR
PEACE WEEK**

LCMS students and faculty wore green on Friday, September 30th to celebrate Peace Week



ART PREVAILS PROJECT KICKOFF

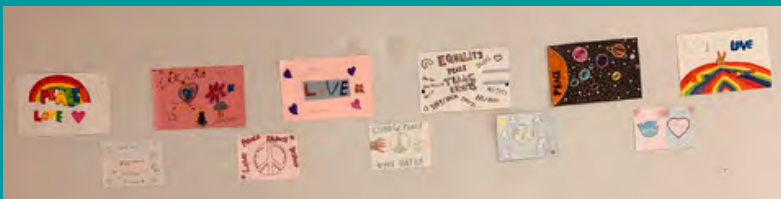
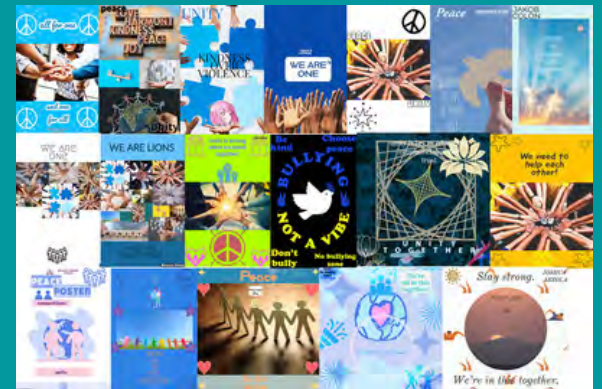


A few classes started our fall "Write It Out Program" by the Art Prevails Project. This program pairs a teaching-artist with a group of students for the semester. In these sessions, students are exposed to Florida State Standards supported lessons through various forms of creative writing activities with a primary focus on poetry and prose. With instructional methods informed by culturally relevant pedagogy as well as John Hattie's (2017) high-yield strategies that bolster student achievement, the lessons will occur weekly for 10 weeks and culminate in a poetry reading and published chapbook of the students' work.

PEACE WEEK

Peace Week at the Creek was a huge success! Students had an opportunity to showcase their talents while promoting peace and harmony. Our local Starbucks and LCMS partnered together to distribute coffee sleeves designed by our very own Art and Peer Counseling students. Our tech savvy L.E.E.O. and Studio students created phenomenal, computerized posters to promote unity and peace. Peer Counseling students decorated the sidewalk with anti-bullying and love messages through Chalk 4 Peace. Art students utilized their artistic talents to draw pictures and write messages of hope. Our students are talented and committed to standing against bullying and spreading love ♥ and peace 🕊.

Kudos to the Guidance Department, Ms. Marzouca, Mr. Garcia, and Ms. Rodriguez for their assistance with Peace Week!



PTSA FUNDRAISER

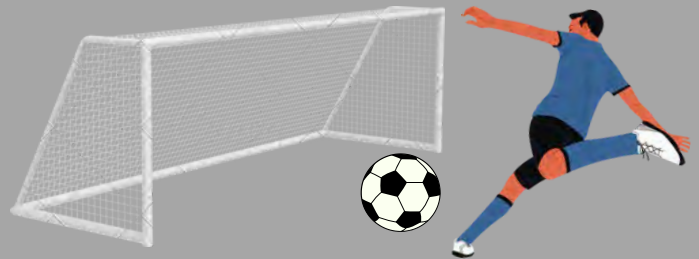
The PTSA held a fundraiser at Dairy Queen in Winston Park. Lyons students and teachers came out to support!

sports news

SOCCER

Lyons Creek Lady Lions have raised another district championship its 11th straight since 2012. They are now preparing for the 2022 MSAA Championship Tournament where the eight District champions and 2nd place teams in each district will strive to be County Champions.

Lyons Creek Lions have earned their way to the 2022 MSAA Championship Tournament with a 5-1 record. They are one of the 16 teams that will strive to be County Champions.



CROSS COUNTRY

The LCMS Boys placed 3rd in the Coral Springs Invitational 3k run. The boys came in 3rd, 4th, 19th, 23rd, 31st and 32nd to give us 62 points. Average Time was 16 minutes 16 seconds (only 1 min 22 sec from 1st place). There were 60 runners total.

LCMS Lady Lions had a runner place 16th out of 75 runners.





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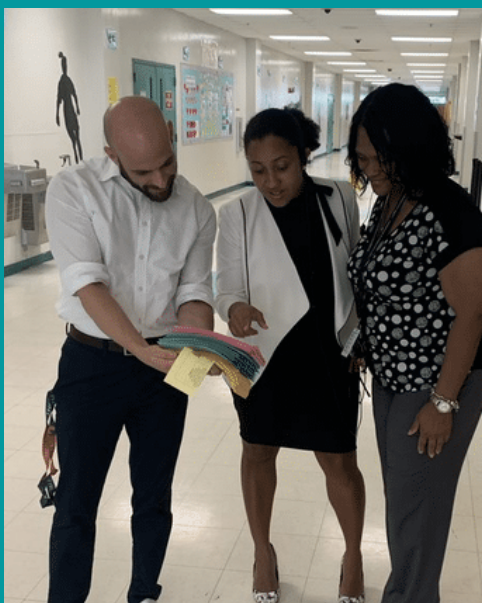
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PARENT TOOLKIT NIGHT



This parent event featured sessions to take a deeper dive into Social-Emotional & Mental Health Resources, Monitoring Grades and Promotion Criteria, Discipline, Curriculum Resources, and End of Year Assessments such as F.A.S.T. and End of Course Exams.





HOOPS FOR HARMONY

Hoops for Harmony focuses on increasing the positive interactions between families and their policing forces through an event that educates families and builds positive relationships. LCMS students engaged in open forum discussions and debates with officers during the week to deepen connection and understanding. On October 26, there was a Police-Community Meet & Greet with informative sessions for officers and community members to interact with each other, a showcase of youth engagement initiatives and resources followed by a basketball game between Lyons Creek students versus Coconut Creek Police Department officers. The basketball game featured special student performances, community vs officer competitions, Monarch High School's Band, and a half-time show with the Miami Heat Dancers & Burnie!



CLUB FAIR

Club Sponsors hosted a showcase of extra-curricular clubs available for students to join. Students had an opportunity to visit tables and ask questions about each club to identify clubs they may be interested in joining and make peer connections with similar interests.



RED RIBBON WEEK

LCMS staff wore red in support of Red Ribbon Week, which is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually.



TEACHER & EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 22-23



Ms. Wright

Rising Star Academy Coord.,
Elective Department Chair,
Before/Aftercare Supervisor,
ESOL Contact



Mr. Vogel
Head of Facilities

STAFF WELLNESS MESSAGES

As a part of our LCMS Staff SEL Wellness Initiative, we hosted a community partner to provide massages for interested staff for a moment of well-deserved relaxation! Special Thanks to our Business Partner Liaison, Ms. Shirley, and A Matter of Touch Massage & Wellness Center!



TEACHER TEAM-BUILDING RELAY RACE



Special thanks to our Lyons' teachers who participated in our Quarter 1 Grade-Level Team-Building Competition! Congratulations 7th Grade!

QUARTER 1 AWARDS

Quarterly awards recognizing students who are making progress and demonstrating Lyons P.R.I.D.E.



QUARTER 1 PEP RALLY

Behavior reward for students who met behavior criteria for the first quarter!

SVE SPOOKY SCIENCE

Kudos to Ms. Eberhart & Ms. Lowe for hosting a special Spooky Science lesson with our students to explore multi-sensory experiences!



QUARTER 2 SEL GREETINGS

To kickoff the first day of Quarter 2, staff greeted students with high-fives, fist-bumps, and/or a smile to welcome them to campus!

