

L.E.S. Bear Cub Newsletter

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- Wow! Can you believe we are in the second semester of this school year? We are fast approaching spring! We are really working on our academics and preparing for our upcoming assessments – Writing Assessment, SAT, ARMT, STAR, Dibels, and Riverdeep. We expect great scores – AGAIN! Lynn is an exceptional school, and our BEAR PRIDE shows everyday! Be sure to check out the website for pictures, announcements, and all other types of news!
- January is Board Member appreciation month. Lynn appreciates Joey Boteler as well as all members of the Board – Larry Yancey, Greg Batchelor, Bobby Everett, Ralph Williams, and Sue Reed. They serve the communities of Winston County in a special way! Thank you!
- Academic Brags: On our mid-year Riverdeep testing, we made some great accomplishments. 236 students were tested in December on Riverdeep math. 219 students showed improvements in math from August to December. Only 17 students went down or stayed the same. Overall, 93% of the student population increased in math, and 7% regressed or stayed the same. We are working hard for 100% on our spring assessment. Sophia Bridgmon is our Riverdeep instructor. Our K-6 teachers have been reviewing new reading textbook samples. We will be adopting a new reading textbook series this spring. These new books will be in use in the fall of 2008. We are very excited about the new reading programs.
- Congratulations to the following students on their accomplishments: Logann Smith for placing 2nd in the GMAC Bowl finals. She won a \$3000 savings bond. She was selected to compete from approximately 9000 entries. Joseph Lane for winning the Alabama Gerontological Essay contest. He wrote an inspiring story about his grandmother, Ms. Rina Nunnely. Joseph and his grandmother are featured in the 2008 calendar. Austin Jones was the LES Spelling Bee winner and Britnie Windom was the alternate. They will compete in the Winston County Spelling Bee on Jan. 31. Devon Lynn and Anna Grace Mobley were the winners from the Character Education Bulletin Board “thank you” drawing. The Farm City Poster Contest winners were Kelsea Dickinson, Austin Stephenson, and Joey Pruitt from grades 4-6. The winners from grades K-3 were Ajah Sawyer, Savannah Rennicker, and Hannah Haley. These folks have been invited to the banquet on Jan. 22. The 2008 Scholar’s Bowl team is Jay Hill, Autumn Baughn, Noah Farris, Sam Horton, Joseph Madison, and Logann Smith. The watching team is Peyton Moore, Trae Adamson, Harlee Bass, and Brandon Heck.
- During our second nine weeks of school, several classes went on field trips: 6th grade took the Ultimate Space and Rocket Center trip, 4th grade went to Helen Keller’s Home – Ivy Green, Kindergarten went to Toyland. We have several trips planned for the spring.
- Other highlights from the second nine weeks include: PTO Harvest Festival, PTO Christmas Program, Fire Prevention Program, Breast Cancer Luncheon/Awareness, Girl Scout meetings, Buster the Bus visited, Gideons

visited, Crane Hill Bookfair, Great Hospital Adventure Program, Santa Pictures, Reading Initiative meeting, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and Christmas parties.....just to name a few things we were involved in. Wow, we've been busy!

- Things we've added: We now have Direct TV in our library, office, and hallways. We're connected to the latest information. Students have really enjoyed this. Thank you to Mr. Terry Youngblood for installing our equipment. We also have added security cameras to our lower building (K-3). We are able to monitor this area now, and this is added security.
- Faculty/Staff News: Congratulations to Mrs. Veal and husband Adam! Emma Kate was born in November. We are proud to have Mrs. Veal back and we welcome our newest "Bear Cub." Congratulations to Mrs. Beth Gilbreath; she had a baby in August. We expect Mrs. Gilbreath to return to school in February. Congratulations to Mrs. Leah Bishop. She is going to become an aunt in July. Her brother Brad and his wife Meredyth are expecting. Congratulations to Mrs. Kaci Randolph. Mrs. Randolph earned her Master's Degree in Elementary Education in December. Mrs. Boteler and husband Joey received a son-in-law into their family in December. Their daughter, Kala was married to David Stookey.
- Upcoming Events: Bouncing Bears will perform on Friday, Jan. 18. There will be no school on Monday, January 22 in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday. Bouncing Bears will practice on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Our Board Member breakfast is Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 7:15 a.m. The Bouncing Bears will perform again on Monday, Jan. 28 and again on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 7:50 a.m. This performance will be for the student body. Scoliosis screening will be Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 9 a.m. for students in grades 5-9. Progress Reports will go home on Friday, Jan. 30. Jump Rope for Heart and St. Jude's Math-A-Thon is up-coming in February, and Spring Pictures will be in March. Spring Break is in April, and our final book fair is in May.
- Things to Remember: Prompt and regular school attendance is essential to academic success. We can't teach them if they're not here. Please be committed to having your student here everyday! Thanks! Check your student's back pack everyday; talk to him/her about school – what's been learned, what was for lunch, what happened at PE, etc. Be sure to stay in regular contact with the school nurse if your child takes medication here at school. Contact the school if you have questions or concerns. We want to hear from you. All visitors must come to the office before going anywhere in any of the buildings; this is for the safety of students.