

L.E.S. Bear Cub Newsletter

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- Wow! The final nine weeks has arrived! Spring is in the air, and summer is around the corner! Have a great Easter Weekend!
- Student Brags: Congratulations to Savannah H (kindergarten) and Ashley J (2nd) for being drawn the winners of the Character Counts Gratitude Board. They had a special lunch with Mrs. Ritter in the office. Congratulations to National School Breakfast Week Drawing Winners: Bryant L 5th – Sports XL Radio, Austin Jones 3rd – Walkman Radio, and Harley Brown 2nd - \$50. Congratulations to the top Math-A-Thon money collectors – 6th grade Danielle D & Annalisa Cagle, 4th grade Ryan C, Jessica T, & Austin S, 3rd grade Haleigh C & Cody W, 2nd grade Ajah S, 1st grade Noah J & Danielle K, K –RJ C. Together, the school raised \$1,005 for St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital. Thank you to the sponsor of the Math-A-Thon – Mrs. Denise Cagle. Congratulations to Brooke H in 6th grade; she won the 2007 Student Logo Contest for the Smith Lake Fine Arts Festival. Brooke received \$50 for winning this contest. Congratulations to the Mendez Too Good for Drugs Poster Contest Winners: 1st place: Brooke H, 2nd place: Brooklyn Beck, 3rd place: Annalisa Cagle. Mrs. Sophia Bridgmon is the Mendez teacher. Congratulations to the Lynn Toybowl Junior Cheerleaders for winning the Open National COA cheer and dance competition. Members of the squad are Ryon D, Miranda G, Devon L, Jenny P, Logann S, and Sydney C. The Relay for Life Dinner was a huge success. Thank you to all who came and ate and came and worked. We sold about 550 dinners. Dylan B and Carol C were our top dinner sellers in high school and Harlee B was our top seller in elementary school. Autumn B and Katie H participated in the National Federation Junior Festival at Samford. Both girls scored a “Superior” the highest score on their piano pieces that they played. They attend Mrs. Bonnie’s Piano Studio in Double Springs.
- School Happenings: Kindergarten and First grade teachers have attended conferences for their respective grade levels. Students in grades 5-9 have had their scoliosis screening. 3rd grade teachers have attended Comprehension Toolkit training. 6th grade teachers Denise Cagle and Brian Heck have attended a follow-up to Space Camp. The Bouncing Bears have performed. We’ve had our School Mall, Academic Booster Club Donut Sales and Jump Rope for Heart Fundraisers. The PTO has supported our Valentine Store again this year. Athens State University has sent us several student classroom observers this term. Student teacher Sharon Davis has completed a stay in Mrs. Boteler’s 5th grade and has now gone to Mrs. Randolph’s 2nd grade to finish her student teaching internship. 5th and 7th grade have taken the Writing Assessment and we expect our GREAT scores to be returned in May. The calendar committee has met to devise our school calendar for next year. It is pending Board approval. Teachers have been heavily involved in selecting our new reading textbook series for next school year. Scott Foresman was the company selected to provide our new reading materials for grades K through 6.
- Special Thanks: Marlon and Cindy Guthrie (Harlee Bass’ grandparents) for supplying Xerox paper and an LCD/Computer Stand for each building. We appreciate their continued support of our school and its programs.
- The new Lynn Elementary snack room is up and running. Students have had input in deciding what snacks will be available to them. Mrs. Suzanne and Mrs. Lisa are doing a great job keeping our snack room stocked with snacks that meet or exceed our nutritional guidelines.
- Things to Note: Elementary Beauty Pageant 3/20, High School Pageant 3/21, Girl Scouts 3/24, 4-H meets 3/26, Progress Reports 4/4, Girl Scouts 4/7, Spring Break 4/14-18, Safeplace Program for 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 6th is 4/22, Kindergarten Registration is 4/24, Elementary Scholar’s Bowl is 5/1, Progress Reports 5/2, Scholastic Spring Book Fair begins 5/5, Elementary Awards Day is 5/29.
- **Very Important Things: All school attendance is posted on the computer all day – early check outs count against attendance – especially if they are unexcused. The Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) and Alabama Reading and Math Test (ARMT) will begin on Tuesday, April 1 and continue through Friday, April 11. It is very important that students be in school everyday on time especially during the testing times. We are required to test 100% of our students. Please be sure transportation arrangements are made for your child prior to 2:15 p.m. each day.**
- Thank you parents for supporting our new computerized visitor check-in system. It has worked well, and we appreciate your compliance with our additional safety system for students.