

**Bear Cub Newsletter**  
**October 16, 2009**

Welcome back to school! We've had a great start to the 2009-2010 year! Thank you for supporting your student and our school! Our parents and community members are absolutely top-notch! Please contact the school at any time if you have questions or concerns.

**Things we have been busy with this first nine weeks:**

- School Eve was a great success! According to our sign-in sheets, 343 people passed through our school. Thank you for attending!
- Our After School Program began on August 17. At this time, we are filled to capacity! This is an outstanding program, and our kids love it!
- The After School Program did a food drive to support Main Street Mission in Double Springs. Thank you to everyone who contributed!
- LaVon Pruitt retired as the Superintendent's secretary after 30+ years of service to Winston County! We will miss LaVon, but wish her the very best!
- Mrs. Darleen Neuheisel had to resign from her cleaning position due to health reasons, and we welcomed Mrs. Janet Knight to our LES staff in this position.
- The Girl Scouts began their meetings. These ladies are a super group, and there are many of them!
- Fall school day pictures were made, and remakes were also made. SMILING KIDS!
- We had our BOOKFAIR, and it was a great success! It was nice to have the extra room in our new library area for the book fair!
- Mrs. Kaci Randolph and husband Greg welcomed their daughter, Mattie Caroline into the world in September. Mrs. Davis is Mrs. Randolph's substitute teacher.
- Congressman Robert Aderholt toured our new cafetorium and ate lunch with us as well. He spent some time visiting with us after lunch. Thank you!
- We received our order of 20 brand new lunchroom tables for our new cafetorium.
- Kindergarten and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students had their vision screening. Nothing like perfect eyesight!
- We have held school-wide school bus safety drills with Mrs. Sophia and Mrs. Veal.
- We have had Grandparents' Luncheon, and we love our mamaws and papaws! We had 145 grandparents to eat lunch with their grandchildren. You are important to all of us. Thanks for coming!
- We have celebrated Homecoming! What a fun week!
- Our Alabama Reading Initiative Coach, Mary Chickering has visited with us. She commends all of us on a job well done in our reading instruction.
- We celebrated Constitution Day with our first program in our new cafetorium and from the stage! Everyone is a superstar...especially when you're on stage! 240 people attended; it was a great crowd!
- Mr. Heck, Mrs. Frix, and Mrs. Bishop attended an Ignite Learning Professional Development session and shared their knowledge with all other teachers.

- LES faculty and staff got their Wellness Screening and regular flu shots in mid-September. The kids thought it was great that all of us were getting shots and not them!
- We have a wonderful volunteering program established, and we appreciate our school volunteers. Each one of you has been a tremendous help.
- Traders and Farmers Bank has recognized their LES Students' of Month. The August winner was Brandon and the September winner was Emma.
- Several students have written essays for the VFW competition. Thanks to Marlon Guthrie for bringing this competition to our attention. We are hoping to have some LES winners. We have great writers here!
- Our Too Good for Drugs and Lifeskills classes have begun for K-6.
- K-3 students Read for the Record with other Alabama Students on October 8. We all met in the cafetorium and Mrs. Ritter read The Very Hungry Caterpillar to the group. We also played some games, sang some songs, and made silly Halloween faces at each other. We had a good time!

**Things coming up:**

- School bus safety week – Oct. 19-23
- Character Counts week – Oct. 19-23
- Red Ribbon week – Oct. 26-30 Dare to be Drug Free!
- **Parent – Teacher Conference Day 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.** – Parents, make plans to attend now! We look forward to seeing you!
- Our annual Harvest Festival is Thursday, October 29 night 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Games, food, fun, prizes, BINGO, and more. Wear your most outrageous Halloween costume; there will be a contest! Come and see who wins the Wii, \$100, and blanket. Who will be the Harvest Festival Prince and Princess, King and Queen...this will be announced in the cafetorium at 6 p.m. Thank you to all those who are working on this. Thanks to all who have made donations! We appreciate your support.
- Swine Flu vaccinations are scheduled for school students during the week of Nov. 2. You will receive information home along with a permission slip if you want your child vaccinated.
- Our Veterans' Day program and Thanksgiving lunch will be on Friday, Nov. 13. Everyone is invited, but most especially our VETERANS! Proud to be from the USA!