

THE TROPIC ISLES STAR

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IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 2nd-6th– Winter Break continues– No school

Jan. 9th– Back to school

Jan. 16th Martin Luther King Day– No school

Jan. 23rd-27th - Literacy Week

Jan. 26th - Literacy Fair



Principal’s Pen - This Year 2017

What are your New Year’s Resolutions?

A bad habit I’m going to break:

A new skill I’d like to learn:

A person I hope to be more like:

A good deed I’m going to do:

A place I’d like to visit:

A book I’d like to read:

A letter I’m going to write:

A new food I’d like to try:

I’m going to do better at:

JUMP ROPE FOR THE HEART

Jump Rope for Heart is coming back to Tropic Isles Elementary January 30 through February 17. We will host the kickoff on January 30th. We have set a goal to raise \$5000 for the American Heart Association. It is a lofty goal but we are confident that we will be able to meet that goal if we are all on board.

Last year the school raised about \$1500 but only 42 students raised money. With the Zoo Crew prizes offered this year we believe the students will be very excited to be involved. Information will be sent out the week before Kick Off.



4th Grade News

Welcome back! Fourth Grade will be working hard on multiplying fractions! We will be going on a field trip to see the drama Beauty and the Beast. Keep reading nightly to make our new A.R. goals!

Music at Tropic Isles

It’s a great year to be at Tropic Isles, especially for music.
Here are the upcoming activities:

REHEARSALS

- * **Singing Sea Stars – January 19**
- * **Drum Circle – January 25**
- * **Permission Slips for Drum Circle Available January 9, 2017**
- * **Honor Choir – January 23, 30**

RECORDERS IN THE CLASSROOM

Starting January, 2017, recorder instruction will begin for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. If your child does not have a recorder, they can purchase one at the front office for \$3.00.

IMPORTANT!!!!

It is extremely important, parents that you pick your child up **ON TIME** from rehearsals. Consistent late pick up will result in your child not remaining a part of these groups. Thank you for your understanding.

REMINDER: PARENT PICK UP IS ON THE BUS RAMP AT 4:15 & 4:30 P.M. SHARP.

WONDERFUL NEWS!!



Here at Tropic Isles we have 3 wonderful 5th grade students nominated for The Carson Scholarship and we are guaranteed a winner. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Dr. Ben Carson Scholarship Foundation. The students who qualified had a 3.75 GPA and were involved in community service. Tropic Isles held an essay contest to choose the nominees. Good luck to our 3 nominees!

TROPIC ISLES ALUMNI

We want to showcase our Tropic Isles Alumni! Do you know of a previous Tropic Isles student who has a child currently attending Tropic Isles? Do you know of someone who attended Tropic Isles who made a major accomplishment? What Tropic Isles students have become leaders in our community? If you know of a previous Tropic Isles student who has an interesting story, please email Mrs. Stovall (janetss@leeschool.net) with the information. We love hearing all the great news about our Tropic Isles alumni!

Useful Information

<http://www.storylineonline.net/> is an online literacy program/ resource for parents. It has a large selection of books that are read online by celebrities. There is also an activity guide that parents can do with their children.

Leader In Me

Let's remember the **Leader In Me Habits** that we've learned so far this school year. Reviewing them will serve as a reminder to put them in practice in school and in our every day life.

Habit #1– Be Proactive- (You are in charge)- I choose my actions, attitudes and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked.

Habit # 2– Begin With The End In Mind (Have a plan) - I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make difference.

Habit #3 - Put First Things First- (Work first, then play) - I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I say no to things I know I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule and follow my plan.

Habit # 4– Think Win-Win—(Everyone can win) -I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want.

Habit #5– Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood (Listen before you talk) -I listen to other people's ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas. I look people in the eyes when talking.


If we practice these every day in our life, we will surely be successful!

PARENT INVOLVEMENT Spend Time Learning Together

Whenever you spend time with your child, you're teaching him something. He learns by seeing your actions, hearing your words and interacting with you. To make time with your child even more productive, try some of these learning activities:

- **Read.** Visit the library every week. Then plan "reading dinners." Let everyone bring a book to the table to share and discuss.
- **Write.** Send a family letter to a relative or friend. Together, decide what to say.
- **Role play.** Act out tough situations one of you might face. For example, "A friend asks Bobby to smoke" or "Mom makes a mistake at work."
- **Create.** Visit a pretty place, such as a park. Bring pens and paper to draw what you see.
- **Explore.** Talk about your family's dream vacation. Find your destination on a map or globe. How would you get there? How long would it take?
- **Research.** Choose a topic that interests your child. Learn about it at the library, at a museum or on the internet.
- **Solve problems.** At the store, help your child figure out how much something will cost with tax. Check the answer at the register.

STUDENT LEADER BLOG

 Tropic Isles is an amazing school! If you're looking for an excellent education, I recommend Tropic Isles. The educators here encourage me to do my best at all times. Because of my teacher, I was able to go from a "B" to an "A" in Math in less than a month! Every moment at Tropic Isles is a memorable one for me. Tropic Isles is the best school in Lee County and I believe everyone would agree.

-Kylee Herrick - 5th Grade

Student Assignment 2017-18 January 23– March 24, 2017

Parents of **currently** enrolled students in Lee County Public School grades five, eight, and students in Pre-K attending Lee County Public Schools who are eligible for kindergarten for 2017/18, will be mailed their child's personalized application on January 19, 2017. This is a very exciting time of year for students and parents as they plan for 2017-2018.

Those receiving the applications can save time by applying online! Please read the documents sent to you very carefully, and determine if you want to apply online, mail it back to us, or bring it to one of our offices in person. This is a nine-week application period. There is no need to stand in long lines the first few days since you have nine weeks to submit the application. All applications are processed as a group.

Parents of children who will be five on or before September 1st, 2017 and who are not enrolled in one of the district's Pre-K programs must visit one of our offices to register for kindergarten for the 2017/2018 school year (bring registration requirements). This should be done during the first application period (January 23 – March 24) to increase the chances of being assigned to your preferred school. Brand new students cannot apply on-line – they must be registered in person. There are **no automatic assignments** – parents need to register incoming kindergartners even if they have an older sibling already attending the preferred school.

Please visit www.leeschools.net for registration requirements and Student Assignment Office locations.

LITERACY FAIR NEWS

Recently, we sent home a letter notifying you of our 4th annual Family Literacy Fair at Tropic Isles Elementary. The Literacy Fair will take place on **January 26, 2017 from 5:30-7:30 P.M.** For the Literacy Fair, students will decorate a tri-fold "science type" display board showcasing a book that they have read. Much like a science fair, there will be requirements as to what needs to be on the board. Please remember that individual projects are a requirement for all students in grades 3-5. Grades PK-2 will be completing one project as a class, however, those students may also complete an individual if they desire, but it is NOT required.

We thank you in advance for your involvement in helping to make our Literacy Fair at Tropic Isles a success! Please call us at 995-4704 or email patriciage@leeschools.net if you have any questions or concerns.



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Book Battle try-outs are fast approaching. Before we know it, it will be February! If your third, fourth or fifth grade child is currently reading the Sunshine State books, please encourage them to read over the winter break. Students wishing to try-out for the Book Battle team will need to have read all 14 of the Sunshine State Reader books from the Grades 3-5 list by Friday, February 24, 2017.

Another reminder: the book PRAIRIE EVERS will NOT be used during the district's Book Battle competition, so students will not need to have read this book despite the fact that it is listed on the Sunshine State Reader list for students in grades 3-5. If you have any questions about the Book Battle try-outs or district competition, please contact Ms. Lombardo.