A Note from the Principal...

Our staff and students are continuing to work very hard so that we are ready for the FCAT assessments in April. Fourth grade FCAT Writing will take place on Tuesday, February 25th. Remember that breakfast is also served at school. Please continue to reinforce the process of learning and we appreciate your efforts to read with your child every night. Those minutes add up and can help children make learning gains in fluency and comprehension. Thanks for all you do to support our Bear Lake community!

Parent Survey

In 1991 the Florida Legislature passed the Education Accountability Law. The intent of this legislation was to provide parents, educators and community leaders’ greater opportunity to participate in the development of improvement plans for schools. In order to determine our present status, we are asking all parents to complete a School Climate Survey. The twenty-five questions on this survey deal with issues that educational research shows to be characteristic of effective schools. The results will report our parents’ general level of satisfaction and/or concern.

This year, we will once again utilize an online electronic survey. The survey window is now available and will be open from January 27th – February 28th. You may access the survey through our school website, Skyward Family Access or as follows:

- Parent Survey in English: www.surveymonkey.com/s/ESParentclimatesurvey2014

To access the survey on the SCPS website: go to the District website at www.scps.k12.fl.us, the District website, click on PARENTS in the top, horizontal menu, then click on the CLIMATE SURVEY link in the left menu of the Parents page. A fly-out menu will display for the user to select the English or Spanish version of the Elementary, Middle, or High Parent survey.

If you need access or technical support completing the survey, please visit our school and there will be online access available. In addition, paper copies of the survey are also available by request. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the front office.

Alert Seminole

Did you know that Alert Seminole is an alert system that allows Seminole County to contact you during an emergency by immediately sending text messages to your E-mail account or cell phone? This system is administered by the Seminole County Office of Emergency Management. When an emergency occurs, you will instantly be notified using Alert Seminole. The alert system is a free service that provides real-time updates. For registration and more information visit: alertseminole.org.

Moving? Important Information about Address Changes

If you have moved or are planning a move, be sure to notify the office. New proof of residence is required if you make a move during the school year. Also, remember to notify the office and classroom teacher of phone number changes.
**5th Grade Cosmic Bowling**

Brunswick Wekiva Lanes - Apopka

Saturday March 1, 2013

12:30-2:30pm

$10 per student (you must prepay)

Watch for flyer to come home in Tuesday folder

Please like the Facebook page (Bear Lake 5th Grade Class) and follow us on Instagram (BearLakeFifthGrade). Upload photos of your 5th grader to either site so we can use them for the 5th grade memory book that every 5th grader will get at the end of the school year.

If you have any questions you can contact Nadia Hutagalung at nadia9773@yahoo.com or Traci Kuveke at tkuveke@gmail.com.

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**Yearbooks**

The Bear Lake yearbook committee is pleased to announce our 2013-2014 Bear Lake Elementary yearbook: “Our Journey”

It is bursting with photos, student portraits, activities, highlights, and of course, space for special autographs. The smiles and memories of your students’ year at Bear Lake will be remembered forever in a yearbook. Make sure your student doesn’t miss out on this opportunity! Yearbook order forms were sent home in November. We will accept “Early Bird” yearbook orders through January 31, 2014, specially priced at $19.00. After that time, the regular price of the book will be $21.00. Extra order forms are available in the front office. All orders must be received by 3/15/14.

As in years past, our yearbook will be hard cover and you can upgrade your child’s yearbook with their name and portrait on the front cover for an additional $6.00. We have also continued the “Zoom, Year in Review” full-color current events insert that captures the top news stories of the year. The cost of the insert is an additional $2.00.

**All upgrades must be ordered no later than 3/15/14**

Payments now available online! Visit YBPay.lifetouch.com and enter the Yearbook ID Code: 7445314

Check payments must be returned to the school with checks made out to Bear Lake Elementary.

**Calling all photographers!**

Do you have digital snapshots of students and school activities that you want to be considered for our yearbook? You can upload images directly into our yearbook site at:

community.lifetouch.com Access Code: AVLVKO

If you are having trouble with the uploading process please contact Stacy Mason 407-746-5601

***Please note: Submission for all other digital pictures that remain are (4th Grade St. Augustine Field Trip, Think Pink, Mega Party, Trek 4 Tech, etc) is 3/1/14***

Blast from the past...we have a limited number of 2012-2013 yearbooks available for purchase from Mrs. Penny in the front office for $21 each.

Any questions, please call Stacy Mason at 407-746-5601 or email: stacy_mason@scps.k12.fl.us
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Reflections Program this year. You all did a beautiful job! Thank you for sharing your artwork and talent with us.

The following students are our school winners, and their work has been forwarded to the county level for judging.

Visual Arts: Owen, Meredith, Louden, Allison, and Logan
Photography: Drew and Louden
Film: Angelina

Great Job, young artists!

You can start thinking now about what to create for next year’s theme: “The world would be a better place if…”

Book Fair is open from 2/27 thru 3/7
Preview days are 2/27 and 2/28
Family Night is 2/28 from 6-8

“Lunch with Someone You Love” are as follows:
Monday 3/3 / KG, 3rd and PreK
Tuesday 3/4 / 1st and 2nd
Thursday 3/6 4th and 5th
Closes at Noon on 3/7

 Volunteers are needed so please be sure to be on the lookout for an email coming soon.

Come by the art room to see the beautiful mural created by our second graders. Our third grade classes with be creating their clay projects in later January and may have them done in February. Other classes are working on various projects using recycling as the focal point.

The first grade team would like to thank all of the families for continuing to be actively engaged in the learning process. Talking to your child each day about what they have done in school helps in keeping the learning connection between home and school. We would like to encourage parents to check homework before students hand it in. The expectation is for all work to be completed neatly and correctly with the student’s name on the paper. Students have been checking out books from the media center and taking Reading Counts quizzes on them whether in the classroom or in the media center. Students are practicing the skill of looking back at what they have read to answer comprehension questions. They are encouraged to ask questions if they do not understand a concept and to look for clues to answer inferred questions in the text. Students will be learning about Ending –es and Plural –es, writing lists, author’s purpose, captions and pictures, and reading with fluency and expression and intonation. In writing, students will share information and ideas and work on focusing on specific topics. In Math, we will be working on two-digit addition and subtraction. It is important for students to continue to work on addition and subtraction facts at home. In Science, students are learning about motion of objects, Forces and Changes in Motion, making observations of living things and their environment using the five senses, identifying the major parts of plants, including stem, roots, leaves, and flowers, and differentiating between living and non-living things. Remember to read nightly! Research has proven reading daily makes a student successful at school and in life! SO READ! READ! READ

Bear Lake’s Aglow for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life! Don’t Miss the One Day Sale for Glow in the Dark Necklaces!

Bear Lake’s Relay for Life Team is taking preorders for Glow in the Dark necklaces. Each necklace is only $1.00 and all proceeds support our school’s Relay for Life team! Just fill out the form below and include it with your money (cash only please) in the attached zip lock bag. Return the bag on Wednesday, February 5th to your homeroom teacher. Your glow necklace will be delivered to you on Valentine’s Day!

Student’s name: ____________________
Teacher’s name: ____________________
Number of necklaces being ordered: ________________

Thank you for making a difference!
Can you or your business donate something to the silent auction? Contact Nicole Ellington at nicoleellington@yahoo.com or Staci Golden at stacigolden@aol.com.

Do you want to reserve a spot for your business table? Contact Carol Platt or Lori Wittschen at bearlake.springfling@gmail.com.

Do you have gently-used stuffed animals that you can donate to our prize inventory? If so, label "Spring Fling Stuffed Animals" and drop off in Bear Lake front office.

Would you like to donate a twelve pack of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite or water? Just drop it off in the Bear Lake front office and label it “Spring Fling”.

Don’t forget to send in your donation for your child's class basket!

Volunteer Sign Up

It takes many volunteers to help make Spring Fling a fun day for our students and families, and we need YOUR help! Volunteers are needed to help with running games and monitoring inflatables and clean-up. We are looking for moms, dads, relatives and even neighbors. If you have a high school student needing community service hours, sign him/her up as well!

Please complete this form and return to your child’s teacher or email us at: BLEDivs@aol.com

- 12-1pm
- 1-2pm
- 2-3pm
- 3-4pm
- 4-5pm (cleanup)

Volunteer Name: __________________________________
Phone Number: __________________________________
Email address: __________________________________

☐ I would like to help specifically with face painting/glitter tattoos

Any questions contact Yvette Zembrzuski at yzembrzuski@aol.com or Traci Kuveke at tkuveke@gmail.com
The Circuit Breakers Wins Champions’ Award!
On, Saturday, January 11, 2014, the Bear Lake Circuit Breakers competed at the robotics qualifying tournament held at Milwee Middle School. During the competition, the team did an amazing job presenting their research, engaging in a timed team-building activity and demonstrating their robot to the judges. After each presentation, they then engaged in Q & A sessions with the judges that demonstrated how they worked as a team to solve problems in all three areas.

As a result of their hard work, these amazing students walked away with two trophies. They earned one trophy for the highest robot score among all participating teams (256 points!), and the other for all-around Champions in all three judging areas. This is the first year that Bear Lake has earned the Robot Performance award and the second year to earn the Champions Award.

During the awards ceremony, the team had the pleasure of accepting their award from two of our SCPS school board members, Karen Almond and Dede Schafner. Their outstanding performance at the qualifying tournament has earned them advancement to the regional competition which will be held in Winter Haven on Saturday, February 1, 2014.

We are so very proud of each and every one of our Circuit Breakers (Victoria, Robby, Owen, Marian, Niklas, Declan, Abigail, Isaiah) and are extremely pleased to have them represent Bear Lake Elementary school!

Way to go, Circuit Breakers!!!

CIRCUIT BREAKERS

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Third grade continues to forge ahead with its focus on vital reading skills that are supported by close readings of different genres of literature. Our upcoming stories are about unique qualities in us and in our environment. You can discuss one of the stories with someone in your family and make a list of things that are unique about your family and the people in it. Also, help your children understand about when they generalize, they make a general statement that tells how some things are mostly alike or all alike. A statement of fact can be proved true. A statement of opinion expresses someone’s thoughts or feelings about something. It is neither true nor false.

A fun family activity for your children is a game called What’s the Story? Retell a story from the book. Then choose a character, a setting, or an event from the story. With a family member, list details about it. Use the details to make a generalization. Then state an opinion about something in one of the stories. Give reasons for your opinion.

Third grade is learning all about fractions. We are doing fun activities with drawings of pizza and cake. The students are working hard to learn new vocabulary like numerators, denominators, mixed numbers and fractions greater than one. A great way to help your student practice fractions is to make a recipe together and use measuring cups and measuring spoons. Remember to go onto thinkcentral.com for extra practice! Other great websites are xtramath.com and sumdog.com

BOX TOPS DUE FEB. 15TH

Please search the drawers, call on friends, grandparents and family to collect box tops!

The next deadline for submission is Feb 15th and we want to send in as many Box Tops as we can.

Please collect as many as you can and turn them into your teacher.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THOSE BOX TOPS THAT HAVE ALREADY CLIPPED AND SENT THEM IN! THEY ALL ADD UP!

PAWPRINT EDITOR

The Pawprint is looking for a new editor. After six years and approximately 60 Pawprint editions and many wonderful articles, it will be time to pass the torch to a new editor. If you are interested in taking on the task of Pawprint Editor for next school year, please Contact Carol Platt, PTA President at carol.platt@gmail.com. Thank you!
Bear Lake PTA Spring Fling  Business Application

Join us on Saturday - April 5, 2014 12-4pm
Submit your application TODAY to reserve your table location, demonstration time, and/or advertisement in our Spring Fling packet sent home to all Bear Lake families!

Part 1

Date: ______________________

Contact Name:____________________

Business: _______________________

Address: _______________________

Email: ________________________ Phone#: ______________________

We will contact you via e-mail, please write neatly.

Part 2

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Part 3

Set-up Requirements

☐ Electricity (please bring your own extension cord 25ft or greater)
☐ Other
☐ Nothing needed! I am bringing my own table (6ft or less) and supplies.
☐ I will provide my own shade canopy.

Instructions:

• Complete this form and return it with payment (checks payable to Bear Lake PTA) to the front office or mail to Bear Lake Elementary, Attention: Spring Fling Business Tables.
• All advertisements must be submitted as a Black & White PDF in 300 dpi and scalable to ¼ page (3.75"W x 5"H). All ads DUE BY MARCH 3rd. Please e-mail to the Spring Fling address below.
• Contact us for larger ad pricing and a $100 add-on-option for marketing material distribution.

For more information, please contact bearlake.springfling@gmail.com or call Carol Platt at 407-619-7914

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Mark Your Calendar

**TREK**  2/12 - Trek for Tech - Day Zero

**FCAT**  2/17 - School System Closed

**FCAT**  2/25 - FCAT Writing

**FCAT**  2/26 - FCAT Writing Make-ups

**BOOK FAIR**  2/28 - Book Fair Family Night 6-8pm

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**SPECIALS SCHEDULE**  2013 - 2014

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*The class in ( ) will be the divided class.

*Divide teachers in 5th, 4th will need to divide their class into 3 equal groups.

*Divide teachers in 3rd, 2nd, K and 1st will need to divide their class into 2 equal groups.

(Exception Mrs. Fuschini - See above)

- Ms. Aviles will divide his class into 6 groups and send these students to the non-divided classes.

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**GRADE**  Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri  Wed

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**5TH GRADE NEWS**

Follow & Post
5th Grade (only)
Bear Lake event pix to:

Instagram: #bearlakefifthgrade
Facebook: Bear Lake 5th Grade Class

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**KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

This month, we will be celebrating and learning more about black history and dental health. We are also looking forward to a visit from the dentist to learn more about the importance of keeping our teeth clean and healthy.

Kindergarten teachers encourage each family to work with your child nightly on sight word recognition and reading. The more your child reads the more fluent and confident they will become.

We would also like to ask that you continue to practice shoe tying at home. Thanks so much for all of your help!

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Look for school updates on our Bear Lake PTA Facebook page.
## February Lunch Menu

### MONDAY
- **3** Gianni’s Pizza
  - cheese or pepperoni
  - Grape PB Jamwich
  - Cheese Chef Salad
  - Sandwich Luncheable
  - Green Peas
  - Fresh Fruits & Veggies
  (Specials Day #1)

### TUESDAY
- **4** Grilled Cheese
  - Strawberry PB Jamwich
  - Turkey Chef Salad
  - Tomato Soup
  - Chocolate Goldfish
  - Fresh Fruits & Veggies
  (Specials Day #2)

### WEDNESDAY
- **5** Chicken Nuggets
  - Grape PB Jamwich
  - Turkey-Ham Chef Salad
  - Sandwich Luncheable
  - Mashed Potatoes
  - Dinner Roll
  - Fresh Fruits & Veggies
  (Specials Day #3)

### THURSDAY
- **6** All American Burger
  - Lettuce and Tomato
  - Strawberry PB Jamwich
  - Egg Chef Salad
  - Pizza Luncheable
  - Oven Fries
  - Fresh Fruits & Veggies
  (Specials Day #4)

### FRIDAY
- **7** Chicken Teriyaki
  - Grape PB Jamwich
  - Cheese Chef Salad
  - Sandwich Luncheable
  - Broccoli
  - Chow Mein
  - Fresh Fruits & Veggies
  (Specials Day #5)

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### SPECIALS
- **Specials Day #1**
- **Specials Day #2**
- **Specials Day #3**
- **Specials Day #4**
- **Specials Day #5**
- **Specials Day #6**

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### PTA COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Become A Bear Lake Community/Business Member: The cost is $50 for the school year and your business will be published in our monthly newsletter that is received by all of our Bear Lake families. Contact Carey Arzonico 407-375-9398 or carzonico@cfl.rr.com for details.

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