



Longleaf Legend



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Coming Soon

September

- 18 McDonald's Night 5-7 pm
- 19 Progress Reports Go Home
- 23 Enterprise Village Parent Training-5th grade only
- 25 PTA Bingo Night 6:30 pm

October

- 16 McDonald's Night 5-7 pm
- 17 End of First Quarter

Please be sure to check the school calendar often. It is on our website under Parent Information at:

<http://lles.pasco.k12.fl.us>



Message from Administration

Dear Families,

We want to welcome back our students from last year and to WELCOME all new students to Longleaf. We have been working hard all summer planning the 2014-15 school year. We know this will be an extraordinary year for all.

We have an amazing staff who works very hard to provide the best education for your children. We also have a dedicated PTA who are very active in creating exciting events for our students and families. We invite you to get involved. A way to do this is to participate in family events, join the PTA, volunteer, and communicate with your child's teacher. We need and want you to be an active member of our school.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please contact your child's teacher. They are your best source for help and information.

Mrs. Heptig

Mrs. Wichmanowski

Future Newsletters

All newsletters in the future will be posted on the school website. In order to be eco-friendly, we will not be printing and sending home the newsletter.



View the
**Newsletter
Online**

If you do not have internet access, please let us know if you would like a paper copy.

School Hours

9:40-3:50

Arrival Time	9:20-9:40 (wait in breezeway until bell rings at 9:30)
Breakfast begins:	9:20
Late bell:	9:40
Dismissal Time start:	3:50

New Lunchroom Policy

Parents are allowed to have lunch with their child outside at the picnic table. Due to limited cafeteria space, we are not able to accommodate visitors in the cafeteria for lunch. We ask that you follow these rules while coming to school for lunch.

- You must go to the office for a visitors pass
- Wait in the cafeteria for your child, do not go to the classrooms
- You may eat **outside** at the tables with your child only. No other children are allowed to go outside with you.
- Visitors are not allowed to go to recess with the class.



Reminders:

- Carbonated Beverages are not allowed.
- Please don't send in glass items.

Common Area Expectations	RESPECTFUL (Caring & Fair)	RESPONSIBLE	SAFE
Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use an inside voice • Use good manners • Keep hands, feet and objects to self 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When in line, get all items needed • Keep area clean • Use all materials appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep all food to self • When lights are out, show quiet sign and be silent • Move slowly & safely • Sit with feet on floor, bottom on bench, and facing table

School menu's are online at:



<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/nutrition/menus/>

myLunchMoney.com

Parents may pay for their child's lunch through a secure online prepayment system. Visit myLunchMoney.com for information.



	2014-2015 Meal Prices
Reduced Price Breakfast	\$0.30
Reduced Price Lunch	\$0.40
Elementary Breakfast	\$1.35
Elementary Lunch	\$2.15

Volunteers

At Longleaf, we appreciate our volunteers!!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, you will need to complete the volunteer application online at:

<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/>

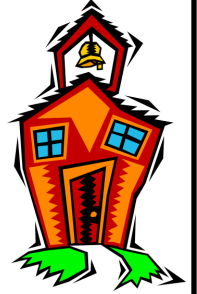
You must be an approved volunteer to be able to not only volunteer in the classroom but to also attend field trips with your child.

Anyone who was a previous volunteer will need to reapply as state law requires this every year.

We look forward to working with our volunteers.



Our PTA is alive and well. They have been working very hard all summer planning activities for your children and all of our families. They need your support. Even if you are not able to attend all the meetings, there are many other activities you could either assist or participate in with your children. They need you!



Please be sure to join the PTA. They support our students and teachers!



Cell phones



Students may bring their cell phone to school as long as it remains in their backpack and the cellphone is off or in silent mode.

If a teacher is allowing students to use their cell phone as a device for learning in the classroom, the student and parent will both need to sign the **Bring Your Own Device Form** provided by the teacher.

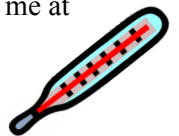
See information in this newsletter about the Bring Your Own Device Policy.

Clinic News

Hello and welcome to a new school year. In order to maintain a safe and healthy environment at school, here are a few reminders:

- ★ Students who have a temperature of 100 degrees and above need to be picked up from school and be fever free for 24 hours without a fever reducer before returning to school.
- ★ Students are not permitted to carry medicines (including over-the-counter meds and cough drops). However, parents or guardians may bring medications to the clinic with a physician's order so that meds may be dispensed here at the clinic during school hours.
- ★ A doctor's note is required in order for a student to use a wheelchair or crutches on campus.

Should you have any questions in regard to your child's medical needs, please call me at 727 774-0805 and I will be happy to assist you.



Mrs. Giglio, Clinic Assistant



Car Riders



Arrival: Parents should enter the loop and pull forward as much as possible into one of the eight designated spaces. Adults on duty will wave your child out of the car. Please have your child exit your car and make their way to one of our open walkways. It is important that you make sure your child has exited the car and is safely on the sidewalk before you pull away. Students may be dropped off beginning at **9:20 AM** and will proceed to one of the breezeways. Students will be allowed to enter their classrooms when the bell rings at **9:30 AM**.

Dismissal: Begins at 3:50 PM. All families wishing to pick their children up by car will be given a car visor that indicates the names of the children being picked up. To pick up children at the car loop, parents will need to have the visor clearly displayed in their window. Parents should enter the loop and pull forward as much as possible into one of the eight designated spaces. Please do not jump out of line as this creates a dangerous situation for our students and staff. Once all eight spaces are loaded, the line will be released by the staff member who is working at station number one. Please note if you forget your visor, you must show a valid drivers license in the front office before we will release your child. Remember this is for their safety.

*Please note that we have PK students being picked up at the other end of the building in front of the Bear Jamboree pod. Please be very careful when you go around this corner. After the PK students are loaded, those parents will carefully and slowly exit past the main pick up line.

Rainy Day Dismissal: In the event of severe weather, car riders will be housed in the classroom nearest the car loop by grade level. Students will be called to their cars from those classrooms. This may take longer but in the event of severe weather, this will be the safest way to dismiss the students.



Walkers



Walkers are students who live within the 2 mile radius of the school and do not qualify for bus transportation. Students **MAY NOT** be dropped off or picked up by cars on Nicholas Drive, Paladio Drive, or Town Avenue. Students being dropped off at these areas cause an unsafe situation for all. If your child is coming to school by car, you must go through the school car line. Cars are not allowed to enter the Bus Loop. Only authorized vehicles may pull into the back parking lot. Parking for parents that need to come into the school is in the front parking lot only.

We appreciate your cooperation to help us make this the safest place for your children.

Rainy Day Dismissl:

Town Avenue Walkers/Bike Riders: In the event of severe weather, students who are Town Avenue walkers will be housed in the two classrooms closest to the bike rack. Students who do not have parents meeting them will be dismissed after inclement weather has passed.

Palladio Walkers/Bike Riders: In the event of severe weather, students who are Palladio walkers will be housed in the cafeteria. Parents may come to the cafeteria to pick up their child. Students who do not have parents meeting them will be dismissed after inclement weather has passed.



Bring Your Own Device



As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. Therefore, we have decided and are excited to implement a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program here at Longleaf Elementary. In this initiative, students are encouraged to bring their own technology devices to school to assist their learning experiences. Listed below is what our agreement form includes to which we will adhere as we establish this new program within our school.

Definition of “Device”

For purposes of BYOD, “Device” means privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand-held equipment. The device should be portable and used for word processing, reading, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, and sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing. This includes, iPads, Nooks, Kindles, tablet, iPods and Smartphones.

Security and Damages

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with each student. Pasco County Schools will not be held liable for any device stolen or damaged while on our campus. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches be used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

BYOD Student Agreement

The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole.

Students and parents/guardians participating in BYOD must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct as well as all Board policies, particularly Internet Acceptable Use and Internet Safety. Furthermore, the student must agree to the following conditions:

- ★ The student takes full responsibility for his or her technology device. The district is not responsible for the security of student-owned technology.
- ★ The device must be in silent mode and in their backpack while on school campus unless otherwise directed by the teacher.
- ★ The student accesses only files on the device or Internet sites, which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.
- ★ The students complies with teachers’ request to shutdown the device or close the screen.
- ★ The student will follow all school rules and laws when using electronic devices at school.
- ★ The student will understand that their teachers and administrators have the right to access whatever they do online while in school if they are concerned about student safety or the safety of others.
- ★ Pasco County Policies of Electronics can be accessed here: http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/medstudent_network_guidelines

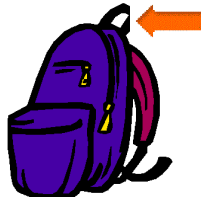


Bus Riders



The District School Board of Pasco County, Transportation Department, and Longleaf Elementary will be participating in a systemic change to our bus pass system in order to increase the safety for those students that ride a school bus.

On or before the first day of school, your child will receive a colored wrist/identification band indicating which bus he/she rides. This wrist/identification band should be placed on your child's backpack. If your child does not have a backpack at this time, the band should be placed on his/her wrist. This wrist/identification band has critical information on it and is assigned specially to your child. We are asking that you leave this band on your child's backpack for as long as possible to allow your child's bus driver to learn all of the children assigned to his or her bus.



To ensure your child is departing the bus at the correct location, your child's bus driver will be checking for this wrist/identification band and reading the four digit number that is associated with your child's assigned bus stop.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Wichmanowski the Assistant Principal, at 727 774-0800 or 813 794-0800.

Note: Students are not allowed to ride another bus or get off at a different stop. If you move or your child needs to change stops for the year, please come into the office so a new bus pass may be issued. Please do not send a note asking for a temporary change as this is not allowed.

IMPORTANT: If there is a change in how your child is to go home, ie student will be a car rider one day instead of bus rider, you must send a written note to the teacher. No changes can be made without a written note. Phone calls will be taken only for an emergency situation. Please do not rely on phone calls on a regular basis.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

We want to remind everyone that there is an elementary school dress code. Parents are asked to review the Rules of Dress and Appearance in the Code Of Student Conduct for Elementary Students that is issued on the first day of school to students in grades 2-5 or to go on line to the district website to review at:

http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/library/student_services/conduct/csc_eng.pdf

Listed are some common violations of the dress code. Please help your child in selecting appropriate clothes and shoes for school.



- ★Students shall not wear hats or head coverings inside school buildings
- ★Students shall not wear very short shorts or miniskirts. Desired length is no more than 4" above the knee.
- ★Tops that leave the stomach showing, spaghetti straps and strapless tops are not acceptable
- ★Student should wear clothing that lets them move and play safely when PE is scheduled.



School Rules

★Students must wear tennis shoes in order to play on the playground.

★No shoes with any type of wheels inserted will be allowed on campus at anytime. This includes after hour functions.



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