



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sept. 5th-

Sept. 6th-

Sept. 9th-

Sept. 9th-15th

Sept. 15th-

Sept. 29th-

Oct. 4th-

No School—Labor Day

Lewis Elementary PTA Meeting, 8:15am Media Center

Grandparents Breakfast

Book Fair

Open House All Grades

General Assembly/Pride Walk Kickoff

Lewis Elementary PTA Meeting, 8:15am Media Center

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Volunteers are a Treasure at Lewis

Welcome to the 2011-12 school year!! Our PTA offers Lewis families many exciting activities and programs throughout the school year. In addition, we provide support to and appreciation for our wonderful teachers and staff. We cannot be successful without YOUR help. In your "First Day Packets" you should have received a Volunteer Form. It provides a list of the many opportunities for you to get involved this school year. Please thoughtfully consider how you would like to help and place a check (✓) next to those activities on the Volunteer Form. You may volunteer for as many as you like, but keep in mind that you **will be called** to help and we will be counting on your support. You will be contacted by the event coordinator prior to each activity for which you volunteer. You must also complete a SERVE form for each member of your family that wishes to volunteer. The SERVE forms are stapled to the Volunteer Forms. You are an essential part of our success at Lewis. Thank you in advance for all your help and support!

COMMUNITY LIAISON FOR LEWIS ELEMENTARY

Welcome back parents! I know that we have an excellent team of teachers and staff in place to make this a great year! My name is Alison Fernandez and I want to introduce my role as Community Liaison. I will strive to keep you informed of things occurring at the state and school district levels that may have an impact on your child's education. We all want to make sure that our children receive the best education possible. If you have concerns about your experience specifically at Lewis, speak to your child's teacher. If, after speaking with the teacher, you still have concerns, the next step is to speak with the principal, Mrs. Tonelli. Our faculty and staff are dedicated to the quality of your child's education and are the best people to resolve those concerns. If your concerns are focused on policy or curriculum decisions that have been made at the school district or the state legislature levels, I am available to discuss the best way for your concerns to be heard. My email is fernandezalison@hotmail.com.



We need clothes!!!



The Clothes Closet can use any new and used Uniform shirts, skorts, shorts, pants and spirit shirts that you may no longer need. Please look in your closets and drawers and bring them to the office. We have a number of children that are in need of uniforms and we keep supplies for necessary changes at school. Thank you so much for your help.



Lewis PTA Bylaws

As part of the General Assembly meeting September 29th, please be advised that we will be voting on the revised PTA bylaws. This evening will also serve as our Pride Walk kick-off, so we'll look forward to seeing you there!

LEWIS PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

This year, more than ever, the PTA needs YOUR help. With national and state budget crises, PTA support is more critical than ever before. Money raised through PTA memberships and the annual Pride Walk fundraiser helps fund various Lewis programs for our students. Your Lewis PTA strives to build a culture of community that engages and involves students and families in the learning process. So, how can you help? **Become involved and become a PTA member!** Membership forms are available on-line at www.lewispta.com, in the front office, or in the first day packet you received the first day of school. Place completed forms with payment in an envelope and return to your child's teacher or the front office.

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LEWIS ELEMENTARY PTA PANTHER PRESS

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A message from the president...

On behalf of the Lewis Elementary PTA, I would like to welcome back all returning families and offer a big WELCOME to all new families. I am very excited for the new school year and to be serving as your PTA President.

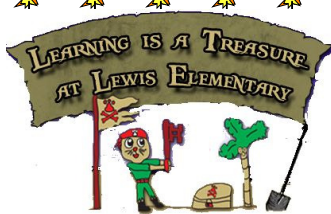
The PTA is pleased to announce two new additions to the Lewis family: Mrs. Kristin Tonelli, Principal and Delilah Rabeiro, Assistant Principal. Both come to Lewis with experience and a clear vision for academic excellence. As a community, we can work together to continue Lewis Elementary's legacy of high educational standards that make it the "jewel" of Temple Terrace.

For the PTA to be effective and truly representative of the school, everyone's participation is essential. Many parents feel that they cannot participate in the PTA because they cannot come to meetings or be on campus during the day. We want everyone to feel that they are part of the Lewis Community. Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, your ideas, your time, and your talents are truly needed. We can match your availability and interests to needed tasks. There are endless possibilities in ways you can help.

Keep in mind that by volunteering, you will get to enjoy interacting with the children, meeting other parents, supporting teachers, and accomplishing things that truly make a difference. Research shows that when families are involved, children perform better and have fewer discipline problems. We promise that the time you give to the PTA and the school will be worthwhile – and fun! Please be a part of this new beginning at Lewis. Complete your SERVE form today and sign up to volunteer. Find out for yourself why "Learning is a Treasure at Lewis Elementary!"

We would like to thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. **Have a wonderful school year and we look forward to seeing you at our first PTA meeting, September 6th at 8:15am in the Lewis media center.**

Sincerely,
Jen Terry
President - Lewis PTA
president@lewispta.com



Congratulations to Dean for his t-shirt design which was the inspiration for the 2011-2012 Spirit shirt.

At the end of each year, 4th grade students work with Ms. Tremblay to create t-shirt designs for the following year. After much consideration, one design is chosen and that design becomes the inspiration for the next year's shirt. Fourth grade students, start thinking now of another winning design!

Students are allowed to wear their spirit shirts to school on Fridays. Part of your spirit shirt purchase goes directly back to support Lewis' PTA. Spirit shirts are available for purchase at www.eyecandyprints.com or by order form sent home through your child's class.

Volunteers always welcomed!!

Volunteer Opportunity! The Lewis Media Center needs volunteers. We usually schedule volunteers for 2-hour time slots, one day each week. If you can spare a couple hours then we'd love to have your help! Please contact Angela at angelawitherington@gmail.com, or at 494-7599.



Yearbook Opportunities!!

Do you love taking pictures or have expertise in Photoshop, Microsoft Publisher, etc? If so, we need you!!

We are looking for creative individuals to assist with our 2011-2012 yearbook. Please contact Tiffany Sperry (Yearbook Advisor) at yearbook@lewispta.com