

## SAVE THE DATE! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Feb 7, 2012** 8:15am - 9:15am  
Lewis Elementary PTA Meeting
- Feb 10, 2012** Fair Day - No School
- Feb 15, 2012** Kindergarten RoundUp
- Feb 23, 2012** 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
PTA Dinner & General Assembly Meeting
- March 6, 2012** 8:15am – 9:15am  
Lewis Elementary PTA Meeting

### MEDIA CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The media center needs some volunteers for this second half of the year. If you have just 2 hours to give each week to help out in the media center it would be very much appreciated. Please contact Angela at [angelawitherington@gmail.com](mailto:angelawitherington@gmail.com) or call 988-9134, or stop by the library and give your name and contact information to our media specialist, Miss Giordano. Thank you!

### PTA Dinner & General Assembly Meeting

Parents, Teachers, and students...Come Join the Fun!! We are having our PTA General Assembly on Thursday, February 23rd from 5PM-7PM. The fun-filled evening will include dinner, entertainment, and a brief welcome from our PTA President. Dinner Reservations will be sent home soon. The Reflections Art work will also be on display and 5th Grade will be selling Baked Goods for esserts!

Hope to see you there!

### Support Our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Panthers

Every year the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers put together an amazing end-of-the-year package for our graduating 5<sup>th</sup> graders. This year is no exception! The package includes t-shirts, a DVD, a field trip to Universal Studios and a graduation banquet. In an effort to keep the cost of the package reasonable for everyone, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are selling Lewis spirit hats in red and royal blue at a cost of \$10 each and Lewis spirit car magnets at a cost of \$6 each. Lewis spirit hat days were held in December and January. Future dates will be scheduled so support the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and show your Lewis spirit by purchasing Lewis hats and car magnets. Order forms are available in the front office.

### WE NEED YOUR PICTURES!

Upload them at [ww.lewispta.com](http://ww.lewispta.com) on the yearbook page or email them directly to

[tiffanysperry1@yahoo.com](mailto:tiffanysperry1@yahoo.com)  
no later than February 10th.

### YEARBOOK NEWS: LAST CHANCE FOR \$20 YEARBOOKS

Don't forget to order yours today!!  
Price increases to \$25  
on Jan 31, 2012  
(You can also order online at [www.lewispta.com](http://www.lewispta.com)  
on the Yearbook page)

### 5th GRADE DEDICATIONS

Check out our new dedication options!  
All dedications are due no later than January 31st.

Need a new form? Download at [www.lewispta.com](http://www.lewispta.com) Email all dedications to [the.whitesTT@gmail.com](mailto:the.whitesTT@gmail.com).

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FREE YEARBOOK WINNER FROM NOVEMBER!

Jenan A.

### Why Crosswalk and Traffic Signs Are Important

<http://ezinearticles.com/?Why-Crosswalk-and-Traffic-Signs-Are-Important&id=6148565>

'Drivers should always yield to a pedestrian crossing the street, but if you've spent any amount of time driving, you know that this doesn't always happen. Crosswalk traffic signs are a great way to reinforce driving laws and keep pedestrians safe when they cross the street.

Most commonly you will find crosswalk signs being used at busy intersections to help people cross the street safely. These signs are very effective in alerting drivers to areas where pedestrians could be walking and also **designate a safe place for people to cross streets.** Busy intersections are just one area you might find crosswalk traffic signs.

One of the highest traffic areas for cars and pedestrians is on school grounds. Whether your child is walking to school or simply crossing the street to get to your car, **crosswalk signs serve as an important tool for keeping everyone safe on school property.'**

I drop my child off at school most days using the "car-rider line" and it is very unnerving to see so many parents and children disregard the crosswalks at Lewis. There are many times that the car line must stop in many different places to allow a parent with a child to cross the parking lot. For the safety of our students we should utilize (and teach our children to use) the crosswalks whenever possible. If I have to walk my child up to school, I park at the recreation center and walk her up to school using the crosswalk. Taking just a little longer to walk around on the sidewalk and through the crosswalks could very well save someone from getting hurt. Let's do what we can to keep our children safe.



### A message from the president...

#### Lewis Students and Families:

Happy New Year to Lewis Students, Teachers, and Families!

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to what the spring holds for your child at Lewis Elementary. I know we are very thankful for the quality education our children are receiving at Lewis. Please consider joining us to connect with other Lewis students and families at a variety of school and PTA sponsored events.

This Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, is Lewis Family Skate Night at the Skateplex on Busch Blvd. The fun starts at 6:00 pm and the cost is only \$5 per person. You just might see your principal on roller skates!

Two more opportunities you don't want to miss are in February. Our Kindergarten Round-up is February 15<sup>th</sup> for all incoming Lewis kindergartners and their families. This event is open to those living in our school district, as well as those applying for Lewis school choice. Our entire school family is invited to our Spring PTA General Assembly meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will be a fun evening of dinner, entertainment, and Reflections art work. Please put this event on your calendar today. Dinner reservation forms will be sent home soon.

More information about the events mentioned can be found in this newsletter and on our website [lewispta.com](http://lewispta.com).

Thank you for all you do to support our students and teachers at Lewis Elementary!

*Jen Terry*

President - Lewis PTA  
[president@lewispta.com](mailto:president@lewispta.com)



### Lewis Family Skate Night

Where: USA Skateplex in Temple Terrace

When: Friday night, 1/20/2012!

Join us for a Lewis Family Skate Night this Friday, January 20 from 6-8pm at Skateplex on Busch Blvd. \$5 per person at the door. Bring the whole family! See you at the rink.

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### Panther Partners

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### Reflections



Congratulation to Samuel R. and Benjamin V. for receiving awards at the Hillsborough County Reflections Reception. Sam received Honorable Mention in Musical Composition, and Ben received Honorable Mention in Photography.

All Reflections art entries will be on display at the February PTA General Assembly Meeting at Lewis.

**Please come to see all of our students wonderful works of art.**

