



SAVE THE DATE! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Sept. 9th-16th** Book Fair
- Sept. 15th-** Open House All Grades
- Sept. 29th-** General Assembly/Pride Walk Kickoff
- Oct. 4th-** Lewis Elementary PTA Meeting,
8:15am Media Center
- Oct. 7th-** Donuts for Dads
- Oct. 8th-** Temple Terrace Reads
- Oct. 14th-** **PRIDE WALK!!**
- Oct. 21st-** No School
- Nov. 1st-** Lewis Elementary PTA Meeting,
8:15am Media Center



Calling all 5th graders! Greco Middle School is hosting a Sneak Preview on October 13, 2011, 5:30-7:30 pm. Come see what middle school is all about, meet teachers, tour the school, find out what middle school students do all day! Learn about Greco's academic programs, including AVID, STEM and Pre-KAPs. Look for more information to be sent home with your student. Questions? Call the Greco office at 987-6926.

PTA PIZZA PARTY WINNERS



Each year the Lewis PTA throws a pizza party for the first class of each grade level to reach 100% PTA membership. We are happy to announce the following winning classrooms for this year:



- Kindergarten – Mrs. Niebel**
- Second Grade – Mrs. Koch**
- Fourth Grade – Mrs. Hastings**
- Fifth Grade – Mrs. O'Reilly**

The race is still on for **first and third graders** to win a pizza party. Keep sending in your membership forms. Pizza parties will be arranged in the upcoming weeks.

LEWIS PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE

The PTA would like to say “thank you” to everyone who has joined the Lewis PTA this year. With your support, our treasure box is beginning to fill up and “sparkle.” September is National PTA Membership Month – we need your help to reach our goal of 100%. Currently we are at approximately 75%. An important and simple step to support our students, teachers and school is to join your Lewis PTA. There are no strings attached and everyone is invited to join. We welcome and encourage your participation at the monthly meetings and as a volunteer; however there are no mandatory meetings or volunteer hours. You can choose your own level of involvement. Memberships will be available to buy at Open House (Sept. 15th), and the Pride Walk Kick-Off (Sept. 29th). Also, membership forms are available in the front office, on-line at lewispta.com, and were included in the first day packet. Remember, the first class in each grade to reach 100% PTA membership receives a pizza party. Questions? E-mail Dorothy Bardin at membership@lewispta.com.

Reflections



The Reflections Art Program has begun, and this year's theme is "Diversity Means...". Reflections is an art program sponsored by the National PTA. Students create original works of art that relate to the theme "Diversity Means..." in the following categories: Visual art, Photography, Literature, Music Composition, Film Production, and Dance Choreography. Your child will be bringing home the Reflections



information flyer soon. Official entry forms will be available soon on our website, in the office, media center, and the art room. Visit our Reflections page on the PTA website at www.lewispta.com. Students who wish to use the art room for their Visual Art project may do so from 7:30 to 7:55 on the following Wednesday and Thursday mornings: September 28 & 29, October 5 & 6, 12 & 13, and 19 & 20. Please come in! All entries will be due on Wednesday, October 26 by 8 a.m. in the media center. If

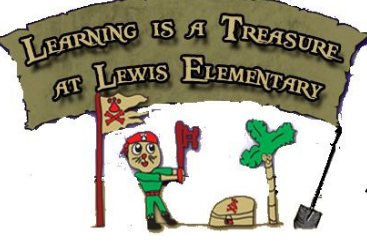


you have any questions, please contact Robin Vantoorenburg at reflection@lewispta.com or 984-9630.

Volunteers are a Treasure at Lewis

Thank you Lewis families for your overwhelming response to our request for volunteers. Please keep your eyes open for e-mails that come from the “Lewis PTA Volunteer Coordinator.” These are typically requests for assistance. Please do not respond directly to these e-mails, but to the e-mail address listed at the heading of the e-mail. This is the event coordinator and he/she will contact you directly when you e-mail him/her your availability to help with that event. Again, please ensure that you have completed and turned in a SERVE form for each member of your family that wishes to volunteer this year at Lewis. You are an essential part of our success at Lewis. Thank you in advance for all your help and support!

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LEWIS ELEMENTARY PTA PANTHER PRESS

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A message from the president...



Lewis Students and Families:

Wow! What an amazing start to a new school year.

The PTA is proud of the warm welcome you have shown to our new administrators, teachers, students and families. Your desire to volunteer and support the school is encouraging. Whether you have been a volunteer on the front lines or behind the scenes, we want to thank you. With your help, the following events at Lewis Elementary were a success: our 1st Annual Campus Beautification Day, Panther Preview, Teacher Luncheon, New Family Breakfast, School Supply Delivery, Grandparents' Breakfast, and Book Fair.

Our Open House at Lewis Elementary will be held Thursday, September 15th at 5:30 pm. Come tour your child's classroom, order a school yearbook, shop at the book fair, and hear from our new principal, Mrs. Kristin Tonelli.

Fundraising efforts at Lewis are ready to begin with our one and only PTA-school fundraiser – The Pride Walk. Last year, money from the Pride Walk provided funds for atomic clocks for all classrooms and offices, cutting edge technology for our media center and morning show, special school projects and funding requests, faculty and student support, and spring book fair certificates for every student! Please consider partnering with us again this year as we set a goal of \$25,000. Your child will be receiving a packet soon to explain all the details.

Finally, you and your family do not want to miss our 4th Annual Pride Walk Kick-Off event – the Panther Pirate Party – Thursday, September 29th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. At this event, you can eat dinner, meet other Lewis families, and cheer on our teachers as they compete in a friendly pirate-themed competition. Come learn how your child can help raise funds to support special projects at Lewis, while earning awesome prizes! Wear your best pirate gear, as we anticipate some surprise guests to invade Lewis!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you at Open House on the 15th and at the Panther Pirate Party – Pride Walk Kick-Off on the 29th!



Sincerely,
Jen Terry

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PRIDEWALK KICKOFF!!

Just as a reminder, the Pridewalk kickoff event will take place during our Fall Dinner General Assembly Meeting on Thursday, September 29th. Notices and RSVP forms for the Dinner will be sent home soon. The evening is planned as follows:

Dinner Served at 5:30-6:15

A brief PTA Meeting 6:15-6:30

Games between the Staff/Faculty 6:30-7:15

Gifts for winners of the game 7:15-7:30

It will be a fun-filled evening, so don't forget to RSVP for dinner. Come and cheer for your teachers and faculties as they play some friendly competitive games with one another. Hope to see you there!!



Panther Partners

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Yearbook Opportunities!!

Get your pictures in the yearbook!
Go to www.lewispta.com, click on the link and upload them there!

The 2011-2012 Lewis Yearbooks are Coming!



Early Bird Special at Open House
\$18 One Night Only: September 15th
5:00-7:00pm

After Open House, prices will increase to \$20.