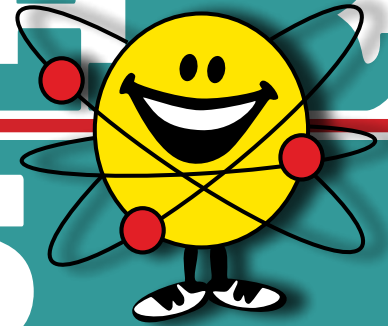


LASER NEWS



OCTOBER 2008

A Message From Our Principal



WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER "A+" RED CARPET SCHOOL YEAR, CELEBRATING A NEW YEAR OF LEARNING!!!!!! Congratulations and much gratitude to our students, teachers, parents and staff members for their dedication and commitment in attaining the Grade "A" Recognition Award, the 5 Star Award, and the Golden School Award. Congratulations to a Grade "A" Team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Fajet for volunteering her time to update the school's web page. Please visit <http://williamlehman.dadeschools.net> and look at the pictures.

Now we are off to a great start towards another year of academic achievement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your help, support, and patience during a very smooth opening of the school year. It is good to have the children back and to see their enthusiasm for the new year.

Safety is our main concern when your children are at William Lehman Elementary. I have a special request in asking that you help make our dismissal pick-up procedures safe and efficient by:

1. Following the directions of our staff members as you drive through the traffic pattern.
2. Please wait until a staff member motions you to move forward.
3. Children are not permitted to cross the driveway to get to the cars.
4. Please pull up next to the curb to pick up your child.

Please be extra patient with the traffic pattern and remember not to block the neighbors' driveways. Special thanks to Mrs. Jaureguizar, Mrs. Garcia, Mr. Chickillo and all teachers for making sure we have a smooth dismissal everyday.

I would also like to remind you of the importance of school attendance. Though improvements were made during the last school year, we are planning to exceed it this school year. I want to stress that the ability of children to understand new concepts and achievements are directly related to good attendance. We really appreciate all your efforts in making sure they are in school every day and on time.

The Book Fair and Open House Night were a great success. Special appreciation to Mrs. Harkow, all our teachers and staff members for a job well done. Hats off to you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

In closing, I would like to thank Mrs. Tammi Wells, our PTA president, and the PTA Board for a successful Ice Cream Social/PTA General Meeting and Volunteers Breakfast. We cannot do it without your involvement. HATS OFF TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF!

Thank you in advance for your continued support to all school endeavors in placing Children First!

WE'RE GOING PAPERLESS!!!

Beginning with our next issue, our newsletter will be available online at the school website. Place a bookmark on your web browser for instant access to school information and Laser News. If you'd like to receive Laser News via email, please fill out and detach this portion of the newsletter and return it to the school.

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PTA NEWS



A Message From Our PTA President



CONGRATULATIONS! William Lehman Elementary is now part of an elite group of schools, receiving the ultimate **Five Star School Award!** Our website has photos of the ceremony that took place September 11, 2008.

We're on our way to earn the Five Star Award again this year. We've already started gathering information on parent participation at school events and other areas that are a part of the requirements to apply for the award.

On Friday, September 26th, we had our annual Volunteer Orientation Breakfast. The theme of the breakfast was sports related since we're working on creating team spirit between home and school. In any major sports team there are others within the corporation that help the players be their best. Our school is set up the same way! Our children are the star performers. The corporation is made up of the parents, teachers, administrators, cafeteria, custodial, and after-school care staff. We're all here to make sure our children are all-star players!

There were over 50 moms and dads in attendance! In addition, we had several parents that couldn't attend but they wanted the information in order for them to be able to help.

Ms. Cruz and Mrs. Jaureguizar went over various rules (do's and don'ts) as well as our goals for the Five Star School Award. Mrs. Goldstein shared information about the Parent of the Month Program and Mrs. Garcia explained how parents can help with the Courteous Me Program.

This year we'd like to have 100 men volunteering. We're starting a special group this year just for them! Leave a message for Mr. Roly Puentes at 305-273-2140 for more information on ways to get involved.

Mrs. Maria Richardson, our VP of Volunteers, shared information regarding our new "Three for Me" program. Pledge three hours of your time to the school and receive recognition and a certificate. Your child will receive a special button that says: "I'm a proud student of a volunteer!" Kids are so proud of their parents, and love to be able to have their friends meet mom and dad... a little volunteering goes a long way!

We'll be working with United Way the entire month of October. It's a wonderful way for our children to learn about giving back to our community! We'll need extra hands to help with all the events that take place, so please let Maria Richardson (3rd VP of Volunteering) know when you can help out.

We're still searching for those interested in becoming committee chairs. Please review the positions listed below and see if you can help us out. We'll teach you everything you'll need to know!

Committees: 5th Grade Party, Holiday Shop, Jump Rope for Heart, Family BBQ, Daddy & Me Breakfast, Hospitality Lunches, Mommy & Me Tea, Mother's Day Shop, Art Project, Cookie Dough Sale, United Way, and Peaceful Parent Patrol.

Our newsletter will be available through the school website. We're excited to be able to offer more information on what's going on as well as share more photos of events.

Thanks for being involved parents! If you have questions or ideas please share them with me at: wleptapres@hotmail.com
-Tammi Wells, PTA President

SALLY FOSTER GIFT WRAP SALE

V.P. of Fundraising: Maria Donn

Our goal for our first major sale of the year was set at \$10,000.00. We don't have a final total yet, but at last count we collected over \$11,000.00 and that wasn't including the internet sales! What that means for the school is that *we now have over \$5,000.00 to put into the classrooms* in the way of ink for printers and other learning tools our teachers need for our children. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Delivery of the gift wrap and goodies will be Friday, October 31st.

Our Sally Foster Cookie Dough Sale is just around the corner; stay tuned for the dates...

VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME

V.P. of Volunteers: Maria Richardson

New parents to William Lehman: if you haven't turned in your Miami Dade Volunteer Form, please do it soon! **You must have clearance** in order to participate in field trips, class events and other volunteering around the school.

If you'd like to have an idea of what goes on in the school, check out the binder in the media center that covers practically everything William Lehman and the PTA participated in last year. This is why you can be proud of the fact that **your child is attending a FIVE STAR school!**

Our Three for Me program is in place so if you have a little extra time, stop by and check out the board in the main office to see what teachers need help with. It's a great way to keep in touch with what your child is doing in school and the teachers and staff truly appreciate your help!

PTA MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chairperson: Claudia Viteri

If you haven't had a chance to look at the bulletin board by the cafeteria, you need to check it out... we have posted almost 300 names of those becoming PTA Members already this year!!! The goal set this year is to have 400 parents become PTA Members. I am so excited - we wanted to go at least 2% over our goal, but it looks like we'll go higher than that.

There are so many benefits in joining. I encourage you to visit the national PTA website (www.pta.org) and the Florida PTA (www.floridapta.org) site to see for yourself how valuable being a member is. There's still time if you haven't turned in your membership.

Remember, **YOU** are an essential piece of the puzzle. *You do make a difference in our children's lives!*

LASER KIDS



Dear Peaceful Patty,

I was wondering if you could help me. Lately I have been feeling lost in class because I did not understand what the teacher was explaining in science. I tried to listen carefully but I'm scared of asking questions. I'm scared people are going to look at me and think I'm not smart. Finally, my teacher said we had to study for this week's science test and now I'm worried even more! I want to give up and not study.



Please help me and write back soon!

Love,
William Lehman Student

Dear WLE Student,

Don't be scared and never give up! If you did not hear what the teacher said or you need for the teacher to re-explain something in class, raise your hand and ask your teacher. I tell all my Laser students that the more you ask questions, the smarter you get! The reason for this is because you are showing your teacher that you are interested and you care about learning and you care about your grade. Also, if you raise your hand, you're helping other students get smarter because they get to hear the teacher explain again important information.

Finally, never give up! This month's value is perseverance. This means working hard and not giving up, because whether we are working on improving our reading or improving our running speed, the more we practice the better we get! So be perseverant – work hard and never give up!

With lots of love,
Peaceful Patty

What kind of hair do oceans have?

Wavy!

What do you call a dinosaur that breaks everything it touches?

A "Tyrannosaurus Wrecks"!

Why did the rooster cross the road?

To prove he wasn't chicken!

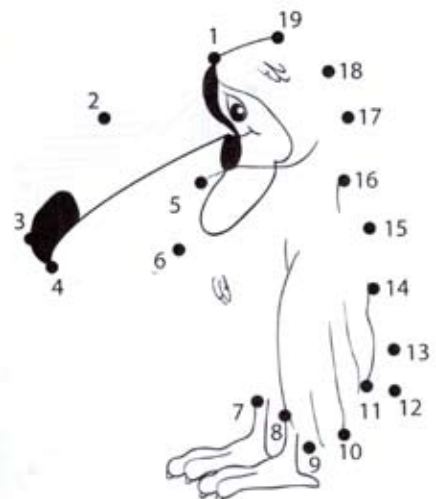
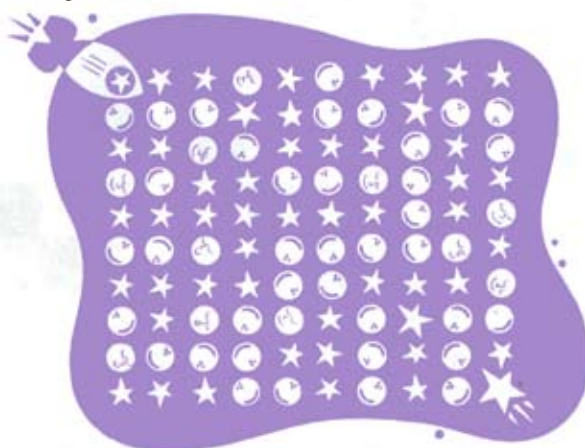


Words to live by

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind!

-Dr. Seuss

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LASER AIDS



SUPER FUN FOR EVERYONE!



Upcoming Events

UNITED WAY – Make it a Family Event!

The month of October is dedicated to community service. William Lehman students, teachers and staff participate in various events to benefit the United Way Program. We strongly encourage you to get your family involved. It's a great way to help the children understand the concept of helping others through the charities the United Way funds. In giving to the community, your children will participate in different ways such as twin day, crazy hat day, the United Way dance and talent show.

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We're working on a date to have a morning "Coffee Break".

This will be an opportunity to meet with others and share ideas on volunteering and find out the areas that need assistance immediately. This idea was presented by one of the moms attending the breakfast- We love the thought of us getting together! Stay tuned for more information. This is team spirit at its finest!

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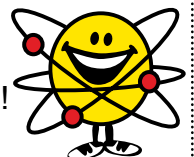
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