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**FSA IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH!!!** Parents, please mark this date on your calendars! Students absolutely need to be to school on time FULLY CHARGED Chromebooks!

## Students Learn to Fly!

Students will have the opportunity to gain a basic foundation in aeronautics as well as the opportunity to direct their own learning! How is this possible?

6th grade science teacher, Mrs. Liggins, and 6th grade English language arts teacher, Mrs. Brown will be directing the early morning science program. Students participating will meet every Monday and Friday from 7:30am to 8:30am. Mrs. Liggins explains that the program will be based on Florida educational standards but students have the opportunity to direct their own learning during this time by focusing on what they are interested in!

Students who want to focus on the aeronautics will have the opportunity to learn how to operate an aircraft through a flight simulator as well as learn basic aeronautical skills through Civil Air Patrol training. The flight simulation is a computer-based program housed in an area meant to mimic the space of a cockpit of a real plane. This way, as students use the program, it will feel very similar to what it would be like to be in actual plane.



## Parents! We need your help!

Mrs. Mell needs volunteers for:

Yearbook sales— Parents are needed to assist with sales during the lunch hour.

NJHS— Our NJHS team is still collecting donations for the animal shelter. Please consider donating old blankets, towels, socks, animal toys, or animal food. Please contact Mrs. Mell or an NJHS team member for a more specified list.

Please contact Mrs. Liggins or Mrs. Brown for more information.

Mrs. Liggins: [reginagl@leeschools.net](mailto:reginagl@leeschools.net)

Mrs. Brown: [reginabr@leeschools.net](mailto:reginabr@leeschools.net)

## Proud of our Stallions!

**AR 100 Point Luncheon**— 9 students were invited to have a special lunch at the Perkins Restaurant on the corner of Bonita Beach Rd and 41 due to their hard work in reading. All of the students invited to attend earned 100 or more AR points during the second quarter.

**NJHS Volunteers**— Students are volunteering regularly at the Bonita Lion's Club Saturday pancake breakfasts as well as their thrift shop.

**AVID leadership**— AVID students assisted in Mrs. Mell's World History class as well as volunteered at our annual Open House. The AVID students assisted Mrs. Mell in helping her students develop higher level thinking questions, a difficult task for sixth graders to master! During the open house, AVID students helped direct parents and presented to the parents about the AVID elective. (for more info, turn to page 5)

**Odyssey of the Mind teams**— Our teams recently participated in the Spontaneous workshop to help them prepare to rock the Spontaneous portion of the OM competition held on March 4. If our students do well at the regional OM competition, they will move on to the state competition held in Orlando during the month of April.



**Yearbooks on sale: \$30!**

**Last chance to order!**

# STALLION NEWS

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## Intramural Sports Dates to Remember!



### Soccer schedule— boys' and girls' teams

Game 3: 2/2/17 vs. Six Mile Charter (home)

Game 4: 2/7/17 vs. Cypress Lake (home)

Playoffs: Rd 2. 2/16/17 vs. TBA (home)



### Track

Begins: Feb 14, 2017

Area Meet: 3/8 or 9/ 17 @ Estero High School District of Lee County

Regional Meet: TBA

Coaches: Mr. True/ Mr. Barnes



### Golf and Tennis:

Start Date: 3/14/2017

Coaches: Mr. True/ Mr. Barnes



### SCRIPPS Spelling Bee

February 2nd directly after school!

The two winners of our school spelling bee will move on to the 2-District challenge between Lee and Collier counties. This will be held on March 9th, 6:30pm at North Naples Middle School. The winner of that competition will move on to 92nd annual national spelling bee held in Washington, DC!

## Free Eye Glasses for Sixth Grade Students!

Parents of 6th graders:



Health screening took place on January 23rd.

Please be checking your students back packs for vision referrals. If your child has a referral to see an eye doctor and if you would like to take advantage of a free eye exam and free glasses contact your school nurse!



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## **Sixth Grade Parents**

Don't let your child be the only one who can't start the  
first day of 7<sup>th</sup> grade!!!!

Before your child can begin the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, he/she must have documentation of having received the following immunizations:

- TDaP booster (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) after the age of 7.



### IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018 GRADE 7

5 DTP/DTaP-Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis

4 Polio

2 MMR-Measles-Mumps-Rubella

3 Hepatitis B (Hep B)

1 Chickenpox-Varicella

**1 TDaP-Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis  
booster**

We encourage all parents to have their child seen by a private physician or health care provider in the community prior to the busy summer season to receive the required immunizations. Private physicians and clinics charge according to their established fees. Vaccines required for children are available free of charge from all Lee County Health Department facilities. Remember, you must bring your child's immunization records with you to help determine what immunizations are required and to provide the information necessary to fill out the Florida Certificate of Immunization Form DH 680.

The Lee County Health Department provides school age immunizations free of charge at:

**LCHD Michigan Avenue Clinic**, 3920 Michigan Ave., Ft. Myers, FL 33916  
(239) 332-9601, Walk-In Only, Mon-Thurs: 8AM – 3PM, Fri: 1PM – 3PM

Immunizations can also be obtained at the LCHD outreach clinic at First Presbyterian Church, 9751 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs on the 1<sup>st</sup> **Tuesday of every month** from 5PM – 7:30PM.

For more information concerning school **immunization requirements**, contact the Lee County Health Department at (239)332-9601.

Remember

**NO SHOTS NO SCHOOL**





## THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER

Thoughts from Mrs. Colon:

- Did you know attendance is the #1 school success factor?

Please continue to attend school and come prepared every day!

- READ, READ, READ! DO NOT FORGET---AR is 10% of your grade in every class!

### **Parents of 8th graders:**

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION:

The district will mail pre-printed applications to our current 8th grade students.

January 23rd –OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGAN

January 23rd---if you are applying to a special program at one of the high schools, you must submit a separate application (Cambridge, IB, etc.) for that program! Visit the high school's website ASAP for further information. The deadline for special programs applications is **fast approaching**.

If you are interested in the arts at Cypress High, please visit their website for further information.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

“One of the most important keys to Success is having the discipline to do what you know you should do, even when you don't feel like doing it.”

– Unknown

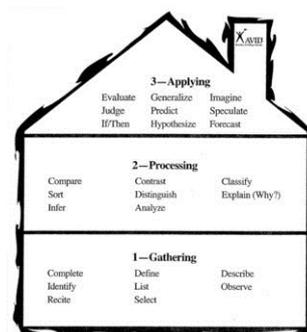


## AVID Helps With HOT Questions!

Developing Costa's level two and three questions, also known as "higher order thinking" (HOT) questions is a task that even adults can find challenging! These levels of thinking asks students to not just recall basic facts about what they are learning but to analyze, interpret, and connect that information in order to find deeper meaning and understanding. Our students in the AVID elective are HOT question experts and shared their knowledge with Mrs. Mell's sixth graders to help them on their road to becoming experts as well.

One AVID student explains what it was like stepping out of the student role and into the leadership role: "Supplying the sixth graders with information about Costa's levels of thinking was an amazing experience because it will help them with writing questions. Though it was stressful, it was all worth it in the end because they [now] have knowledge that other kids probably don't have. This also helped us [in AVID] with public speaking, interacting with others, and assuming a leadership position at BSMCA."

Sixth grade thoughts about the 8th graders helping: "It was weird at first, but I think they explained it really well and helped us understand how to make the questions."



Costa's levels of thinking

### AVID at Open House

Seventh and eighth grade AVID elective students displayed their leadership skills by assisting with the Open House on January 19, 2017. They were expected to help parents who may have had questions, were in charge of an AVID elective table, and presented to parents on one of the tour stops. Eighth grade AVID student, Rylee Keen, presented a speech to all the parents and prospective students before the tours began.

It takes a lot of nerve to present in front of a group and the parents who visited were impressed with our AVID students' speeches and presentations.

Comments from parents who visited during the open house:

1. "The AVID students did such a great job, and were very personable and full of information. I loved the presentations throughout! Everyone was friendly and helpful, and I got teary eyed during the opening student speech."
2. "I am so proud of the AVID students' presentations! Rylee was poised and professional— a better speaker than most adults— with a firm control over her pacing as well as infusing points of humor to make it entertaining. The students who presented during the tour were also very professional in their presentation. They made a strong case for the value of AVID and for their much beloved teacher. Parents all around me definitely looked impressed as the AVID students convinced us all that AVID builds strong organizational skills, college preparedness, and a positive community."

### History Fair Results

Many of our BSMCA students have been working hard to create some amazing projects for the Lee County School District's annual History Fair. Today their hard work was judged by the Daughters of the American Revolution and these are the winners! Students in first place will move on to compete in the district's history fair coming up in three weeks.

#### Group Exhibit-

- 1st place: Emma Jones and Emma Lelievre
- 2nd place: Faith Brownlee and Ethan Holter
- 3rd place: Mackenzie Baack and Genesis Martinez

#### Individual Exhibit-

- 1st place: Peter Waszkowski
- 2nd place: Andrew Lay
- 3rd place: Ethan Handy

#### Paper-

- 1st place: Genesis Carias

#### Group Documentary-

- 1st place: Ryan Principe and Richard Sheckler

#### Individual Documentary-

- 1st place: Giordan Dyokas

#### Group Performance-

- Arialee Altuzar and Mia Ferrao

In accordance with Florida State Board Rules, the following teachers are highly qualified but are teaching out of field or are working to meet ESOL requirements, gifted requirements, or reading requirements.

**Gifted**

Joy Mills

Marilyn Stevens

**ESOL**

Gregory August

Regina Brown

Joy Mills

Anthony Scine

Rachel Stokes

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