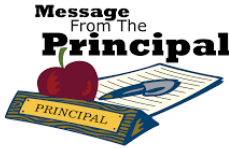




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Please be advised that it is not a good idea to drop off your children in front of the school before 8:00 am. Those of you who continue to do this, know that you are taking a big risk. We are not required to provide supervision to those outside the gate, especially before 8:00 am. The risk of being hit by a vehicle in front of the school is high, or the students could be subject to being a victim of a child predator from our neighborhood.

For more information about child predators within the community please check the link below:

<https://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/sops/neighborhoodSearch.jsf>



This year's annual talent show will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at Lake Como Elementary School. All students who wish to participate will have to audition. The auditions will be held in late January and early February. Please have your children make their music selections and start practicing.

The event will also include a pizza dinner, if you would like to volunteer for setup and cleanup please sign up in the office. This is a fundraising event and there will be a charge to attend. Pricing to be announced.

## Graduation Caps & Gown

Attention Kindergarten, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade parents. As part of the year-end graduation/awards ceremony your child will be required to wear a cap and gown. Order forms were sent home so you can begin to prepare. The orders are not due until February 1, 2025. If you do not receive an order form, please call the office.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students** - \$28.00

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students** - \$28.00

**Kindergarten Students** - \$26.00

The cap and gown is a requirement for all three grades.

## Cold Weather Uniforms

As the weather is getting colder here are a few reminders about uniform requirements.

During the "cold" months the Passport student uniform permits the wearing of warmer clothing. However, these items must meet the following requirements:

- White undershirts are permitted under the uniform shirt. No other color will be permitted. The undershirts should not be visible other than around the neckline.
- Sweatshirts or sweaters may be worn but they must be button down or zipper. The only pullover sweatshirt permitted over the uniform polo is the sweatshirt with logo available through the Passport approved vendor.
- Socks must be worn at all times. Stockings are acceptable, as well.
- Leggings are permitted beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup> or if the temperature falls below 50 degrees..

# Upcoming Events:

**NO SCHOOL – Mon 1-20**

**PMA – Science – 5<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 1-9**

**Report Cards – Thurs 1/16**

**NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. – Mon 1-20**

**ACCESS Rdg/Listening – Thurs 1/23**

**ACCESS Writing – 1/28**

**Field Trip – Kg/1<sup>st</sup> – Crayola Experience – Fri 2/21**

# Lunch Menu

Mon (1/13) – Cheesy Bosco Breadsticks

Tues (1/14) – Grilled Cheese Sandwich

Wed (1/15) – Herb Roasted Drumstick

Thu (1/16) – Hamburger

Fri (1/17) – Cheese Pizza Rippers

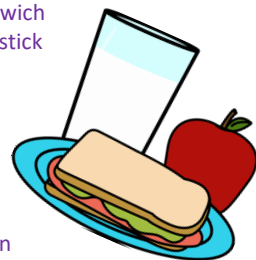
Mon (1/20) – NO SCHOOL

Tues (1/21) – Chicken Sandwich

Wed (1/22) – Mac n Cheese

Thu (1/23) – Breaded Drumstick

Fri (1/24) – Turkey Hot Dog on Bun



Please remember all payments for extended day fees are due by 10:00 am every Friday for the following week. If you do not pay in advance, you will be required to make arrangements for someone to pick up your child at dismissal and there will be a \$15.00 late fee! Also, if your child is not picked up by 6:00 pm there is an additional charge of \$1.00/minute payable at pickup.

## Students of the Week:

Primary – Nylah Wheatle

Intermediate – Sofia Lerggios

Middle School – Fernando Padilla Ramos

## Employee of the Week

Mrs. Harwell

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Here are a few events happening soon:

**Fringe ArtSpace** — Sat – Jan 11 – 10:00 – 2:00 -54 W Church St Suite 201, Orlando - Free crafts, activities, games, and shows that are perfect for kids of all ages

**Manatee Events** – Ongoing Jan 6-Feb 17 - The colder weather drives the manatees to warm water refuges, which maintain a consistent temperature of around 72°F (22°C), providing a safe haven. Before your visit, check the weather forecast since colder temperatures can bring more manatees to the area.

- **Blue Spring State Park** - 2100 W French Avenue, Orange City
- **The Florida Manatee Festival** – Jan 18-19 - Downtown Crystal River - Adults are \$10 and Kids 12 and under are free - Come join the celebration in downtown Crystal River as we honor our most famous resident!
- **ManateeFest 2025** - Valentine Park, Orange City – Jan 25-26 – 9:00-5:00 - ManateeFest 2025 is a celebration marking Manatee Lagoon's 9th anniversary! FREE, family-friendly event offers an opportunity to explore the manatees, the Lake Worth Lagoon, and environmental conservation. Face painting, Live music, Photo opportunities with Mia the Manatee, and a KidsFunZone. Discover the critical role Florida Power & Light Company plays in providing a refuge for manatees.

**St. Augustine Nights of Lights** – Thru Jan 26 – 6:30 pm - 1 Cathedral Street, St. Augustine - White lights drape the city's unique Spanish Colonial architecture and the downtown sidewalks to the rooftops, along 20 blocks of the Nation's Oldest City. The top two spots to visit for the best views and Nights of Lights selfies are The Plaza de la Constitución and The Bridge of Lions.



8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents - We are preparing a special page for our 8<sup>th</sup>-grade graduates in the yearbook. We are asking that you send in a baby picture of your child. All pictures must be received by January 15th. The original picture will be scanned and returned.

If you have any school-related photos you would like to submit for consideration in the yearbook, please email photos to Ms. Susanne at [sarmentrout@passportcharter.org](mailto:sarmentrout@passportcharter.org)

Each yearbook will cost \$22.50 through 4/15/2025. Orders placed after 4/16/25 will be \$25.00. Order early to save money!