

October 2016



Sugarland Elementary Wildcat News

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello, Wildcat Families!

School is in full swing and students have adjusted and are learning lots of great things! Parent conferences have started, so please make sure you contact your child's teacher to schedule a time to meet. We have also started our reading incentive with the fraternity, Omega Psi-Phi, and students can receive prizes just for reading. The more they read, the more their names go into the drawing for prizes. Please take time to have your child read to you or someone each evening. Also, we have more volunteers this year and we love it! If you have time to volunteer, we would love to have you! Thank you for helping us as we educate, inspire, and care for all our students.

2016-17 LCPS School Calendar

August 29 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
September 5 Holiday (Labor Day)
October 10 Holiday (Columbus Day)
November 4 End of First Grading Period
November 7-8 Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Days)
November 23-25 Holiday (Thanksgiving)
December 22 - January 2 WINTER BREAK
January 3 Classes Resume
January 16 Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
January 26 End of Second Grading Period
January 27 **MOVEABLE STUDENT HOLIDAY**** (Planning/Records/Conference Day)
February 20 Holiday (Presidents' Day)
April 6 End of Third Grading Period
April 7 Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Day)
April 10-14 SPRING BREAK
May 29 Holiday (Memorial Day)
June 9 Last Day of School for Students/End of Fourth Grading Period

OCTOBER EVENTS AT SUGARLAND

Oct. 10 – Columbus Day – No School
Oct. 12 – Picture Day
Oct. 19 – Last Day of Sugarland Soccer
Oct. 31 – Trunk-a-treat

Sugarland Elementary School

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Absentee Line 571.434.4461

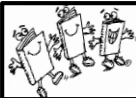
Sugarland Elementary School website: www.lcps.org/sugarland

Principal: Dr. Gail Brady
Assistant Principal: Mr. Tim Sparbanie

Bookkeeper: Mrs. Karen Cole
Attendance Secretary: Mrs. Netzy Cossio

Art Events

In Art students will be exploring seasonal themes and life cycles. Coming soon, Sugarland will have its own Lego League Jr Team, space limited to 12 students from 4th and 5th grade. More information to come. Meetings will begin Wednesday Nov. 30th and the program will run through early March. -- Mr. Maier



Library News

We have been busy in the library! Grades 3-5 are working on research skills, 2nd grade has been using the dictionary, and kindergarten and 1st grade have worked on library skills and reading comprehension. In addition, students are working to find "just right" books to take home each week.

On October 11th we will start our Q Bucks reading program. This program, which promotes in-class reading, is sponsored by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Students who meet our weekly, in-class reading goals, will be entered into our drawings for prizes which will be held on December 2nd.

Have you tried LCPS Go with your student? LCPS Go provides easy access to a variety of useful resources. Try it out – see the attached flyer for more information. --Mrs. Grim

Music Notes

Sugarland 4th and 5th graders in chorus are working hard during after-school rehearsals in preparation for our November 17th concert. Chorus students are also looking forward to a special performance of the United States Navy Band at Dominion High School on October 21st." --Mrs. Blum-Marciano



Technology

During the month of October, students will continue working on keyboarding recognition and typing techniques. However, the upper grades have begun Common Sense Media, Digital Passport, which was developed to help students become responsible digital citizens. In addition, with the seasons changing, the 1st & 2nd grade levels, are focusing on life cycles and animal habitats during Computer Lab. It's been a lot of fun incorporating more technology in the classroom! -- Ms. McCord



STEAM Lab Science Technology Engineering Arts Math

Grades K-5 have jumped into some really cool STEAM activities and projects, so check out the STEAM tab on our website for pictures. To help keep the learning and creativity going, donations of cardboard tubes, playdoh, plastic containers or take-out containers would be highly appreciated.

Also, our school has a firm goal of fixing up our school garden so that everyone is able to enjoy it. If you have a green thumb and would like to volunteer in helping to spruce up our garden and get it ready for spring, then please contact me. If you are not able to volunteer, donations of garden tools (large and small shovels, hoe, hoses, garden cart/wheelbarrow) would definitely help get us going. Thank you! – Mrs. Timothy

Reading Team



The Reading Team would like to introduce you to one of our favorite resources-

Kids A-Z.com (Raz-Plus)

All students in grades K-3 have their own personal account on this website and have a bookroom full of “just right” ebooks to listen to, read and enjoy. They can even record themselves reading. You can access Kids A-Z from a computer or get the app on an Ipad or tablet. These accounts are paid for through LCPS and teachers will be sending home the username and password for your child to log in to his/her account. Please let us know if you have any questions about this ebook resource!

Information from Our Parent Liaison

If you are interested in some help this Holiday season through Angel Tree Program, please go to the Salvation Army in Leesburg on October 12, 9 am-3pm, or October 13th, 11am-6pm. For address and more details on what to bring, please refer to the flyer we sent home last week or call the Parent Liaison. – Mrs. Andrade

Notes from the School Counselor

Character Trait for October:

Respect

Students are reviewing this character trait in guidance lessons.

We will also be continuing our Career Lessons this month.

Counseling Groups

Ms. Fore will be sending home interest forms for counseling groups. Please return the form if you are interested in a counseling group for your child.

Comcast Internet and Laptops Available

Students who qualify for Free Lunch may also qualify for a discounted internet price, just \$9.95 per month. Laptops are also available as at discount for \$149.99.

Please call Comcast for more information 1-855-846-8376.



BIRTHDAYS

Parents, we have received a very generous offer from a donor to help us celebrate students' birthdays. If you celebrate birthdays, and would like for your child to participate, please let us know. Parents will receive a gift card for a birthday cake so please contact me the week before the birthday.

Hey, Wildcats!

Backpack Buddy Program
The Backpack Buddy Program will begin on October 7th.
Contact Ms. Foré for more information.



PBIS

Sugarland students are working hard to earn big paw prints for their classes. New this year, the classes can earn a large paw print from a teacher other than their own to earn school wide rewards. They earn these special paw prints by walking quietly and respectfully in the hallways, and by showing the three R's in specials and at lunch. The paw prints are getting hung in the hallway, and as they reach a new poster with a reward, the whole school gets rewarded. We've already reached our first reward which was Hat Day. The paw prints are well on their way to reaching the second reward which will be Twin Day, where the students can dress like a friend or a teacher. Please keep encouraging your child do to their very best every day in all areas of our school. We look forward to seeing our big paw prints reach all the way around the school by the end of the year!

Family Event at Dominion High School:

2016 Nature Stewardship Day

Sunday, October 16, 2016

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Dominion High School, 21326 Augusta Drive, Sterling, VA 20164

On Sunday, October 16 from 11:00 to 4:00 pm, the first Nature Stewardship day will be held at Dominion High School. This is a family-friendly, free and fun event to learn more about the local environment in Sterling, VA. Hosted by Dominion High School and sponsored by the Loudoun Environmental Stewardship Alliance, the event has lots of educational and fun activities including Bird identification, games to sharpen observation skills, trash to treasures, creek critter identification, raptor identification, composting with worms, how to make your yard more bird & butterfly-friendly, how to become a Master Naturalist, how to plant a tree, learn about watersheds, learn about monarchs, how to properly plant a tree, apps to get more familiar with nature and much more.

The day's events will include:

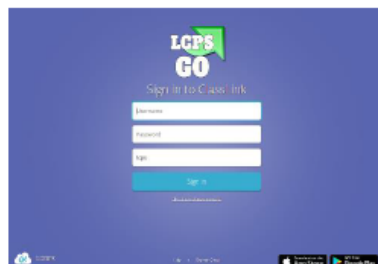
- Reducing Trash--Fun Treasures & Crafts to make Kristyn Moskey/NVCC
- Composting with worms Pamela Schmidt
- Nature Games Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship
- Which bird is which? Claude Moore Park
- Do you know our local raptors? Liz Dennison
- Touch Hear See Smell--sharpen your senses & skills The Piedmont Environmental Council
- Creek Critters Audubon Naturalist Society
- Getting to know local wildlife Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy
- Enviroscope--Watershed Education Loudoun Water
- All about natives Plant NOVA Natives
- You can be a naturalist Virginia Master Naturalists
- How to plant a tree Loudoun Tree Stewards
- Tree seed collection Dominion HS--EE students/club
- Monarch studies Dominion HS--EE students/club
- Trout in the Classroom Dominion HS--EE students/club
- Gauging Air Pressure & Fuel Consumption Nature Generation/Dominion HS--EE students/club
- Soil painting Dominion HS--EE students/club
- Finding fish in Sugarland Run VA Dept of Game and Inland Fisheries

LCPS Go for Students

LCPS GO is a website (<http://go.lcps.org>) or app (Apple or Android devices) that allows students a one-time login experience. This allows them to login to LCPS GO and access websites and applications at the click of a mouse or touch of a finger.

Websites available to students in LCPS Go:

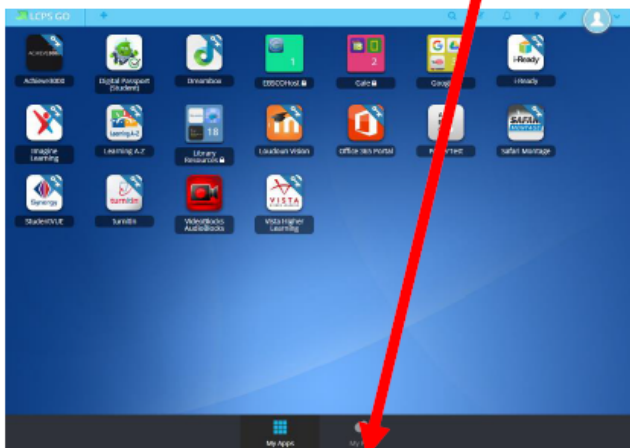
- Dreambox
- Tumblebooks (Junior, Library, & Biblioteca)
- Imagine Learning (ELL)
- Safari Montage
- Digital Passport
- Powertest (Formerly known as Interactive Achievement)
- Alexandria (Library Researcher & online card catalog)
- Pebble Go (Emergent Reader Research Solution)
- Scholastic Go
- Online Encyclopedias
- National Geographic for Kids
- Kids Infobits
- Learning A to Z (will save a student's personal login)



Students can also access Office 365 with one click! They will be able to download Office 365 onto home machines, as well as save and create in the cloud!

Students will be able to access files (Word, Powerpoint, & Excel) from the My Documents folder at home!

Username: Student ID/Lunch Number
Password: 4 digit Birthday (MMDD)
Example:
Username: 101382
Password: 0406 (April 6)



Sugarland Yearbook

Sugarland Students can pre-order a
2016-17 Sugarland Yearbook NOW!

The yearbook will feature:

- Student, staff and class photos
- Photos of clubs and sports
- Photos of special events
- And more!

Yearbook price: \$15.00 before Dec. 31
\$18.00 after Dec. 31

Yearbooks will be distributed to students at school this spring.

Two ways to order:



1. Now: Purchase your Sugarland Yearbook Online!

It's Fast, Safe, and Easy! Go to: ybpay.lifetouch.com

Enter school code: 12754617

Follow prompts and pay with your credit card

Online ordering Questions? YBPay Customer Care 800-453-9764

2. Beginning Nov. 1: Purchase your Sugarland Yearbook online, or with cash or check.

Note: Please consider ordering online to save resources. Flyers with payment envelopes will be sent home in November for families who prefer to send cash or check to school.