

Littlewood Elementary School



Upcoming Events

September 19 School Advisory Council Meeting 2pm
3rd -5th grade Social

September 20 Safety Patrol Meeting-5:30

September 21 Send Interim Reports Home

September 26 Dads Take your Child to School

September 28 PBS Bash

October 15 Box Top Deadline

Good Lessons for Home Practice:

Please help your children learn these valuable life skills:

- tying shoes
- opening food and drink containers
- zipping and unzipping jackets
- keeping up with clothes and other personal items
- asking for help when needed
- helping others
- working together with a positive team approach
- learning the value of making a mistake
- being a gracious winner and having persistent effort when you lose

A poster for the "Dads Take Your Child to School" event. The top section has a yellow background with red text asking if the reader is a father, grandfather, stepfather, foster father, uncle, big brother, godfather, father figure, or mentor. Below this, it says "Take part in our 5th Annual" in blue. The main title "DADS Take Your CHILD to SCHOOL" is in large, colorful letters (red, blue, green, yellow). To the left of the text is a silhouette of a man holding hands with two children. Below the title, it says "The Alachua County Public Schools encourage you to accompany your elementary school children to school on Wednesday, September 26th, 2018!". It then says "Please arrive at 7:00 for kindergarten and 8:00 for Head Start for a quick breakfast in the cafeteria before you walk your child to class." There are three logos at the bottom: "DADS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE" (a red apple), "Breakfast provided by Food & Nutrition Services Sausage Biscuit, Fresh Fruit, Juice & Choice of Milk, Coffee for Adults" (Alachua County Public Schools logo), and "Your Choice is Fresh" (a green apple logo).

A Note from the Café: If your child has a food allergy and received a form, please return it to the Food Service Office. Please contact the school if you need another form.

Safety Patrol Information: Safety Patrol sponsored Snack Cart every Wednesday after school by the flag pole. Snack items available for purchase for \$1.

Back -to -School Social will be held on 9/19 in the café. Grades 3-5 are welcome to participate for \$5 admission. Snacks will also be available for purchase.

PBIS: The ROAR Store will open every Wednesday from 7:15am to 7:45am. This is an opportunity for students to shop and use their Lion Loot earned for modeling Littlewood's school-wide expectations. Parents are welcome to tag along for this joyful and exciting experience. This is an amazing opportunity to encourage and share money management strategies.

- Respectful
- On-task
- Act safely
- Responsible

PBIS "Pep Rally" - Slushy party with Sonic (students with food allergies will be provided an alternate)
When: **September 28, 2018**

To show school spirit, we are asking students to wear a Littlewood t-shirt. T-shirts can be purchased in the office. Thank you parents for your support with reminding your son/daughter to ROAR!

Media News: Congratulations to all students who qualified for the principal's breakfast by attending multiple Summer Reading Nights this summer.

Littlewood Lion Teachers are Hitting the Books: The faculty and staff at Littlewood are continually striving to learn new and effective methods for teaching. All of Littlewood's teachers will participate in a variety of professional development workshops throughout the year.



4th Grade News

Pirates! Musical 10/31 @ 9:30
St. Augustine Field Trip 11/9
Please begin sending in fees for trip

Media Center News

Welcome back - please remember students are now checking out Littlewood library books and bringing them home. What book does your child have checked out? Remember books are checked out for one week at a time so please help students return books or renew them on time. Be sure to read with your child every day!

We are also excited about the Alachua County Public Library student library card initiative. Every student in Alachua County Public Schools will receive a public library card. This will give students access to online resources and a three book check out from the public library. Contact Mrs. Moore with any questions.

Several teachers are completing supplementary coursework to add another endorsement to their teaching certificates. The following teachers are out of field in ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and are completing the ESOL coursework: K. Fields, S. Ranvestel, C. Carter, J. Foley, and B. Moncur. If you have any questions, please contact Tanya Floyd, Assistant Principal. Thanks!



the MORNING MILE

Morning Mile News:

We had 110 Littlewood students come out for the first week of Morning Mile and run over 137 miles combined. That's the distance between Gainesville and Tallahassee!

Our top two runners at the end of Week-1 are Steven Mitch and Ben Hartman with 6.8 miles each. Close behind is Raymond Mitch with 5 miles. Runners with more than 3 miles are Trip Monk, Max Stevens, Abby Hartman, Brody Joyce, Jacobe James, Nora Duffield, Abby Duffield and Joe Stein.

Runners who logged at least 2 miles in Week-1 are Jordan Donnelly, Isla Lynch, and Anderson Matias Castillo, Scarlett Sweger, Savannah Sweger, Fiona Caedington, Elin Sutton, Nadia Martin and Elijah Gardner.

Leading all classes (again!) with 27 miles run is Mrs. Anhalt's class. Other classes with more than 6 miles are Mrs. Bishop (11), Mrs. Winfrey (8), Ms. Bouton (8), Ms. Simmons (7), Mrs. Smith (6), and Mrs. Elkins (6). Nice running, Littlewood! Keep it up!

Reminder:

If checking out your child at the end of the day, it is best to do so **before 1:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and on Wednesday before 12:15.**

Lost & Found:

There are now 14 sweaters, coats, and jackets, six water bottles, one lunch box and two umbrellas in the lost and found in the cafeteria. Please put your child's name on all belongings sent to school so we can return these things to them.

Happy Birthday!!!

For only \$20 you can have your child's name placed on the sign in the front of the school for their birthday ☺ Consider taking this opportunity to do something unique on his or her birthday while supporting their school. Stop by the front office at your convenience to complete a form today!

If you haven't been to Morning Mile yet, come join us! If you arrive before 7:15am, you'll be able to get on the track at the gate closest to the cafeteria. If you arrive after 7:15, come in through one of the main gates and join as quickly as you can. We run until 7:30. You'll collect a straw for each lap you run and turn them in when you finish. We keep track of the number of laps you run. When you run enough laps to get in two miles, you will receive a necklace and foot-token. Every additional two miles gets you another foot-token. If you come most days and get in a full 15 minutes of running, you can run your way into the 100-mile club, just like eight runners did last year.

School Counseling Corner: Ms. Allen and Ms. Bernal visited the KG classrooms to introduce themselves, and to teach students what a School Counselor is..... A Friend, A Listener an A Teacher. Ask your student to tell you more about their visit to their class.

See attached "Meet Your Counselors" handout as well as the "Home & School Connection" newsletter for great resource information.

2nd Grade News: Students in Ms. Eaton's class have been busy completing an observation lab in science using scientific tools.↓↓



MEET THE COUNSELOR!



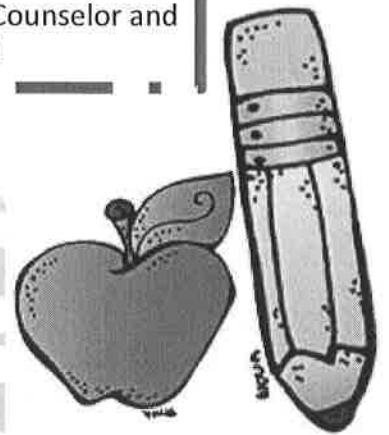
Mrs. Bernal

As a Florida native, I have lived in four different counties in our beautiful state. I have lived in Gainesville with my husband, our new baby girl & our two dogs for six years. I enjoy traveling & being with friends and family. This will be my 12th year as a School Counselor and my 6th year here at Littlewood Elementary!



Mrs. Allen

I am so excited to start this year as a Littlewood Lion! I've lived in Gainesville for almost 19 years and attended the University of Florida for undergrad and graduate school. I am married with 2 kiddos and love living in this wonderful city. This will be my 7th year as a school counselor in Alachua County and my first at Littlewood.



COUNSELING SERVICES:

We look forward to working with you and your student(s) to make this year great! Listed below are some of the school counseling topics we will teach your student(s) this year. Please be aware that topics are subject to change depending on the needs of the student population.

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| Bullying | Communication |
| Community Service | Conflict Resolution |
| Consequences | Cooperation |
| Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco Prevention | Forgiveness |
| Friendship | Goal Setting |
| Handling Stress | Honesty |
| Judging Others | Leadership |
| Peer Pressure | Positive Decision Making |
| Respect | Responsibility |
| Safety/Child Lures | Team Building |
| Tattling/Telling | Tolerance |
| Human Growth & Development (Fifth Grade Only) | |

CONTACT US!

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Fun Facts About Us!

- Ms. Allen is left handed!
- Ms. Bernal has dove in many caves/caverns in FL.
- Ms. Allen can do an awesome Donald Duck impression.
- Ms. Bernal has had 10 different hair colors.
- Ms. Allen wanted to be a cartoonist for Disney as a child.
- Ms. Bernal wanted to be an olympic swimmer as a child.

Attention Parents!

Art to Remember 
Fundraising You'll Be Proud Of

Our school is participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. Right now, children are busy creating colorful, fun artwork and soon you will receive a personalized order form.



Travel Mug

- Over 40 keepsake products available, all featuring your child's artwork
- Many of the products are less than \$15
- Safe, secure online ordering is available - You can share your code with other family members and invite them to order
- Satisfaction guaranteed
- Art to Remember keepsakes are perfect for these gift giving occasions:

- Grandparent's Day
- Christmas
- Father's Day
- Birthdays
- Hanukkah
- Mother's Day



Metal Key Chain



Pendant Necklace

Night Light



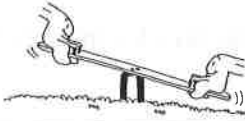
THANK YOU!

Your purchase captures a moment in time and raises funds for your school.

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Littlewood Elementary School



SHORT NOTES

Excellent attendance

Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours. If he asks to stay home "just because," remind him of what he'll miss, such as his reading group or PE class. Explain that he can be absent only if he's sick or if there's a family emergency.

DID YOU KNOW?

Children who regularly eat meals with their families tend to do better in school and avoid risky behavior. Eating dinner together is great, but other meals count, too. If you work at night, maybe you could make time for a family breakfast. Or on a weekend, try a picnic lunch.

Celebrate progress

Suggest that your youngster create a fun reminder of all the things she has accomplished. Let her cover a box with construction paper and label it "I did it!" Then, she can write each success ("I learned to add fractions") on a slip of paper and put it in the box. If she's feeling discouraged, have her read the slips.

Worth quoting

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up!"
Mark Twain

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building?

A: Of course. The Empire State Building can't jump!



Conversations about school

When you think of parent involvement, do you picture moms and dads volunteering in classrooms? That's one way to help—but research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important. Here are conversation starters that will help you stay involved.

"Let's see what you brought home."

Look at completed work to find out what your youngster is learning and how well she's doing. You could comment on her math work or social studies project, for instance. ("You know a lot about our state's history!") Also, respond to notes from her teacher, and sign her weekly folder or daily planner if required.

"Show me what you have for homework."

It's your child's job to do her homework, but you play a role, too. Make sure she knows what she's supposed to do by having her explain the assignments to you. After she finishes her homework, glance over the work to see that it's complete.

"Describe a book you enjoyed today."

This gives you an idea of what your youngster prefers to read. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking what she'd like to read tonight. Encourage her reading and listening skills by reading aloud to her and letting her read to you.

"Tell me what you learned that you'd like to know more about."

Use her interests as jumping-off points for activities to share. If she likes geometry, you might hunt for

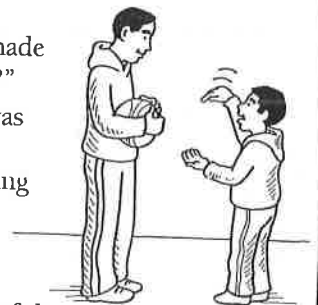


shapes together. If she's fascinated by how animals adapt to winter, take her to the library to research the subject or to the zoo to see live animals. ♥

After-school questions

Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your youngster's day:

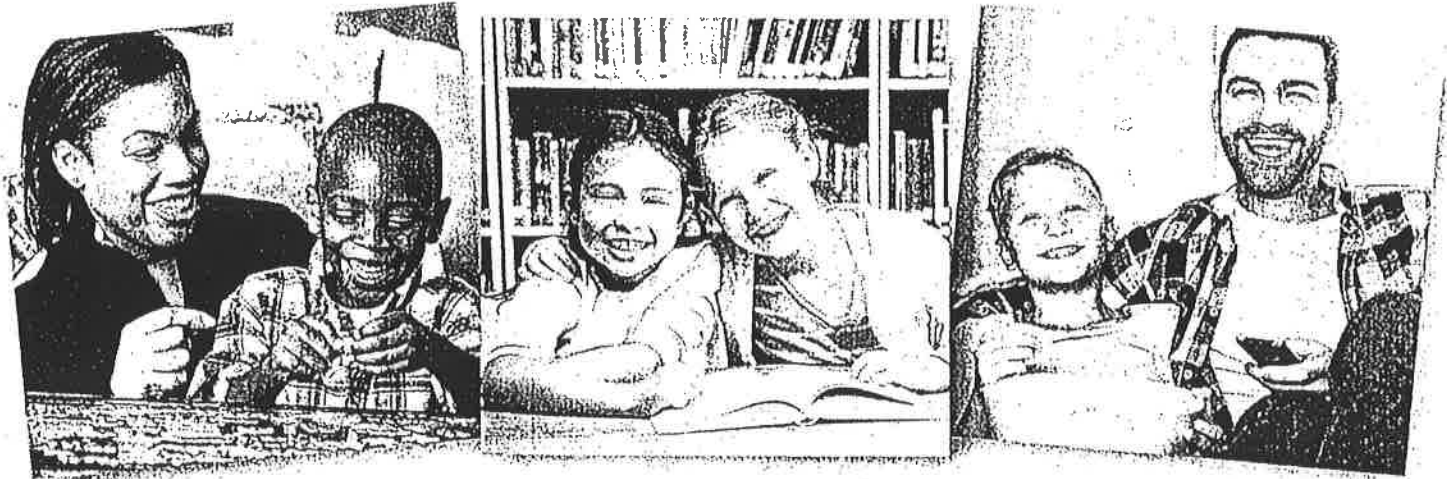
- "What's the coolest thing that happened? What wasn't so cool?"
- "Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?"
- "What made you laugh?"
- "What was the most creative thing you did?"
- "How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?" ♥



Parent & Child Activity Calendar

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Parents
make the difference!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2018						<p>1 Plant a fall flower, such as a mum, with your child. Or, plant bulbs that will come up in the spring.</p>
<p>2 Set aside time every day for reading aloud. Sometimes, let your child read to you.</p>	<p>3 Talk about three ways you used math today. Ask everyone in the family how they used math.</p>	<p>4 Write a note saying something nice about your child. Tuck it where she will find it later.</p>	<p>5 Talk about <i>honesty</i> and why it is so important. Find examples of people who demonstrate honesty.</p>	<p>6 Put a leafy stalk of celery into colored water. Tell your child to watch the color rise into the stalk over the next week.</p>	<p>7 Admit your mistakes and apologize to your child when you're wrong.</p>	<p>8 Make a special effort to reinforce manners today. Remind your child to say <i>please</i> and <i>thank you</i>.</p>
<p>9 Make a habit of using Sunday nights as a time to talk with your child about the week ahead.</p>	<p>10 Have your child give you examples of a complete sentence, an incomplete sentence and a run-on sentence.</p>	<p>11 Write upcoming school events on your family calendar. Make plans to attend as many as you can.</p>	<p>12 Have a 20-minute DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read).</p>	<p>13 Tonight at dinner, put a price on each item you serve. Have your child figure out the total cost of the meal.</p>	<p>14 Keep a notebook handy when watching TV. Have your child jot down five new words. Look them up later.</p>	<p>15 Take your child outside for a listening minute. Have him close his eyes and try to name the sounds he hears.</p>
<p>16 Have your child keep track of everything she eats this week. What one change would make her diet more nutritious?</p>	<p>17 Talk to your child about <i>citizenship</i>. What does being a good citizen mean in your family? In school?</p>	<p>18 Use a toothpick dipped in lemon juice to write a message. Your child can hold the paper up to a light bulb to decipher.</p>	<p>19 Write some fractions on cards. Mix them up. Have your child put them in order from smallest to greatest.</p>	<p>20 Make sure you and your child know school rules. Ask for a list of rules and post them on your refrigerator.</p>	<p>21 Encourage your child to clean out his backpack every weekend. He'll start the week organized.</p>	<p>22 Select a word from the dictionary and draw a picture of it. See if your child can guess the word.</p>
<p>23 Tell your child three things that you love about her.</p>	<p>24 Together, write a poem about your family. Start each line with a letter from the word FAMILY.</p>	<p>25 Show your child a new shape today. If he already knows the basics, introduce a hexagon or octagon.</p>	<p>26 Make up trivia questions about your family. Quiz one another at the dinner table.</p>	<p>27 Figure out the average of something with your child.</p>	<p>28 Create leaf impressions. Place a sheet of paper over some leaves and rub over the paper with crayons.</p>	<p>29 Get a deck of cards and try to build a house of cards with your child. Ask questions about school and life as you work.</p>
<p>30 Go on a short walk with your child today.</p>						