

“THE LC BEAT”

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IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE ALMOST THROUGH TWO FULL SIX-WEEK PERIODS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. THE OLDER I GET, THE FASTER THE SCHOOL YEARS SEEM TO GO BY, ESPECIALLY IN THE FALL. I REMEMBER WHEN I COACHED, THE WEEKS WOULD JUST CLICK OFF. YOU GOT INTO A ROUTINE. MONDAY LOOKED LIKE MONDAY. TUESDAY LOOKED LIKE TUESDAY. WE PRACTICED THE SAME THINGS OVER AND OVER. WE DID NOT DO THAT BECAUSE IT WAS EASY OR BECAUSE WE DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING NEW TO WORK ON. WE DID IT BECAUSE WE KNEW CONSISTENCY WAS WHAT MADE US BETTER.

I THINK THE SAME THING APPLIES IN OUR CLASSROOMS AND ACROSS OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE HAVE GOTTEN OFF TO A TREMENDOUS START THIS YEAR, AND I BELIEVE A BIG PART OF THAT HAS BEEN THE CONSISTENCY IN THE WORK WE ARE DOING. OUR TEACHERS HAVE ESTABLISHED ROUTINES. OUR STUDENTS KNOW WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THEM. WE ARE LOOKING AT WHERE OUR KIDS ARE, WHERE THEY NEED HELP, AND WHAT WE CAN DO TO MOVE THEM FORWARD.

AS WE GET READY TO CLOSE OUT OUR SECOND SIX WEEKS, I AM PROUD OF THE START WE HAVE MADE. WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK IN FRONT OF US, BUT I LIKE THE DIRECTION WE ARE HEADED. IN A SMALL SCHOOL LIKE OURS, EVERY STUDENT MATTERS. EVERY DAY MATTERS. THE WORK WE CONSISTENTLY PUT IN TODAY IS WHAT GIVES OUR KIDS A BETTER OPPORTUNITY TOMORROW.



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LC Advantage

ONE OF THE THINGS I WAS MOST PROUD OF DURING THE FIRST PART OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR WAS THE SUCCESS OF OUR LC ADVANTAGE MONDAYS. BY THE END OF OCTOBER, WE HAD BEEN DOING THIS FOR ABOUT A MONTH AND A HALF, AND I WAS VERY PLEASED WITH WHAT WE HAD SEEN. THE IDEA BEHIND LC ADVANTAGE WAS SIMPLE. WE WANTED TO GIVE OUR STUDENTS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BE SUCCESSFUL. BEING A SMALL SCHOOL ALLOWED US TO KNOW OUR STUDENTS AND PROVIDE SOME EXTRA TIME AND SUPPORT WHEN THEY NEEDED IT. I WAS ESPECIALLY PROUD OF THE STUDENTS WHO CAME ON MONDAYS AND PUT IN THE WORK. THEY SHOWED UP, WORKED WITH THEIR TEACHERS, AND TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WAS GIVEN TO THEM.

I ALSO APPRECIATED OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF WHO MADE THESE MONDAYS POSSIBLE. IT TOOK EXTRA WORK AND PLANNING TO MAKE EVERYTHING COME TOGETHER, AND I APPRECIATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO GIVE OUR STUDENTS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCCESS. WE TALK A LOT ABOUT THE ADVANTAGES OF BEING A SMALL SCHOOL, AND THIS WAS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF WHAT THAT MEANT. WE KNEW OUR STUDENTS. WE KNEW WHAT THEY NEEDED. MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE WERE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. EVERY STUDENT MATTERED, AND EVERY OPPORTUNITY MATTERED. THAT IS THE LC ADVANTAGE.

National Principal's Month

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL PRINCIPAL'S MONTH, AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE DR. WALTER PEDDY AND MR. SCOTT KAUFMAN FOR THE JOB THEY ARE DOING LEADING OUR TWO CAMPUSES. BOTH HAVE TAKEN ON IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES THIS YEAR, AND I HAVE BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH THE WORK THEY ARE DOING FOR OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF.

DR. PEDDY HAS DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB LEADING OUR ELEMENTARY CAMPUS. HE AND HIS TEACHERS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO STRENGTHEN INSTRUCTION AND IMPROVE STUDENT OUTCOMES. WHETHER IT IS REVIEWING STUDENT PROGRESS, ADDRESSING ATTENDANCE, OR MAKING LC ADVANTAGE MONDAYS SUCCESSFUL, HE HAS KEPT THE FOCUS WHERE IT BELONGS, ON OUR KIDS.

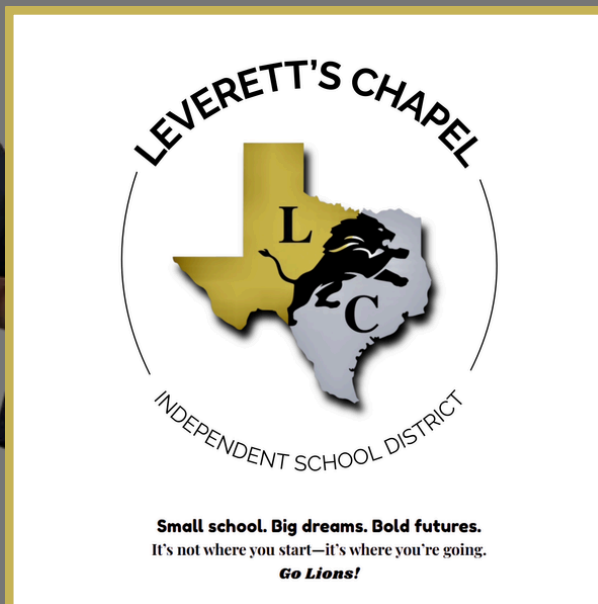
I RECENTLY TOLD DR. PEDDY HOW MUCH I APPRECIATED THE DAILY WORK HE WAS PUTTING INTO MOVING HIS CAMPUS FORWARD. WE KNOW WHERE WE WANT OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO GO, AND GETTING THERE WILL REQUIRE CONSISTENT EFFORT. ONE THING I REALLY APPRECIATE ABOUT DR. PEDDY IS THAT HE BELIEVES IN LC AND WHAT WE ARE DOING. HE RECENTLY TOLD ME, "PEOPLE BETTER BUY LC RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE IN A FEW MONTHS, WE ARE GONNA BE IN THE MIDST OF A BULL MARKET" I LOVED IT BECAUSE I KNEW EXACTLY WHAT HE MEANT. HE BELIEVES OUR BEST DAYS ARE AHEAD OF US, AND I SHARE THAT BELIEF.

MR. KAUFMAN JOINED LC THIS YEAR AS OUR JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, AND I HAVE BEEN EQUALLY PLEASED WITH HIS WORK. WHAT HAS IMPRESSED ME MOST IS THE EFFORT HE HAS PUT INTO BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND IMPROVING THE CULTURE OF HIS CAMPUS. HE RECOGNIZES HIS TEACHERS AND STAFF FOR THE GOOD THINGS THEY ARE DOING WHILE CONTINUING TO HOLD OUR STUDENTS ACCOUNTABLE AND EXPECTING THEM TO DO THINGS THE RIGHT WAY.

I RECENTLY SENT MR. KAUFMAN A MESSAGE THANKING HIM FOR THE EFFORT HE WAS PUTTING INTO CREATING A BETTER CULTURE AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. I TOLD HIM THAT I SAW IT, AND I MEANT IT. BUILDING A POSITIVE SCHOOL CULTURE TAKES TIME AND CONSISTENCY. IT REQUIRES PEOPLE SHOWING UP EVERY DAY AND DOING THINGS THE RIGHT WAY. I BELIEVE MR. KAUFMAN AND HIS STAFF ARE MOVING OUR JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

OUR TWO CAMPUSES HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS, BUT BOTH OF THESE GENTLEMEN SHARE THE SAME GOAL OF DOING WHAT IS BEST FOR OUR STUDENTS. THEY CARE ABOUT THEIR PEOPLE AND ARE WILLING TO PUT IN THE WORK NECESSARY TO MAKE LC BETTER.

DR. PEDDY AND MR. KAUFMAN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF. I APPRECIATE BOTH OF YOU AND AM GLAD YOU ARE PART OF LC!



Grandparent's Day



LAST MONTH, WE HAD A GREAT TURNOUT FOR OUR ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS BREAKFAST AT LC. WE SERVED 207 BREAKFASTS THAT MORNING, WITH 42 GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS JOINING OUR STUDENTS.



I HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED DAYS LIKE THIS AT LC. IT GAVE OUR FAMILIES A CHANCE TO COME INTO THE SCHOOL, EAT BREAKFAST WITH OUR KIDS, AND JUST SPEND SOME TIME TOGETHER. THOSE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN OUR SCHOOL, OUR FAMILIES, AND OUR COMMUNITY ARE A BIG PART OF WHAT MAKES LC SPECIAL.



I ALSO HAD TO BRAG ON MS. DEBBY AND OUR CAFETERIA STAFF. THEY DID A GREAT JOB TAKING CARE OF EVERYONE THAT MORNING. THE SAUSAGE, BISCUITS AND GRAVY, EGGS, AND POTATOES WERE HARD TO BEAT. I KNOW I ATE MORE THAN I SHOULD HAVE! I ALSO APPRECIATED OUR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED SERVE AND KEPT EVERYTHING MOVING.



MOST OF ALL, THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK TIME OUT OF THEIR MORNING TO BE HERE WITH OUR STUDENTS. WE LOVED HAVING YOU ON CAMPUS. IT WAS ANOTHER GREAT MORNING AT LC.



Elementary First Six Weeks Awards

WE HAD A GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR AT LC ELEMENTARY, AND WE WERE PROUD TO RECOGNIZE OUR STUDENTS WHO MADE THE ALL-A HONOR ROLL AND A/B HONOR ROLL FOR THE FIRST SIX WEEKS. I WAS PROUD OF THESE STUDENTS FOR PUTTING IN THE WORK AND GETTING THE YEAR STARTED ON THE RIGHT FOOT. A STRONG START MATTERS, AND THEY GAVE US A LOT TO BE PROUD OF DURING OUR FIRST GRADING PERIOD.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK DR. PEDDY AND OUR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS FOR THE WORK THEY PUT IN EACH DAY. THEY WORKED HARD TO GET OUR STUDENTS INTO GOOD ROUTINES AND GET THE YEAR STARTED STRONG. PARENTS, THANK YOU AS WELL. THE WORK AT SCHOOL AND THE SUPPORT AT HOME GO HAND IN HAND, AND WE APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU DO TO HELP OUR STUDENTS BE SUCCESSFUL. GREAT JOB TO ALL OF OUR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WHO WERE RECOGNIZED. KEEP WORKING AND KEEP GETTING BETTER!



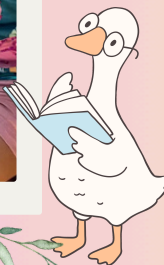
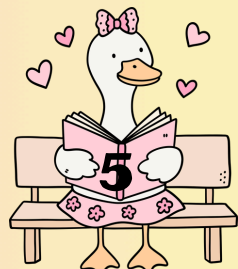
Reading Buddies



LAST MONTH, MRS. COLE'S FIFTH-GRADE CLASS AND MRS. O'NEAL'S FIRST-GRADE CLASS STARTED A NEW READING BUDDIES PROGRAM AT LC ELEMENTARY. THE IDEA WAS PRETTY SIMPLE. A FIFTH GRADER WAS PAIRED WITH A FIRST GRADER. THE FIFTH GRADER READ A BOOK TO THEIR BUDDY, AND THEN THE FIRST GRADER TURNED AROUND AND READ A BOOK BACK TO THEM.

I THOUGHT THIS WAS SUCH A GREAT IDEA. OUR FIRST GRADERS GOT ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO READ AND BUILD CONFIDENCE, WHILE OUR FIFTH GRADERS GOT THE CHANCE TO BE LEADERS AND ENCOURAGE A YOUNGER STUDENT. WE TALK A LOT ABOUT OUR KIDS GETTING BETTER EVERY SINGLE DAY, AND READING IS SUCH A BIG PART OF THAT. THE MORE OPPORTUNITIES WE CAN GIVE OUR KIDS TO READ, THE BETTER READERS THEY WILL BECOME.

THANK YOU TO MRS. COLE AND MRS. O'NEAL FOR PUTTING THIS TOGETHER AND FINDING ANOTHER WAY TO MAKE LEARNING FUN FOR OUR KIDS. I LOVED SEEING OUR OLDER AND YOUNGER STUDENTS WORKING TOGETHER. IT WAS JUST ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT MAKES A SMALL SCHOOL LIKE LC PRETTY SPECIAL.



JH/HS First Six Weeks Awards

WE HAD A LOT OF GOOD THINGS TO RECOGNIZE AT OUR JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL AFTER THE FIRST SIX WEEKS. WE HAD STUDENTS EARN ALL-A HONOR ROLL AND A/B HONOR ROLL. WE ALSO RECOGNIZED OUR STUDENTS WITH PERFECT ATTENDANCE AND OUR JH/HS STAR STUDENT AWARDS.

I WAS ESPECIALLY PROUD TO SEE 19 OF OUR JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH PERFECT ATTENDANCE. I HAVE SAID IT BEFORE, AND I REALLY BELIEVE IT. SHOWING UP IS HALF THE BATTLE. BEING AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY GIVES OUR KIDS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

I ALSO REALLY LIKE OUR STAR STUDENT RECOGNITION BECAUSE NOT EVERYTHING THAT MATTERS AT SCHOOL SHOWS UP ON A REPORT CARD. WE HAVE KIDS WHO ARE KIND TO OTHERS, WORK HARD, HELP PEOPLE, AND JUST DO THINGS THE RIGHT WAY. THOSE THINGS MATTER TOO, AND I AM GLAD WE ARE RECOGNIZING THEM.

I APPRECIATE MR. KAUFMAN AND OUR JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR THE WORK THEY HAVE PUT IN WITH OUR STUDENTS. WE HAVE ASKED A LOT OF THEM TO START THIS YEAR, AND THEY HAVE CONTINUED TO WORK HARD FOR OUR KIDS. I AM PROUD OF THE DIRECTION WE ARE HEADED. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS WHO WERE RECOGNIZED. KEEP WORKING AND KEEP REPRESENTING LC THE RIGHT WAY.





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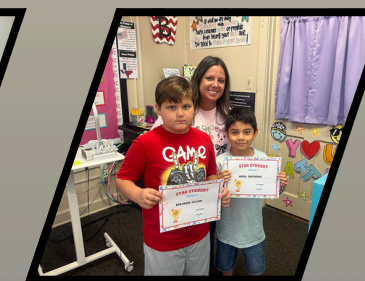
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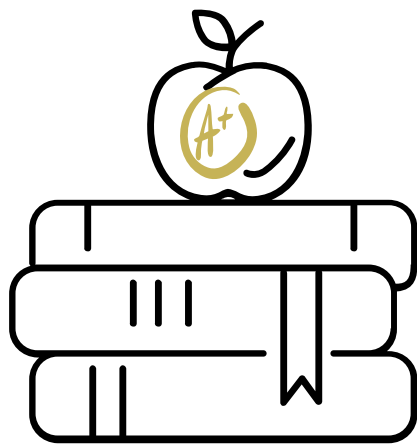
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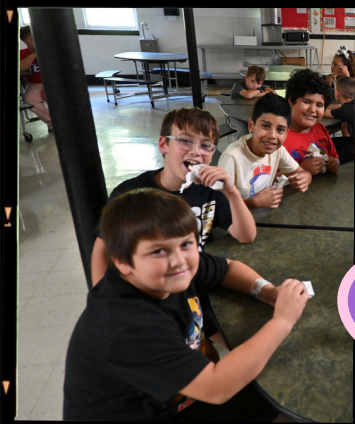
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YAY!



Teacher Incentive

I want to recognize five of our teachers for their students' performance on last year's STAAR tests. These teachers earned incentive awards for results that exceeded state averages.

Mrs. Blanton's third graders finished above the state in Reading and Math at Approaches. Mrs. Hughes' sixth- and seventh-graders did the same in Reading. Coach J. Hughes' sixth- and seventh-graders did so in Math. Both seventh grade groups also finished above the state at Masters. Mrs. Amaya's students exceeded the state in English I and English II at Approaches. English I also exceeded the state at Masters. Mr. Cahill's students finished above the state in Algebra I and Biology at Approaches. Biology also exceeded the state at Master's.

Congratulations to these teachers and their students! There is a lot of work behind those results. Thank you for pushing our kids and helping them succeed. You have plenty to be proud of!



Some good work worth recognizing here at LC!
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What a great Homecoming week here at Leverett's Chapel! From the dress-up days and pep rally to honoring our 2016 Volleyball Team, welcoming back our LC Exes, and cheering on our volleyball and football teams, the entire week was filled with school spirit. It was one of those weeks that reminded me just how special our little school and community really are. I was certainly proud to be a Lion!

I want to recognize Mr. Stan and Mr. Francisco for the tremendous job they did remodeling our football ticket booth. It looks brand new, and I was especially impressed with how quickly they completed the project. I also want to thank Purple Haze out of Nacogdoches for the outstanding job they did cleaning our football stands. They really brought them back to life! Both projects made a tremendous difference in the appearance of our facilities.

Our Homecoming Court looked tremendous! A special thank you to Ms. Carmen and Ms. Bridgette for making the evening so memorable for our students and their families.

Congratulations to our 2026 Homecoming King and Queen, Mr. Juan Cedillo and Miss Deysi Galaviz! I also want to recognize our LC Band, cheerleaders, and pep squads. Our band sounded amazing, and our cheerleaders and pep squads did an outstanding job keeping the school spirit going throughout the week. I appreciate the work our students and sponsors put into making these events special.

Although our volleyball and football games did not turn out the way we had hoped, our kids competed hard and fought until the very end. We are proud of their effort and the way they represented LC. It was also great seeing so many of our former students return home to celebrate with us. That kind of school pride is something you cannot put a price on.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who helped make Homecoming week such a success. Our staff put in a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes, and our parents and community continued to show up and support our kids. I also appreciate our Board of Trustees for the guidance and support they provide to me and our staff. It takes everyone working together to make LC the special place that it is.



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Staff Spotlight

Ciara O'Neal

This month, I wanted to spotlight one of our newest teachers at LC, first-grade teacher Mrs. Ciara O'Neal. Mrs. O'Neal came to LC with a lot of experience in education. For almost a decade before coming here, she worked as a librarian and gifted teacher, where she saw more than 700 students each week. She loved that work, but she missed having a classroom of her own. When she found out we were looking for a first-grade teacher, she said she knew LC was where she wanted to be.

Her path into teaching is also pretty interesting. Mrs. O'Neal originally went to the Dominican Republic as a missionary. While she was there, Doulos Discovery School needed a fifth-grade teacher and asked her to substitute until they could find someone. She fell in love with teaching and eventually told them to stop looking. She wanted the job!

She has also brought her background in STEM into our first-grade classroom. Her students have already worked on engineering challenges, coded Bee-Bots, and built projects using recycled materials. She hopes to continue bringing design thinking, coding, and STEM into what her students are learning every day.

After her first couple of months at LC, Mrs. O'Neal told me she was convinced she had "the very best first-grade class in the entire world." She also talked about how much she has enjoyed the family atmosphere at LC and how welcoming our staff has been since she arrived.

Here is something I did not know when we hired her. Mrs. O'Neal is also a published author. She has published 12 books and has two more scheduled to come out this spring! Dr. Peddy has had nothing but good things to say about the job Mrs. O'Neal is doing with our first graders. I am not surprised one bit. We knew we were getting an experienced educator when we hired her, and I am glad she chose LC.

Mrs. O'Neal, thank you for choosing to be a Lion. We are glad you are here!

Student Spotlight:

James
& EDWARDS

I wanted to take a little space in this month's LC Beat to recognize James Edwards. Ms. Laci Smith shared something about James that I thought was worth recognizing. She talked about how James always greeted her and how she had seen him stop and pick up trash in the hallway that was not his. Nobody had to ask him to do it. He just did it. Those may seem like little things, but I do not think they are little at all. We want our students to do well in the classroom, but we also want them to grow into good people. Being kind to others, taking pride in your school, and doing the right thing when nobody is making you do it says a lot about a young person.

James, we see you, and we are proud of you. Keep being kind. Keep doing the right thing. Keep representing LC the right way. Great job, James!



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LOOKING Ahead Together

As we wrap up another month, I am proud of the things taking place across LCISD. Whether it is our students putting in extra work on Mondays, earning recognition in the classroom, reading with a younger student, or simply doing the right thing when nobody asks them to, there are a lot of reasons to be proud of our kids.

There is also a tremendous amount of work taking place behind the scenes. Our teachers, staff, and administrators continue to put in the effort necessary to move our district forward. We are not where we want to be yet, but I believe we are headed in the right direction. We just have to keep showing up, keep working, and keep getting better every single day.

As always, I want to thank Mrs. Bridgette Hughes for the work she puts into the LC Beat each month. She takes the pictures, creates the graphics, and puts everything together so we can share the great things happening across our district. She does an outstanding job telling our story, and I appreciate everything she does.

Thank you for continuing to support our students, our staff, and LCISD. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but I am excited about where we are going.

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