

Hector A. Cafferata
Elementary School

SOARING to great heights

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The
Cafferata
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Dear Cafferata Families,

We have had a busy and productive September here at Cafferata Elementary and look forward to more of the same in October. Please take a few moments to read over this newsletter, there is a lot of valuable information included. We have many great activities going on and I'm sure no one will want to miss out.

I appreciate your patience and cooperation during dismissal time! Please be sure that your hang tag with your child's name and grade is hanging from your rearview mirror. Once your child is placed in your car please remove the tag. This really helps us out and makes things move much more efficiently. Let us know if you need additional hangtags.

It's been great seeing so many of you join your children at our Cafferata Kid of the Week luncheons. I am sure you are just as proud as we are of their SOARING achievements!

As always, thank you for your support and please let me know if I can be of assistance in anyway.

Leslie Gunderson

October Upcoming Events

Friday, 10/2

Donuts for Dad
7:00-8:00 am

Cafferata Spirit Day!

Wear your Cafferata T-Shirt!

Oct. 5th-16th

Salvation Army Canned
Food Drive

Tuesday, 10/6

PTO/SAC Mtg.-5:30pm

Oct. 9th-16th

Book Fair



Friday, 10/9

Cafferata Spirit Day!

Wear your Cafferata T-Shirt!

Saturday, 10/10

Fall Festival-11:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday, 10/14

Picture Day!

Friday, 10/16

Cafferata Spirit Day!

Wear your Cafferata T-Shirt!

Oct. 19th-Nov. 6th

Coins for Change Collection

Oct. 23rd-31st

Red Ribbon Week

Tuesday, 10/27

Cafferata Writes

Wednesday, 10/28

Story book Parade-8:00am

Thursday, 10/29

Professional Duty Day

No School!

Friday, 10/30

Hurricane Make-up Day



Si tiene alguna pregunta favor de llamar a Mildrey de las 8:00 a.m. a las 2:00 p.m. al 458-7391.

From the Commissioner of Education

"Reading is the cornerstone of learning and I'm grateful for the participation of our state parks in helping to promote the importance of this essential skill," said Education Commissioner Dr. Eric J. Smith. "As summer begins to wind to a close, I encourage everyone to find the time this month to enjoy a good book in front of a scenic backdrop and under the warm Florida sun."

To help promote the gift of reading, DEP's Florida Park Service will offer free day-use entry passes to state parks on Friday, September 11, through Sunday, September 13, with the presentation of a library card, library book or the donation of a new or gently used family friendly book.

"Because reading and literacy is so vital to Florida's future, it should not just be confined to the classroom. With one of the most beautiful landscapes in the world, I can think of no better place to read a good book than at one of Florida's 160 state parks," said DEP Secretary Michael W. Sole. "I encourage everyone to join Florida's state parks in celebrating the importance of literacy and reading this weekend by taking the opportunity to combine the joy of reading with the beauty of the outdoors at a Florida State Park."

With more than 160 state parks in Florida, a myriad of enjoyable activities are available for all ages. To learn more about Florida's state parks, visit <http://www.floridastateparks.org/>.

Message from Mike Scott, Office of the Sheriff

Dear Citizens of Lee County,

In 2007, the Florida Legislature amended the Florida Sex Offender Statutes. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) now maintains a public, automatic email notification service regarding sexual predators and offenders.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, is pleased to announce the Florida Sexual Offender/Predator Email Community Notification Services is now available.

Information may be requested in two different ways:

1. Select an address of interest
2. Select an offender of interest

We encourage you to sign up for this free service by:

1. Visit the Lee County Sheriff's Office website at <http://www.sheriffleefl.org>
2. Click on Crime Activity
3. Click on SEX OFFENDER EMAIL NOTIFICATION
4. Follow the instructions to register your request



For inquiries or assistance contact the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) at 1-877-335-3767 or for all other sex offender related questions, contact Sergeant Tracey Booth of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Sexual Offender/Predator Unit at 239-477-1081.

Character Building Word of the Month October **Respect**

Showing regard to the value of persons or things through courteous consideration and appreciation.

Don't hurt anything or anyone on the outside or the inside-
Author Unknown

Treat others the way you would like to be treated-Golden Rule

WE NEED YOU!

Volunteers are an essential part of our school team. Your help is needed everywhere: library, production room, classroom, cafeteria, grading papers, bulletin boards...We would appreciate anytime you can spare! Please see Shannon Snook in the front office for a volunteer application. Applications must be filled out and processed prior to beginning any work. Thanks for your help! We appreciate you!

Box Tops for Education

Earn cash for our school every time you clip Box Tops coupons, shop on-line at the Box Tops Marketplace or order books through the Box Tops Reading Room.

Clip



Clip Box Tops

Find Box Tops coupons on hundreds of your favorite products. Each Box Top coupon is worth 10¢ for our school.

Send Box Tops to School

Turn in your Box Tops coupons. Our school will collect the Box Tops and send them to Box Tops for Education.

Marketplace



Sign Up Online

Sign up at the Box Tops website (btfe.com) to support our school and see where to shop at over 70 retail stores who help support us!

Shop Online

Shop online at the Box Tops MarketplaceSM. Choose from quality stores such as JCPenney, Lands' End and OfficeMax.

Our School Earns Cash

Up to 8% of your purchase will be automatically donated back to our school, up to \$20,000 each year, with no additional cost to you.

Reading Room



Log in to Begin Shopping

Log on to btfe.com/readingroom to begin shopping. Click on the "Shop Now" button to go to BarnesandNoble.com

Purchase Books

Select your items and follow the standard Barnes & Noble checkout process.

Our School Earns Cash

Our school automatically earns 6% on new book purchases and 3% on all other online purchases

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On behalf of Dr. Eric J. Smith, Commissioner of Education

The School District of Lee County has been identified as a district in need of corrective action based on the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. This means that the district did not meet all state student achievement criteria, or Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), in reading, mathematics, and/or writing for four or more consecutive years. The district has met 72% of the AYP criteria. AYP measures the performance of all students and specific student groups based on race/ethnicity, free and reduced price lunch status, disability, and English proficiency.

To make AYP, a certain percentage of students in each group must score at grade level, or be proficient, on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) in reading, writing, and mathematics. If one student group is not proficient, the entire district does not make the AYP requirements. This does not mean that Lee County Schools are failing; it means that certain areas need improvement.

The table below shows the percentage of proficient students in Lee County compared to other students in the state.

2008-09 Percent of Students Scoring Proficient			
Subject	Goal	Lee County	State
Reading	65%	64%	60%
Mathematics	68%	67%	66%
Writing	Increase 1% or 90% or higher	Goal Met	Goal Met
Graduation Rate	Increase 1% or 90% or higher	Goal Met	Goal Met

As a result, the district has developed a plan to improve the achievement of its schools. This District Improvement, Assistance, and Intervention Plan can be accessed on the DOE's (Department of Education) website: http://www.flbsi.org/0910_SIP/Login.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1. In addition, the district must move some of the funds to the schools to support activities that improve student achievement.

Parents play an important role in their child's education and are invited to become involved in their child's school. There are many ways of participating, such as:

- Attending parent conferences with teachers
- Participating in activities at the school
- Becoming a member of the SAC (School Advisory Council)
- Volunteering at the school

For additional information, visit DOE's Bureau of Student Assistance website: <http://www.fldoe.org/bsa>. If you have questions regarding the academic progress of your child's school, Lee County Schools, or how to become more involved, contact your school principal

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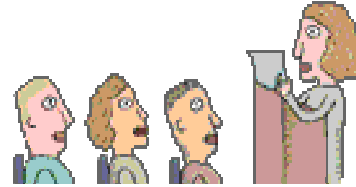
Parent Corner

Lee County School Board has contracted with The Parent Institute to bring a new monthly newsletter to parents. The newsletter will provide parents with helpful parenting information, tips, and resources. Updates to this newsletter will change automatically on the 1st of each month, Sept.-May. Go to: <http://intervention.leeschools.net/parent/Parent%20Newsletter.htm>.

CHADD Meeting:

**October 6th at Lee Memorial Hospital Auditorium, 2776 Cleveland Ave.
7:00-9:00pm.**

Topic: Response to Intervention for Academics and Behavior-raising academic and behavioral expectations; resulting in decreased academic and behavioral problems.



NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS REGARDING OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHERS
Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers at Hector A. Cafferata Elementary School are certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation.

NONE

In addition, the following teachers are engaged in training to add the endorsement, English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their certificates: Lacey Davis, Kimberly Fonock, Dawn Gonzalez, Dawn Henline, Lois Lehman, Nicole Mazzella, Sabrina Messineo, Stephanie Metzger, Heather Minore, Anne Norwicki, Anesheia Norwood, Rachel Speas, and Linda Zahorchak

Parental Information and Resource Centers-PIRCs:
Florida PIRC at USF:
www.floridapirc.usf.edu
Florida PIRC of Family Network on Disabilities:
www.fndfl.org

PARENT INVOLVEMENT
Everyone says, "Parents need to get involved in their children's education." But what does "being involved" really mean? Much of what teachers are hoping for has to do with communication, such as:

- Introduce yourself to your child's teacher(s).
- Ask your child questions about schoolwork and homework.
- Contact the teacher if you see your child having problems.
- Attend school events and help out if possible.
- Talk with your child about school everyday and look at their books
- READ to or with your child everyday.

FYI-Any child not picked up by 2:45 pm at "parent pick-up" will be placed in "Kids Care" at a cost of \$10.00 per incident.



Coins for Change
Here at Cafferata we take great pride in caring about all of our students from K-5th grade. We work hard to develop and maintain an atmosphere of that of a family. We learn, grow, and work together to accomplish great things. One of the great things we did last year was our "Coins for Change" drive. We raised over \$1200 to support Autism Awareness and research. Here are some facts:

- 1 in 150 children will be diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- It is more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined.

The cause of Autism remains unknown.
How can you help? -From October 19th through November 6th we will be collecting coins each day. A grand total will be given the next morning. -You can become a part of our team and join us Saturday November 7th at Estero Park for the walk and festivities.
Thank you so much for your support.
If you would like more details or would like to be a part of our team please contact Jen Oliver 458-7391.

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The **NCLB** School Public Accountability Report and Annual Yearly Progress Report (AYP) are in the front office and available for review.