

# Littlewood Elementary School



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

**PTA News:** Littlewood T-shirts and hoodies are for sale in the front office. There are a variety of colors and sizes. T-shirts are \$10 and hoodies are \$20. Stop by today to pick up a shirt!

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News:** On Thursday, February 12th, first and second grade will be going on a field trip! We will be going to the UF Center for the Performing Arts to see Aesop's Fables, performed by the Tennessee Theatre Company. We will leave around 9:15am and return around 11:30am. If you are chaperoning, please make sure you have a current volunteer application for the 2018-2019 school year on file. We are so looking forward to this special day!

**Drop Off:** Please don't let students out of the car in the loop when they have to cross a lane of traffic. Thanks!

A flyer for a skate event. On the left, there are two roller skates, one red and one blue. The text is in a mix of blue and red. It says "LITTLEWOOD EVENT @ SKATE STATION 1311 NW 76TH BLVD" in blue. Below that, "FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15" and "5:30-8PM" are in red. Then "\$7 SKATE, \$11 UNLIMITED" and "LET'S GET TOGETHER!!" are in red. At the bottom, "Class with most attendance wins pizza/drink at the event!!" is in black.

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## Upcoming Events

**January 29**  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night 6-7pm

**February 1**  
5th grade field trip to the Medieval Fair

**February 12**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip- Aesop's Fables

**February 14**  
Interim Reports sent home

**February 15**  
PTA Skate Station Fundraiser 5:30-8pm

**February 18**  
Holiday-President's Day  
No School

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## Review the school year and make necessary adjustments

It's the beginning of a new calendar year—and nearly the halfway point in the school year. So it's a good time to take stock of your child's habits and make needed adjustments.

Talk with your child about how she thinks the school year is going. If the two of you had set learning goals at the start of the year, review those goals now. Is she making progress? How can she make the rest of the school year even better?

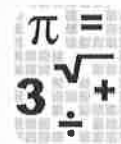
Then, help your child make some resolutions. Here are three to consider:

**1. Recommit to routines.** Has your child's bedtime begun to slip? Are mornings more rushed? Is her regular study time now not quite

so regular? Sleep and study routines make life easier—and help kids do better in school.

- 2. Spend more time reading.** There is no skill that will help your child more in school. And reading ability, like other skills, gets better with practice. Encourage your child to read every day. Let her read about anything, from sports to her favorite movie character.
- 3. Spend less time on screen media.** Talk about the amount of time your child spends in front of screens. How much time does she spend watching shows and movies? Playing online games? Browsing the internet? Set and enforce limits.

## Use toothpicks to reinforce math concepts



A box of toothpicks is all you need to teach your child some valuable math skills—reasoning,

number sense and even basic geometry. Toothpick math is also a fun way to make time go faster while waiting at an appointment.

Here are some fun ways to put a box of toothpicks to use:

- **Last one wins.** This is a great game for two people. Lay out 12 toothpicks. Taking turns, players may remove one or two toothpicks. The player who takes the last toothpick wins. (Try to leave three toothpicks on the table to guarantee a win on your next turn.)
- **Can you copy this?** Using five toothpicks, create a design. Let your child look at it for only three seconds. Then cover it up and see if your child can recreate it from memory.
- **Tricky triangles.** Give your child seven toothpicks. How many triangles can he create?

For even more toothpick fun, head to [www.education.com/activity/article/Toothpick\\_Math](http://www.education.com/activity/article/Toothpick_Math) and download a page of toothpick puzzles to try!



**Sponsor a game booth or activity at the  
Littlewood Elementary PTA's biggest fundraiser!**

- **Family Level: \$25.** Your family's name will be listed on the sign for a carnival game. Grandparents: sponsor your kids!
- **Littlewood Business: \$50+.** For businesses owned by Littlewood parents or teachers. Your business name and logo will be listed on the sign for a carnival game. Plus 10 carnival game tickets as a thank you!
- **Other business: \$100+.** Business name and logo listed on the sign for a carnival game. Thank you on carnival map handout and school marquee.

Business sponsors at the \$100+ levels will be the only business listed on the attraction. Businesses will share sponsorship with families (multiple families may sponsor the same attraction).

Please ask for opportunities to sponsor high-visibility attractions for larger donations (for example "Dunk Tank Sponsored by XYZ Business!"). Also inquire about "in-kind" alternatives for sponsorship (for example, prize donations for our Basket Raffle or items for Teacher Appreciation Week).

Every dollar we raise from sponsorship goes directly into our classrooms!

All sponsors will be thanked in the school newsletter.

**Contact: Sponsorship Chair, Jenna Priest**

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## **Save the Date! The “Mane Event” is coming March 21!**

- **Carnival games and activities = fun for everyone! Dunk your teachers in the Dunk Tank! Favorites like Paint the Bug and Magic Ink Zone!**
- **New this year, a special area for kids who need a quieter space.**
- **Food trucks, including local favorites and trucks operated by Littlewood families.**
- **This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! Funds raised go directly to classroom and schoolwide needs.**
- **Look for more information coming soon.**

**Littlewood families, we need your help! Over the next months, we will be asking for your support. You can help out by:**

- **Donating drinks to sell at carnival**
- **Contribute to your classroom’s basket and sell raffle tickets for the Chance Drawing on the night of carnival**
- **Send in a cake to make our Carnival Cake Walk extra fun**
- **Volunteer to help before or during Carnival. We need you!**
- **Sponsor a game booth!**

**Contact: Carnival Chair, Katie Blackburn**

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