

Tiger Tales

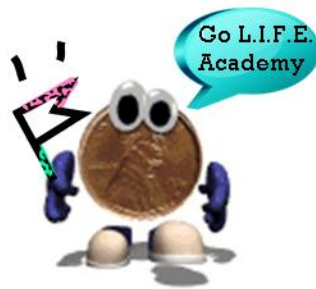


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Mrs. M&M	22,502
Miss Caudill	15,779
Ms Gadsden	4,890
Mr. Silvia	4,698
Total	47,869
Week Goal	42,838
Year Goal	200,000



Weekly Winners:
Hunter, Lina, Shawn,
and Stephanie

Reporting Requirements

The District requires we report certain information to our parents. This newsletter contains two of those documents.

There is a requirement to report Out-of-Field teachers. **We are pleased to inform you L.I.F.E. academy's teachers are all in-field.**

Calendar

- October 28 End of First Quarter
- October 29 No School
- October 30 Hurricane Make-up Day

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.