

Frog Pond Focus

Home of the Frog



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Principal's Message

I can't believe I am writing you already to reflect on another year that has flown by. Your children have so much to be proud of this school year. Having adopted the American Reading Company and 100 Book Challenge, your children have read more this year than they ever had in their life. Not only have they read more, but they have been more excited about reading, discussing books with friends, and eager to discover new stories. It makes me very proud as Principal to have seen such amazing growth, both academically and emotionally in our students. They have learned so much this year, not only in their academic areas, but in the character traits taught throughout the year. Each grade level has done such a fine job at their character education assemblies. The students are getting better at recognizing and applying these important traits that they have learned throughout the year as evidence in their behavior on the playground, bus, and in the classroom.

So as the end of the school year draws near, I hope that everyone is enjoying these last moments. Students will only be with these classmates, in this grade, and for some, in this school just a little longer. As exciting as it is to be moving on, growing up, and getting bigger, we should all remember that the moment right in front of us is just as wonderful. Hopefully, students will be happy and proud on how much they have learned, grown, and changed this year and for all they have already accomplished since we started in September.

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FROG POND SCHOOL SCHEDULE

School Begins — 7:55 AM
School Dismissed — 2:40 PM
Early Closings — 12:20 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Monday through Friday
7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:

www.lehsd.k12.nj.us
Email: (use the first letter of the first name
then last name in full) @lehsd.k12.nj.us

Dates to Remember



If you have comments and/or suggestions about this newsletter, please submit them to:
thenderson@lehsd.k12.nj.us.

May 23—June 2—BOGO Book Fair—FPE
May 24—Field Day Kindergarten—FPE
May 25—Field Day Grades 4, 5 & 6—FPE
May 26—Field Day Grades 1, 2 & 3—FPE
May 26—6th Grade Black Bear Trip
May 30—Memorial Day—District Closed
May 31—Early Dismissal Students—12:20—Exit Conferences
June 1—Early Dismissal Students—12:20—Exit Conferences
June 4—PTA Carnival—FPE—12:00—4:00 PM
June 6—5th Grade to Franklin Institute
June 6—LEAD Graduation—FPE—6:00 PM
June 7—Night of 100 Strings Concert—FPE—7:00 PM
June 7—Bullying Assembly—8:30 AM
June 8—Education Foundation Meeting—6:30 PM
June 9—PTA Meeting—GJM—7:00 PM
June 10—1st Grade Family Picnic
June 13—Report Cards
June 13—Board of Education Meeting—6:30 PM
June 14—Early Dismissal Students—12:20 PM
June 15—Early Dismissal Students—12:20 PM
June 15—6th Grade Promotion Ceremony—
GJM—6:00 PM
FPE—7:30 PM
June 16—Last Day of School—Early Dismissal—12:20 PM

READING IS FUN!



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Make reading a happy time. It can be a key to helping your child succeed as a reader. Helping your child choose a book that interests him can be a lot of fun. We recommend using the "five finger" method when deciding whether a book is appropriate for your child's reading level. Here are some simple steps you can follow to find just the right books:

1. Go to the middle of a book and have your child read one page.
2. If you can count (using your fingers) five or more words that you child doesn't know on the page then the book is one you will need to read with your child or save for later.
3. If your child can read the book at a normal speaking pace and there are no words he/she doesn't know the book will be fun for your child to read but won't challenge them.
4. The perfect book is one that is not too hard and not too easy: somewhere between one and four new words per page.
5. Through reading, we gain knowledge. Helping to teach your children to learn to love reading is more important than pushing them to learn certain skills. Read with your child and make it fun!

PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Little Egg Harbor School District has immediate openings for substitutes. Flexible hours.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

SUBSTITUTE NURSES

SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN

SUBSTITUTE MAINTENANCE

SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY

SUBSTITUTE INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE

SUBSTITUTE AFTER CARE COUNSELORS

SUBSTITUTE AFTER CARE COUNSELOR- IN-TRAINING

(high school students require working papers)

For more information call 609-296-1719 extension 1028 or you can download an application and substitute information on our school website www.lehsd.k12.nj.us click on district then click on substitute process.

EOE

CHILD FIND

The Little Egg Harbor Township Public School District offers services for preschool disabled children who turn three years old at any time during the current school year. Children may be eligible for the school's preschool disabled program if they are preschool age (3-5) and have a physical, developmental, mental, or emotional disability/ difficulty. If your child is involved with Early Intervention Services, he/ she is most likely eligible.

If you think your child may be appropriate for this program, please complete the form below and return it to the Director of Special Services Office. If you have any questions, you may call our office at 609-296-1719 ext 1020.

CHILD'S NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

(Work Phone) _____ (Cell Phone) _____

Child's Area of Concern/ Need _____

Early Intervention Program (EIP)

Child presently attends ___ Child previously attended ___ Child never attended EIP ___

PARENT/ GUARDIAN NAME: _____



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Little Egg Harbor School District Preschool and Kindergarten Registration 2010-2011

Free Full Day Program for Three and Four Year Olds. Free Full Day Kindergarten Program open to all residents of Little Egg Harbor. Child must be 3, 4 or 5 years old on or before October 1, 2010. Children that are not toilet trained **CAN** be registered. Registration Process is Parent/Guardian must register child and have the following items: Child's Birth Certificate, Proof of Residency, **Physical Examination, and Up to Date Immunization Record.** Registration information packets may be obtained at all district schools, the Joanne C. Burd Administration Building or the Registrar's Office at 305 Frog Pond Road, 609-296-1719 ext. 2043. Would you like to visit our preschool program? Contact us at 609-296-7131 ext. 3210. The Little Egg Harbor School District is responsible to locate, identify and evaluate all children living in Little Egg Harbor, ages 3-21 years of age who may be disabled. Included in the districts "child find" are all preschool children from three to five years of age and children who are highly mobile, such as migrant and homeless.

- Free Full Day Preschool for 3' & 4's
- Free Full Day Kindergarten
- Free Transportation
- Affordable Before Care & After



*Little Egg Harbor Community School
Discovery & Play Preschool*

Open Enrollment Preschool Program for 3, 4, and 5 year olds

Are you looking for...

- * a part time program with a hands on approach to learning?
- * an established program with a teacher who holds a Bachelor's degree?
- * a social opportunity for your child in an intimate atmosphere?
- * a cost effective option to Full Day Preschool?

Discovery & Play is the perfect option for you...

* We have enrollment for Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 8:30AM-11:30AM, choose your days.

- * We are located in the Frog Pond Elementary School. * Our tuition rates are reasonable:
 \$60/month for one day a week
 \$120/month for 2 days a week
 \$180/ month for 3 days a week

Please call (609) 296-1719 Ext. 2201

Schedule a play date with *Discovery & Play* for your child before you register.



The summer is almost here! Have you considered a Pinelands Summer? While working with our students I have found that they all have a natural curiosity for just about anything in nature. Summer affords many opportunities to explore and learn about our environment using our children's natural enthusiasm as a motivator. There are many activities planned in the Pinelands. One of my personal favorites is the Outdoor Club of South Jersey. <http://www.ocsj.org/> They offer many family oriented activities such as hiking the many and varied hiking trails in the Pinelands. Each hike is guided and your children would enjoy finding some of the treasures found in the Pinelands!

Perhaps plan a Pinelands scavenger hunt locating these special Pinelands attractions:

Pinelands Tree Frog <http://www.state.nj.us/pinelands/infor/fact/treefrog%20JFB.pdf>

Picher Plant <http://www.state.nj.us/pinelands/infor/fact/treefrog%20JFB.pdf>

Pink Lady Slipper <http://www.state.nj.us/pinelands/infor/LADYSLIP.JPG>

Cedar Swamps <http://www.pinelandsalliance.org/ecology/habitats/cedarswamp/>

Four-toed Salamander <http://www.state.nj.us/pinelands/photo/wildlife/four.html>



You may want to consider connecting any travels through the Pinelands with your children by looking up your discoveries in books to promote science literacy over the summer. Here are some ideas:

<http://www.experiencebarnegatbay.org/assets/events/JerseyJuniorsPamphlet.pdf>

<http://www.powells.com/biblio?isbn=9781585361526>

<http://www.cumauriceriver.org/downjersey/references/ref.html>



Have a safe and enjoyable summer! Happy trails! Sincerely, Mrs. R. Nielsen, K-5 Science Lab

Avoid and Take Control of Head Lice

What are head lice?

Head lice are small parasitic insects that survive by removing small amounts of blood from the scalp every few hours. Generally found close to the scalp, primarily around the ears and at the back of the neck, the adult louse is about the size of a sesame seed and can be the color of your child's hair. Eggs, or nits, are smaller and are silver in color.

What are the symptoms of head lice?

The most common symptom of head lice is itching caused by an allergic reaction to the louse saliva. There may be redness or sores caused by scratching. Your child may be irritable and experience sleeplessness.

How common are head lice?

About one in every 100 U.S. elementary school children will be infested with head lice in any given year. Infestation can occur throughout the year, although a peak is generally experienced during summer and back-to-school time periods. Girls are more likely than boys to become infested because of sharing personal hair items.

How do you get head lice?

Lice are "equal opportunity" parasites. They infest all socioeconomic groups, races, genders and ages, but are more commonly found in children due to their close contact with each other. While head lice are not considered an infectious disease, spread from one child to another can occur primarily through direct head to head contact or secondarily through the sharing of personal items such as hats, scarves, helmets, brushes, combs or pillows. It is important for you to know that lice are not a sign of poor hygiene and they do not spread disease. If someone in your child's class at school develops head lice, there is no reason to panic and automatically assume that your child will "catch" head lice.

How do I know if my child has head lice?

Diagnosis of head lice is made on the basis of symptoms and confirmed through the identification of a live louse on the head. If your child is scratching his or her head, and you see red bite marks, sores, lice or nits on their scalp, he or she should be examined by a medical professional.

How do I prevent head lice?

While preventing head lice entirely can be difficult, children should avoid head to head contact during lice outbreaks. Secondly, parents should discourage their children from sharing personal items such as hats, scarves, headbands, helmets, brushes, combs or pillows to decrease the likelihood of spread from one person to another. All recently worn clothing, hats, bedding, and towels used by anyone having lice or thought to be exposed to lice can be washed in hot water (130°) or dry cleaned. Personal care items such as combs, brushes and hair clips should also be washed in hot water. Toys such as stuffed animals can be placed in a hot dryer for 30 minutes or in a plastic bag for 2 weeks.

How can I treat head lice?

Treatments for head lice include: *Over-the-Counter (OTC) products *Prescription products *Alternative therapies — natural and herbal. These products have not been proven effective and are not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). *Nit picking (hair combing) with a fine-tooth comb is often used to remove the nits (eggs) from the hair. Combing takes time and patience. While it may remove the eggs or empty shells, alone, it is not considered an effective treatment for head lice. Many approved products are safe and effective but like all medical treatments, they must be used as directed by parents. Also, studies have shown that head lice are learning to outsmart many pesticides and are developing resistance to OTC pyrethrum and parathyroid products, in much the same way that some bacteria have developed resistance to antibiotics. If a child is suspected of having head lice, he or she should be examined by a medical professional.

Frog Pond Student Council

The Student Council at Frog Pond Elementary School consists of 27 members of 4th, 5th & 6th grade students that were elected by their classmates after writing and delivering an election speech. The representatives attended bi-monthly meetings to discuss student ideas and vote on proposals sent to administration. Some of their responsibilities included the implementation of Spirit Days, collecting for the Relay for Life Coin Drive, participating in a debate and acting as tour guides for the school's Open House. Many of the members also attended a Field Trip with the George J. Mitchell School Student Council to meet the Mayor of Little Egg Harbor, tour the Municipal Building and attend a real town meeting. We would like to thank all Student Council Members for their hard work and dedication to our school.



Student Council Representatives: Sydney B, Marina F, Chris S, Sean C, Genarro B, Tristan H, Tim C, Daniel O, Ryan O, Ally M, Brandon B, Gabriella G, Emily T, Giana G, and Ashley G.

Student Council Alternates: Joe M, Sabrina B, Madison W, Autumn K, Natalie M, Jackie P, Melissa S, Christian W, Kamyrn L, Kaylee J, Andrew S, and Taylor G.



21st Century Skills

Interviewing skills, collaboration, and innovative thinking were just a few of the skills gained by Mrs. Keane and Mrs. Reigelman's 4th grade students when they went through the process of writing a book with CST staff member, Mrs. Rice. The students began by writing interview questions and interviewing 9 district staff members about their job responsibilities, including Dr. Kasyan, Mr. Nazarov and Ms. Cummings. The students then wrote paragraphs detailing their specific job function for the school. Next, the students collaborated to create a story about Nola, the school's therapy dog, looking for a job. The story includes the job descriptions collected during the interviews, dialogue between Nola and staff members and humorous sayings. They completed the process by working with Mrs. Rice to edit their story and choose pictures taken by LEEP students. The book can be found on nolasnotebook.com to preview or purchase. The funds to create the book were provided by a grant from the NJEA Pride Committee. Congratulations to John A, Alex H, Bryce H, Andrew C, Matthew J, Ceara C, and Camrin C.

Attention 5th Grade Parents!!!!

This is to inform you of changes in the Immunization Regulations in the State of New Jersey. As of January, 2008 two (2) new immunizations were mandated for entry into Sixth Grade, or transfer into a New Jersey School from another state or country. These are a newly formulated DPT Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccine.

As legislated, each Sixth Grader must have received these two immunizations by the first day of Sixth Grade, and present the valid physician documentation on or prior to that day. If there is a legal exemption, valid documentation must be presented to the School Health Office on or prior to the first day of school of Sixth Grade.

If you have questions, please contact the School Health Office at: 609-296-1719, ext 2018/2041. Thank You. Your School Nurses.

MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN NEW JERSEY

N.J.A.C. 8:57-4: IMMUNIZATION OF PUPILS IN SCHOOL

DTaP//DTP

Age 1-6 years: 4 doses, with one dose given on or after the 4th birthday, OR any 5 doses.

Age 7-9 years: 3 doses of Td or any previously administered combination of DTP, DTaP, and DT to equal 3 doses

Any child entering pre-school, and/or pre-Kindergarten needs a minimum of 4 doses. A booster dose is needed on or after the fourth birthday, to be in compliance with Kindergarten attendance requirements. Pupils after the seventh birthday should receive adult type Td. Please note: there is no acceptable titer test for pertussis.

**Tdap

Grade 6 (or comparable age level for special education programs): 1 dose For pupils entering Grade 6 on or after 9-1-08 and born on or after 1-1-97. A child is not required to have a Tdap dose until FIVE years after the last DTP/DTaP or Td dose.

Polio

Age 1-6 years: 3 doses, with one dose given on or after the 4th birthday, OR any 4 doses.

Age 7 or Older: Any 3 doses

Any child entering pre-school, and/or pre-Kindergarten needs a minimum of 3 doses. A booster dose is needed on or after the fourth birthday to be in compliance with Kindergarten attendance requirements. Either I

Inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) or oral polio vaccine (OPV) separately or in combination is acceptable.

Polio vaccine is not required of pupils 18 years or older.

MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN NEW JERSEY CONTINUED.....

Measles

If born before 1-1-90, 1 dose of a live measles containing vaccine on or after the first birthday. If born on or after 1-1-90, 2 doses of a live measles containing vaccine on or after the first birthday. Any child over 15 months of age entering child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten needs a minimum of 1 dose of measles vaccine. Any child entering Kindergarten needs 2 doses. Intervals between first and second measles-containing vaccine doses cannot be less than 1 month. Laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable.

Rubella and Mumps

1 dose of live mumps-containing vaccine on or after the first birthday. 1 dose of live rubella-containing vaccine on or after the first birthday Any child over 15 months of age entering child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten needs 1 dose of rubella and mumps vaccine. Any child entering Kindergarten needs 1 dose each. Laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable.

Varicella 1 dose on or after the first birthday

All children 19 months of age and older enrolled into a child care/pre-school center after 9-1-04 or children born on or after 1-1-98 entering the school for the first time in Kindergarten or Grade 1 need 1 dose of varicella vaccine. Laboratory evidence of immunity, physician's statement or a parental statement of previous varicella disease is acceptable.

Haemophilus influenzae B (Hib)

Age 2-11 Months: 2 doses or **Age 12-59 Months:** 1 dose

Mandated only for children enrolled in child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten: Minimum of 2 doses of Hib-containing vaccine is needed if between the ages of 2-11 months. Minimum of 1 dose of Hib-containing vaccine is needed after the first birthday.

Hepatitis B K-Grade 12: 3 doses or **Age 11-15 years:** 2 doses

If a child is between 11-15 years of age and has not received 3 prior doses of Hepatitis B then the child is eligible to receive 2-dose Hepatitis B Adolescent formulation.

Pneumococcal Age 2-11 months: 2 doses or **Age 12-59 months:** 1 dose

Mandated only for children enrolled in child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten:

Minimum of 2 doses of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine is needed if between the ages of 2-11 months.

Minimum of 1 dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine is needed after the first birthday.

****Meningococcal** Entering Grade 6 (or comparable age level for Special Ed programs): 1 dose

For pupils entering Grade 6 on or after 9-1-08 and born on or after 1-1-97. This applies to students when they turn 11 years of age and attending Grade 6.

Influenza Ages 6-59 Months: 1 dose annually

For children enrolled in child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten on or after 9-1-08. 1 dose to be given between September 1 and December 31 of each year. Students entering school after December 31 up until March 31 must receive 1 dose since it is still flu season during this time period.