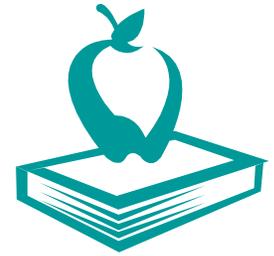


# The Dinsmore Times



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## A Word from the Director

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Well, we have made it through the first quarter and are quickly approaching the holiday season. It always amazes me how quickly time goes by.

We have many exciting things that are going on over the next month. First, we are having homeroom contests to see which class can raise the most money to purchase things such as baby chickens, goats, fruit trees or water purification systems for families in underprivileged countries. Second thing that we are doing is collecting money for Wreaths Across America. This is a wonderful program that for \$15.00 we

can purchase a Christmas Wreath that will be placed on a soldier's grave. This is a national campaign and we may choose the locations of our wreaths. We have several families with active and retired military personnel. This is a wonderful way for us to show our support for their sacrifices. If you would like to purchase your own wreaths you can do so at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org).

With Thanksgiving quickly approaching it seems only fitting that I share with you what someone once shared with me. The author is unknown. "If you woke up this morning, you are

more blessed than the 1 million that won't survive the week. If you have never experienced the fear of battle, being imprisoned or lonely, been tortured or hungry, then you are more blessed than 20 million around the world, if you can attend church without the fear of torture or even death, then you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world. If you have food in your belly, clothes on your back and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of the world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet and some spare change in a dish somewhere you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy."

### Special points of interest:

- ✓ Chocolate Fund-raiser is still going on please turn money in ASAP!
- ✓ Make sure that we have your correct phone numbers and email address.
- ✓ Take precautions- flu season is approaching quickly.

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## LCS Policies

As we have all seen we are having a definite change in the weather. Just as a reminder that jackets are not allowed to be worn in the building. If you know that you are going to be cold in the building please layer up! You can wear long sleeve shirts under your uniform.

Another policy reminder-There is NO GUM or candy allowed in school! We are having a HUGE problem with students chewing gum and or eating

candy while at school. Each parent and student signed our policy stating that they would abide by this policy, If your child is bringing gum or candy there will be severe consequences. Thank you for your help with this.

Please also note the change in our check policy. We will NO LONGER be accepting checks for lunch accounts or

Field trips. We will still take checks for tuition and extended day payments. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Mrs. Stalvey

We are well onto the swing of the second nine weeks and our class is taking on more challenging concepts. We are studying Moses and the Ten Commandments in the Bible. We have already watched the Prince of Egypt movie to round out this book and it gave our students a great visual representation of Moses' life. We are moving into Imperative sentences and Direct objects in English this month. The class is grasping these concepts well so far. We are focusing on long vowel sounds and spellings, sight words and leveled readers in Reading and Spelling. They are becoming better readers and spellers everyday. We are con-

tinuing our handwriting practice this month and in Math we are practicing addition and subtraction facts, Money and classifying objects. In Science this month we have moved into our chapter on invertebrates and the students are working on recognizing the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates. We are excited to apply what we have learned when we go on our Zoo field trip on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

We have an educational packed November planned so far and we all are looking forward to the Thanksgiving holiday. All of our students are growing and learning everyday. They are making great strides and I look forward to see-

ing just how far they can grow and learn by the time Christmas break rolls around.



## Mrs. Carothers

Hey, my kids are awesome! We are learning all kinds of cool things like symbiosis. Ask one of my students. We will be finishing up on 5 digit subtraction and move into reading and making graphs to multiplication. We are brushing up on our writing skills and grammar. The students will be picking an animal of their choice and writing a story about "A day in the life of...". To go along with our trip to the zoo. We

will be studying the weather and climate of Florida which we all know changes from day to day. Last but not least, we will study Christian character through the lives of biblical men and women who made a difference in both the old and new testaments. We are on a roll to do our best for Christ!

**Be still and know that I am God.**

**Psalm 46:10**

## Mrs. Kitchens

In sixth grade math we are still studying multiplication. We are all getting really good at it!! We are also working on team building and talking a lot about respect: to adults, to each other and to ourselves. In seventh and eighth grade we are starting to review a variety of whole number concepts. We started with prime numbers and prime factorization and we will continue with square roots, least common multiples and many others. Our goal is to

start working with some simple pre-algebra concepts in a few months. After Thanksgiving we will be doing a fun unit of history of math and numbers from other cultures.

In middle school science we are studying chemistry. We have been working with the periodic table learning what elements are, where they come from and what they make when they are combined together. We will be doing a Chocolate Chip Mining Lab that

combines math and science. I think they will enjoying learning more about mining while also getting to try their hand at it.

In high school science we did a small unit on chemistry, just touching on the basic concepts. We will be starting a unit on Health and Nutrition where we will talk about eating the right kinds of food, getting enough sleep and how to manage stress.



## Mr. Smith

Our High school students are building the Parthenon... out of celery! (or any other materials) As we explore Ancient Greece, we have been looking at their building methods. Our MS students are making Cereal Box projects: Sugar-coated Socrates Flakes. Our PE Classes have been improving our Push-ups and strengthening our core muscles with the plank - sort of like a non-moving push up, resting on your elbows. It really

targets the lower stomach muscles.. youth! MS Bible has delved into the Character Quest books, examining our own Characters. This has led to some very enlightening conversations and has opened the door to some God revealing questions and ideas. Last quarter we had an awesome (and hilarious) skit, complete with Greek gods!



## Dr. Ward



All students are attentive to a reading strategy, taught to them by Mrs. Graham called "Annotating the Text." In this strategy students: (1) predict what the article and short essay or story is about through studying the title, (2) number their paragraphs, (3) read the questions in which they are expected to answer, (3) number the answers in the text as they read (4) underline key points as well as draw a key in the text beside important points

and lastly (5) discuss or answer the questions at the end of the article. Students enjoy this strategy because they may choose to color code each of the strategy steps mentioned above. This strategy, great to use in all their subjects, makes learning fun as well as easier for students to complete the exercises at the end of the lesson. Students are better able to recognize the parts of speech by playing Mad Libs, Fun Brain and other

computerized games. They love to brainstorm before the writing process. Students are studying parables and miracles in Bible. Bible lessons are enhanced by Bible Trivia, played as competition.

**Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.**

**Proverbs 22:6**

## Just a Reminder from Mrs. Williams

Parents,  
Please make sure that you call or e-mail us if your child is going to be out of school. Also a reminder that school starts at 8:30, if you arrive after 8:30 you are tardy. If you have more than 10 tardies in a quarter, this results in an incomplete in your first period class. You will then have an extra day of

school while others are out on vacation.  
Make sure that you are checking your child's planner nightly and looking for notes that we send home, especially lunch account balances if your child's lunch account goes into the negative more than \$10.00 your child WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ORDER

LUNCH UNTIL THE BALANCE IS PAID IN FULL. Thank you for your understanding.

We are looking forward to a blessed and prosperous Thanksgiving season!





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show you the way!**



The Mission of Lighthouse Christian School is to glorify God by reaching children who might otherwise be left behind.

We believe that given the right opportunities academically, physically and spiritually every child can flourish.

Lighthouse Christian School is a private Christian school in Florida's First Coast area of Jacksonville and Orange Park. Lighthouse Christian School is designed for the child who sometimes learns differently. Many Christian Schools use "college prep" programs that are very fast paced. This type of program can't be concerned about the student who falls behind. Once a child is labeled as a failure in these programs it can have a very deep, long term, psychological impact on the child.

Many students that enroll with us have been given labels such as SLD (Specific Learning Disability), ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) and ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder). Your child may have been labeled as having one of these learning disabilities, but we believe there are learning differences not disabilities.

## Upcoming Events and News

November 10th– Jostens here for class rings (HS only)

November 11th– NO SCHOOL

November 14th– Librarian Visit

November 18th– Field Trip to the Zoo

November 21-25– Thanksgiving Holiday

**DON'T FORGET THAT EVERY FRIDAY IS \$1.00 DRESS DOWN FRIDAY!!!!**

We are collecting money for local charities!

We are collecting money this Thanksgiving season for the less fortunate. We are having a homeroom contest to see which class can collect the most money for our Thanksgiving/Christmas

Project. We are raising money to purchase chickens, ducks, rabbits, fruit trees and clean water for people in other countries. We are also collecting money for Wreaths Around America. For a \$ 15.00 donation a wreath will be purchased and put on a fallen soldiers grave here in Jacksonville's National Cemetery.

Just another note we are still collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education as well. Send them in please!

Here is hoping that you and yours have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

