

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- School Store reopens
- LECS honored for "A"
- Silent Auction set for April 13 at Ollie's Public House
- Mrs. Stucker completes Lake Wales "mudder"
- Technology Fundraiser nets "big bucks"
- AED Donation

## School Store Re-opens

Cluster II Team Wheel students have had a fantastic start to the new school year. They meet every Wednesday, extending the common curriculum to include critical thinking, service learning and ways to benefit the well-being of LECS. The excitement is definitely present among students as they are motivated and empowered to assume leadership roles in many facets of the school. The School Store is well underway and has been a huge success due to the volunteer hours put in by the cluster two students. The school store is generally open five days a week from 7:45-8:00 am. Students arrive at 7:30 in the morning. The store is fully manned with three students every day for setup, sales and then clean up. This all wraps up just in time to arrive in home-room to start the school day. They are excited about things to come.



Gifted Student Team Wheel



Mr. Gainey's 5th graders are headed to Second Harvest Food Bank to volunteer on February 27th.

## LECS Honored by OCPS for "A"

On January 15, Lake Eola Charter School was among 50 schools honored for achieving an "A" through the Governor's recognition program. LECS has received that honor for the past 10 years and stands as one of the few charter schools in the State that has been designated as High Performing and eligible for reduced Administrative fees that are assessed by the State and paid to OCPS.



SAVE THE DATE  
2ND ANNUAL RED SOIREE  
Saturday April 13, 2013  
5:30 - 7:30PM  
OLLIE'S PUBLIC HOUSE

**SAY YES 2 ART**

LAKE EOLA CHARTER SCHOOL  
SILENT AUCTION  
ALL PROCEEDS DIRECTLY SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN'S ARTS PROGRAMS

## Where for art thou Cluster 3 LA?



Cluster 3 language arts students are in full swing with this year's Shakespeare study of Othello. The unit started with an introduction to the play provided by two actors from the Orlando Shakespeare Theater in a United Arts grant-funded program called "Shakespeare Alive." Eighth grader Elyse O'Connor has soared in this assignment. "The actors from the theater transported us to Verona. We were the characters," said Elyse. Students then began reading

the play during the language arts classes and are being treated to a series of lessons in theater arts from LECS parent and professional actress, Monica Tamborello. The project will continue throughout February and into March with all students performing scenes from Othello. Additionally, the students will attend a professional production of the play at the Orlando Shakespeare Theater and present their own LECS production on March 20th at St. Luke's Great Hall.

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## What did you do this weekend?

Well, if you are Mr. & Mrs. Stucker, you participated in the Lake Wales Warrior Dash! This is not for the faint hearted. The race is 3.34 miles in length; however, the obstacles are what make it such a challenge. Contestants (as many as 600) are required to : climb over cars, go through fire and cross trenches. Sounds like great fun? Yes, and it all benefits St. Jude's

Children's Research. The event was held on Saturday, February 2 and on that very same day at 1:53 pm, Mrs. Stucker tweeted out "I did it!" Congratulations to Mrs. Stucker and her husband for the time they put into the training and the event for such a worthy cause.



**Mr. & Mrs. Mudder  
aka the Stuckers**

# 2nd Graders of the Lost Ark



2nd grade

We are now sharing our interviews from our grandparents. Boy are we really surprised at how

things have changed! Some grandparents played different kinds of games that we have never heard of and we were surprised at some of their favorite foods.

This week we are making butter, the old fashioned way.

We just visited the Orlando Museum of Art and learned so much about artifacts of centuries ago. We went on a dig and discovered what it was like to be an archeologist.

We are studying different states of matter and have made oobleck. It is

a liquid and a solid at the same time. What fun that was! We will be making our own lemon juice volcano this month as well and will further discover what happens when you freeze oobleck!

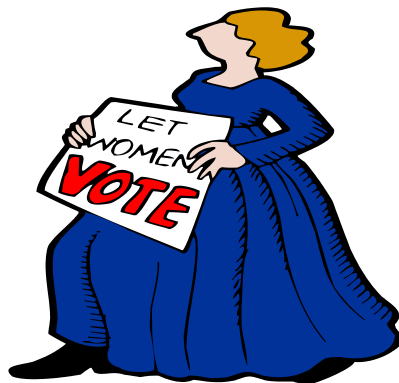
We have just finished our pottery classes and made some beautiful hearts! We look forward to art classes in February.

We will going to the play, Doctor Dolittle. We hear it is hilarious!

*“It was disgusting and made you not want to eat meat.”*

## History Repeating Itself

Middle school history students are studying reforms made in the Progressive Era and preparing class reports on a comparison between those reforms and present day reforms.. They learned that some reforms took a long time to be enacted and/or enforced. Among those reforms were: women’s suffrage and child labor laws. After more than a “Century of Dishonor”



(Helen Hunt Jackson) finally one of the most basic reforms was made for yet another disenfranchised group—the Native Americans. Citizenship for all was bestowed on our “original” inhabitants!

For Alex Rader, the reform that had the most impact were those done in the meat industry. “Things weren’t very sanitary, “ she said. “It was disgusting and made you not want to eat meat!”

## Something Sweet for the Foundation

The 8th grade officers: Jordan Lindquist, Jere Benjamin, Carly Neslaw and Daisy Cobos took the lead on the candy cane sale this year. The orders exceeded all past years due in part to the creativity that was used stimulate sales. Carly and Jere created the “heart cane” which turned out to be a big seller. The concept was to fuse two candy canes in the shape of a heart to

create something special. The efforts of the student officers netted almost \$300.00 for the Foundation! This annual fundraiser is always sponsored by a group of students who, regardless of the years left at LECS, are dedicated to supporting the school and its philosophy. A special thanks to the students from the LECS Board.





**Thank you is not enough to extend to the team that Laura Sundberg assembled to raise the funds necessary to make LECS competitive with other Orange County Schools in the field of technology. The team of parents worked tirelessly to raise over \$12,000 which was matched through a generous anonymous gift.**

**Presently four Smart Boards have been purchased and installed. Three more are scheduled to be installed so that the teachers will have the necessary technology to enrich the LECS curriculum.**

**THANK YOU TO THE TECHNOLOGY FUNDRAISING TEAM and THE GENEROUS LECS PARENTS!!!!!!!**



## The Heartbeat of True Heroes

Many, many individuals and businesses make generous donations/contributions, but rarely do they ever get to see their dollars being used. LECS was fortunate to receive a gift of an AED machine (defibrillator) from Saving Young Hearts. This donation was due to the heart-felt underwriting of dear friends of one of our LECS families, the Eurtons. Tori Eurton shared, "It was very important to them that they give back after what they endured last year and that the gift be given to a school that was in need. Jennifer Chap reached out to me last November specifically asking if Will or Carli's schools would benefit. At that time I reached out to Sharon and she con-

firmed that LECS did not have the equipment."

LECS is proud to announce that due to the generosity of Rick and Jennifer Chap, an AED machine was installed at the school on the second floor landing by the elevator this week and the staff members trained in its use.

It is a miracle that Mr. Chap was resuscitated through the

efforts of the Orlando Fire Department and we send our best wishes to him for continued good health. The Chaps are amazing folks who transformed a near tragedy into a full scale initiative to save others. The Chaps are real heroes and we are grateful to them and to the Eurtons for making a connection that will impact the health of the school in a very positive way. Thank you to the Chaps, the Eurtons, and to the Orlando Fire Department.

Saving Young Hearts is the public charity that installed the device and provided the initial training. Read their story at [www.savingyounghearts.org](http://www.savingyounghearts.org). It is inspiring.

