



Lake Eola Charter School Newsletter

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Welcome to the second LECS electronic newsletter and the first of the new year. We are just beginning testing season and the students don't appear overly stressed. It is because the teachers have prepared them so well and they are just incredibly awesome. In this issue, you will see many examples of just how awesome they are!!! Enjoy.

Changing the Horrific to the Hopeful for Haiti

by Chadonne Whiskey

On January 12th, 2010, Haiti suffered a horrendous earthquake. An estimated 200,000 people died as a result and many more have been left severely injured, homeless and orphaned. The world looks on at the horrific pictures of destruction and wonders what to do?

Well, Lake Eola Charter School (LECS) has been doing free dress days and we have raised \$836.27. Is that not wonderful?

I decided to get the opinion of some of our own Kindergarteners, 1st and 2nd graders at LECS. I asked them if they donated any money, how much and why?

"I brought in a big bag of money. I took all the money from my piggy bank and bought it to school. I gave the money because I know that Haiti had a bad earthquake."

Jordan, a Kindergartener

"I donated a lot of money, because Haiti had a bad earthquake and I wanted to help them."

Madelyn, a First Grader

"I brought in a whole coffee container full of pennies. All the money I had went to Haiti. I'm happy that I gave money to Haiti."

Kelly, a First Grader

"I gave money because I know that they need food, water and medicine."

Brooke, a Second Grader

These are some of the amazing quotes of kindergarteners, 1st and 2nd graders based on their donations to Haiti. My teacher, Ms. Friedman told me that our Director, Ms. DeNoia, had to bring a suitcase because there was so much money. Yes, a suitcase to school to get all the money to take to the bank!

I am proud to say that I am a student of Lake Eola and I'm glad kids have donated money to help the people in Haiti.

Let There Be Peace on Earth and Let It Begin With...

The mission of the Radiant Peace Foundation, started in 1986 and headquartered in St. Petersburg, Florida is to inspire, encourage and promote Radiant Peace and to serve as a centerpoint for Radiant Peace education worldwide.

Each year this organization holds an art and writing contest and each year the children at LECS do very well. In fact, Maddie Shields, Noelle Carr, Brooke McCoskey and Mia Martinez were LECS winners. Each girl received a certificate of participation and a check! Congratulations!

STEP's Night at the Museum



by Carissa Hamilton

Friday, January 22nd, 2010, Lake Eola's Space Technology and Engineering Program (STEP) left for Tampa, Florida to visit MOSI, the Museum of Science and Industry.

Every 2 years the Science Club stays overnight at the museum. During the day the students, chaperones, and Mr. Madewell walk around the museum to explore the various interactive and scientific exhibits. There are exhibits on topics from Physics to Health, Probability to Natural Disasters and a whole lot more. Other things to see at MOSI were the high wire bike, the fossil collection in the library, and an "astronaut training section". The museum also had a flight simulator.

7th grade STEP member, Cheyenne DeVore, said, "I liked the Velcro wall in the astronaut training and the high wire bike too."

Since Science Club stayed overnight at MOSI, they got to do some extra overnight activities such as learning about comets, making fake comets, building mini space shuttles, and participating in the challenger mission. The challenger mission is a simulated mission to Mars dedicated to teacher, Christa McAuliffe, who was onboard the Challenger Space shuttle when it blew up in 1986.

7th grade STEP member, Matthew Shinner, also said, "The challenger simulator was fun and difficult at the same time."

At the end of the night, students went into MOSI's planetarium to learn about stars, their rotation in space, and how they relate to the zodiac and Greek and Roman mythology.

If you would like to learn more about MOSI, visit www.mosi.org, for more information.

Look for news about the school's move to the Downtown Baptist Education Center in the next issue.