

Lockmar Elementary KNIGHT NEWS



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Message from the Principal

Student attendance is very important here at Lockmar. Did you know the student attendance rate is monitored at the district level? Every school has a goal to have an attendance rate of 95% or better. Currently Lockmar's rate is 95.48%. Please check the district school calendar before scheduling family vacations and activities. You can access the calendar by going to Lockmar's website at <http://lockmar.es.brevard.k12.fl.us> and choosing the link labeled, "Lockmar Events Calendar".

Parents must notify the office when their children are absent from school. Please call or e-mail Wanda Bailey, the attendance clerk, at BaileyW@brevard.k12.fl.us. All absences that are not documented by phone, e-mail, or a note are recorded as unexcused. Personal illness of the student that exceeds five consecutive days must have medical documentation.

Students who have excessive absences or who are habitually tardy need to be aware that instruction for FCAT tested skills may be missed. It is in the student's best interest to be in class every day and to be on time to school.

Norma Z. Hostetler

Congratulations Mrs. Stamand

Our Newest National Board Certified Teacher



BUSINESS PARTNER SPOTLIGHT-- Harris Heroes!

Volunteers from Harris Corporation are our Harris Heroes! Harris Corporation is the Business Partner we are recognizing this month. Harris is a high-tech corporation and many of their employees are engineers with backgrounds in mathematics and computers. As Harris continues to upgrade their computers, they donate the older computers to various organizations. Ken and Maria Laprade transport, prepare, and maintain Harris-donated computers for classroom use; the GSP class has five of these for word-processing and internet research. Alene and Steve Heuser, Deborah Taylor, Joe Tallet and Matthew Townsend serve as Sunshine Math mentors. Steve Heuser does miscellaneous science activities in classes like demonstrations, supplying all the equipment. He built the rocket launcher (PVC pipe powered by a bicycle pump) for Mr. Dennig. Steve Heuser, Bruce Barton, Steve Halford and Maria Laprade serve on the School Advisory Council. In addition, other Harris employees volunteer at Lockmar in a variety of ways. Thanks to these volunteers and Harris Corporation for making a difference in science, math, and technology at our school.