

2012



# LEOPARD LETTER

## NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everybody,

Welcome to a new school year here at André Lucas Elementary School. We have started strong and everyone is already hard at work setting the course for a great year. Teachers are administering assessments to target their teaching and align with our curriculum standards as well as our school improvement goals. I thought I would take this opportunity to clarify some language and answer some questions that parents and community members often have about **curriculum standards**:

### What are curriculum standards?

Curriculum standards outline the content that will be taught in each curricular area. They are the standard accepted expectations of skills that students should master in each curriculum area. For example, a second grade standard in the area of Mathematics as Problem Solving reads, *“Students should be engaged in problem solving activities so that they are able to write number sentences to solve realistic problems.”* Another example would be a fifth grade standard in the area of Reading which reads, *“Students explain the author’s choice of words and form generalizations. Students will increase vocabulary through interactions with media and technological resources.”*

### Who develops these standards?

DoDEA has recently adopted the Common Core Standards. You can find out more information by visiting [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org) as well as <http://www.dodea.edu/home/>

### What does “standards-based” mean?

This means that ALL of our content, assessment, and instructional decisions are made based on the DoDEA curriculum standards.

### What can parents do to help?

Parents should become familiar with the curriculum standards as well as the school’s mission statements and goals. Communicate with your child’s teacher(s) and re-enforce these both at school and at home. During discussions with the teacher(s), ask them how your child is progressing according to the standards. Older children should be able to tell you which standards they are working on in school and how their work relates to the standards. More importantly, if you have a question, ask us here at school. We are here to give you answers.

### What about health and wellness?

We are particularly working with student climate and expectations for behaviors as we build a caring school community. Bullying will not be tolerated here at Lucas, and we are working hard to ensure a safe work and play environment for our students. We are also refocusing on the health and fitness. We are offering a better menu in the cafeteria and our reward systems this year will take fitness opportunities into account.

As always, parents are encouraged to be our active partners here at the school. Please know that your presence here is not only welcomed, but encouraged.

“Don’t be a stranger.”

Ted Turnipseed



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# Nurse's Corner



Welcome to all!

We hope you had a great summer vacation and that you are ready for a busy and productive school year.

We all have concerns about the well-being of our children, so here are a few simple rules that will help make our schools a healthier place.

## Please encourage your children to:

1. Wash their hands often at home and school, especially after using the bathroom and prior to eating.
2. Cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues and dispose of them properly.
3. Eat healthy snacks and meals.
4. Get plenty of rest by keeping a regular schedule for bedtime and wake up time.



## The 24 Hour Rule

(This is a ***minimum*** time frame.)

### PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL IF:

THEY HAVE HAD A FEVER IN THE PAST 24 HOURS and NEEDED MEDICATION TO KEEP SYMPTOM FREE

HAVE HAD EPISODES OF DIARRHEA, VOMITING IN THE PAST 24 HOURS

HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH STREP THROAT, PINK EYE OR OTHER CONTAGIOUS CONDITIONS AND HAVE NOT BEEN ON ANTIBIOTICS OR OTHER TREATMENT FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS.

HAVE A BAD COUGH, EXTREMELY RUNNY NOSE OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING.

**Please keep your school nurse informed of any changes in your child's medical concerns. The more aware we are about your child's health, the better we can care for them while at school.**

*Nurse Melly (Mary Ellen) Duprey, RN  
André Lucas School Nurse  
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Get the new school  
year off to a good  
start!

The Fort Campbell Parent to Parent Team  
invites you to upcoming seminars at Andre Lucas  
Elementary School.

September - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Preparing for a Successful Parent/Teacher Conference

October - Parental Involvement - The Key to Academic Success

November - Avoiding Homework Hassles

December - The Importance of Academic Portfolios

## Important Message

**Parents** - for the safety of the students; please do not park on the bus circle or on the grass in the bus circle. It is a safety hazard. Students and staff are unable to see around the buses. We don't want to see anyone get hurt. Please help us keep the students and staff safe. Thank you.

## Pet Policy



“It will be a violation of Board policy to possess an animal in a Fort Campbell Schools building or on a Fort Campbell Schools campus during school hours or activities, including drop-off or pick-up of students before and after school. School hours are defined as being from 45 minutes prior to the beginning of school in the morning and 45 minutes after the end of school. School activities often take place outside of these hours. Exceptions to this policy are certified harnessed or leased service animals or animals present for an approved educational purpose.

In all instances, pets must be handled according to all installation policies. Fort Campbell Schools reserves the right to have any bothersome animal removed from its grounds. Owners are responsible for having their pets leashed or caged and for removing any waste materials from school grounds.”

## Transportation Policy

Due to increased accountability and increased security measures André Lucas has implemented the following policy.

No changes in transportation will be made via telephone. We must receive a request in writing either by email or hard copy. We encourage you to make any requests at least 30 minutes prior to the end of school. Please know that we are aware that emergency situations may arise, in which case, contact the school and we will work with you toward an appropriate solution.

Thank you for helping us to keep student safety a priority.



### Lucas Leopards' School Improvement Goals

**Goal 1:** By May 2013, all students will demonstrate improved communication skills using written language to convey information in a focused, organized way as measured by the selected system-wide summative assessments (Terra Nova Language Arts subtest 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) and local assessments (Writing Traits Rubric from Reading Street Grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> and Reading Street Inventory (Pre-K)). The communication skills include sentence structure, writing strategies, and editing skills.

**Goal 2:** By May 2013, all students will increase performance in math by applying problem solving strategies to find solutions as measured by the selected system-wide summative assessments (Terra Nova Math subtest 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) and local assessments (Problem Solving Rubric PreK-5<sup>th</sup>). Problem solving strategies are listed as making a table, drawing a diagram, choosing an operation, finding a pattern, and logical thinking.

## MFLC

Our Military Family Life Consultant (MFLC) is available to provide support to military children and their families for a wide range of issues. The service is provided at no cost and is available throughout the day. If you are interested in this service or would like more information, please call the front office at 270-640-1208.

## CHILD FIND

Child Find is an outreach program that actively seeks to locate and identify children and youth from birth through age twenty-one, who may have developmental delays or educational disabilities and may be in need of special education and/or related services.

For more information, please call 270-640-1208 or pick up a brochure in the school office.



**For the safety of your children ALL visitors to the school must sign in at the front office and show a government issued photo ID.**

**The front office is open from 7:30am--4:00pm.**

**Please have your ID Card ready or in hand before you enter the office, this will allow for faster service.**

**School hours are 8:30—3:20 (M,W,TH,F)  
and 8:30—2:10 (T)**

**Parents, please don't bring your student to school any earlier than 8:15 unless they are eating breakfast at 8:00.**

