

# LAMARQUE PAW PRINT

QUARTER 3, 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR

## MR. THOMPSON'S MESSAGE

*Season's greetings to the staff, families, and students of Lamarque Elementary. It is hard to believe we are half-way through this school year. The kindness and generosity show the past few weeks has been inspiring. It warms my heart to see such care for others on display at our school.*

*During the Winter Break, try to get away from the hustle and bustle of the routines. Spend quality time with your children being present in the special moments of the season. The feeling of being valued and seen by adults is essential in their development during these impressionable years.*

*Please make sure your child continues to read, write, and set goals for the next 2 weeks. In addition, have your child participate in one of the Winter Challenges on page 13 and 14 of this newsletter. Continue to read through our 3rd Quarter newsletter to see what we have in store as we ring in the new year.*

*After 5 years as your principal, I must finish my message by Thanking everyone for your support and investment in our children over the years. I'm truly excited about Lamarque's future as your new principal, Mrs. Forbus takes the helm. You will quickly find she is committed to the success of all students, families, and staff.*

*Happy Holidays and all the best to the entire Lamarque Community*



## FLORIDA ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT THINKING

Your student's FAST test results will be available in the SCS Family Portal



CLICK FOR MORE INFO



# INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRINCIPAL: MRS FORBUS



Sarasota County Schools is pleased to announce that Ms. Natasha Forbus has been selected to serve as the next Principal of Lamarque Elementary School. She will be starting her new role on Monday, January 8.

"Natasha is well-versed in teaching and learning best practices and methodologies that will drive student success," commented Rachael O'Dea, Deputy Superintendent, Chief Academic Officer. "Coupled with her extensive experience building up school communities and refining school teams through professional learning, we are confident she will continue to help Lamarque Elementary achieve great things in the years ahead."

"Natasha has a proven record of increasing student achievement and fostering a sense of community among her various stakeholders" noted Jennifer Mainelli, Chief, Elementary Schools. "She is adept at analyzing academic data and utilizing resources to provide for the needs of students and staff, ensuring that the collaborative spirit of Lamarque will continue to deepen and grow stronger."

"I am honored to serve as the next Principal of Lamarque Elementary School," said Forbus. "I look forward to getting to know all of the wonderful teachers, staff members, students, families, volunteers, and community members that make up the unique fabric of the Lamarque extended family. Go Lions!"

Ms. Natasha Forbus holds a Bachelor's Degree in Gerontology from the University of South Florida and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of West Florida. Prior to assuming her new role as the Principal of Lamarque Elementary School, Forbus served as the Assistant Principal of Curriculum at Port Charlotte High School (Port Charlotte, FL). She has also served as the Assistant Principal of Kingsway Elementary School (Port Charlotte, FL), a Lead Teacher at East Elementary School (Punta Gorda, FL), and a Grade 1 Teacher at Meadow Park Elementary School (Port Charlotte, FL). She has additionally served as a Behavior Specialist at Meadow Park Elementary School and a K-5 Varying Exceptionalities (VE) Teacher at Charlotte Harbor Center (Port Charlotte, FL).



# Important Dates



## January

January 8: **Back to school!**  
January 10: **5:30pm All Faiths Food Pantry**  
January 12: **5th Grade Myakka Field Trip**  
January 15: **MLK Day - No School**  
January 16: **3:45pm SAC Meeting**  
January 17-19: **5th Grade Myakka Field Trip**  
January 19: **Literacy Book Blast!**  
January 23: **Class Pictures**  
January 22-26: **Literacy week** (*more details to follow!*)  
January 24-26: **4th Grade Spanish Point Field Trip**  
**2nd Quarter Awards:** *Schedule coming soon!*



## February

February 2: **Woodland Meeting 5th Grade**  
February 9: **Sweetheart Dance**  
February 13: **3:45pm SAC Meeting**  
February 14: **5:30pm All Faiths Food Pantry**  
February 19: **PRESIDENT'S DAY-No school**  
February 23: **Pride A Thon Kick Off**



## March

March 5: **Pride A Thon Run**  
March 7: **End of 3rd Quarter Grading Period**  
March 8: **Professional Day - No School**  
March 11-15: **Spring Break**





# THE LAMARQUE COMPACT



THE MISSION OF LAMARQUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST LEARNING STANDARDS BY PROVIDING A CHALLENGING CURRICULUM THAT MEETS INDIVIDUAL STUDENT NEEDS AND PROMOTES ACTIVE LEARNING IN A TECHNOLOGY-RICH AND COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT. WE DO THIS BY CREATING A PARTNERSHIP WITH FAMILIES TO ENHANCE THE LAMARQUE EXPERIENCE.

**As a parent/guardian of a Lamarque Elementary School student, it is my responsibility to:**

- Promote and support my child's regular attendance and punctuality. Every Day Counts! Make sure my child is in uniform correctly and dressed for Success!
- Ensure there is a quiet and organized workspace at home for reading and homework.
- Foster the acceptance of differences by modeling kind words and actions.
- Communicate with teachers and staff using folder, agenda, and Family Access Portal.
- Assist my child with at-home practice so they can reach their learning goals.
- Reinforce the school expectations at home to maximize learning and safety.
- Participate in school activities and engage in my child's scheduled conferences.
- Support my child's education by following the R.O.A.R.S. Compact!

**As a staff member of Lamarque Elementary School, it is my responsibility to:**

- Be available to students and ensure open communication with families.
- Maintain a positive, organized, and orderly learning environment for students.
- Accept and celebrate individual student strengths and differences.
- Plan for learning experiences aligned with curriculum guidelines to ensure student achievement.
- Establish and monitor CHAMPs expectations, classroom rules, and procedures for students.
- Create a positive environment where students can set goals and create a plan for learning.
- Assist families in helping their child become more independent and responsible for their learning.
- Support our students and families by following the R.O.A.R.S. Compact!

**As a student of Lamarque Elementary School, it is my responsibility to:**

- Attend school daily and on time. Every Day Counts!
- Follow uniform policy. Dress for Success!
- Maintain a clean and organized workspace at school and at home.
- Be honest, use kind words, and accept everyone's differences.
- Show folder and/or agenda to your parents, guardian, and teacher for signature when needed.
- Complete all classroom and home assignments so I can reach my learning goals.
- Follow all the CHAMPs expectations to maximize learning and safety.
- Support my growth by following the R.O.A.R.S. Compact!



The students, families, faculty and staff of Lamarque Elementary are excited about learning. We take PRIDE in all we do, understand the PURPOSE of learning and are certain our enthusiasm and efforts will result in outstanding academic PERFORMANCE. "Hear us ROAR!"






## Lamarque Elementary

8:30a – 3:15p | Grades: K-5 | Phone: (941) 426-6371

LAMARQUE  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL

# TITLE I @ LAMARQUE



Title I is a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to school districts and schools with high percentages of children from low- income families to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high- quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging State academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.

### TITLE I FUNDS PROMOTE

- High academic achievement for all children
- A greater focus on teaching and learning Flexibility to foster local initiatives coupled with responsibility for student performance Improved connections among schools, parents, and communities Parents may find one or more of the following in a Title I school Intervention classes providing intensive assistance in reading, math, writing, and/or science
- Additional resource teachers and paraprofessionals/assistants who are highly qualified
- Additional training for school staff
- A variety of teaching methods and materials Special learning events for parents and families offered in multiple languages
- Training for parents and families to help their child/children do better in school · Extended day and year programs such as before and after school tutoring and/or summer programs

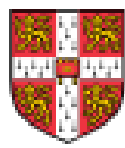




# LAMARQUE CAMPUS VIEWS







# CAMBRIDGE



*Here at Lamarque, as a Cambridge International school, we accelerate learning for students already meeting grade level expectations in some or all of the content areas. By offering challenges and enrichment activities, our students are better prepared for the careers of tomorrow. All students are taught the importance of the Cambridge learner attributes that put them on track for middle and high school AICE courses.*



## ***Cambridge Learner Attributes:***

- ***Confident in working with information and ideas – their own and those of others***
- ***Responsible for themselves, responsive to and respectful of others***
- ***Reflective as learners, developing their ability to learn***
- ***Innovative and equipped for new and future challenges***
- ***Engaged intellectually and socially, ready to make a difference***



*Our students are able to participate in the student council, safety patrols, the morning news crew, and the Special Olympics. We also have an amazing chorus and theatre program which performs for students and families each year.*





# NORTHPORT CITY HALL



*This quarter, Mrs. Schaeffer's 5th grade Cambridge class ventured to City Hall to pitch proposals on how to make North Port a better city to live in.*

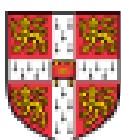
*Beforehand, Ms. Alice White came to the classroom and spoke with the students and gave a brief pep talk. Ms. White is currently one of the city commissioners, and soon to be Mayor of Northport!*

*The meeting began at 10am on November 14th and our Lamarque students feature at the start! . You are able to catch up on proceedings by clicking on the link below.*

***[Click here to watch them in action](#)***



City Commission Meeting 2023-11-14



# CAMBRIDGE

# Holidays

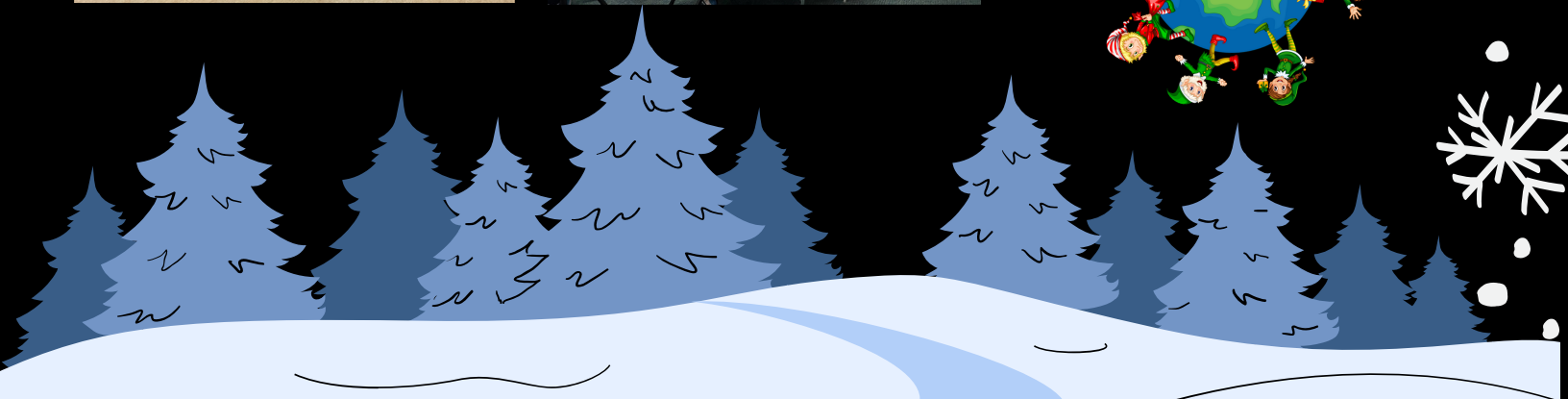
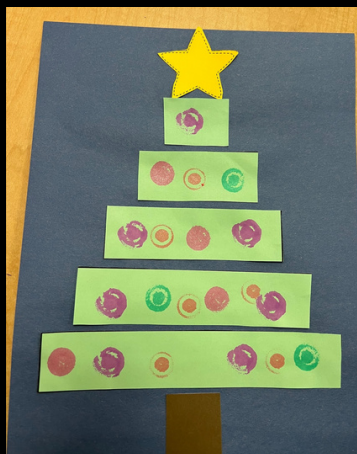
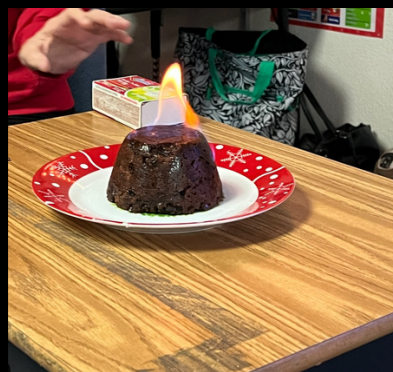


Mrs. Tilton's 3-5 VE room have been enjoying a wonderful journey over the last few weeks. They have been studying Holidays around the World!

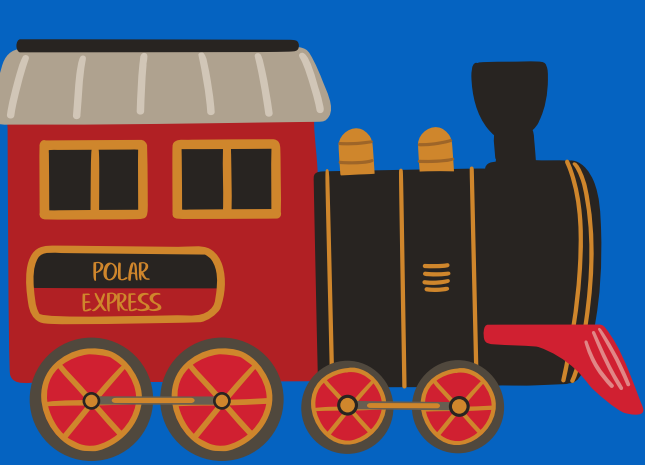


While on their virtual travels, they collected souvenirs and stored them in their very own suitcases!

A wonderful time was had by all!





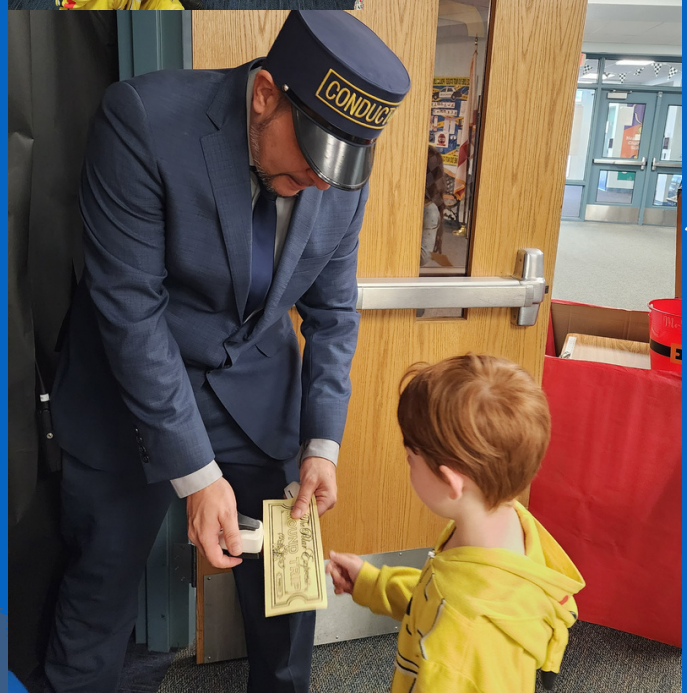


# The Polar Express



This year our first graders all climbed aboard the “Polar Express” in celebration of the holidays. After making an Edible Graham Cracker Train, all first graders got their tickets and boarded the “Polar Express.”

The conductor checked their tickets and the children traveled through a special tunnel before being transported to the North Pole! While there, they listened to a read aloud of the story and answered questions, making connections to the text. This was followed by singing and dancing and later, classroom activities and treats. Throughout the experience, our first graders realized we had a special visitor. While they were listening to the story someone delivered bells and treats! What a magical day!





# FOOD PORTIONING

A MESSAGE FROM SUZI  
SHEPHERD,  
LAMARQUE SCHOOL NURSE.



*Now that the holidays are over, and the New Year is upon us, it is time to actually hold true to that New Years resolution of diet and exercise. First let's examine what we put into ourselves. Most of what goes in should be fruits and veggies. Also, foods low in fat and salt. Most of our portions should be decreased, we have become a society accustomed to "Super-Sizing" our meals.*

*Now to burn off that meal, the majority of us need to increase our active time. Let's not call it exercise, it sounds to negative. Active time can be anything from bike riding, to taking a walk with the family or running along with your favorite pooch. What ever gets you moving and your heart pumping should be just fine, as long it lasts about 20-30 minutes, 2-3 times a week. If time allows, it can be slowly increased.*

*Don't go out and over do it the first week, you will get "burned-out" and your resolution will be forgotten. Moderation in food as well as in exercise is the key to reaching your goal. Look here for some great ideas.*

<https://www.superhealthykids.com/>



# Spotlight on SPECIALS



In Art class, students will be exploring OP art and creating drawings that have optical illusions.

5th grade students are invited to sign up for a chance to join Art Club (Clay Club). It is a free after-school program that meets 3 times. Students will be working with clay on Wednesdays or Thursdays from 3:15-4:30pm. The sign-up sheet has been up for several weeks and will be posted by the art room door until January 12th.

There will be 20 students invited for each session. Invitations and permission slips will go out the week of the 15th. Art club starts January 24/25.



In Technology, we will be finishing up coding in the third quarter. If your child would like to practice coding, we use [hourofcode.com](https://hourofcode.com). After you go to that website, click on Activities, and for the younger students *press Pre-Reader*. We will then be using *Typing.com* and learning about the symbols above the numbers and the function keys.



In GPS for Quarter 3 we will be working on....  
*Gratitude-* We are showing how we are thankful for all our friends and family. We are writing letters to people to show our gratitude.  
*Determination-* We will be talking about how we can show determination at school and at home. We will be setting SMART goals for grades 3-5.  
 In January and February we will be having personal safety lessons on the no touching rule for k-2, 3-5 lesson are based on bullying, internet safety, and safer stronger smarter kids.



The Performing Arts Department has begun auditions and will start rehearsals for The Magical Land of Oz in January. The Performance will be April 25th at the Lamarque Elementary Re-Make Learning Event.



## Lamarque Winter Challenge!!

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Let's keep racing to our goals and keep your great learning during winter break!

Lamarque staff has a CHALLENGE for all of our students!



### Option 1 - Technology

1.iReady -complete 5 times over the winter break for 15 minutes each, for a total of 75 minutes

2.DreamBox - complete 5 lessons



	15 min	30 min	45 min	60 min	75 min
iReady					

	1 lesson	2 lessons	3 lessons	4 lessons	5 lessons
Dream Box					







## Option 2 - AR

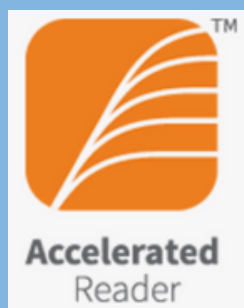
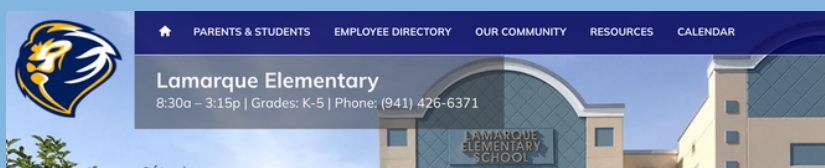
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# DIGITAL RESOURCES



Helpful links for families



PENDA  
A Learning 2020 company







# 2023 Lamarque STEM Fair winners



Vera Cardinale, Sam Torres, Audrey Branham, Madison Brownie & Alaina Handrinos

Runners up: Emma Lasker, Alex Matos and Caleb Borza

*Thank you to all the 5th graders for participating in the STEM fair this year.*



## FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

Join us for hands-on  
science labs and  
aquarium exploration!

THURSDAY,  
**JANUARY 4**

at Mote Marine  
Laboratory & Aquarium  
5:30 - 7:30 pm

**FREE**  
for students  
and their  
families!



Please register for the FREE event here:  
<https://forms.gle/B49Fg5xHEVKP5DGt6>

Questions? Reach out to Brad Tanner  
941. 388.4441 x351 or [bradtanner@mote.org](mailto:bradtanner@mote.org)



Dear Lamarque Families,

We hope this message finds you well. We are thrilled to announce an exciting update to our school's Media Center system that enhances transparency and keeps you informed about your student's reading habits.

**Introducing Automated Book Checkout Notifications:** Our district has implemented a new system that will automatically generate email notifications each time your student checks out a book from the Media Center. This feature provides you with real-time information about the materials your student is accessing by choice and can foster a deeper connection between home and school in support of your student's literacy.

**How it Works:** When your student checks out a book, you will receive an email notification containing details such as the book title, author, and due date. This automated process ensures that you stay informed without any additional effort on your part. If you have any questions regarding the notification emails, please contact administration or the registrar as this is tied directly to your set up of your Parent Portal.

**Benefits of the New System:**

1. **Transparency:** Instantly know which books your student is borrowing from the Media Center.
2. **Encouragement:** Use the information to engage in conversations about the books which interest student and support their reading journey.
3. **Timely Returns:** Stay on top of due dates and help your student return books on time to make room for new reading selections.

We believe this enhancement will strengthen the partnership between home and school, creating a shared commitment to your student's education and love for reading.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a culture of literacy at Lamarque Elementary. If you have any further questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Media Technician, Mrs. Isakov at [margarita.isakov@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:margarita.isakov@sarasotacountyschools.net)

Happy Reading!

Troy Thompson  
Principal

*"At Lamarque, we take **PRIDE** in all we do, we bring **PURPOSE** to learning, and we have a strong commitment to outstanding academic **PERFORMANCE**."*

Respectful Organized Accepting Responsible Safe

Troy Thompson  
Principal

Casie Lorimier  
Asst. Principal

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# PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

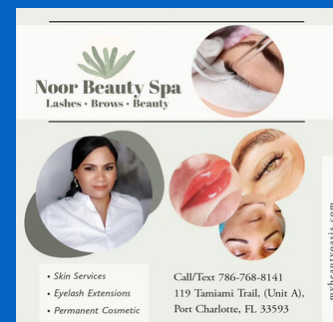
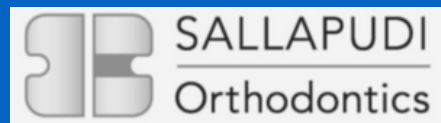
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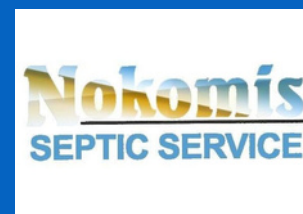
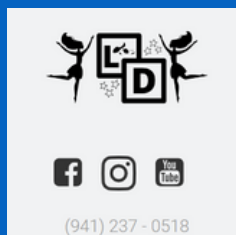
## PRIDE PARTNER



## MANE PARTNER



## CUB PARTNER



# Legendary Lion Business Partners Opportunities



**2023-2024**

## **King Level** – \$1500 or more

- One week on the Lamarque Marquee out front.
- Half Page Ad in yearbook
- Plus all recognition listed below.

## **Pride Level** – \$1000 – \$1499.99

- Invitation to exhibit your business at one of our Family Nights and school-wide events.
- Business Partner highlight on our Facebook Page.
- Plus all recognition listed below.

## **Mane Level** – \$500 – \$999.99

- Car Line Sign advertisement (2' x4') displayed out front for 1 year.
- Name/Logo on our School Website.
- Plus all recognition listed below.

## **Cub Level** – \$100.00 – \$499.99

- Recognition on a digital display in the school lobby.
- Insertion of one business-card sized ad each semester in our quarterly newsletter, Paw Prints, which is digitally provided to all 1000 staff and families.
- Opportunity to be nominated as Sarasota County- School District Business Partner of the Year.
- Business Card Ad in yearbook.



# Lamarque Elementary School

How Business Partner donations can be used:

- *Quarterly Awards Night (\$100 each Quarter)  
Covers/certificates for students and refreshments.*
- *Family Movie Night (\$400 - 4 available per year)*
- *PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) Events (\$100 each)*
- *There are 8 events throughout the year.*
- *PBIS R.O.A.R.S Store as a part of our reward systems.*
- *PBIS End of Year Celebration- Sponsorship of an activity will include your business sign at that activity.*
- *(Extreme Bounce House or Water Slide- \$500, Bounce Houses- \$150 each, Cotton Candy- \$300,*
- *Snow Cones-\$300, Popcorn- \$100, Waters- \$200)*
- *Family Events - (Donuts with Grown-ups) \$250.00 per event*
- *Explorers After School Enrichment Program*
- *Annual Carnival- Monetary Donation for event costs or host a booth with a portion of sales going back to Lamarque.*
- *Annual Pride-A-Thon Sponsorship -*
- *(Envelopes \$150, Popcorn \$100, Donations for highest fundraising students including bikes or electronics)*
- *Teacher Appreciation Week*
- *Snack Day or Food Donation for those Days, Teacher gifts)*
- *Sponsor Lion Links (\$150- Multiple opportunities throughout the year)  
Host a Spirit Night with a portion of proceeds donated to Lamarque.*
- *Cash Donations to be applied to activities as needed.*
- *Fall Festival Promotion*
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Please contact Mrs. LaPorte for more information

[meaghan.laporte@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:meaghan.laporte@sarasotacountyschools.net)

# LAMARQUE ELEMENTARY

## LEGENDARY LION BUSINESS PARTNERS

### JOIN THE PRIDE TODAY!

Name of Business:

Contact Name:

Business Address:

Phone:

Email:

Type of Business:

Website:

Please email Mrs. LaPorte your company logo at  
[meaghan.laporte@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:meaghan.laporte@sarasotacountyschools.net)

## OTHER WAYS TO DONATE TO LAMARQUE

### How Can You Donate?

- |  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reward coupons for dining in/out at your restaurant</b><br>Example: coupon for a free kid's meal or dessert              | # of coupons _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reward coupons for an activity, product or service</b><br>Example: coupon for a free mini golf, bowling, jump time, etc. | # of coupons _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Staff Appreciation coupons or gift cards</b><br>Example: coupons for dining, products or services                        | # of coupons _____ |

OR tell us how you can donate:

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**Scan/email, mail, or drop off this form along with donation.**

[meaghan.laporte@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:meaghan.laporte@sarasotacountyschools.net)

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# SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOLS

## 2023-2024 DISTRICT ACADEMIC CALENDAR

1960 Landings Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34231 Phone (941) 927-9000

### JULY 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

3rd - 7th - 240 Staff Non-Work Days

18th - 220 Staff Return

### AUGUST 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
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3rd - 196 Staff Return

10th - First Day for Students, 186 Staff

### SEPTEMBER 2023

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4th - Labor Day - Students, All Staff

### OCTOBER 2023

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12th - End of 1st Grading Period

16th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff

### NOVEMBER 2023

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20th - 24th - Thanksgiving Break -

Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff

23rd - 24th - Thanksgiving Break - 240 Staff

### DECEMBER 2023

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21st - End of 2nd Grading Period

22nd - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff

25th - 29th - Winter Break - Students, All Staff

### JANUARY 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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1st - 5th - Winter Break - Students, All Staff

15th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Students, All Staff

### FEBRUARY 2024

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19th - Presidents Day - Students, All Staff

### MARCH 2024

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7th - End of 3rd Grading Period

8th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff

11th - 15th - Spring Break - Students, All Staff

29th - Mini Break - Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff

### APRIL 2024

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### MAY 2024

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24th - Last Day for Students, 186 Staff

27th - Memorial Day - All Staff

29th - Last Day for 196 Staff

### JUNE 2024

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14th - Last Day for 220 Staff