



From the Paws of the Principal

It is hard to believe that December is here, and we are at the end of the first semester of school. The students continue to grow in so many ways, and Lyon is always busy with activities, events, parents, and visitors. Very soon our second and third graders will be enjoying organized games and physical education on the newly completed gigantic playground.

Lyon Elementary recently celebrated "National Healthy Lunch Day" sponsored by St. Tammany Parish Hospital and the Mayor's Council on Healthy Lifestyles. The children enjoyed the activities in the lunchroom and focused on eating new fruits and vegetables. Members of both groups visited the students to promote healthy eating while our own cafeteria staff dressed as bananas and such.

A special thank you goes out to so many of our teachers, staff, and parents who "coached" our third grade girls as part of the "Girls on the Run" after school fitness and self-esteem program. After many weeks of walks, runs, and healthy discussions, the program finished off with a 5K in Baton Rouge!

I'd like to take this opportunity to share with you the 2016 Title I School Improvement Plan goals based upon collected school data. Thanks to all SIP team members and parents who helped analyze data, read surveys, and provide input for the plan.

- By May 2017, 75% of first grade students will be benchmark in DIBELS as evidenced by DIBELS End-Of-Year benchmark scores.
- By May 2017, the Leap Test index will increase from 76.0 points to 83.6 points in Social Studies and from 89.8 points to 98.7 points in Science, as evidenced by the state tests in Science and Social Studies.
- By May 2017, the English-Language Arts Whole School percent proficiency will increase from 68.5% to 75.4% as evidenced by state tests in ELA.
- By May 2017, the percent of parents understanding how the Title I Program works will increase from 85.4% to 90% as evidenced by responses/data from the Title I Parent/Family Survey in spring 2017.
- By May 2017, students receiving MHP (Mental Health Provider) services will decrease/maintain the number of referrals and increase/maintain their academics from 83% to 87% as evidenced by MHP logs and quarterly student report cards.

And finally, please make sure you check your child's binders, take-home folders, and newsletters. There are many events planned and we don't want you to miss them. There are three remaining Title I Family Involvement events planned for the remainder of the year, so make sure to mark your calendars. They are: Parent Testing Forum- 3/7/2017; Science Day- 3/17/2017; and the SOAR Forum- 5/10/2017.

I hope all of you have a beautiful holiday season and a very Merry Christmas.