



ORE Tiger Talk Newsletter

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Lee County School District, A Title I School

Assistant Principal: Jennifer Misewicz
August 2026 Edition

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Orange River Elementary! We are thrilled to embark on an exciting new adventure as we celebrate our 70th year of learning, discovery, and growth. This marks my 9th year leading the expedition as your proud Principal, and Dr. Misewicz's 14th year as our dedicated Assistant Principal. We can't wait to welcome our young explorers back to campus, ready to trek into a great school year with energy and enthusiasm!

At Orange River, our mission is **Success for All!** We strive to make every child feel welcomed, connected, and supported as they explore new horizons academically. To help our students navigate their learning journey, we will continue focusing on Attendance, Behavior, and Classroom Success—remember, daily, on-time attendance is key to keeping our trek on track!

Our teachers are expert guides, highly skilled and committed to planning engaging, meaningful adventures for your child every day. You can stay informed about our expedition by visiting our website at <https://ore.leeschools.net> or following us on Facebook @OrangeRiverES

Important Trail Notes:

- **Address Updates:** If your family moved over the summer, please bring proof of your new address (e.g., electric, water, or cable bill) to the front office.
- **Chromebook Returns:** If your child checked out a Chromebook for ELL summer school, please return the device along with its charger.
- **Morning Drop-Off & Safety:** For safety reasons, parents may not walk children directly to class. Students may not be dropped off before 8:15 AM, as supervision is unavailable prior to that time.

We are truly honored to guide and serve this incredible school community where students, families, and staff work together to achieve academic and personal growth.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Grab your binoculars and gear up—we are officially on a **"Safari to Success!"**

Warm regards,

Mrs. Staruk and Ms. Misewicz

Wildly IMPORTANT Goals-

- **ORE students will read 100 Million Words.**
- **ORE will increase academic achievement on the state testing in order to achieve a school grade of B or higher.**

Important Dates

First Day for Students	Aug. 11
Southern Snoballs	Aug. 21
SAC Meeting- Please join to discuss School Improvement Plan and Parent-Student Compact @3:45; Annual Title I Meeting @ 4:15 PTO meeting follows	Sept. 1
No School, Labor Day	Sept. 7
Southern Snoballs	Sept. 18
No School, Yom Kippur	Sept. 21
Kindergarten Parent Night, 5:00-6:00 pm	Sept. 23

Mission: Orange River Elementary's mission is to empower and motivate students to be lifetime learners while promoting high achievement and success through a love of learning.

Vision: Success for ALL!

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Parents Bill of Rights:

https://www.leeschools.net/parent_portal/parents_bill_of_rights



In 1986 Congress created AHERA (The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act). This act requires all school districts to put the below information out to parents, students, and possible visitors. All district sites have a current AHERA (The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act) Inspection and most have a letter of exemption on file from the architect. Certain asbestos-containing materials or assumed asbestos-containing materials such as: fire doors, roofing materials, or other building materials could still contain ACBM and are monitored for no damage. In the School District of Lee County there is an active management plan for each district site. The report listing the location, quantities, and condition of any or all known materials, is available at the school's front office for inspection during normal school hours. Copies of the school's asbestos file can be supplied to you at a cost.

Counselor's Corner by Ms. Haidar

Hello ORE families! My name is Ms. Haidar & I will be your child's school counselor this year. A school counselor helps EVERY child succeed academically, socially & emotionally. This is my sixth year at ORE & I love working with our beautiful families. My goal is to help your child identify big feelings, to give them tools to make good choices & to connect any of our families to appropriate assistance. Thank you for all you do & your trust! 😊

Important Times:

- School Hours: 8:15 AM – 3:10 PM
- Breakfast: 8:15 AM– 8:30 AM
- Late Bell: 8:40 AM
- Dismissal: 3:10 PM
- Before/After School Care: 6:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Communication Reminders:

- Look for updates via student backpacks, our marquee, and School Messenger.
- Ensure we have an up-to-date phone number and email.
- Be sure to create a District **FOCUS** account.

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