

Cougar Tracks



L.A. AINGER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Message from the Principal

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Dear L.A. Ainger Families,

We have wrapped up our first quarter of the school year. Once again, I am immensely proud of the students and staff for making us the number one school in Charlotte County.

With December rapidly approaching, we look forward to another phenomenal concert from Mr. Ostrow and the Ainger band. This is always an exciting event for our students. I invite you to come and support your Ainger band.

Basketball is underway and Volleyball will be starting soon. We are looking forward to all athletes having successful seasons this year. We also are offering intramurals after school as well as all of our clubs. It is great to see our students involved in all that we have to offer. Please check our website for more details.

The PTO will be putting on the Cougar Color Run and Food Truck event on October 4th. We invite all families to attend. This should be a fantastic family event. We are very thankful for your support.

Please take some time to look through the newsletter to see all of the wonderful things going on at L.A. Ainger. As I have said, I am immensely proud to be your principal.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us anytime. Your student's success is our priority here at L.A. Ainger.

Sincerely,

Mr. Fourman,
Your Proud Principal
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Family Sponsorship Fundraiser

PTO supports our school, builds our community & provides educational enrichment for our children. This fundraiser is in lieu of sending students home with the task of selling door-to-door, collecting money & delivering goods. Please help us avoid that by supporting our PTO with your donation and helping us achieve our goals to support our students and faculty. We know families are busy and we thank you in advance for your support!

*Due to Hurricane Ian, many are still cleaning up, including schools. In order to provide some of the same experiences we have in the past, we are hopeful and grateful for your donations!

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PTO News

L.A. Ainger PTO: Making a Difference Together

The PTO is a volunteer organization that brings parents and teachers together to enhance and enrich the educational experience for our Ainger students. By working as a team, we can help create lasting memories and opportunities for our children.

Join Us for the Color Run & Food Truck Festival!

Mark your calendars for **October 4th from 5-7 PM** at L.A. Ainger Middle School for our **Color Run and Food Truck Festival!** This community event is open to everyone—bring your family and friends for an evening of fun, food, and excitement. A portion of the proceeds will go directly toward supporting our school.

Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success! If you're interested in lending a hand, we'd love to have your support.

We can't wait to see you there!

Stay Informed!

- **Facebook:** Follow us at www.facebook.com/LAAPT0/
- **Remind:** To receive PTO updates, text **81010** with the message **@aingerpto**
- **Email Us:** Contact us at aingerpto@gmail.com

Get Involved!

- **Attend PTO Meetings:** Meetings are a great way to stay connected with what's happening at school and to share your ideas. Can't make it in person? Join us live on Facebook! Our next meeting is on **October 14th at 5:30 PM.**
- **Volunteer for an Event:** It takes many hands to make our events successful. Sign up for updates via Remind, and help us make a difference.




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 -field sign at event
 -3' X 8' banner displayed at school for all L.A. Ainger events for 1 year
 -social media recognition
 -advertised on school website
 -1 year on L.A. Ainger marquee

Cougar Sponsor \$1100
 -field sign at all PTO events
 -4' X 8' Roadside banner displayed on Cougar Way for 1 year
 -monthly social media shout-outs
 -advertised on school website
 -1 year advertisement on the L.A. Ainger marquee

Family Sponsor \$20+
 -support your child and school with a donation of any amount

Your generous support will help our local kids and teachers with class supplies, STEAM, field trips, teachers' appreciation, the school band and more!

Sponsor forms can be emailed to us or mailed to:
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L.A. AINGER MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO ANNUAL

Cougar Color Run & Food Truck Festival

Family Fun Run/Walk

**Friday
Oct 4th**



**5pm-7pm
at Ainger
COST: \$5 per runner**

Wear WHITE & run, jog or walk through our color stations where you'll get splashed with non-toxic colorful powder! All that fun for a great cause!

NOTE: your white will get stained with color & it will not come out. That's part of the fun!

Not a runner? NO PROBLEM! Come for dinner & watch the race while your family spends some quality time together mingling with other Ainger families!

This year, we will have seven fantastic food trucks with food & drinks available for purchase! All food trucks will be donating a portion of their proceeds directly to the Ainger PTO which will fund activities for our amazing Ainger students so come hungry!!

To register, scan the code below or put the link into your web browser!



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Band News

Beginning Band News

Beginners met on September 3rd after school for “Basic Training” to receive their instruments and go over fundamentals with professionals. During the first school quarter, students fine tuned their skills and learned to assemble, hold, produce a tone, play five notes, articulate, and connect notes so they can perform melodies like the *infamous* “Hot Cross Buns!” For the second quarter, beginners are currently honing their skills and learning to read music in preparation for their first performance at the Winter Concert in December!

This year, our beginning band has 9 flutes, 23 clarinets, 16 trumpets, 11 trombones, 9 euphoniums and 12 percussionists. Some of these students will be transferring to similar “pathway instruments” like ranch horn and tuba in January. Others will become doubler’s on saxophone, oboe, or bassoon in 7th grade.

Upcoming Events and Performances

All	Sept. 30 – Oct. 11	Fundraiser for EOY Band Trip
AB	October 10 th	CCPS MS National Anthem Performance and HS Marching Showcase
All	October 11 th	End of Quarter 1
AB	October 25 th	Middle School Band Night Performance at LBHS, 5:30 to ~10pm
AB	November 12 th	CCPS Honor Band Auditions, Port Charlotte MS, 6-8pm
AB	November 14 th	CCPS Honor Band Sectionals, Port Charlotte MS, 6-8pm
All	November 22 nd	Band Lock-in, 7pm - Midnight
All	November 25 - 29 th	Thanksgiving Break
BBJB	December 10 th	Beginning Band and Jazz Band Winter Concert, LBHS, 7pm
LEAB	December 17 th	7/8 th Grade Winter Concert, LBHS, 7pm
All	December 20 th	End of Quarter 2



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- “L.A. Ainger Middle School Families” text: @laaingermi
- “L.A. Ainger Middle School PTO” text: @laaingerp

You may un-subscribe from any of the classes listed above at any time.



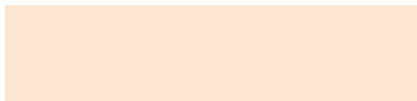
Free Tutoring

- **Location:** Library
- **When:** Monday-Thursday
- **Time:** 4:15-5:15pm
- **Subjects:** All

Students must bring work and be picked up on time or ride the private late bus (signed permission must be on file to ride the latebus).

Issues concerning behavior, not bringing work, or late pick up could result in not being allowed to attend future tutoring sessions.

Credit Recovery students are encouraged to attend.



Art Club


Wednesdays Afterschool: 4:15-5:15

Room: H-107

All Are Welcome: 6-8 grade

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Cougar Athletics

Athletic News

Our middle school boys and girls basketball teams fought hard in their recent games, showcasing incredible effort and teamwork. Their final home games will be held on **Thursday, October 3rd**, with the girls tipping off at **5:30 PM** and the boys' game to follow.

We're also excited to announce that the **basketball tournament** will be hosted at **PPCHS** on **Saturday, October 5th** at **10 AM**. Come out and cheer on your Cougar basketball players as they give it their all!

Looking ahead, the next sport in the lineup is **volleyball**! We encourage all 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade girls to try out for the upcoming season. **Tryouts** will begin on **Monday, October 14th**, after school. Please note that all athletes must have a **sports physical** on file to participate in tryouts.

Volleyball Schedule:

- 10/24:**PCM @ MMS / LAA @ PGM
- 10/30 (Wednesday):** ...MMS @ LAM / PGM @ PCM
- 11/7:**LAA @ PCM / MMS @ PGM
- 11/14:**MMS @ PCM / PGM @ LAA
- 11/21:**LAM @ MMS / PCM @ PGM
- 12/5:**PCM @ LAA / PGM @ MMS
- 12/7:**Playoffs at LBHS, 9 AM (Saturday)

Make sure to mark your calendars and come out to support our volleyball team this season! Go Cougars!

Let's continue to support our athletes! Go Cougars!



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Students, parents, CCPS employees, and members of the community have a responsibility to report suspicious activities and potential threats to schools. Any suspicious activity or threat shall be promptly reported to one of the following individuals, agencies or reporting tools:

- School Resource Officer or local law enforcement agencies.
- School Administrator or any available staff member.
- **The FortifyFL Reporting APP** or to the Crimestoppers Tipline (1-800-780-TIPS).
- Contacting the Supervisor of District Security and Emergency Management at (941) 255-0808
- Calling 9-1-1.

Note: Reports may be done anonymously.

