



NOVEMBER 7, 2025

*Parent Newsletter*

# THE GUMBO GAZETTE

A Message from Dr. Brandy Turner, Interim Head of School

Dear Leah Chase School Families,

It is truly an honor to serve as the Interim Head of School for The Leah Chase School. Over the past two weeks, I have had the joy of meeting many of our students, families, and dedicated staff members. Each interaction has deepened my appreciation for the strong sense of community, creativity, and care that make this school so special.

As we move forward together, my focus will be on maintaining high expectations for learning while fostering a joyful, nurturing environment where every child can thrive. I am committed to listening, learning, and leading with transparency and collaboration.

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly to the TLC family. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the months ahead.

With gratitude,

**Dr. Brandy Turner**

Interim Head of School

*The Leah Chase School*

## THE LEAH CHASE SCHOOL

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## BEFORE AND AFTERCARE REGISTRATION



## MID-QUARTER PARENT-TEACHER PROGRESS REPORT CONFERENCES

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

Join us for an evening focused on learning, connection, and celebration!

- Meet with teachers to discuss your child's academic progress
- Chat with the Head of School about key school initiatives
- Visit our art partners, school social worker, and counselor to learn about social-emotional and wrap-around supports
- Speak with the attendance office about chronic absenteeism efforts
- Explore the **Scholastic Book Fair**
- Hear important updates on:
  - PBIS Plan
  - Student data insights
  - After-School Tutoring & Programming
- Celebrate the unveiling of **TLC's new mascot and school colors!**

We can't wait to see you there!

## IMPORTANT DATES

### NOVEMBER

**Nov. 11:** No School – Veterans Day

**Nov. 10–14:** Scholastic Book Fair

**Nov. 12:** Mid-Quarter Progress Report Conferences (Grades 4–6)

**Nov. 17:** Holiday Picture Payment system opens (School Cash online)

**Nov. 21 (12:00–2:30 PM):** Thanksgiving Classroom Celebrations

**Nov. 24–28:** No School – Thanksgiving Holiday

**Nov. 30:** Holiday picture deadline (school cash online closed)

### DECEMBER

**Dec. 8:** Holiday Pictures

**Dec. 10:** Beignets & Bowties Event

## 2025 NOLA-PS LAGNIAPPE LEARNING AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We're excited to announce that the 2025 NOLA-PS Lagniappe Learning After-School Program launches at The Leah Chase School on Monday, November 17 at 3:35 PM!

We look forward to welcoming our students and beginning this new initiative of enhanced learning and support.



## STAY CONNECTED: PARTNERING FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

This year, we are asking all families to be intentional about staying informed and engaged. Here is how to stay connected:

- **Class Dojo:** Check daily for messages, announcements, and/or photos from your child's teacher and the school.
- **School Social Media:** @leahchaseschool
- **School Messenger Texts:** Text "Y" to 67587 to opt in to receive important school text message alerts.
- **Email & Phone:** Keep your contact information up to date so you don't miss important messages. Contact Ms. Ferdinand, Data Manager, to update your information, if needed.

**BEFORE AND AFTER CARE****ACTION REQUIRED: BEFORE & AFTER CARE PROGRAM FEES  
BEGIN JANUARY 5TH**

Beginning Monday, January 5, 2026 (after Winter Break), fees will be required for participation in the TLC Before and After Care programs. Students will no longer be able to attend at no cost. To maintain your child's enrollment, please set up your payment profile using our school's secure, cashless platform.

Scan the QR code or for step-by-step Payment Instructions.

Program Details, Hours, and Rates

**Before Care:** 6:30 A.M. – 7:30 A.M.

**After Care:** 3:15 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

**Location:** School Cafeteria

**Weekly Rates:**

- \$20 – Before Care
- \$30 – After Care
- \$40 – Both Programs

**Drop-In Rates:**

- \$5 – Before Care
- \$7 – After Care
- *Drop-in fees are due the same day.*

**Payment Schedule:** All weekly payments are due **each Friday**.

**Late Pick-Up Policy**

A **\$1.00 per minute late fee** will apply after 6:00 P.M. After **three (3) late pick-ups**, students may no longer participate in the program.

**DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES**

- **Location:** Use the Walmsley Avenue Entrance for both Before and After Care.
- **Before Care:** A parent or guardian must walk the student in and sign them in with the staff member on duty. Students may not enter unsupervised.
- **After Care:** A parent or guardian must sign the student out in person. Students will only be released to authorized individuals listed on the emergency contact form with proper ID.
- Security personnel will be stationed at the Walmsley entrance during these times.

**EARLY CHECK OUT AND LATE PICK UP****EARLY CHECK OUT**

Families must use the Carrollton Street entrance to check a student out early. A photo ID is required, and the individual signing the student out must be listed on the emergency card. Please note that early check-out ends at 2:00 p.m. After this time, students cannot be checked out of school.

**AFTER CARE PICK-UP**

When picking up a student from after care, please use the Walmsley Ave. Entrance.

