



# Falcon Flyer

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## New Assistant Principal Joins Stetson this year



*By Lily Pestritto (sixth grade), Olivia Manieri (sixth grade),  
(seventh grade)*

*Julia Lockledge*

**Can you provide some information about your job history and experience?**

I started teaching in Boston Massachusetts 14 years ago. My job at the time was as a 5th-grade math teacher. I then proceeded to teach in Denver Colorado. I helped open Compass Middle School, which was a bilingual school where we taught our courses in both English and Spanish. I taught 6th, 7th and 8th grade science. I enjoyed that experience but I felt that it was time for a change. I eventually became an assistant principal. I worked there until last year. Now, I'm here as the sixth-grade principal at Stetson Middle School.

### What is your educational background?

I went to high school at Archbishop Carroll in Radnor, PA. In college, I got a degree in Political Science. I went to the University of Pennsylvania for graduate school, and that is where I got my principal license.

### What do you think are your strengths and accomplishments overall in being a principal?

One strength I think I have is connecting with students, especially middle schoolers. Although I'm still a "nerdy middle schooler" at heart, I used to work in politics. As a principal, I think it's important to see your teacher and class as your team. I used to struggle with organization but I have gotten better at that. I also think that I am good at connecting with parents and getting to know them.

### Do you feel confident in your role as principal for future years?

I feel confident, but it's hard starting at a new school. WCASD is a lot bigger than my last district so I'm learning a lot of new material about the school and district. I'm thrilled that I get to be the principal at Stetson. I'm so excited for the years to come, and I'm looking forward to learning new things about all of you!

### What is your favorite part or feeling that comes with being a principal?

One of my favorite feelings that comes with having this role of being a principal is actually in the morning. As some of you may have noticed, every morning for the past couple of months I go out and greet everyone while the buses show up. I also enjoy working with teachers and seeing what their lessons are. I appreciate all of the hard-working teachers and all of the staff here. It doesn't matter what job they have, it matters the things that they put out to each other and the students. We always try to plan and present the best lessons that we possibly can.

### What is the most important part of Stetson to you and why?

My favorite part of Stetson is the sense of community. The teachers I work with are very close to each other, and they work well together. That trickles down to the students which impacts them in the way that the students feel very supported. They make sure the day runs smoothly. I think most students I talk to like coming to this school, and it's important to enjoy school since you spend so much time there in your early life.

### What is one way you address various parental concerns?

My biggest thing is to be a partner with the parents. When something comes up with parents, teachers, or students it's really important to me that I make sure I support them. I try to make sure that the parents know that I understand their situation, and I always put my best foot forward to help them out.

### What is your favorite academic subject now and as a kid?

I would say as a kid I loved English. In high school I loved ELA. I also enjoyed playing the piano. I was in lots of music classes up until college. I never really liked math, but when I became a teacher I taught math for years. I now love science, too.

## What surprised you about Stetson compared to other schools where you've worked?

What surprised me was how many activities and UAs there are because I came from a school where we had language, art, and gym. I would say it's cool to see kids have different hobbies and interests. Also, the amount of honors and accelerated classes gives kids the opportunity to take their learning to the next level. It also surprises me how big Stetson is and how different I always thought it was when I was younger.

## What do you enjoy doing outside of school?

I would say, now that I am back where I grew up I like spending a lot of time with my niece and nephew. I'm an outdoors person, and I enjoy mountain biking and traveling. I have traveled to Italy, and I've also gone to 15 National Parks. In the winter I do a lot of skiing and snowboarding. I play guitar, piano, and bass. I play music every weekend. I also play a lot of D and D (Dungeons and Dragons) and I love to get into the borough of West Chester and hang out with friends down there.

## What are some facts about your family?

My wife's family is now in Brooklyn, New York and my parents live in Boston. My family is originally from West Africa. My mom is from Barbados and my dad, Ghana. My wife and I don't have kids yet but we hope to one day. In addition to our family, we have a few dogs and a few cats. My parents and my two sisters live in West Chester.

## What is something interesting about you that you'd like students to know?

I have two different colored eyes and I used to do mixed martial arts. I also did cage fighting for three years!

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## MARY POPPINS DELIGHTS

## STETSON AUDIENCES

The Stetson Drama Club staged three performances of Mary Poppins, Jr. last weekend.

Detailed coverage of the musical from cast members will be coming up in the Summer Falcon Flyer issue!

Congratulations to the cast, stage crew and directors for a wonderful production.



# STETSON MIDDLE SCHOOL WACKY RELAY RUMBLE

By Jett Flynn, Eighth Grade

## THE CONCEPT

The 2024 Wacky Relays took place on January 22. Wacky Relays is a Stetson Tradition that involves students all coming to the gym during their UA class periods. Students involved participated in lots of different relays and activities to take a break from their rigorous academic schedule. Teams are formed by homeroom, and they compete for bragging rights. The event is organized by long time gym/health teacher Mrs. Briggs with help from all UA teachers.



## OFFERED EVENTS

- Foul Shooting
- Paper Airplane
- Spoon and Egg Relay
- Three Legged Race
- Ping Pong Ball Relay
  - Wacky Relay
- Over Under Relay
  - Pipeline
- Three Shot Basketball Contest
  - Limbo Lock

## THE COMPETITION AND WINNERS

### 6TH GRADE PERIODS 1-2

The winner for 6th grade was A107 with A104 coming in second and sliding in with 3rd was A113. Of the competition that I observed I saw a great representation of teamwork and some excellent work on the relays. Great Job 6th Grade.





## 7TH GRADE PERIODS 3-4

For 7th grade D110 took the crown. In second place we had B108, and barely taking 3rd was B103. Overall another great job for 7th grade. They all worked together very well, and I saw very good teamwork on the Wacky Relay especially. 7th grade did a great job in their second year of Wacky Relays, and I hope we see even more improvement next year.

## 8TH GRADE PERIODS 7-8

At the end of the 8th grade competition first place went to F109, second place went to C102, and the bronze trophy went to C102. Great job to all the 8th graders, and we hope you had a fun time, too, during your last Wacky Relays ever at Stetson. Great job 8th grade.



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## Springtime Fun

*By Maddie Crawford, Sixth Grade*

**Spring into action go on now**

**Play and Run**

**In the sweet springtime sun.**

**Nothing can beat some special spring treats**

**Go on, make some lemonade, and go sit in the shade.**



# Preparing for the PSSAs and Keystones

By Mira Luedtke and Samantha McNichol, Eighth Grade



If you are feeling stressed about the PSSAs or Keystones like we did when we first took them, this is the article for you! Here are some tips, advice, and thoughts on the PSSAs and the Keystones based on how we felt when taking them.



## What To Expect:

Testing at Stetson is scheduled for the following dates:

### English Language Arts:

- Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

### Mathematics:

- Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

### Science:

- Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>



When you first begin taking the PSSAs in middle school, you should expect to see the same format you've seen in elementary school. This is set so that ELA is taken as the first section, Math in the second section, and they are separated into multiple days. Your teachers will explain the instructions to you when it is testing day so it is very unlikely that you won't know what you're doing. If you need help with the directions of the test taking process, your teacher will gladly help you. As for the test itself, the topics and questions will be aligned to what your grade is, not what level (grade level, honors, accelerated, etc.) you are. Sadly, teachers are not allowed to answer questions about the actual material in the test. One thing we'd like to emphasize is that there is in fact a "text dependent analysis," which is an essay in the ELA section, and there may even be multiple. During

both the ELA and Math tests, you will get a handout with the rubric for open-ended questions. Be sure to review it and make sure you include all the requirements in your response. There may be some questions that you've seen before or even in previous years, or maybe some that you haven't done, but all in all, give it your absolute best!

### What To Study:

Some teachers may give you a study guide for the Algebra Keystones or PSSAs, but others won't. Overall, review the math material that you've done during the year. Take a good look at the notes you've taken as well, but don't go too much into depth to the point that you overload your brain. Make sure that you memorize basic things, like formulas and how to do certain types of equations. Both tests give you formula sheets for the area of shapes, so you don't have to study those. It's harder to study for ELA PSSAs, but make sure you know about the parts of a text and how to analyze themes.



### Surprises:

- Some questions were really easy! They were even elementary level for some, so if you forget anything from elementary, you may want to review.
- Teachers were extremely encouraging and enthusiastic... We thought they'd be saying scary things about failing, but nope! Only positivity from teachers.



### Pros:

- The school usually gives you a treat at the end of the tests (for all of them, not daily). We got pretzels for the first year of taking the PSSAs and the second year, Rice Krispie treats.
- You feel extremely proud of yourself at the end of the test and a wave of relief overcomes you.
- When it's PSSA season, that means school is so close to being over!

- The school day feels a lot shorter on testing days, and usually your teachers will make the work you do in class a lot easier... especially your ELA and math teachers. We usually follow a two-hour-delay schedule on testing days.



## Cons:



- Although there are many good things about the PSSAs and Keystones, the stress is still present and you are expected to feel nervous. It's normal to feel stressed over a test because that shows that you care about the grade you get, and that your mind is more focused.
  - You do have to provide yourself with your own supplies, which isn't bad but if you don't have the supplies required, you will need to go buy them.
  - If you try to cheat or copy off of someone's work, the consequences are very BAD.
  - You cannot ask for help on the questions, only about the test taking process (what page to turn to, how to answer the question, where to write, etc.) which can be confusing or frustrating.

## Supplies to bring:

**MORE THAN ONE SHARPENED PENCIL!!!** One of your pencils could break, become dull, or you could lose it. Bring at least 3. **KEEP IN MIND:** It has to be a #2 pencil.

### **HIGHLIGHTER**

A highlighter will help you immensely with your Text Dependent Analysis because you can highlight information important for your prompt. It is also useful for other questions in general.

### **CALCULATOR (TI-34, TEXAS INSTRUMENTS)**

This is self explanatory. You need it to solve math problems! If you don't have one, check with your math teacher the week before testing.







# Braces - Truth or Lie?



*By Kiki Simunov, Eighth Grade*

I've had two sets of braces, one set of rubber bands, and four retainers. Needless to say, I know a lot about braces. Most people get some sort of braces throughout middle or high school, and I always hear a LOT of false information being spread about them.

## **Braces change your voice: Lie**

One thing people always talk about is how braces will give you a lisp. This is not true at all! With a normal set of braces, top and bottom, it does not change your voice at all. Maybe if you had something really complicated it would be hard to pronounce some words, but normally you will sound exactly the same.

## **Braces hurt... a lot: Truth (sort of)**

I really don't want to scare anyone with this, but they're going to be pretty sore for about a week or two after you get them. You can eat cold foods like ice cream and smoothies to help numb it a little. The pain fades eventually and you don't even notice them. They can also hurt after they get adjusted.

## **Braces involve a lot of food restrictions: Truth**

One thing about braces is that you can't eat a lot of foods. This includes crunchy food, like apples, carrots, and brittle, and sticky foods like caramel and gum. However, and this is completely up to you, you don't really have to follow said rules. I literally followed none of them, and the only bracket I broke didn't have enough glue on it. Following them wouldn't hurt, though.

## **If you kiss someone, you will get stuck: Lie**

I honestly have no idea how this even got started. Obviously this could never happen. Braces aren't that big, and why would you be rubbing your teeth against the other person's teeth in the first place? The only thing they get caught on is clothing like sweaters. They also always got caught on masks, but hopefully we're leaving those in the past.

## **Everyone needs braces: Lie**

A lot of people think that everyone needs braces. While they are mainly for making your smile nice, they are also to help teeth grow in correctly and create space for adult teeth to grow in. And a lot of my friends will never need them. Or if they do, it would be very brief and only to correct something minor. One thing that completely throws me off is people saying they *want* braces when I mention them. You were the one blessed with a perfect smile.

# Stetson from a sixth grade point of view

*By Alkistis Pistou and Gabrielle Campbell, Seventh Grade*



We got the amazing chance to interview four sixth grade students about their experiences at Stetson so far this year. We interviewed **Vinnie Magliano, Ara Osimokun, Elven Deng, and Violet Galati!** They kindly share with us their experience in sixth grade, how they feel about this huge transition from elementary school to middle school, and what they are looking forward to in their middle school careers.

**The first question we asked was how they feel about their transition to middle school from elementary school.** They

said that it took a while for them to adjust to the new schedule and changing classes, but they had a lot of people to help them out. Violet stated, “It was pretty hard at first because it's very different from elementary school with lockers and changing classes, but there were a lot of people who helped me through this transition.”



**The Second question we asked was, “Was anything harder than they told you or harder than you expected?”** Most of them said that the classes were harder than they expected. Also, they said that lockers were a challenge at first just because you don't have them in elementary. After a while though, they got used to them. Luckily, Elven, one of the sixth graders, said that during the transition from elementary to middle school, he had his sister who was able to help him.



**The third question we asked was, “Were there any aspects of middle school that you were afraid of?”** All of them stated that changing classes was a big aspect they were

nervous about. They were nervous about getting to class on time, and not getting in trouble about being late. They also said that they were nervous about handing in late assignments, since it is much stricter than elementary school. Ara also stated that she was really nervous about gym, and changing before and after gym. But it turns out, it worked out just fine!

The fourth, and final question we asked was, “ How do you think you’ve evolved since you started middle school?” All the students said that they have been getting involved with after school activities, clubs, and intramurals! Vinnie said, “ I am excited to participate in clubs and intramurals later in the school year!”

Thanks to all the amazing sixth graders, we were able to get this amazing information about Stetson Middle School. We were able to understand, and evaluate the sixth grade perspectives.



## Recapping Eagles 2023 Season



By Harrison Ko, Sixth Grade  
Photo credit - Philadelphia Eagles

This year the Eagles looked very promising in the early part of the season, but left their fans with broken hearts in the end and got a record of 11-7. Their chance to go to the Super Bowl for the second year ended when they were blown away by the Tampa

Bay Buccaneers in the Wild Card game. This is the 2023-2024 season recap.

### Games:

Last year the Eagles lost against the Chiefs in the Super Bowl. This year, they started off strong. The Eagles first game was against the Patriots. It was a great game and the Eagles came on top with 25-20 as the final score. The Eagles continued winning. They beat the Vikings, Buccaneers, Commanders, and Rams. They had a record of 5-0. Then the Jets broke their record winning 20-14! They learned their lesson and won the next 5 games including their rivals the Cowboys and their opponent in the Super Bowl, the Chiefs! After

that they went downhill losing their next 3 games! They lost vs the Cowboys, the 49ers, and the Seahawks. They had a three game drought. Finally, they stopped the losses, beating the Giants 33-25. Sadly they lost their last two games but it did not matter. They were in the playoffs!

### Playoffs:

The Eagles played against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers! The Buccaneers took an early lead and both offense and defense played great. The Eagles did not start great with a lot of missed/ dropped passes. The Eagles even got their famous play stopped! After a penalty the Eagles lined up to do the tush push but were stopped. The game ended 32-9 and the Eagles were done for this season.

### Kelly Green:

In 1935 to 1997, the Philadelphia Eagles wore a color identified as Kelly Green. Since then Kelly Green was not worn. Until this year! The Eagles were allowed to wear the iconic color for two games. One against the Dolphins and one vs the Bills. They won both of them!



This year the Eagles struggled but the fans and players have hope for next year. The defensive coordinator was fired and the new coach is not decided. The Eagles also have a lot of players like A.J Browns and Jalen Hurts that are staying. The games next year are found below.

***Fun Fact: The Eagles 2024 opening game will be in Brazil!***

# NOTABLE RETIRING EAGLES PLAYERS

*By Jett Flynn, Eighth Grade  
Photo credit to the Philadelphia Eagles.*

As the Philadelphia Eagles concluded their 2023-2024 season, a wave of legendary players made the tough decision to retire. These notable players left lasting impacts on the team, shaping the course of Eagles history. Their impact will for sure be missed, and we will have to see where the team goes from here.

## **JASON KELCE | C #62**

Jason Kelce, the long-time center for the Philadelphia Eagles, has officially announced his retirement after 12 seasons with the team. Kelce was a crucial player for the Eagles, known for his leadership on and off the field. He was a key member of the Eagles Super Bowl-winning team in 2018 and was selected to the Pro Bowl multiple times during his career. Kelce's presence will certainly be missed on the Eagles' offensive line, but his impact and legacy with the team will never be forgotten. We expect to see a major dip in the Eagles running game without Jason Kelce.



## **BRANDON GRAHAM | DE #55**

Now, another veteran in the NFL has decided to hang up his cleats. Brandon Graham, the defensive end for the Philadelphia Eagles, has announced his retirement after 12 seasons with the team. Graham was a force to be reckoned with on the field, known for his relentless pass rush and ability to disrupt opposing offenses. Brandon Graham quite possibly won the franchise their first Super Bowl with his impressive strip-sack on Tom Brady in 2018.



## **FLETCHER COX | DT #91**

Fletcher Cox, the star defensive tackle for the Philadelphia Eagles, has officially announced his retirement after 10 seasons with the team. Cox was a dominant force on the field, known for his strength, skill, and ability to disrupt opposing offenses. Throughout his career, Cox was a key player for the Eagles, earning multiple Pro Bowl selections and being recognized as one of the best defensive linemen in the league.

# Taylor Swift Eras Tour Review:

## The Goods and Bads

By Lucy Stief and Olivia Ward, Eighth Grade

Taylor Swift is a very impressive woman. That is why her Eras Tour was such a big hit as well as her new Eras Tour Movie. All her shows were sold out and it was very hard to get tickets to see her movie in the theaters. It was one of the biggest hits of the year. We're sure it will still be popular for many years to come.



### Good thoughts:

- AMAZING SONGS!!
- Choreography of the performance was amazing
- The backup dancers gave off good energy
- Taylor Swift was able to make the audience feel loved by relating to them and talking to them.
- The transitions between the songs were creative and entertaining.
- The surprise songs were unexpected and it was a delightful surprise.
- She sang the songs that people love and aren't heard as much.
- The outfits went well with the theme and props of each era.
  - Taylor Swift's outfits were stunning and were able to showcase her personality.
  - They showed some of the audience reactions in the movie which was nice to see.



### Not as good thoughts (improvements):

- The cut out Enchanted in *Speak Now*. This was a bummer because it was one of the best songs in that era.
  - Sometimes there was a little too much of the backup dancers showcased in the movie, especially at times where we really wanted to see Taylor.
- The song "Cardigan" from *Folklore* was cut out as well which is one of her greatest hits on that album, so this did surprise many of us!
- From Enchanted being taken out of the movie, that left only one song in that era which many people were sad about.

- For all the Debut album lovers out there, even though no songs are included in the actual set list there is one in the acoustic section of the concert.

Overall the movie was fantastic! We are both super happy Taylor decided to give everyone a chance to see it, without having to spend upwards of \$1,000 for only one ticket. They sadly are not playing The Eras Tour in theaters anymore but it is on demand. As well as that, it came out on Disney+ on March 15, 2024. So Swifties make sure you see it if you haven't already!

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## Print-Me Outs! Print Out Some Springtime Fun!

*By Maddy Crawford, Sixth Grade - Picture credits from Google.*

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Look Out for these words:

Springtime Basket April Picnic Egg Hunt  
 May March Bunny Chicken Easter



# THE STIR BEFORE THE STORM

*A Short Story by Elven Deng, Sixth Grade*

It was early spring. A child named Vex gloomily looked out the window of a lonely log cabin, hoping to go to the dark forest someday. He dreamed of being the person to come out of the woods triumphantly saying, "I conquered the Dark Forest!"

As he was dreaming, he thought about when he should go into the dark forest. His parents had passed long ago, and left this cabin to him. So he took his rucksack and charged toward the forest. Nobody stopped him, until he was met by the bulky body of a guard. "Hey! You aren't allowed in the forest!" The man barked in a voice so loud it made Vex jump.

Of course. Chuck was there. He patrolled the forest in the day and late into the night. He was always on guard. As long as he was there, Vex knew he was never going to get in. He thought about it for a while. He arrived at midnight. He should be fine.

As the clock struck 12 a.m, Vex sprinted into the forest with his rucksack. He checked his watch. 1:32 AM. He ran for a while, paying attention to where he was going, and slammed into a fence. It sprang forward, then flung him back. A chain link fence was standing between him and the entrance to the real forest. He felt a collection of locks on the gate.



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In the darkness, he couldn't make out which one was to open the gate. He got out his lockpicks. In three minutes, a lock clattered open. But the door didn't loosen. If this went on, it would be sunrise before he opened all the locks! Vex decided to try a different approach. He felt for an opening, and then traced his finger along the gap between the gate and fence. He felt three metal locks securing the gate in place. He got out his lockpicks and once more picked the lock.

At 2:12, the first lock clicked open. At 2:31, the second one fell to the ground. At 2:56, the last lock sprang loose. Then a devastating thought fell upon Vex. He completely forgot that Chuck was going to check on him that morning. Every Thursday, Chuck would visit the townspeople in their houses for a payment for his services of surveillance. As a child, Vex didn't have to pay, but Chuck still came by to kill some time.



Chuck would see the young boy gone, and charge into the forest. Right at that moment, he heard Chuck's voice. Had he zoned out that long?

“HEY!” barked Chuck “WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU’RE GOING?”

Chuck reached out to grab Vex, but missed and tumbled into the fence. He quickly recovered and jumped up, ready to tackle the youngster again. Only then did he see the open gate. Vex, the village orphan, charged into the forest.

“Oh Vex,” said Chuck. “What have you done?”

*To be continued in the summer edition . . .*

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## Five Falcon Facts!

*Compiled by Madelyn Crawford, Sixth Grade  
Images courtesy of Google Images*

- 1. Reptiles, amphibians, and some insects hibernate and awaken in the spring!*
- 2. The human eye can see about 10 million colors!*
- 3. Over 59% of people eat the ears of their chocolate bunny first. Are you one of them?*
- 4. George Smith invented the lollipop in 1908.*
- 5. No one knows for sure who invented the traditional chocolate easter bunny. However in 1890 a man named Robert L. Strohecker from Pennsylvania got the nickname “Father of the Chocolate Easter Bunny.” This is because he created a five foot tall chocolate bunny to advertise his shop for spring.*



# 🍀 The History Of Leprechauns 🍀

*By Maddy Crawford, Sixth Grade*



## World's First Leprechaun!

Leprechauns originally are from Irish folktales starting in the 8th century when legends about “tiny water dwellers” began circulating.

## Why call it Leprechaun?!

Many people think the word Leprechaun, comes from the Irish root word luchorpán which many sources say mean “small body” “shoemaker” or “sprite.”

## Even Leprechaun’s have jobs.

The word Leprechaun is said to have come from a word meaning shoemaker, supposedly one of Leprechaun's main jobs make\cobble shoes.

## A Leprechaun's Appearance.

Leprechauns are said to have a small body and stand only 2-3 feet tall; they are typically depicted as little red haired men with long beards. Because green is heavily associated with Leprechauns you might find one wearing shoe-maker attire but with their own green twist.



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## Make Sure To Wear Green!

According to Irish traditions if you wear green you become invisible to a Leprechaun. If you are not wearing green Leprechauns tend to play tricks on you and might even pinch you. That is

why on St. Patrick's Day people tend to pinch others if they are not wearing the color green. With this being said make sure you wear green on St. Patrick's Day to save yourself.

## Leprechauns Favorites.

It is said that Leprechauns enjoy running around. Apparently they run around so much that they have to constantly fix their shoes. Leprechauns also enjoy wealth, especially large pots of gold and other treasures. These creatures have been described as mischievous and playful and will trick others to get gold and other things they want like gems.

## Leprechauns Today.

Old Irish folktales suggest that if you manage to catch a leprechaun he/she will offer you three wishes, or give you the location to their huge pot of gold and unlimited wealth in order for their freedom. This tale has made it many family traditions to build cool and elaborate traps to catch themselves their own special Leprechauns to wish upon and their own pot of gold.

Credits and Informational Sites:

<https://www.trafalgarc.com/real-word/history-of-leprechauns-trickster-fairies/>

<https://www.google.com/search?surl=1&q=leprechauns>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leprechaun>

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