

TEAMING UP FOR
AN ALL STAR
YEAR



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October 8 - Watch
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October 17 - Math Night

October 22 -  Spirit Night

October 25 - Picture Day

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with Grandparents

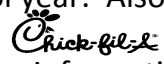


Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

Wow! It feels like the first month of school has flown by so quickly! We are off to a great start on our membership this year, and are hoping to reach our goal of 100% membership. If you have not already joined the **PTA**, please do so as soon as possible. Membership forms are available in the office, and the dues are only \$5 per person, per year. Thanks for your support!

It was great to see so many new faces at Back to School night! Please consider volunteering for some of our great events this year! Please remember to fill out your **PTA** PAWS Volunteer form and send it in to your child's teacher if you have not already done so.

If you missed our Spiritwear sale, there will be another sale in November. Stay tuned for details! Also, I would like to say a big thank you to all of you who have supported our "no-fundraiser fundraiser". Without your support, we would not be able to fund various programs or provide much needed materials for our school. Donations will be accepted at any time throughout the year.

October is filled with lots of activity! We will kick off October with our first Walk to School Wednesday of the school year. Also, please join us for our Watch D.O.G.S. pizza night, Math night,  Spirit Night, and a new event - Granola with Grandparents! More information will be coming home about each of these events in your student's Tuesday folders. I am getting excited!

Please feel free to contact me at bsnmatthews@aol.com.



Sincerely,
Sara Matthews
PTA President

★★★ PRINCIPAL'S CORNER - MS. KAREN CARPENTER ★★★

Our first month of school has been exciting. To introduce behavioral and academic expectations, teachers incorporated lessons that focused on how students can be respectful, responsible and show pride at school daily. In addition, each grade level attended an assembly program where they played the Laurel Meadow Jeopardy. This game provided a fun way to review school expectations for returning students and to introduce our new students in grades 1-5 to our Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) system. Kindergarten students viewed a play presented by several fifth grade students which was directed by Ms. Switzer, one of our fourth grade teachers. The goal of the play was to introduce them to the School Motto and demonstrate school behavior expectations on the bus and throughout the school.

Our Motto is:

At Laurel Meadow,
I respect myself and others.
I have the power to make good choices.
I am responsible for my learning.
I have Pride in my school.



As a school community, we know that parents and staff must work as a team to ensure student success. Being an active participant in your child's school will let them know that you value education. There are many ways to become involved and help your child and other children in our local community. One way to become active is by becoming a member of the Parent Teacher Association. This organization works as a cohesive team to support the school in its endeavors to delivery a world class education to students at L.M.E.S. In addition, the School Improvement Committee helps to shape the culture of our school by assisting in articulation of the mission and vision statement of the Laurel Meadow Lions. This committee meets on a monthly basis to enhance the overall school environment and develop strategies to improve student achievement. If you are interested in becoming an active participant on this committee, contact Ms. Carpenter at kcarpenter@hcps.us. Overall, being involved in your child's education is a great way to build an ongoing, positive partnership with the total school community. We look forward to cultivating these relationships with each of you.

In addition to providing a world class education, we have the responsibility of being prepared for various

types of emergency situations. Throughout the school year we practice safety drills to ensure that students and staff are aware of procedures during an unexpected event. We perform drills for the following situations: severe weather, earthquakes, fire, intruder lock-downs, as well as bus drills.

Please know that your child's safety and educational progress are our first priority and that we fully expect to have another wonderful school year due to our outstanding staff, wonderful community support and fantastic students.

We look forward to an outstanding school year!!

Allergy Alert

Please let the classroom teacher know at least 48 hours in advance if you are planning to bring a treat for a special celebration. This is a new request due to the increased number of students at LMES with food allergies. To ensure the safety of all children we strongly encourage parents to bring non-food items such as pencils, stickers and coloring books. If you do bring food items, please provide store purchased items. These items will have a list of ingredients and will allow us to keep our students with varied food allergies safe.

e-mail connection

Would you like to receive information about LMES by e-mail or the telephone?

Parents of Hanover County Public Schools may choose to subscribe to the e-mail connection to receive information about school events, lunch menus and emergency closings information through this communication tool

It is easy to subscribe:

- Go to the district web site at www.hcps.us
- Click on the email connection icon on the bottom, left side of the page.
- Type in your name and e-mail address.
- Choose the school(s) from which you would like to receive information.
- Click on Submit

AHERA Annual Notice:

This information is being published to comply with the requirements of 40 CFR 763 Subpart E Asbestos Containing materials in Schools. This regulation requires local education agencies such as this one, to perform certain tasks in regards to the presence and control of asbestos containing materials in the building under the jurisdiction of the local educational agency.

Hanover County Public Schools management plans provide information on inspections, response actions and periodic reinspections. All Hanover Schools were inspected during the 2010-2011 school year. Laurel Meadow has no materials with asbestos identified.



Over \$6,000 in



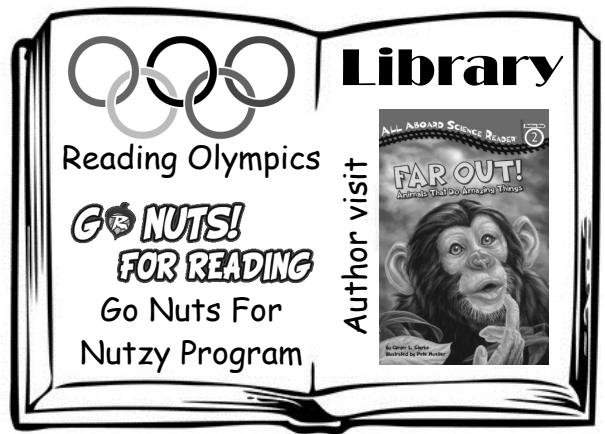
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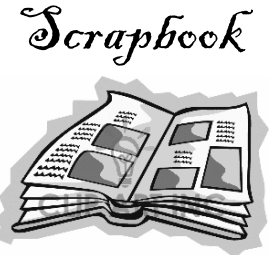
It's more than people - it's about supporting our school!

This page shows some of the ways our PTA supported our school last year.

Join us and help us do this and more this year!

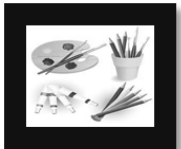


Family Dinner and Dance



LMES 5K and Kids' Run

Our New Marquee



Reflections Program

Class

Auction

Baskets



Snowflake

Breakfast



Books for the School Book Room

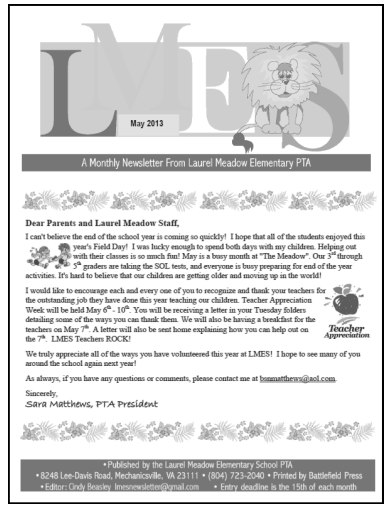


80% of school days covered by 55 "Dads"

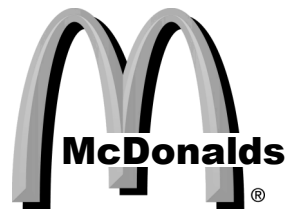
PBIS Roar Store



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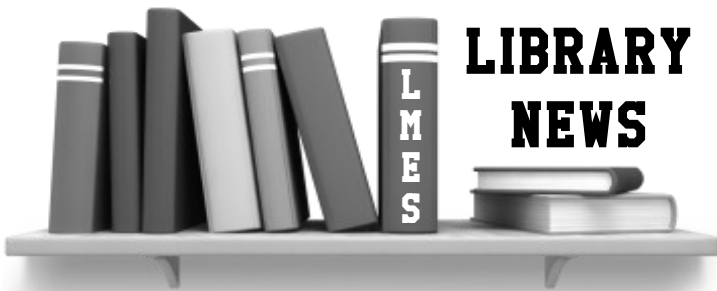
Spirit Nights



Principal's Roar Store
Physical Education
Classroom Supplies
Recess equipment
Whiteboard
Magnetic coins & bills
Sight word games & books

OCTOBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Walk to School 	3 Carpenter's Coffee & Chat (K & 1 st)  7:45-8:45am	4	5
6	7	8 Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza Night 	9	10 Early Release	11	12
13	14 No School	15 Fall GT Referral Deadline	16	17  Math Night	18 BARNES & NOBLE Spirit Night	19
20	21	22  Spirit Night	23	24	25 LMES School Pictures 	26
27	28	29  Granola with Grandparents	30	31 COMING IN NOVEMBER:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st - Early Release 5th - No School/Teacher Conf. 6th - Walk to School 7th - Coffee & Chat (2nd) 8th - Report Cards 14th - PTA Veteran's Program 19th - Riverbound Spirit Night 27th-29th - No School 	






LIBRARY NEWS

Reading Olympics:

Fourth and Fifth Graders are invited to participate in Reading Olympics. Permission Slips are due Wednesday, October 2nd. Teams and titles will be announced on Friday, October 11th during our Reading Olympics Kickoff Assembly. A Special Barnes & Noble Night will be held on October 18th from 5:00-8:00pm at the Virginia Center Location.



Volunteer Opportunities:

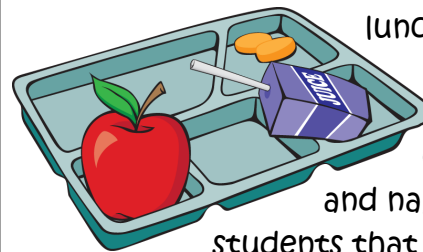
-  **Mystery Reader Program** - Family members are invited to be a guest "mystery" reader once a month during library time. Books can be provided, or you may bring a couple of your favorites.
-  **Library Book Shelves** - We are looking for help in the mornings to reshelve library books.
-  **Fall Book Fair** - November 18th-22nd - Help during your child's class time or visit Family Night Tuesday, November 19th.

Please contact Mrs. Kaloski if you are interested at mkaloski@hcps.us.

Food for thought from the Lunch Lady:

I hope parents are enjoying the new Pre Pay service at www.myschoolbucks.com. This is the best way to manage your child's lunch account.

Please know that we strive to provide the best



lunch period for each

child. Also, know that

we accept donations

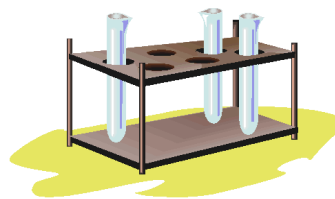
of plastic silverware

and napkins to support the

students that pack their lunch daily.

If you have any concerns about the Cafeteria please contact me at kkrodel@hcps.us or Call me direct at 723-2055. Thanks for giving the Cafeteria staff the opportunity to be a part of your child's growth at Laurel Meadow.

Kathy Krodel - Cafeteria Manager



Calling All Scientists!

Be on the lookout for Science Fair information in Tuesday folders! All students in grades 3, 4, and 5 are encouraged to participate!