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AN ALL STAR
YEAR



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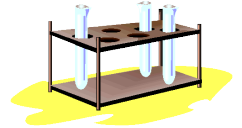
Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

It's hard to believe we have already been in school for three months! The **PTA** is working hard to plan events for you and your family this year. As the winter season approaches, there is sure to be much excitement in the air here at "The Meadow"! Our 6th Annual Snowflake Breakfast will be held on December 14th. This is such a great event with a yummy breakfast, shopping, entertainment, and pictures with our very own LMES mascot, "Ryan the Lion". We hope that you will join us and also consider volunteering for this event. This is a huge fundraiser for the **PTA**!



Thanks to all of the Grandparents who joined us for our very first Granola with Grandparents. The event was a huge success!

We also have some fun things coming up in January, such as our annual Watch D.O.G.S. Donuts for Dads as well as our 3rd annual Science Fair. I can't wait to see what talented 3rd-5th graders we have here at LMES. They are currently working hard to prepare their projects to be on display for us all to see. Also, we are looking forward to our Family Dinner and Dance in early February. This is an exciting event for us and will have a Luau theme this year. Dig out your Hawaiian shirts and join in the fun!



As always, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact me at bsnmatthews@aol.com. I hope you have a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,
Sara Matthews
PTA President

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

The wonderful season of giving and remembrance began in November with the outstanding Veterans' Day program featuring our fourth grade students. This program is an annual tribute to all of the men and women who have served our country and protected our lifestyle. The program featured a musical tribute, letters of thanks written by the students and a pictorial tribute to many of our local veterans. This annual program helps our students to learn about the importance of service and the sacrifice of veterans present and past. In addition, our entire school community supported the annual canned food drive. These types of school initiatives help our students to develop a sense of pride in their community and country.

This season brings warm feelings when we are helping others; however, the lower temperatures remind everyone of the possibility of inclement weather. Due to the unpredictable nature of the weather, please remain aware of possible late openings or early closings by listening to the radio and checking the Hanover County Public Schools website (www.hanover.k12.va.us). School closings are usually shared with the local media by 6:00 a.m. If schools close early due to changing weather conditions, your child's classroom teacher will follow the directions you specified at the beginning of the school year. You should update this information as soon as possible if your inclement weather plan has changed. Hopefully, it will be a mild winter and school closures will not be needed this winter.

Please have a safe winter break.

Middle School Transition Meetings:

During the month of December, we will begin the process of transitioning our students to middle school. Middle School course selection will begin in January. Mrs. Cray will send home details with students and arrange conferences to support this process.

Public Information

"In accordance with the requirements of AHERA, Laurel Meadow School is notifying its employees, building occupants, and their legal guardians of the availability of the AHERA management plan for public review. The AHERA Management Plan contains documentation of all AHERA surveillance and inspections, employee training, and the Operations and Maintenance procedures. Questions regarding the AHERA Management Plan can be directed to Hanover County Public Schools Director of Building Services, at 365-4572."

Save the Date:

Tuesday, January 14th

7:45am-9:00am

SOL Tips for Parents for Grades 3, 4 & 5

Thursday, January 16th

7:30am-8:05am

Watch D.O.G.S.

Donuts with Dad

Thursday, January 16th

6:00pm-7:00pm

Family Writing Night





Dear LMES Parents,
 Calling ALL fathers!! We still have over 100 days to fill this school year with a WatchDOG volunteer. We thank you for taking the time off from work to

help the students and the school to be the BEST in Hanover County. If you can please help us fill any days with a WatchDOG, go to the web site below and sign up for a great day spending time with LMES students.

To sign up to volunteer for Watch D.O.G.S., please visit the LMES Watch D.O.G.S. webpage at <http://lmswatchdogs.webstarts.com>. Please sign in with your email address, this is only used to send you a reminder of your day(s) that you signed up for. Where it asks for your phone number, please enter student's teacher's name and your kid(s) name(s). This will help when making your daily schedule for the day(s) that you volunteered for.

Please email me at davids1@hotmail.com with any questions you have about the program or how to make the program better for our students. Please feel free to call me with any questions (804) 337-0899.

Thanks,
 David Stewart
 Top Dog Director

**are
 you
 ready
 for a luau?**

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual LMES Family Dinner and Dance on February 7th. The committee is looking for volunteers to help with planning and set-up. Contact Leigh Rooke with questions or to volunteer at leighdavisrooke@comcast.net.



Make plans to join us at the 6th Annual Snowflake Breakfast December 14th

The LMES annual Snowflake Breakfast is just around the corner - on Saturday, December the 14th.

This event is one of our main sources of funds to help provide tools to our school and our teachers. It is made possible through generous donations of food items, cash, and the time given by volunteers just like YOU! Hurry up and get your tickets, and it's not too late to volunteer. Please contact Dave Ercolano at dercolano7863@comcast.net to help make this our biggest breakfast ever.



Support LMES PTA at



**Spirit
 Night**









5:00 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, December 3rd

Thank you to our parents for your **BOX TOPS**. We submitted over 2500 **BOX TOPS**! If you didn't get a chance to turn them in, don't worry! We have contests each month, and our next deadline is December 16th! Also, did you know there was another way to help LMES get materials for school with *Coca-Cola* Products? Yes, LMES is a registered school with "My Coke Rewards". So save your points and donate them to LMES today!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 McDonalds Spirit Night	4 Walk to School 	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Silent Auction Baskets Due	14 Snowflake Breakfast 
15 Newsletter Submissions Due 	16 BOXTOP\$ Deadline 	17	18	19 3 rd -5 th Winter Parties 	20 K-2 nd Winter Parties	21
22	23	24	25 Winter Break 	26	27	28
← Winter Break →						
29	30	31	COMING IN JANUARY:		14 th - Coffee & Chat (3/4/5)	23 rd /24 th - Early Release
← →					16 th - Donuts with Dad	28 th - Stevi B's Spirit Night
← →					16 th - Family Writing Night	30 th - PTA Science Fair
← →					20 th - No School	31 st - Report Cards



Just a reminder that Silent Auction Baskets are due December 13th.

The LMES PTA has a website!
 Check us out at:
LMESPTA.wordpress.com

