

# TEAMING UP FOR AN ALL STAR YEAR



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## Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

Welcome back - and Happy 2014!!




I hope you all had a wonderful Winter Break! I don't know about you, but I always enjoy having a little extra time to spend with my family and friends. Some "down time" was much needed for myself and my kids alike!

We had another great turn out of LMES families and friends at our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Snowflake Breakfast. We prepared breakfast for almost 500 this year! I would like to say a special thank you to Dave Ercolano for coordinating the event this year and to all of the parents and staff who helped make the day a success. I would also like to thank all sponsors and table sponsors, as well as our event sponsor,  the dance company.

We will be starting off our new year with our Watch D.O.G.S. Donuts with Dads on January 16<sup>th</sup>. I hope that all of you Dads out there will join us that morning for a yummy donut and some quality time with your children. We will also be enjoying the hard work of our students at the Science Fair on January 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be jumping into our next event on February 7<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual LMES Family Dinner and Dance. Please be on the lookout for important information.



 The night will be sure to please with a dinner and Luau. We need your help to make this night a success, so please consider volunteering! I am so thankful to be a part of a school with such supportive parents and staff!

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please contact me at [bsnmatthews@aol.com](mailto:bsnmatthews@aol.com).

**Join us Tuesday,  
January 28<sup>th</sup> for  
LMES  
Spirit Night  
5:00 - 9:00 pm.**



Sincerely,  
Sara Matthews  
**PTA** President

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

The Laurel Meadow PTA Annual Snowflake Breakfast was a roaring success. The event continues to be a wonderful way for families and community members to start the holiday season. It was an outstanding event because we are fortunate to have a dedicated PTA Board, outstanding volunteers, a committed staff, generous business partners, involved parents and talented students. The partnership between the PTA and the school continues to enhance the positive experiences of all students at LMES. We look forward to all of the other PTA events which will continue throughout the school year.

As we move forward in 2014, we want to ensure that we share information with parents in reference to strategies that can be used at home to enhance student achievement. To ensure that the information is timely and informative, we have been conducting a series of parent coffees. Our next parent coffee will be for parents of third, fourth and fifth graders; and the topic will be SOL Tips. Come join us on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am, and we will share with you preparation ideas for the upcoming state assessments. Directly related to the upcoming assessments will be our first Family Writing Night. Information about writing expectations will be shared, coupled with an opportunity for you and your child to explore a few writing centers.

As we continue to grow as a school community, please know that the success of the school is definitely a team effort and that Ms. Dubiel and I appreciate the support of our community.



## Family Writing Night

When: Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> - 6-7 pm  
Who: Families of students in grades 3-5

Some of the best writing we see at school is inspired by bridging the connection between home and school. Come for an hour to learn ideas to inspire your child's writing! Working together may also build a closer relationship with your child by doing this together. We will have fun as we explore writing centers that are engaging and involve technology.



## Shh! It's coming...

### The Silent Art Auction!!

When: Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> during the PTA's Dinner and Dance. The silent auction bidding starts at 6:00 pm and ends at 7:00 pm.



Thirty-one student made art pieces that will be in the auction. All proceeds from this event will go to the LMES PTA to help support our school.

### Career Day: Help Wanted

LMES is having a Career Day for students in grades 3-5 on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in sharing your career with our students, please let us know! Look for information in an upcoming Tuesday folder.

(K-2 Career Day will be in the spring.)

### DARE Graduation...

for fifth grade students is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am.





Dear LMES Parents,  
I'm very excited about the 2013 - 2014 school year for the Watch D.O.G.S program. We are in full swing for the fourth year at LMES with new exciting

programs for the volunteers and students. I'm calling ALL D.O.G.S. - Dads Of Great Students to "Line up / Sign up / Show up". Lets show our kids that their safety and education is VERY important to us as fathers and male role models.

My goal for this year is to have every school day filled with a Watch Dog volunteer. If you would like to volunteer throughout the year, please go to <http://lmswatchdogs.webstarts.com/>. If you have any questions about the Watch D.O.G.S. program, please e-mail me at [davids1@hotmail.com](mailto:davids1@hotmail.com). I look forward to seeing all the HEROES OF THE HALLWAYS in the days to come.

Thanks,  
David Stewart  
Top Dog Director

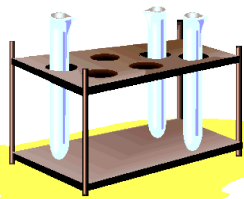
### *Scholastic Book Fair - A Reading Oasis Success*

*Thank you to the LMES community for*



*supporting the Fall Book Fair. There were over 1,000 books put in the hands of our students.*

Don't forget to join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual LMES Science Fair and Science Night! All Laurel Meadow students and families are invited to join us for a night of viewing Science Fair projects, Science experiments, and door prizes! Come on out to visit grade-level tables with cool hands-on experiments.



Who: All Laurel Meadow Students  
What: Science Night and Science Fair  
When: Thursday, January 30 at 6:30 PM  
Where: Laurel Meadow Cafeteria and Gymnasium

A huge thank you goes to the Hughes family for our new Lost & Found cabinet. Now all of the misplaced items are organized and students and parents can see them easily.



### Spring Gifted Referrals

January 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for spring gifted referrals for K-5 students. Please contact me to discuss the possibility of screening via email ([abroughton@hcps.us](mailto:abroughton@hcps.us)) or by calling the school. The Gifted Program is designed to meet the academic needs of students demonstrating superior ability in learning, creativity, and task commitment. More information about the program can be accessed by visiting [mrsbroughton.weebly.com](http://mrsbroughton.weebly.com).



~Alicia Broughton, GT Resource Teacher

### A Reminder from the Nurse:

Parents, please bring respiratory and asthma medications needed by your children. We have many children that are coming to the nurse's office, and the nurse is unable to help. This is respiratory season, so nebulizer and asthma treatments are so important!






Our school has joined the MyCoke Rewards for Schools program!

That means by drinking the *Coca-Cola* products your family already enjoys, you can get MyCoke Rewards points and donate them to help our school. It's easy to donate:

1. Purchase your favorite *Coca-Cola* Products to get codes (look under the caps or in the boxes)
  2. Go to [mycoke.com/school](http://mycoke.com/school), and sign in (register if you aren't already a member).
  3. Enter your codes to collect points, and then search for our school to donate points.
  4. Enter the points you would like to give!
- So far we have over 500 points!

# JANUARY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>COMING IN FEBRUARY:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> - Family Dinner & Dance		1	2	3	4
	11 <sup>th</sup> - Chick-fil-A Spirit Night					
	17 <sup>th</sup> - No School					
	20 <sup>th</sup> - Parent/Teacher Conf.					
	27 <sup>th</sup> - PTA Variety Show					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Carpenter's Coffee & Chat (3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> )	15  Newsletter Submissions Due	16 <u>Donuts with Dad</u> Family Writing Night	17	18
19	20 No School	21	22	23 Early Release	24 Early Release	25
26	27  Deadline	28 Stevi B's Spirit Night	29	30 Science Fair & Silent Art Auction 	31 <u>Report Cards</u> Spring GT Referral Deadline	

## Congratulations to the following winners of this year's Reflections contest!

### Music Composition



#### Primary

- Landis Bronson – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### Intermediate

- Sophie Lynn – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

### Photography



#### Primary

- Landis Bronson – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

- Daniel Allmond – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### Intermediate

- River Bronson – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

- Heather Lowery – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

- Sam Matthews – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

- Hannah Matthews –

Honorable Mention

### Literature



#### Intermediate

- Logan Deal – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

- Sydney Baten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

### Visual Arts



#### Primary

- Landis Bronson – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

- Jordan Gregory – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

- Julia Bryant – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

- Gloria Cox – Honorable Mention

#### Intermediate

- Madison Carr – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

- Payton Gregory – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**are  
you  
ready  
for a  
luau?**



Mark your calendars for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Dinner and Dance on February 7<sup>th</sup>. The committee is looking for volunteers.

Please contact  
Leigh Rooke at  
[leighdavisrooke@comcast.net](mailto:leighdavisrooke@comcast.net).



Many thanks to the entire LMES community for donating to the warm sock tree prior to winter break. The socks were donated to several local organizations.

