

## TEAMING UP FOR AN ALL STAR YEAR



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Mar. 11-14 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
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Fitness Night  
Mar. 14 - Reading  
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Mar. 20 - **PAPA JOHN'S**  
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Apr. 3 - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Field Day  
Apr. 4 - K-2<sup>nd</sup> Field Day



### Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

Well, the groundhog saw his shadow, so we are having an extra long winter this year! We have had so much snow, it's hard to believe Spring is right around the corner! This time of year gets so busy with spring sports kicking off and many fun activities for the whole family. This is also the time of year when we begin thinking about our **PTA** leadership for the next year. Some of our committee chairpersons will be returning; however, there are always positions to fill! Please consider joining our **PTA** board and helping us plan new exciting things for next year. We are also seeking volunteers to help on our Nominating committee this spring. If you would like more information, please contact me at [bsnmatthews@aol.com](mailto:bsnmatthews@aol.com).

I hope you were able to join us at our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Family Dinner & Dance Luau.



I was so happy to see lots of students and parents dressed up Hawaiian Luau style! Special thanks to Leigh Davis Rooke and her committee for planning this great event. Also, thanks to our DJ Barry Zeigler and The Dance Company's Ginger Grogan and the Golding Family for getting us all moving! I hope you also made time to visit our Art Auction during the dance. The pieces of art were AMAZING!! Thanks to Heather Bronson and Jamesha Hairston for all of their hard work making this a success.

Our Variety Show was held on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, showcasing the great talents of our LMES students. Thanks to all who came and helped this event be successful. I can't wait to see what talent comes our way next year!

Coming up on March 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our 3<sup>rd</sup> **PAPA JOHN'S** Teacher Delivery Night. Please be on the lookout for lots of information coming home in Tuesday folders about how you can participate in our biggest fundraiser of the year!! Last year, we were able to raise over \$2000 in 4 hours to help support programs in our school. We need YOU to take the night off from cooking dinner and order pizza instead.

If you haven't joined the **PTA** yet, you can still do so! Dues are \$5 per person and can be sent in to your child's teacher. Membership forms can be found in the front office and on our website (<http://lmespta.wordpress.com>) under "Notes & Forms". Thanks so much for your continued support!

Sincerely,  
Sara Matthews  
**PTA** President

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

February was a challenging month due to the number of days that school was closed because of inclement weather and the number of activities that had to be rescheduled.



I am sure parents were challenged by having to rearrange their work schedules and finding alternative child care.

This combination of challenges certainly was frustrating; however, going through difficult times helps us to develop "grit". Recently, the educational community has been discussing the importance of developing "grit" in children. It is a term used to describe how we must learn to work through problems and develop a strong work ethic. We need to teach our children as educators and parents that everything does not come easy and sometimes you have to struggle to master something new.

A great example is learning to ride a bicycle for the first time. Think about how many times it took before you or your child were able to balance that two wheeler alone. Also, think of the great feeling of achievement when you or your child finally rode that bike alone without support.

So the next time your child doesn't learn something immediately, try stepping back a little and teach them that sometimes they may have to work a little harder to master a new skill. Developing "grit" will serve them well as they are challenged in life academically, socially, and athletically.

At Laurel Meadow, we are fortunate to have fantastic employees that know the importance of developing "grit" and celebrating student success on a daily basis. To acknowledge their hard work, Hanover County Public Schools has created a recognition program to celebrate various categories of employees.

Currently, we are in the process of selecting the Laurel Meadow Support Employee of the Year. Support employees are critical members of the staff and assist with the educational process on a daily basis. If you would like to acknowledge the wonderful services of a bus driver, an instructional assistant, a custodian, a food service worker, an office professional, or the school nurse, then feel free to get a nomination form from the front office. Previous LMES winners have been Kathy Krodel (cafeteria manager), Barry Zeigler (technical systems operator), Tracy Ford (custodian), Carole West (kindergarten assistant), and Bonnie Diehr (instructional assistant).

We look forward to celebrating more student and staff achievements in the remaining months of the school year!

### **DON'T COOK DINNER, ORDER PIZZA!**

Papa John's Teacher Delivery Night is Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:30 p.m.!

#### **WHO MIGHT COME TO YOUR DOOR?**

Papa John's donates 20% of the orders & 100% of the tips to LMES!



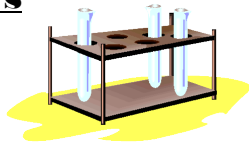
## 2014 Science Fair Winners

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Joshua Morris - "Pump it Up: Video Games & Heart Rate"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Joshua Gray - "Melting of Frozen Desserts"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Carleigh Heckel - "Weight Position on a 2 Stage Rocket" & Hannah Matthews - "Crystal Fudge"



### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sean McCormick - "Does the weight of a bowling ball affect the number of pins knocked down?"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Evan Barnes - "Batter Up"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Sam Matthews - "Bake My Cake"

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Courtney Wolfgang - "Gatorade vs. Gatorshame"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Melissa Leonard - "Poppin' Around"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Payton Gregory - "Which soda has the worst affect on teeth?"

**Grand Prize Overall:** Sydney Baten - "I Heart Dance" (Different dance styles and heart rates)



### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing SOL Tests:

Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> - Multiple Choice

Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> - Make-up Day

Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - Short Paper (\*Note: This is a change)

Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - Make-up Day

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade SOL Tests:

Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> - Reading, Part I

Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - Reading, Part II

Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - History

Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Science

Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - Math, Part I

Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> - Math, Part II

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade SOL Tests:

Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> - Reading

Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> - VA Studies

Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - Math, Part I

Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> - Math, Part II

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade SOL Tests:

Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> - Reading

Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Science

Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> - Math, Part I

Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> - Math, Part II

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade SOL Test:

Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> - Math

\* \* June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> - Make-up Days

\* \* \* Please contact Karen Dubiel at 723-2040 or [kdubiel@hcps.us](mailto:kdubiel@hcps.us) if your child will be absent during his/her assigned testing day. Thanks!



Dear LMES Parents,

Wow! LMES Watch D.O.G.S. dads are the BEST! As of this week we only have 21 days open for the rest of the school year. It is very easy to sign up! Just go to the link below

and sign up for a day that you would like to spend with your child. This program is a great opportunity to be a great role model for students of LMES and to keep our children safe in school.

Easy as 1...2...3

1. Type in link : <http://vols.pt/Baa9Nk>

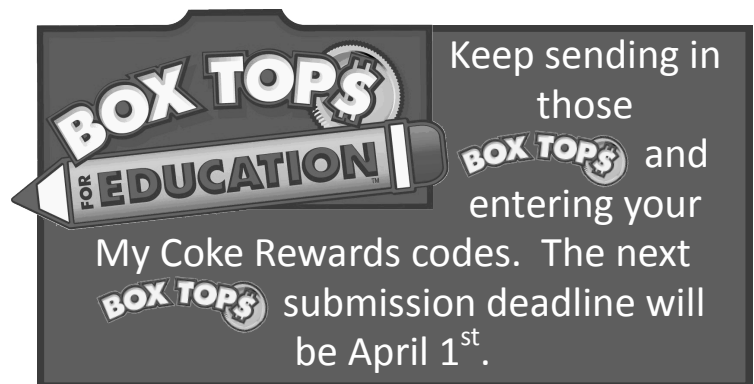
2. Type in your email address

3. Sign up for a day of fun with your child, scroll to the bottom, and click the Save button to confirm

Please email me at [davids1@hotmail.com](mailto:davids1@hotmail.com) with any questions you have about the program or how to make the program better for our students.

To see some of the Watch D.O.G.S. pictures please go to LMES Watch D.O.G.S. website. <http://lmswatchdogs.webstarts.com>

Thanks,  
David Stewart  
Top Dog Director



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>COMING IN APRIL:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> - BoxTops Deadline 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Walk to School Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day	4 <sup>th</sup> - K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Day 10 <sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Registration 14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> - Spring Break		22 <sup>nd</sup> - Riverbound Spirit Night 26 <sup>th</sup> - Arts & Science Festival 29 <sup>th</sup> - Parent Workshop (Homework)		1
2 	3	4	5 Walk to School 	6 Interims	7	8
9	10	11 ← 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Writing SOLs	12	13 	14 Reading Olympics 	15  Newsletter Submissions Due
16	17 	18	19	20  Teacher Delivery Night	21  Spring Pictures	22 
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Thank you to all of the volunteers and supporters of the **LMES PTA Silent Art Auction.**



I would especially like to thank Mrs. Bronson (PTA Arts Committee Chair), Mrs. Womer, Mrs. Keiser, Mrs. Richardson (our financial secretary), LMES student artists, and bidders in the Art Auction.

A big thank you to the Bell Creek Home Depot store who donated \$100 in supplies. Thank you for your support in Art Education!



- Ms. Jamesha Hairston (Art Teacher)

## Hanover County Parks and Recreation Fun Funds Applications for Youth Summer Program 2014

The Hanover County Parks and Recreation **2014 Youth Summer Program** preparations are underway. More information will be available on the Parks and Recreation website at: <http://www.co.hanover.va.us/parksrec/ysp.htm>. Locations, dates and other details for the 2014 season will be determined and announced this spring.

For families who are planning to register their elementary or middle-school age child for the Youth Summer Program and are in need of **financial assistance**, assistance may be available through the Parks and Recreation's Fun Funds scholarship program. This financial assistance program is based on **USDA's Free/Reduced Lunch Program** guidelines.

**Fun Funds Scholarship applications** are available on the website. Applications will be accepted March 1 - June 1.