

TEAMING UP FOR AN ALL STAR YEAR



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Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

I would like to say a BIG "Thank You" to everyone who participated in our 3rd  Teacher Delivery Night and helped raise money for our school! We will have a grand total announcement very soon! I really enjoyed seeing many familiar faces as we delivered pizzas! LMES Teachers ROCK!!

A fun and fit time was had by all at our annual Family Fitness Night. Be sure to join us next year! As my kids would say, "It's the only time you get to run in the halls at school!" Thank you to Mrs. Peggy  Matthews for planning fun activities for us all.

Well, the busy season has arrived! We have a lot of things going on around the school, including SOL testing, field day, Kindergarten registration and more! Please take some time to look through this newsletter for all of the important information.

It is time to take care of some important **PTA** business! We will be holding elections for next year's Executive **PTA** Board on May 1st at the **PTA** Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Elections are for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary only. All other positions are appointed. If you are interested in one of these positions or would like to nominate someone, please contact me at bsnmatthews@aol.com NO LATER than April 16th. Nominations will close at this point and a slate will be selected for vote on May 1st.



Calling all moms! Mark your calendar and please join us for Muffins with Mom on Friday, April 25th at 7:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. You will enjoy breakfast while spending some quality time with your kiddos!

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please contact me at bsnmatthews@aol.com.

Support LMES at

Spirit Day
Tuesday, April 22nd
All Day - 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sincerely,
Sara Matthews
PTA President

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

It is truly difficult to believe that Spring Break is upon us and that we are looking toward the final portion of the school year. Spring Break reminds us that warmer days lie ahead.

With warmer temperatures, it is important to remind students that, although temperatures outside are warm, Laurel Meadow is air conditioned and attire needs to be both comfortable for indoors and school appropriate. Shorts should be about mid-thigh or longer. Tops should have at least one inch straps-- spaghetti straps and backless tops are not appropriate for school. In addition, footwear needs to be safe for participation in Physical Education classes and for playing on outside equipment. Due to safety concerns and for maintenance of the hardwood gym floor, students must wear soft-soled shoes in the gym.



Continuing on our theme of warmth, a hearty congratulations goes to one of our outstanding instructional assistants, Ms. Catherine Cooke. Ms. Cooke was selected by her colleagues as the 2013-14 Laurel Meadow Support Employee of the Year. She was recognized for her commitment to our students and her willingness to go above and beyond the expectations of her job description. Numerous students benefit from her caring nature on a daily basis. Next time you see her, please thank her for everything that she does for our



students. She is a dedicated member of the Laurel Meadow Staff.

In addition, a major congratulations goes to Mrs. Hilary Coakley and Ms. Elena Faulkner. Both of these Laurel Meadow Educators recently were recognized as new National Board Certified Teachers. National Board Certification is an advanced teaching certification.

In order to obtain this high level of recognition, teachers must document that they analyze their teaching content, analyze student needs, submit videos of their teaching, and provide student work samples for analysis by a nationally recognized committee of educators. The documentation that they are required to submit must demonstrate: a strong understanding of the content that they teach, their ability to design engaging learning experiences that increase student learning, their analysis of student assessments to drive instructional

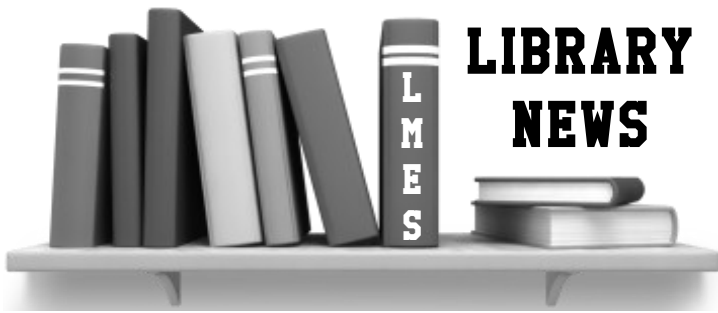
decisions, and that they forge partnerships with colleagues, parents and the overall community. We are extremely proud of them as they have joined an elite level of educators and join Rachel Martin, Meg Switzer, and Carol Anne Ziolkowski as Laurel Meadow National Board Certified Teachers.



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.





LMES Spring Book Fair

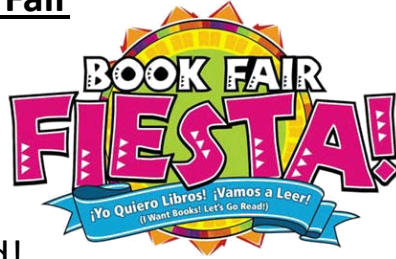
April 28th - May 2nd

Family Night:

Monday, April 28th

2:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers Wanted!



Reading Olympics

Congratulations to the **Reading Raisins**

for winning 1st Place in this year's Reading Olympics.



3rd Grade SOL Tests:

Thursday, May 15th - Reading, Part I

Friday, May 16th - Reading, Part II

Monday, May 19th - History

Friday, May 23rd - Science

Tuesday, May 27th - Math, Part I

Wednesday, May 28th - Math, Part II

4th Grade SOL Tests:

Monday, May 12th - Reading

Tuesday, May 13th - VA Studies

Tuesday, May 20th - Math, Part I

Wednesday, May 21st - Math, Part II

5th Grade SOL Tests:

Wednesday, May 14th - Reading

Thursday, May 22nd - Science

Thursday, May 29th - Math, Part I

Friday, May 30th - Math, Part II

6th Grade SOL Test:

Thursday, May 29th - Math

** June 2nd - 6th - Make-up Days

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



Dear LMES Parents,

What a GREAT year of Watch D.O.G.S.!! We have had 63 men sign up this year covering 97% of the school year. I would like to thank ALL the volunteers for taking time

out of their busy schedule to support the Watch D.O.G.S. program.

To sign up for a day, it's as 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 with any questions you have about the program or how to make the program better for our students.

Thanks,
David Stewart
Top Dog Director

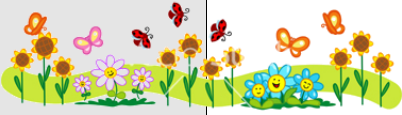










Keep sending in those **BOX TOPS** and entering your My Coke Rewards codes. Look for classroom winners and totals for the year in the May and June newsletters.



Please "Like" the "Laurel Meadow Elementary School PTA" on Facebook.

APRIL 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Walk to School 	3 3 rd -5 th Grade Field Day 	4 K-2 nd Grade Field Day 	5
6	7	8	9	10 Kindergarten Registration	11 Field Day Make-up Day	12
13 	14	15  Newsletter Submissions Due	16	17	18	19
← SPRING BREAK →						
20 	21	22  Riverbound CAFE Spirit Day	23	24 5 th Grade Mini Economy	25  Muffins for Mom	26 Arts & Science Festival
27	28	29 Book Fair (through Friday)	30	COMING IN MAY: 1 st - 1 st Grade Musical 6 th - Sweet Frog Spirit Night 7 th - Walk to School		12 th - 30 th - SOLs 26 th - No School



Reflections Program News

Sophie Lynn placed third in the district reflections competition for musical composition. We are so proud of you Sophie!

The theme for 2014-2015 has been announced -

“The World Would Be a Better Place If...”

Let's start getting entries together early this year so we can show Hanover County how creative and talented our LMES students are! Entry forms are available online at vapta.org. Feel free to email or call the LMES Arts and Education Chair, Heather Bronson, at 248-5802 or heatherwbronson@gmail.com with any questions. Entries are due in the early fall of 2014 (date is still being determined).



Hanover County Public Schools Hanover Preschool Initiative (HPI)

HPI is accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year. HPI is a free, full-day preschool program with an experienced teaching staff that enables students to engage in an exciting curriculum and a stimulating learning environment. School bus transportation is available in most areas. The program provides meals and supplies with guidelines. HPI is available to children who will be three or four years of age by September 30, 2014.

In order to qualify, families must meet the federal income eligibility guidelines and reside in Hanover County. In addition, the federal program requires that 10% of the enrollment opportunities be available to children with disabilities. If you are a resident of Hanover County and would like to know more about HPI please contact Michelle Johnson at 804-365-8135 or mjohnson@hcps.us or visit our website at www.hcps.us. Find “More Quick Links” on the top right side of the page, and click on “Hanover Preschool Initiative” for more information.