

TEAMING UP FOR AN ALL STAR YEAR



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 28 to May 2 -
Spring Book Fair
May 1 - 1st Grade Musical
May 5-9 - Teacher
Appreciation Week
May 6 - **sweetFrog**
Spirit Night
May 7 - Walk to School
May 12-30 - SOL Tests
May 26 - No School
June 3-5 - **PAPA JOHN'S**
Spirit Nights



Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

I can't believe the end of the school year is coming so quickly! I hope that all of the students enjoyed this year's Field Day! Thanks to Mrs. Peggy Matthews for planning such a fun day! We were also so glad to see all of the moms who showed up to have "Muffins with Mom". May is a busy month at "The Meadow". Our 3rd-5th graders are taking the SOL tests, and everyone is busy preparing for end of the year activities. It's hard to believe that our children are getting older and moving up in the world!



I would like to encourage each and every one of you to recognize and thank your teachers for the outstanding job they have done this year teaching our children. Teacher Appreciation Week will be held May 5th-9th. You will be receiving a letter in your Tuesday folders detailing some of the ways you can thank them. We will also be hosting a breakfast for the teachers that week. A letter will be sent home explaining how you can help out. LMES Teachers ROCK!



We truly appreciate all of the ways you have volunteered this year at LMES! I hope to see many of you around the school again next year!

Support LMES and join us

Tuesday, May 6th at



Bell Creek Road

Sincerely,
Sara Matthews
PTA President

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

The 2013 - 2014 school year has been wonderful but it is quickly approaching the finish line. We have had an active school year and will continue to provide opportunities for growth until this school year is completed on June 12th. The months of May and June will be packed with closing activities, final spirit nights, and with lots of recognition of students and staff. We will say farewell to our fifth grade students on June 10th during the official promotion program. We are really proud of our fifth grade students as they prepare to move to the next level of their education. This is a special group of fifth graders because they are the first group of students that completed their entire elementary career at Laurel Meadow. We certainly need to celebrate this special group of LMES Lions. They have had a great elementary school career and are ready for the rigors of middle school. They will be missed by their Laurel Meadow family, but we know that they have a bright and rewarding future because they have proven themselves by being good citizens and hard workers.

In combination with the entire end of the year activities, students in grades 3-5 will be taking the Virginia Standards of Learning Assessments. Be sure to review the testing schedule to ensure that your child attends school during these crucial testing days. In addition, encourage your child to do their best and to take their time during testing.

Laurel Meadow is not a designated summer school site this year. Our



students are invited to attend regular summer school at Washington Henry Elementary School. Summer school is a great opportunity to maintain critical reading or math skills. In addition, students may have the opportunity to enroll in several enrichment classes which include: Children's Engineering, World Languages, Playtime with Polymers and Robotics and Programming. For students currently in grade five there are two additional enrichment classes: Keyboarding and Middle School Jump Start. Information about all summer school offerings can be found on the Hanover County Public Schools web-site (hanover.k12.va.us). Please note that enrichment classes are offered at varying sites, so carefully review the information.

Safety Reminder:

Due to safety concerns on the playground and the stairs, flip flops are not considered appropriate footwear for students. Students will not be allowed to play on the equipment if they are wearing flip-flops.



June Calendar Reminders:

June 2nd-6th - SOL Make-up Testing
June 10th - Grade 5 Promotion Program
June 11th - **FULL** Day of School
June 12th - Early Closing / Final Day of School

Summer Hours:

The main office is open Monday - Thursday 7:30 - 4:30 beginning June 23rd until August 15th.

Laurel Meadow Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Erin Adams. She was recently named Laurel Meadow's Teacher of the Year. She is currently a third grade teacher and has been working with elementary students for the past ten years. Ms. Adams was raised in Northern Virginia but made the Richmond area her home after graduating from the University of Virginia. She taught at Pole Green Elementary School for four years and joined LMES as one of the original staff members six years ago. She is a great representative of our dedicated hard working staff.



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



Dear LMES Parents,
I would like to thank all the Watch D.O.G.S. volunteers for their support of the LMES Watch D.O.G.S. program. This has been a great year

because of the caring fathers that we have at LMES. Also I would like to thank all the teachers and staff that support this great program. I would like to call out Diane Rodriguez for the hard work she does to get the schedules ready for our dads.



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



Congratulations to the grade-level winners for bringing in the

most **BOX TOPS** since the last collection! They are Ms. Blanchard (K), Ms. Tyler (1st), Ms. Arkesteyn (2nd), Ms. Peters (3rd), Ms. Switzer (4th), and Ms. Martin (5th). So far, Ms. Tyler's class is in the overall lead for the year with 2026 box tops. Ms. Allen's is in 2nd place with 1949, and Ms. Peters is in 3rd with 1389.

Keep sending in those **BOX TOPS** (and entering your My Coke Rewards codes).



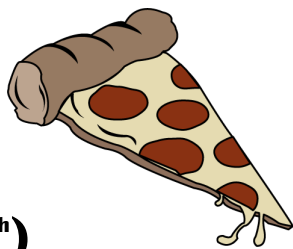
MAY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
COMING IN JUNE:	3 rd -5 th - Papa John's Spirit Days 9 th - K-2 nd End of Year Parties 10 th - 3 rd -5 th End of Year Parties 12 th - Last Day of School			1 1 st Grade Musical	2  Book Fair	3
4	5	6  Spirit Night	7 Walk to School 	8	9	10
11 <i>I ♥ my Mommy!!!!</i>	12 SOLs Begin (continue through May 30 th)	13	14	15  Newsletter Submissions Due	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26  No School	27	28	29	30 SOL Make-up Days (June 2 nd -6 th)	31



The grade-level winners of this year's Papa John's Teacher Delivery Night pizza parties are:

- Ms. Thurston (Kindergarten)**
- Ms. Tyler (1st)**
- Ms. Hester (2nd)**
- Ms. Adams (3rd)**
- Ms. Willard (4th)**
- Ms. Baudean (5th)**



Congratulations and thank you to everyone who ordered pizza and supported LMES through this fun event!

Attention all rising 6th grade parents! **STONEWALL JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**



Please consider joining the SJMS Boosters Club and the SJMS PTA! Both organizations are looking for new volunteers for the 2014-2015 school year.

So, what's the difference between Boosters and PTA? The Boosters Club is an organization where parents, teachers and students work together to raise funds to support the clubs, academic programs, athletics and the arts at SJMS. 100% of all funds raised go directly back to Stonewall Jackson Middle School! Funds are raised via our Spirit wear, membership fees and our annual Booster Bonanza each spring. The Boosters Club supports programs that benefit ALL of the children at SJMS.

The PTA is a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child. Backed by our State and National PTA, the SJMS local unit provides programs for the school such as Reflections and the Watch D.O.G.S. program. The PTA also supports the school by raising money for various projects throughout the school and plans fun events as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Sara Matthews - bsnmatthews@aol.com.