

# TEAMING UP FOR AN ALL STAR YEAR



# LMES

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3 - Stevi B's  
Spirit Night  
June 9 - K-2<sup>nd</sup> End of  
Year Class Parties  
June 10 - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> End of  
Year Class Parties  
June 10 - Grade 5  
Promotion Program  
June 11 - FULL Day  
June 12 - Last Day of  
School (Early release)



### Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

I can't believe it's almost summertime! I know my kids are ready for some much deserved free time. It's also so hard to believe that another year has gone by and our children have learned so much more.



I have truly enjoyed my time as your **PTA** President. I am excited to turn things over to our new President, Dana Hughes. She has many new ideas, and I know that she will serve the **PTA** well. The board will be working hard over the summer to plan exciting activities for next year.

#### 2014-2015 PTA Executive Board

President- Dana Hughes  
Vice President- Amy Schvenski  
Treasurer- Jen Puleo  
Secretary- Marcie DeLung



**Thanks  
to Our  
Volunteers!**

I want to thank each and every one of you who volunteered this year and participated in our events. We saw an increase in volunteers and some new faces, especially in our Watch D.O.G.S. program. Please consider how you would like to volunteer to help next year. We are still looking to fill some positions on our **PTA** board.

I would also like to thank our room parents. Your continued support is always needed in the classrooms.

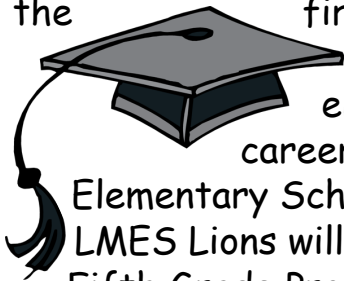
I am looking forward to seeing you all in September!

Please be sure to check our LMES **PTA facebook** page over the summer for important updates and open board positions.

Sincerely,  
Sara Matthews  
**PTA** President

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

The 2013 - 2014 school year is rapidly headed toward the finish line. It has been a year full of teamwork and achievement as the Laurel Meadow family celebrates its sixth year of being a school community. This year we are celebrating the



first fifth grade class that completed their entire elementary school career at Laurel Meadow

Elementary School. These special LMES Lions will be recognized at the Fifth Grade Promotion Program on June 10<sup>th</sup>. All of our fifth graders have had a good school year and are ready for the demands and rigors of middle school. They will be missed by their LMES family, but we look forward to hearing about their great accomplishments in the future. We wish them much success as they enter the world of lockers, dances and changing classes.

## June Calendar Reminders:

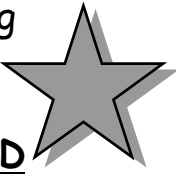
- June 5<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer Breakfast
- June 10<sup>th</sup> - Grade 5 Promotion - 6:30 p.m.
- June 11<sup>th</sup> - **FULL** Day of School
- June 12<sup>th</sup> - Early Closing /  
Final Day of School
- August 21<sup>st</sup> - Kindergarten Parent  
Information Session - 6:00 p.m.
- August 28<sup>th</sup> - Open House -  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- September 2<sup>nd</sup> - First Day of the  
2014-2015 School Year



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

Congratulations go to the following staff members:

- Ms. Erin Adams:  
LMES Teacher of the Year **AND**  
Hanover County Teacher of the Year
- Ms. Catherine Cooke:  
Support Employee of the Year



A big thank-you goes to all of our volunteers. An additional note of thanks goes to our Top Volunteers - donating the most time according to the office computer:



Nikki Deal	Kristin Konopka
Bethann Ford	Terrie Felts
Sara Matthews	Jamie Miller
Dixie Chappell	Mark Beasley
Peggy Lavinder	David Stewart
Donald Miller	Amy Spangler
Pam Gregory	Beth Cox
Angel Anderson	Tanya Keeling
Cindy Beasley	Keith Greene
Jennifer Puleo	Bessy Womer

A special thank you to Ann Reed and Alleen Tyler, our PAWS to Read Volunteers.

Thanks for another great year. Have a safe summer!!!



**Lost and Found:** Please check the Lost and Found before the end of the year.

**Medications:** Please remember to pick up medications from the clinic by June 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Summer Hours:

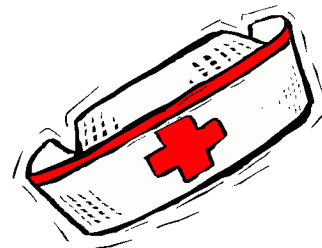
The main office will be open Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. from June 23<sup>rd</sup> until August 15<sup>th</sup>.



Thank you room parents for all of your hard work. I appreciate all you did to make the auction baskets and class parties a success. I wish you a happy and safe summer, and I look forward to working with many of you again next year.

Jaime Miller (Room Parent Coordinator)

## A Reminder from the School Nurse



Please remember to pick up your child's medication(s) from the school nurse by noon on the last day of school (June 12<sup>th</sup>). The school cannot store any medication or medical supplies over the summer for the following school year.

According to school policy any medication must be discarded if not claimed. This includes prescription medicines, over-the-counter medicines, inhalers, EpiPens, etc. Thank you, and have a wonderful and safe summer!



As of May, we have collected **43,293 BOX TOPS!**

The classroom winner of the Pizza Party will be announced soon!

So far, we have received **1,864 My Coke Rewards points!**

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



Dear Watch D.O.G.S. Dads, WOW!! What a great year we had for the Watch D.O.G.S. program. We had 95% of school days filled with 47 Watch D.O.G.S. volunteers.

I would like to take the time to thank all the dads that supported this great program. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to show the students at LMES that you care for their education and safety. This program means so much to the students and staff at LMES! I would like to also thank the PTA for funding this great program, and Diane Rodriguez for all the hard work she did for the program. Finally, thanks to all the ladies that took time out to serve at the Pizza Kick Off and Donuts for Dads.

Can't wait to see you all for next year's KICK OFF!

Thanks,  
David Stewart  
Top Dog Director  
[davids1@hotmail.com](mailto:davids1@hotmail.com)

## Dues Increase - Vote Required!

In order to maintain budgetary needs of the PTA, we will need to raise the PTA annual dues from \$5 per person, per year, to \$6 per person, per year. This change will be effective for the 2014-15 school year.



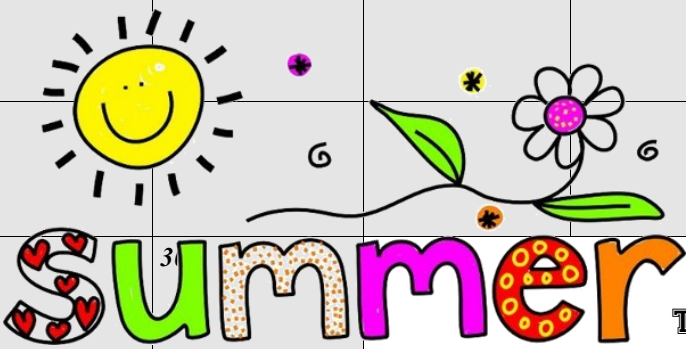
For the last 6 years, we have maintained our dues at \$5 even as many other area schools increased their dues, and we feel that we are making a wise decision to increase ours at this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sara Matthews at [bsnmatthews@aol.com](mailto:bsnmatthews@aol.com).

Please vote whether or not to approve this increase on the LMES PTA website: [lmespta.wordpress.com](http://lmespta.wordpress.com).

## Laurel Meadow Elementary School Mission Statement:

Laurel Meadow is a diverse community dedicated to providing a safe learning environment in which all students are inspired to achieve to their fullest potential.

# JUNE 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3  Spirit Night	4 SOL Make-up Days	5	6	7
8	9 K-2 <sup>nd</sup> End of Year Parties	10 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> End of Year Parties & Grade 5 Promotion	11	12 Last Day of School  Early Release	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22			26	27	28	
29			<b>COMING THIS FALL!</b> August 21 <sup>st</sup> - Kindergarten Parent Information August 28 <sup>th</sup> - Open House September 2 <sup>nd</sup> - First Day of School			

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## Laurel Meadow Look-Up

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| August     | Lightning  |
| Barbeque   | Mosquito   |
| Beach      | Picnic     |
| Break      | Pool       |
| Camping    | Sandals    |
| Firefly    | Shade      |
| Fishing    | Shorts     |
| Flip flops | Sprinkler  |
| Flowers    | Summer     |
| Fun        | Sun        |
| Gardening  | Sunburn    |
| Heat       | Sunglasses |
| Hotdogs    | Sunscreen  |
| Ice cream  | Swimming   |
| July       | Thunder    |
| June       | Vacation   |
| Lemonade   | Watermelon |



# HAVE A GREAT SUMMER BREAK!

