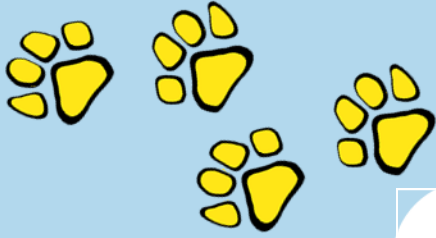


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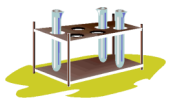
Nov. 4 - No School/
Parent-Teacher Conf.
Nov. 5 - Walk to School
Nov. 6 - Carpenter Coffee
& Chat - 1st & 2nd Grade
Nov. 10-14 - Book Fair
Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day
Performance &
Book Fair Family Night
Nov. 18 - Riverbound
Spirit Day
Nov. 20 - STEM Fair
Nov. 26-28 - No School



Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

I sure enjoyed seeing everyone get fit at our Family Fitness Night! The kid's love the one time they are allowed to run in the hallways! Speaking of getting fit; we hope that you will consider participating in our monthly Walk to School Wednesdays. If you don't live within walking distance, as I do, you can do what my girls and I did - drive and park in the surrounding neighborhood and walk the rest of the way to school. As silly as that is, my girls loved it! As always, Dads and kids enjoyed our Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza night. Thanks to all the Dads who have signed up to volunteer for Watch D.O.G.S. this year.

It is hard to believe that it is almost November. This time of year is always a fun-filled time with football games, apple and pumpkin picking and getting ready for the holiday season! We hope you plan to join us this year to see our talented 3rd graders in the Veteran's Day Performance on Tuesday, November 11th. Plus you won't want to miss the talent from our "scientists" at the STEM Fair on Thursday, November 20th.



Thank you to everyone that has helped the PTA thus far. Unfortunately, we are still short on our fundraising goals. We will be accepting any donations you would like to give throughout the year, or you can still purchase discount cards and/or spiritwear. If every child at the school sold only ONE discount card, we would be able to make our goal. These \$10 cards provide you with great discounts at local business for one year. Within only 3-4 visits to these business you will have already made your \$10 back! Please ask your family or neighbors if they would be interested in one. Fortunately, we have already been able to provide some much needed materials for our teachers.

Although we are still in the planning stages for many upcoming events, please be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, December 13th for our 7th annual Snowflake Breakfast! Information and ticket order forms will be coming home soon. We will also have the silent auction baskets again this year. These could make a perfect gift for someone. We can't make these events successful without your help, so please consider volunteering for this event..

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas at daveanddanahughes@comcast.net.

Sincerely,
Dana Hughes
PTA President



November is a time for thanks and gratitude. As a school community, we are thankful for supportive parents, dedicated teachers and outstanding students. As we focus on the positive aspects of our school, we always know that continuous improvement is a part of our culture. All Hanover Schools participate in the School Improvement Process which is driven by AdvancED. This is an international organization that reviews individual schools and school divisions based on standardized Standards of Quality. This year, we are reviewing our school mission statement as part of this ongoing process. Our current mission statement is:

Give Thanks

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.

If you have any suggestions for a new or revised mission statement, please email Ms. Carpenter at kcarpenter@hcps.us.

A major component of an effective school is that there are opportunities for parents to



be informed of their child's learning progress. One opportunity to have a direct conversation with your child's teacher will be on Tuesday, November 4th. This is a day

designated for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Scheduling a conference with your child's teacher provides a wonderful

opportunity to share information, discuss concerns, solve problems and establish a positive working relationship. To ensure that you have a productive conference, it is recommended that parents create a list of items to discuss in advance. The ideas below should help you cultivate a positive working relationship with the classroom teacher.

Before the conference:

- 🐾 List important family information that the teacher needs to know.
- 🐾 List specific academic concerns.
- 🐾 Discuss with your child his/her concerns about school.
- 🐾 Call the school in advance to request special accommodations. (example, translator)

During the conference:

- 🐾 Share your questions or concerns.
- 🐾 Be a good listener.
- 🐾 Take notes.
- 🐾 Develop a plan of action related to areas of concern.

After the conference:

- 🐾 Discuss with your child the highlights of the conference-emphasize the positive comments and share areas where improvement is needed.
- 🐾 Maintain communication with the teacher.
- 🐾 Implement the plan of action as discussed with the classroom teacher.

Working together as a team will help ensure that your child has a successful school year.



CHARACTER CORNER

The month of November is dedicated to learning about **FAIRNESS!** As parents we've all heard our children at some point say, "That's not fair!" This may be in reference to how a sports game they had participated in ended or how a cookie was divided among two people. **Fairness** should not be defined as favoring one person above another. Rather, **fairness** is about allowing everyone involved an equal opportunity to succeed.

At home, you can teach **fairness** by encouraging your child to offer a friend who is over to play the chance to choose the first toy or instructing your child not to blame others for his/her mistake. Ask your child to give examples of showing **fairness** (following the rules when playing a game, taking turns, sharing, treating others with honesty and respect, taking action to help when someone is being treated unfairly, etc.).



We had **71** students walk to school on our **FIRST** walk to school Wednesday! Let's see if we can top that in November!

Walk to School
Wednesday, November 5th!



LIBRARY NEWS

Library Catalog & Checkout

The library catalog can be accessed from home at <https://hanoverschools.follettdestiny.com/> Use student account numbers to search or hold books. E-books can be read too.

- 📖 Books may be renewed. Bring back the book(s) to the library to renew.

Scholastic Fall Book Fair

- 📖 November 10th-14th
- 📖 Family Night-November 11th 2:30-6:30 pm



Reading Olympics Meeting

- 📖 November 7th, 7:50-8:10 am




SAVE THE DATE

Annual Snowflake Breakfast

Saturday, December 13th

Pancakes * Entertainment * Vendors

Support **LMES** on
Tuesday, November 18th



Join us at **Riverbound CAFE**










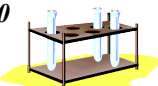

7:00 am - 9:00 pm



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

for the
Rock n' Roll 5K
Spring 2015

NOVEMBER 2014

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| COMING IN DECEMBER: | 2 nd - McDonalds Spirit Night 3 rd - Walk to School Wednesday 4 th - 3 rd & 4 th Coffee/Chat 5 th - LMES Spirit Wear Day | | 13 th - Snowflake Breakfast 18 th - 3 rd -5 th Winter Parties 19 th - K-2 nd Winter Parties 22 nd through Jan. 2 nd - No School | |  | 1 |
| 2  | 3 | 4 No School/ Parent-Teacher Conferences | 5  Walk to School | 6 Carpenter Coffee & Chat (1 st /2 nd)  | 7 Reflections Entries Due Spirit Wear Day  | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11  Veteran's Day Perf. & Book Fair Family | 12  Book Fair | 13 | 14 | 15  Newsletter Submissions Due |
| 16 | 17 | 18  Riverbound CAFÉ Spirit Day | 19 | 20  STEM Fair | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 No School | 27  | 28 No School | 29 |
| 30 | | | | | | |

Don't forget to join us for our 1st Annual STEM Fair (previously the Science Fair) on Thursday, Nov. 20th at 6:30 pm! Families are invited to join us for a night of viewing science projects and participating in science experiment tables, math games, and engineering challenges.



I'm very excited about the 2014-2015 school year for the Watch D.O.G.S program. The Watch D.O.G.S. program will be in full swing for it's 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". Let's 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. We have 119 days of the school year still open for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please go to <http://vols.pt/q94mr4> for the LMES calendar. If you have any questions about Watch D.O.G.S. or can't get on the web page, please email me at 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

Reflections

**Entries Due
November 7th
to the LMES
Main Office**

**Awards
Ceremony
November 20th
(at the STEM Fair)**

If you have any questions, please contact Art and Education Chair, Heather Bronson, at 248-5802 or HeatherWBronson@gmail.com

Entry forms are available outside the Art

Room and on the LMES website under

"Reflections".

