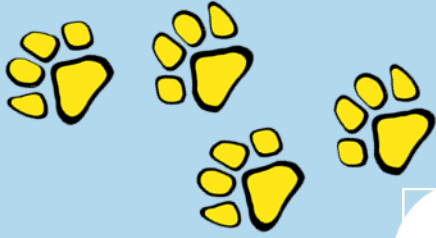


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# LMES

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## Upcoming events

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Feb 13 - Family Dinner and Dance  
Feb 16 - No School  
Feb 19 - Early Release  
Feb 24 - Chick-fil-A Spirit Day  
Mar 4 - Walk to School  
Mar 6 - Spirit Wear Day  
Mar 10 - Papa John's Teacher Delivery Night  
Mar 17 - Ashland Skateland Spirit Night



## Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

I would like to thank all the Dads who attended our Watch D.O.G.S. Donuts for Dads event. We had great attendance with over 300 Dads and students enjoying yummy donuts. I know your children sure enjoy spending the morning with their Dads! Thanks also to David Stewart, who has helped make the Watch D.O.G.S program such a success at LMES.



Ahoy ye Pirates! Ye must be sure to gather pirates' fer a grand scurvy pirate parrty! Make no mistake. We do. Thar gunna be treasure to be hunted or ye might have to walk th' plank if ye come up empty handed! Avast ye Pirates and be sure to gather on Friday February 13<sup>th</sup> for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Family Dinner & Dance! Plan to shiver your timbers with Mr. Z in the gym and be sure to dress yer pirate best!



We will have best dressed pirates' fer each lad and lass!

We are looking forward to some exciting activities planned for March. First, we kick off the month with our Papa John's Teacher Delivery Night (March 10<sup>th</sup>). Then we are going to have a Green time with our St. Patrick's Day Roller Skating Party at Skateland in Ashland (March 17<sup>th</sup>). Finishing off the month, our 1<sup>st</sup> graders are going to show us their talent in the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Musical on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to mark your calendars and join us for all these fun activities! More information about each of these events will be sent home soon in Tuesday folders.



As always, we could not make our events a success without the help of the parents! So, please consider volunteering for any of these wonderful activities and events.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas at [daveanddanahughes@comcast.net](mailto:daveanddanahughes@comcast.net).

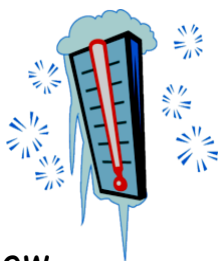
Sincerely,  
Dana Hughes  
PTA President



# Principal's Corner - Ms. Karen Carpenter



Colder temperatures have arrived to our area; however, we still strive to get our students outside for exercise if the



temperatures are not too low. Remember to send your children to school with the necessary attire for outdoor play: sturdy footwear, a coat, a hat and gloves. A few minutes of vigorous outdoor activity helps students to maintain their focus and is essential to maintain an active physical lifestyle. We do monitor the weather on a daily basis and have indoor recess if the weather is inclement, temperatures are very low or if it is very windy.

In addition, when the weather turns very inclement during the school day, occasionally the division decides to close early. At the beginning of the school year, parents were asked to provide an emergency early dismissal plan to the classroom teacher. If



your emergency dismissal plan has changed, then please be sure to give that information to your child's teacher. Please remember that emergency closings are announced on local television, radio stations and the school division's web page.

Even though it has been cold outside, learning and student achievement

continues to be the main focus within the building. At Laurel Meadow, we are fortunate to have an outstanding staff. Erin Adams is Laurel Meadow's Teacher of the Year and Hanover County's



Teacher of the Year. Recently, Alicia Broughton was honored as a National Board Certified Teacher. She joins the ranks of several other NBCT's on our

staff: Hilary Coakley, Elena Faulkner, Meg Switzer, Rachel Martin and Carol Anne Ziolkowski. Another way to acknowledge a teacher that has had a positive impact on your child's school experience is to nominate him/her for a R.E.B. Award for Teaching Excellence. A teacher that receives this award can receive a grant ranging from \$4,000 - \$12,000. The funds are utilized to provide the teacher with a professional development experience. Laurel Meadow has had two teachers receive this prestigious honor in the past: Sarah Bazemore (former teacher) and Melissa Lehman. If you are interested in nominating a teacher for consideration, then please go to the R.E.B. website to complete the nomination form prior to Monday, February 23, 2015. Also, we will make some nomination packets available in the main office.



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





## CHARACTER CORNER

What is **CARING**? Feeling empathy toward others? Showing kindness? Helping a friend when there is a need? **Caring** can be all of those things and more. Continuing in February, Laurel Meadow Lions will learn about our third character trait: **Caring**. Students will watch videos, listen to stories and complete classroom activities during the months of January and February to help explain what **caring** looks and feels like. At the end of February, teachers will each select one student that has best exemplified this trait, and those students will be awarded certificates of recognition.



Dear LMES Parents,

I would like to thank ALL the volunteers for taking time out of their busy schedules to support our Watch D.O.G.S. program. We are only at 47%

days full for this year, so we need all the dads to step up, sign up and show up to support their kids' education.

### It just take three EASY steps.

**First step:** You type in the following link:  
<http://vols.pt/q94mr4>.

**Second step:** You need to enter your email address so a reminder will go out to you the week of your day of volunteering.

**Third step:** Please enter the name of your student(s) in the space for your phone number. This will help make your daily schedule so you can enjoy your day with your student(s).

I'm sad to say this year is going to be my last year as Top Dog Director. I had a great four years leading this great program. If you are interested in being part of the leadership of our Watch D.O.G.S. program and would like to take over as Top Dog Director, please email me. Thanks for all the great memories.

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.

Thanks,  
David Stewart  
Top Dog Director

## Mark Your Calendar for the Rock n' Roll 5K May 2, 2015

The 5K Team would like to thank our current sponsors for supporting this year's race:

- ☆ EJ Wade Construction
- ☆ Papa Johns
- ☆ Sklar Technology Partners
- ☆ L&M Carpet One
- ☆ Hanover Animal Hospital
- ☆ Flexicell
- ☆ Patient First
- ☆ Corry & Corry, P.C.
- ☆ Tolley Electric Company
- ☆ The Eschler Family

If you would like to join our sponsorship team and take advantage of advertising opportunities that will reach a large audience, please visit [lmes5k.weebly.com](http://lmes5k.weebly.com) for more information!

# Shh!

Going once,  
going twice,

## SOLD!



Come out and support  
LMES class art at the  
**Silent Art Auction**  
Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bidding ends at 7:30 p.m.  
All proceeds go to the PTA.  
Items up for auction include:

16 oz. ceramic mugs (5),  
decorative plate chargers  
(5 sets of 4), floor lamps (6),  
glass candle holders (5),  
ceramic bowls (5), and  
wooden chairs.

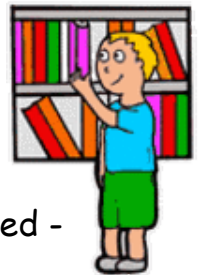
\* Special thanks to  
Mrs. Bronson and  
All Fired Up (Short Pump).



Ahoy mates!!! Arrrrre you ready  
to dance?!?! Mark your calendars  
for Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> for the  
LMES Dinner and Pirate Dance!



- 📖 Reading Olympics Meeting -  
February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:50-8:15 am  
RO After School Practice -  
February 12<sup>th</sup> 2:30-3:45pm
- 📖 Parent Mystery Readers Needed -  
Week of February 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
Contact Mrs. Kaloski at [mkaloski@hcps.us](mailto:mkaloski@hcps.us)
- 📖 Access the library catalog from home at  
<https://hanoverschools.follettdestiny.com/>  
Use student account numbers to search or  
hold books. E-books can be read too.
- 📖 Access the Hanover County Public Schools  
Virtual Library at <http://hcps.us/VL> .



## DON'T COOK DINNER, ORDER PIZZA!

Papa John's Teacher Delivery Night is  
Tuesday, March 10<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!



Join us for Spirit Night at

## Ashland Skateland

Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

for a

## St. Patrick's Day Roller Skating Party



## Congratulations to our 2015 Spelling Bee Participants!



Carleigh Heckel (4<sup>th</sup>), Lucas Beasley (3<sup>rd</sup>), Christina Brown (5<sup>th</sup>), Meg Lavinder (3<sup>rd</sup>),  
Josie Pearson (2<sup>nd</sup>), Emmy Htaigler (2<sup>nd</sup>), Bailey Aycock (5<sup>th</sup>), Rachel Trimmer (4<sup>th</sup>)



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

Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - Reading, Part I

Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> - Reading, Part II

Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Math, Part I

Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Math, Part II

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

Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> - VA Studies

Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> - Reading

Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - Math, Part I

Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - Math, Part II

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

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

Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> - Math, Part I

Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Math, Part II

Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> - Science

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

Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> - Math

\* \* SOL Make-ups will occur throughout the  
testing window from May 13<sup>th</sup> - June 5<sup>th</sup>

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








Carleigh Heckel (1<sup>st</sup>)  
and Christina Brown  
(runner-up) are the  
winners  
of the  
LMES  
Spelling  
Bee.



## Congratulations!



# FEBRUARY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2	3	4	5	6  Spirit Wear Day	7
8	9	10	11	12	13  Family Dinner & Dance	14 
15  Newsletter Submissions Due	16  No School	17	18	19 Early Release	20	21
22	23	24  Spirit Day	25	26	27	28
<b>COMING IN MARCH</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> - Walk to School 6 <sup>th</sup> - Spirit Wear Day 8 <sup>th</sup> - DST Begins	10 <sup>th</sup> - Papa John's Teacher Delivery Night 13 <sup>th</sup> - Reading Olympics Competition	17 <sup>th</sup> - Ashland Skateland 20 <sup>th</sup> - Class Pictures 24 <sup>th</sup> - Variety Show Applications Due	26 <sup>th</sup> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Musical 27 <sup>th</sup> - Early Release 30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> - Variety Show Auditions		

## APRIL/MAY/JUNE UPCOMING EVENTS




April 1 - Walk to School	May 1 - Muffins for Mom
April 6-10 - Spring Break	May 6 - Walk to School
April 14 - Riverbound Café Spirit Day	May 12 - June 5 - SOLs
April 16 - Kindergarten Registration	May 25 - Memorial Day
April 22 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Field Day	June 1 - Sweet Frog Spirit Night
April 23 - K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Field Day	June 8 - K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Parties
April 25 - Hanover County Arts & Science Festival	June 9 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Parties
April 30 - Variety Show	June 10 - Early Release
	June 11 - Early Release/ Last Day of School

### 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.

## Laurel Meadow Yearbook!

### GET YOUR PAWS ON ONE!

-  56 page, ALL COLOR yearbook!
-  Only \$25.00!
-  Order online - credit cards and debit cards accepted!

[www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com)

Enter School Order Number: 10058

### Would you like to see more candid photos of your children in the yearbook?

You can use eShare! eShare is an easy way for parents to upload pictures of their children to a secure website for possible use in the yearbook. Parents can go to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and enter Laurel Meadow to get started. The school code for eShare is lmes10058. All photos must be submitted by the end of February!

