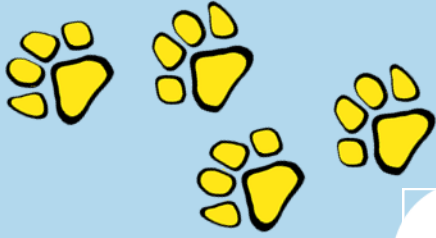


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Upcoming events


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Musical
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Apr 6-10 - Spring Break



Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

I would like to thank all the parents and students who attended our Family Dinner and Dance Pirate Party! It was such a fun evening with dancing, games and yummy spaghetti. I especially want to thank Leigh Davis Rooke and Leslie Fleming for coordinating such a great event. I hope you also made time to visit our Art Auction during the dance. The pieces of art were AMAZING!! Thanks to Heather Bronson and Jamesha Hairston for all of their hard work making this a success.

Coming up on March 10th, we will be having our 4th  Teacher Delivery Night. We need YOU to take the night off from cooking dinner and order pizza instead. Last year, we were able to raise over \$2000 in 4 hours to help support programs in our school.

We hope you will join the fun with our St. Patrick's Day Roller Skating Party at Skateland in Ashland on Tuesday March 17th! Come decked out in Green and enjoy the fun with your friends.  Finally we will finish off the month with our 1st graders showing off their talent in the 1st Grade Musical on March 26th.

This time of year gets so busy with spring sports kicking off and many fun activities for the whole family. This is also the time of year when we begin thinking about our PTA leadership for the next year. Some of our committee chairpersons will be returning; however, there are always positions to fill! Please consider joining our board and helping us plan new exciting things for next year. We are also seeking volunteers to help on our Nominating Committee this spring. If you would like more information, please contact me at daveanddanahughes@comcast.net.

Sincerely,
Dana Hughes
PTA President




Principal's Corner - Ms. Karen Carpenter




As a school community, we celebrate success and hard work on a daily basis. We are always proud of individual students and, of course, the entire school community. The Laurel Meadow Staff works as a team to provide positive learning experiences for all of the students we serve by having an ongoing commitment to academic excellence.

At Laurel Meadow, we are fortunate to have outstanding support employees. They work directly with the instructional staff to help provide a quality education to each student. Once a year, each school names their Outstanding Support Employee and takes the time to recognize their wonderful contributions. If you would like to nominate a bus driver, instructional assistant, custodian, a food service worker, an office professional or the school nurse, then feel free to get a nomination form from the front office. The nomination should be returned to Ms. Carpenter by March 6, 2015. Previous LMES winners have been Kathy Krodel (cafeteria manager), Barry Zeigler (technical systems operator), Mr. Ford (custodian), Carole West (kindergarten assistant) and Catherine Cooke (instructional assistant).

To enhance our students' ability to utilize technology at home, information about

 several programs has recently been sent home.

To ensure that all students have access to Office365, HCPS Technology Department is providing information related to downloading this updated program. Please review the directions that are included in the column to the right to download Office365.

 In addition, Laurel Meadow students have begun using **dreambox**® at school. This is an online program that focuses on building critical mathematical concepts. Students are also encouraged to utilize this program at home for at least 20 minutes twice a week. We look forward to

receiving parental input regarding this new program in the near future.

In the past, one event that is widely attended is the Laurel Meadow Annual Field Day. This school year, Field Day will occur in April. On Wednesday April 22nd, grades 3-5 will have field day. On Thursday April 23rd, grades K-2 will have field day. Having Field Day in June had been a challenge in the past due to the oppressive temperatures and the high humidity. So, please make sure you mark this on your family calendar.



Microsoft Office 365 Download Instructions

HCPS is pleased to offer students the ability to download up to five copies of Microsoft 2013 software for educational use on their home computers for free. Software versions are available for both Windows and Mac computers.

Students may obtain the information needed to access their Office365 account and download this software by logging into their PowerSchool/SchoolNet student portal and clicking on the My Office365 button. Each student's Office365 student login ID and password, together with complete instructions on accessing the software portal, are provided on this site. Please note that the access is provided through the student portal only-the PowerSchool parent portal does not contain any My Office365 information.

Students who need assistance with their PowerSchool/SchoolNet student portal account should contact their school registrar for their login information. More information regarding support for My Office365 can be found through the PowerSchool/SchoolNet student portal.

We hope that you find this opportunity to be of value and that it will further enhance your student's educational experience.



DON'T COOK DINNER, ORDER PIZZA!

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

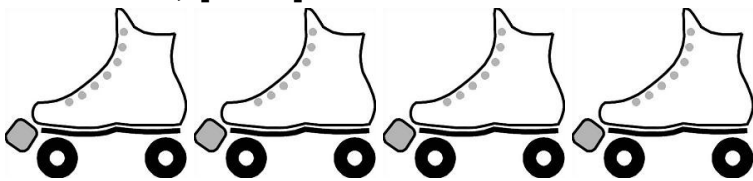
Ashland Skateland

Tuesday, March 17th

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Roller Skating Party

There will be **PRIZES** awarded for the
best/most green attire in each grade
level, plus parents and teachers



Mark Your Calendar

for the

Rock n' Roll 5K

May 2, 2015

For more information, please
visit lmes5k.weebly.com!

CHARACTER CORNER

It was exciting to see so many examples of Caring exhibited by students throughout January and February. In the month of March, we will focus on the character trait of **TRUSTWORTHINESS**. Each classroom will discuss the importance of being honest, keeping your promises, and being a reliable student. In order to reinforce **TRUSTWORTHINESS** at home, encourage your child to keep their word with siblings, praise the moments that they tell the truth after making a mistake, and acknowledge their efforts in being a dependable family member. We can also be adult role models by being a reliable friend, communicating honestly and keeping up with social and work obligations.



CONGRATULATIONS

to our LMES Reflections
Winners for Hanover County

Primary Division

Landis Bronson - Photography 1st place

Chloe Battin - Film 2nd place

Intermediate Division

Sophie Lynn - Music 1st place

Natalie Young - Visual Arts 2nd place

Sophie Lynn - Literature 3rd place

Landis' and Sophie's first place
entries from the County level moved on
to the Central Virginia District level.

Fence Sanders Needed

We need parent volunteers who have electric sanders to sand down the wood pickets. Any parent who can help out is asked to contact:

✍ Ms. Hairston at jhairston@hcps.us or

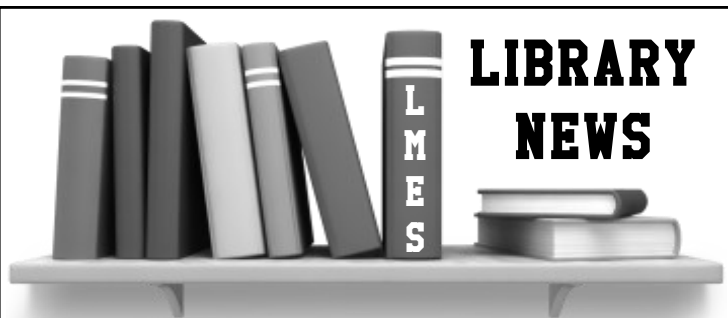
✍ Mrs. Tyler at rtyler@hcps.us.








Parents with electric sanders will sand off the old and peeling paint in order for primer to be painted. Interested parents will be contacted to schedule a day to pick up the pickets to sand or schedule a time to come to school to sand.



MARCH 2015




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4  Walk to School	5	6	7 
8  Daylight Savings Time Begins	9	10  Teacher Delivery Night	11	12	13  Reading Olympics Competition	14 
15  Newsletter Submissions Due	16	17  Ashland Skateland Spirit Night	18	19	20  Class Pictures	21
22	23	24 Variety Show Applications Due	25	26  1 st Grade Musical	27	28
29	30  Variety Show Auditions	31 	COMING IN APRIL: 1 st - Walk to School Wed. 6 th -10 th - Spring Break 14 th - Riverbound Spirit Day 16 th - Kindergarten Regis.		22 nd - 3 rd -5 th Field Day 23 rd - K-2 nd Field Day 25 th - Arts & Science Festival 30 th - Variety Show	



-  Read Across America - March 2nd
-  Reading Olympics Meeting - March 6th, 7:50 - 8:15 am 
-  Reading Olympics Competition - March 13th 10:00 am - 2:10 pm
-  Parent Mystery Readers Needed - Week of March 16th-20th
Contact Mrs. Kaloski at mkaloski@hcps.us
-  Richmond Flying Squirrels Nutzy Bookmarks Due - March 27th 

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Enter School Order Number: 10058

MAY/JUNE UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 1 - Muffins for Mom | June 8 - K-2 nd Parties |
| May 6 - Walk to School | June 9 - 3 rd -5 th Parties/
5 th Grade Promotion |
| May 12 - June 5 - SOLs | June 10 - Early Release |
| May 25 - Memorial Day | June 11 - Early Release/
Last Day of School |
| June 1 - Sweet Frog
Spirit Night | |

