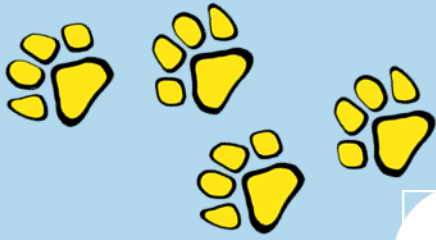


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Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

I would like to say a BIG "Thank You" to everyone who participated in our 4th Annual Teacher Delivery Night! Especially the Teachers...you ROCK!! It is always so much fun seeing the kids' faces when we deliver pizzas. What a great and fun way to raise money for our school.

It was a great night seeing all the kids decked out in their green for our St. Patrick's Day Roller Skating fundraiser! We hope everyone enjoyed this different event and look forward to doing it again! I know all the parents enjoyed seeing their shining stars for the 1st Grade Musical. We sure have some great talent in our school! Speaking of talent; be sure to join us on Thursday, April 30th for our Talent Show! The student participants have been working hard for this event.



PTA[®] *everychild.one voice.*[®] It is also that time of year to start thinking about the 2015-2016 PTA Board. We will be holding elections for next year's Executive PTA Board on April 30th at the PTA meeting at 6:00 pm. Elections are for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary only. If you are interested in one of these positions or would like to nominate someone, please contact me at daveanddanahughes@comcast.net NO LATER than April 16th. Nominations will close at this point and a slate will be selected for voting on April 30th.

All other PTA board positions are appointed, and we have several committee chair openings for next year! If you are interested in helping with any of the positions listed on the back under the calendar, please let me know.

We can't make our events a success at LMES without the help of you, the parents! All board meetings are once a month at 5:30 pm before a school event. Again, if you are interested in helping the PTA, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Support LMES at
Riverbound CAFE 
Tuesday, April 14th
All Day - 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

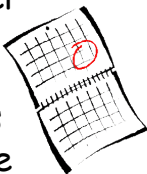
Sincerely,
Dana Hughes
PTA President



Principal's Corner - Ms. Karen Carpenter



It is truly difficult to believe that Spring Break is in a week and that we are entering the final nine weeks of the school year. The last nine weeks are packed with activities such as Field Day, The Arts and Science Festival, Spring Book Fair, SOL Testing, Muffins with Mom Breakfast, Kindergarten Registration, Variety Show, Volunteer Recognition Breakfast, and finally the Fifth Grade Promotion Program. So be sure to check Tuesday folders for detailed information in reference to all of these important events.



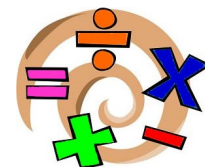
Also, please remember that although temperatures outside are warmer, Laurel Meadow is air conditioned and attire needs to be both comfortable for indoor activities and school appropriate. Shorts should be about mid-thigh or longer. Tops should have at least one inch straps - spaghetti straps, tube tops and backless tops are not appropriate for school. In addition, footwear needs to be safe for participation in Physical Education classes and for playing on outside equipment. Due to safety concerns and for maintenance of the hardwood gym floor, students must wear soft-soled shoes in the gym.



Kindergarten If you have a child who will reach the age of five on or before September 30, 2015, he/she is eligible to attend Kindergarten during the 2015-2016 school year. To complete the registration process, you need to provide: an official birth certificate, social security card, and two proofs of address. You can complete the School Enrollment Forms by going to the Hanover County website at www.hanover.k12.va.us and downloading the forms. Having the forms completed in advance will help you to have a smoother enrollment process. Kindergarten registration is scheduled for Thursday, April 16th from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Mathnasium TriMathlon!

Many thanks to Samantha Greene for participating in the 4th Annual Mathnasium TriMathlon and earning money for LMES.



Don't forget to check the Lost and Found



to retrieve misplaced belongings before the end of school! Unclaimed items will be donated.



3rd Grade SOL Tests:

Wednesday, May 27th - Reading, Part I
 Thursday, May 28th - Reading, Part II
 Tuesday, June 2nd - Math, Part I
 Wednesday, June 3rd - Math, Part II

4th Grade SOL Tests:

Tuesday, May 12th - VA Studies
 Friday, May 15th - Reading
 Tuesday, May 19th - Math, Part I
 Wednesday, May 20th - Math, Part II

5th Grade SOL Tests:

Thursday, May 14th - Reading
 Thursday, May 21st - Math, Part I
 Friday, May 22nd - Math, Part II
 Friday, May 29th - Science

6th Grade SOL Test:

Thursday, May 21st - Math

* * SOL Make-ups will occur throughout the testing window from May 13th - June 5th

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



CHARACTER CORNER

At Laurel Meadow, students and staff say a morning pledge, which includes the statement "I will be responsible for my learning."

RESPONSIBILITY is a big word and requires much. In April, we will be introducing our next character trait: **RESPONSIBILITY**. Students will learn to understand this concept through short stories, class activities and individual assignments. Parents can assist with **RESPONSIBILITY** by assigning small chores around the house, such as keeping their bedrooms clean, and explaining the importance of doing their homework each night, as well as doing their best at school each day.

A big congratulations goes out to those students who were selected as trustworthy examples during the month of March. We are proud of you!!

Mark Your Calendars!

Who: ALL LMES Friends and Family!

What:



Where: Laurel Meadow

When: Saturday, May 2nd
from 9:00 - ?

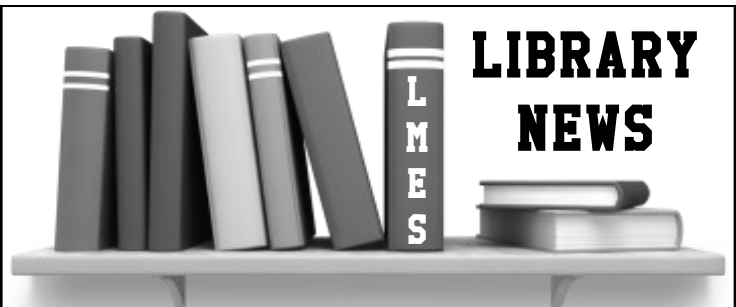
Why: To support health, wellness, and fundraising initiatives at LMES!


Join us for our biggest community event of the year! Prizes, the band Sons of Zebedee, a Mascot Run, Food, and more! You don't want to miss it! Find out more at LMES5k.weebly.com.

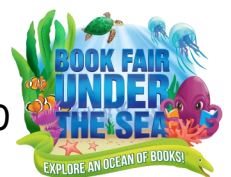
You can register to run on the website or return the form included in this newsletter to the school.

Volunteers are needed!



Race Packet Pick up:
Friday, May 1st from 3-5 pm or
Saturday, May 2nd from 8:00 -
8:45 am in the LMES Cafeteria.



- 📖 Reading Olympics Winners:
 - 1st: Fluffy Loch Ness Monster Readers
 - 2nd: Bookaneers
 - 3rd: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 📖 Poetry Alive Assembly (K-5th): April 17th
- 📖 LMES Flying Squirrels Reading 
Incentive Night: Thursday, April 23rd
- 📖 Under the Sea Spring Book Fair:
April 27th - May 1st
Family Night:
Tues., April 28th 2:30-6:30
Volunteers Wanted!
Email mkaloski@hcps.us if interested.



APRIL 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
COMING IN MAY:	1 st - Muffins for Mom 2 nd - Rock 'n Roll 5K & Fun Run 6 th - Walk to School Wednesday 12 th thru June 5 th - SOL Testing 25 th - Memorial Day / No School		1  Walk to School	2	3	4 
5	6 ←	7	8 	9	10	11 →
12	13	14  Riverbound CAFE Spirit Day	15  Newsletter Submissions Due	16 Kindergarten Registration	17	18
19 	20	21	22 3 rd -5 th Field Day 	23 K-2 nd Field Day	24	25 Arts & Science Festival
26	27	28	29	30  Variety Show 	May 1  Muffins for Mom	May 2  Laurel Meadow ROCK 'N ROLL 5K & FUN RUN

2015-2016 Open PTA Board Positions

Building & Grounds Chair: Coordinates with teachers, students and parents to develop, maintain and implement landscaping plans.

Box Tops Chair: Coordinates Box Tops for Education program.

Spirit Night Chair: Assists with coordinating spirit nights and getting the word out to the students and parents.

Family Dinner & Dance Chair: Leads and assembles a committee to help manage logistics for the event.

Garden Chair: Coordinates development of an on-campus garden and creation of an outdoor classroom.

Health & Safety Chair: Informs LMES of health & safety issues, coordinates programs and distributes info on pertinent topics.

Membership Chair: Organizes, encourages and monitors PTA memberships.

Room Parent Coordinator: Coordinates all Room Parents and provides information to help streamline and bring information to each class.

Volunteer Coordinator: Coordinates volunteers for PTA and school sponsored activities.

Watch D.O.G.S Chair: Coordinates program which is designed to help bring positive male role models into our school and children's lives.

Landis Bronson & Sophie Lynn



CONGRATULATIONS

to our LMES Reflections Winners

Richmond District Primary Division

Landis Bronson - Photography 2nd place

Richmond District Intermediate Division

Sophie Lynn - Musical Composition 1st place

State of VA PTA Intermediate Division

Sophie Lynn - Musical Composition 1st place

