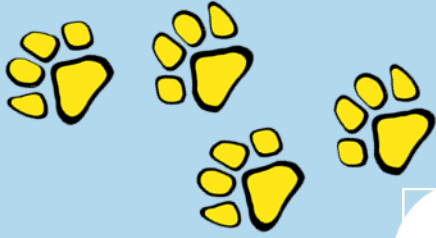


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Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

I can't believe the end of the year is right around the corner! I hope all the students enjoyed Field Day! Thanks to Mrs. Peggy Matthews for planning such fun days. Plus, thanks to Mrs. Tiffany Talley for planning our Variety Show presented on Thursday, April 30th! This is always so much fun for the students to participate and watch! We are also looking forward to seeing all the Moms again this year for "Muffins with Mom" on Friday, May 1st.

May is a busy time of year for our 3rd-5th graders who are taking their SOL tests. And everyone is busy preparing for the end of the year activities. I encourage each of you to take the time to recognize your child's teachers for the outstanding job they have done all year! Teacher Appreciation Week will be held May 4th-8th. A letter should have come home in Tuesday folders detailing some ways you can thank them. Don't forget the wonderful job our resource teachers have done with Art, Music, PE and Library!



We truly appreciate all of the ways you have volunteered this year at LMES. We still have several committee positions open for next year if you would like to get more involved. We are always excited to welcome new faces on our PTA board!! Without the help of you, the parents, we would not be able to make our school and events at LMES a success! Below are committees we are still trying to fill.

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: Inform LMES of health and safety issues, coordinates programs and distributes information on pertinent topics.

Membership Chair: Organizes, encourages and monitors PTA memberships.

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.

If you are interested in helping the PTA please reach out!

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Sincerely,
Dana Hughes
PTA President



Principal's Corner - Ms. Karen Carpenter



As the temperatures continue to rise outside, the level of school activities still continues to blossom. May is an extremely busy month with SOL Testing being a part of the school environment, beginning on May 12th and concluding on June 5th. Our students and teachers have worked hard to prepare for these annual assessments. Parents can help during this testing season by reviewing the testing schedule and being sure that your child has plenty of rest the night before each testing day. Also, talk about each test with your child in a positive manner, be encouraging and remind your child to "do their best on the test." Parents will receive individual test results with the final report card. If you have questions about your child's test results, please feel free to call the administrative team.



Related to warmer temperatures is a friendly reminder that flip flops are not considered appropriate footwear for students due to safety concerns. They are not a safe option for the playground equipment and may present a safety hazard on the stairs. Flip flops tend to break easily and many times require parents to make an unplanned trip to school with a replacement pair of shoes during the day.



Congratulations:

Thanks to Evan Barnes and Taylor Strath for representing LMES at the recent Superintendent's Student Advisory Luncheon. They had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Wilson and other division leaders. The goal of this annual event is to discuss the current state of our schools and to get student input related to how Hanover County Elementary Schools can improve. Continuous improvement and positive student achievement is always a goal for all educational facilities.

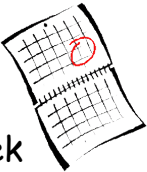


A warm congratulations goes to Mrs. Sarah Oates for being named Laurel Meadow Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Oates is an Academic Resource Teacher and is an original LMES staff member. In addition, Mrs. Beth Webel has been named Laurel Meadow Support Employee of the Year. She works in the library and is involved in every aspect of the media center.



Save The Date:

- May 1st - Muffins with Mom (7:30 am)
- May 4th-8th -Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 12th - SOL Testing Window begins
- May 25th - Memorial Day Holiday



Congratulations to the entire student body for raising over \$3,000.00 for the American Heart Association through the Jump Rope for Heart Program. The school was recognized as having a high level of student participation. Many thanks goes to Mrs. Peggy Matthews for organizing this worthwhile event for our students.



Peggy Matthews for organizing this worthwhile event for our students.

Announcing the Reflections Theme for 2015-16...
"Let Your Imagination Fly"

Don't forget to check the
Lost and Found

to retrieve misplaced belongings

before the end of school! Unclaimed

items will be donated.



ROCK 'N ROLL 5K & FUN RUN

Please Join Us
Saturday, May 2nd

Rock 'N Roll Music
Kona Ice & Food Trucks
Vendor Tables
Mascot Run



Come out and join us from 9-12, rain or shine, at the Rock 'N Roll 5K & Fun Run.

You don't have to run to have fun!

Enjoy music from the local band, Sons of Zebedee and take part in the BIGGEST fundraising event of the year!

Find out more at:

www.lmes5k.weebly.com

Contact us for more information at:
laurelmeadow5k@gmail.com

CHARACTER CORNER

Our final character trait of the school year is CITIZENSHIP. CITIZENSHIP encompasses all of the character traits that we have focused on this year and the ability to apply them to the community/world in which we live. A child's foundation built on morals and ethics supports the development of compassion, integrity, commitment, selflessness, and all other attributes that constitute a "good citizen". Children acquire social responsibility in an environment of respect, when they are expected to contribute to their families, and when they are not overindulged. Help your child develop an "I can!" attitude by setting goals and then providing support and encouragement needed to reach those goals. Model good CITIZENSHIP and praise your child when they exhibit these traits.



We have just collected

13,723 **BOX TOPS**!

In each grade level, the class with the most **BOX TOPS** will get ice pops.

The Winners Are:

Kindergarten - Mrs. Thurston - 742

1st grade - Mrs. Robins - 513

2nd grade - Mrs. Meyers - 605

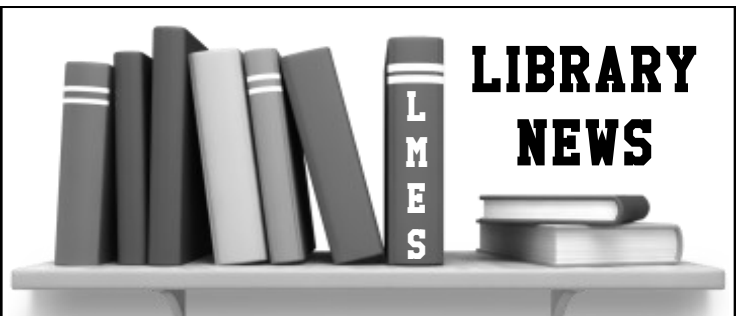
3rd grade - Ms. Adams - 851

4th grade - Ms. Switzer - 694

5th grade - Mrs. Martin - 908

Keep sending in those **BOX TOPS**!

The next collection will be May 15th!



📖 Under the Sea Spring Book Fair:
April 27th - May 1st

Family Night:

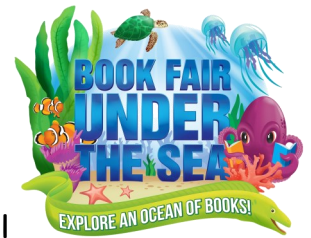
Tuesday, April 28th
2:30-6:30 pm

Volunteers Wanted!








Email mkaloski@hcps.us if interested.

📖 Mystery Reader Week -
May 18th-22nd

📖 May 29th - All books are due back to the library.



MAY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
COMING IN JUNE: 1 st - Sweet Frog Night 8 th /9 th - End of Yr Parties 10 th /11 th - Early Release 11 th - Last Day of School		<i>April 28</i> Book Fair Family Night	<i>April 29</i>  Book Fair	<i>April 30</i>  Variety Show 	<i>1</i>  Muffins for Mom	<i>2</i>  Lynel Meadows ROCK 'N ROLL 5:1 & FUN RUN
3	4	5 Teacher Appreciation Week	6  Walk to School	7	8	9
10	11	12 SOL Testing Begins (see below)	13	14	15  Collection Newsletter Submissions Due	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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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



Mothers should be celebrated!

RSVP to join us by returning the form from your child's Tuesday folder by Thursday, April 30th.

Join us
Monday, June 1st
5:00 - 8:00 pm @


 sweetFrog
 premium frozen yogurt
 on Bell Creek Road