

# TEAMING UP FOR AN ALL STAR YEAR



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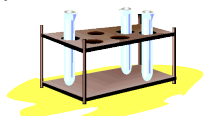


### Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

I would like to say a big "Thank You" to all of the Dads who attended our Watch D.O.G.S. Donuts for Dads morning. We had great attendance and fun was had by all. Thanks also to Mr. David Stewart, who has made our program such a great one!



I would like to congratulate all of the LMES students who participated in the Science Fair (rescheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup>). They put in a lot of time and hard work to make their projects interesting and informative. I am so proud of all of them! On February 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have another opportunity to showcase some of our very talented students at our Variety Show. This is an event you will not want to miss!



Also, I would like to encourage you all to attend our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Family Dinner and Dance - Luau style! The event will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> and include a spaghetti dinner and Luau-style dance for the whole family. We will also be having an Aloha Wear contest, so put on your Hawaiian Shirts, grass skirts (school appropriate attire ONLY) and dance the night away! Tickets for this event must be purchased in advance using the ticket order form that came home in Tuesday folders. Please join us in making this event a success!



Looking forward to March, we have lots of fun things planned such as our Family Fitness Night (March 13<sup>th</sup>) and our **PAPA JOHN'S** Teacher Delivery Night (March 20<sup>th</sup>). Please be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss the exciting things going on here at "The Meadow"! More information about these events will come home soon in Tuesday folders.

Please consider volunteering for any of these wonderful activities or events. It has been great to see many new faces helping out this year!

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact me at [bsnmatthews@aol.com](mailto:bsnmatthews@aol.com).

Sincerely,  
Sara Matthews  
**PTA** President

# ★★★ PRINCIPAL'S CORNER - MS. KAREN CARPENTER ★★★

As a school community, we always strive to enhance the technological tools available to our students. This school year, 50 iPads are being piloted as an instructional tool in Kindergarten and Fifth grades. The students and staff are learning strategies to incorporate this technological tool in an ongoing effort to enhance the instructional process.



Next, we plan to purchase additional SMART Boards for classrooms to insure that all students have the opportunity to interact with the newest technology on a daily basis. A Smart Board enhances whole group and small group instruction by:



- 📖 Promoting hands on learning
- 📖 Increasing student engagement
- 📖 Promoting higher level thinking
- 📖 Providing opportunity to address different learning skills
- 📖 Promoting 21<sup>st</sup> Century teaching and learning

All of our fundraising initiatives this year, including the new Kroger Card project, are designed to provide needed funds to purchase these new tools for our students. Thanks for supporting our efforts to provide the most engaging tools that will provide Laurel Meadow students access to the



most current technology and information. We will keep parents informed as we are able to provide more classrooms with the latest technological tools.

**Many thanks to the following individuals for their unsolicited cash donations to the school:**

- ◇ Pamela Meadow
- ◇ Temple Venture LLC (Sami Greene)
- ◇ Douglas and Patricia Gross

**Dates to Remember:**

February 7<sup>th</sup> - PTA Dinner and Dance

February 20<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Conferences  
1:30 - 6:30

February 27<sup>th</sup> - PTA Variety Show



**Meet Jennifer Utz  
Academic Resource Teacher**



I graduated from Radford University in 2005 with a degree in elementary education. I then went on to pursue a special education endorsement in specific learning

disabilities. I taught special education in Franklin County for three years before moving to Richmond. I spent the last five years teaching at Rural Point Elementary School. I recently got engaged to Jonathan Jones who works for the Hanover Police Department.



Dear LMES Parents,

We still have some openings for Watch D.O.G.S. volunteers to sign up. It is very easy! Just go to the link below and sign up for a day that you

would like to spend with your child. This program is a great opportunity to be a great role model for students of LMES and to keep our children safe in school.

You can sign up to volunteer for Watch D.O.G.S. at the Laurel Meadow Watch D.O.G.S. webpage at <http://lmswatchdogs.webstarts.com>. Go to the sign in page and click on the "volunteerspot" link. Please sign in with your email address - this is only used to send you a reminder of the day(s) that you signed up for. Just click on the day that you would like to sign up for and then click on confirm. Where it asks you for your phone number, please put student's teacher name and your children's name (s) there. This will help when creating your daily schedule for the day(s) that you have volunteered for.

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.

To see some of the Watch D.O.G.S. pictures, please go to the website link above.

Thanks,  
David Stewart  
Top Dog Director



Congratulations to the winners of the LMES Spelling Bee, held January 15<sup>th</sup>! They are Bailey Aycock and Henry Lavinder (alternate).

## Upcoming Parent Workshops

### **Bullying and Social Cruelty in Children**

Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Parents will learn proactive approaches they can take to preventing and recognizing the signs of bullying. The workshop will also include specific strategies that will help children affected by issues related to social cruelty.

### **Impact of Divorce on Children**

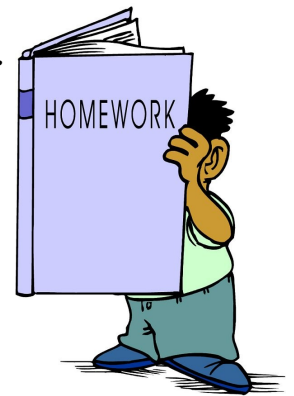
Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Divorce means change for both adults and children. Any period of adjusting to change can be hard. This workshop will help parents teach their children how to positively transition through a divorce and communicate more effectively about their feelings.

### **Resolving Homework Hassles**

Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

In this workshop, parents will develop strategies for promoting positive homework attitudes and habits. Parents will also gain insight and skills for responding to the reluctant learner.



*You're  
Invited!*

Laurel Meadow Elementary

**PTA**  
everychild.onevoice.

The LMES PTA board meetings are held monthly. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas and would like to attend a board meeting, please e-mail Sara Matthews at [bsnmatthews@aol.com](mailto:bsnmatthews@aol.com) for dates and times. Thank you for your continued support!

## Kroger Gift Card Fundraiser:

The Kroger gift card is one of the new fundraisers we are participating in that helps earn money for our school. Best of all, this program costs you nothing, but gives you the opportunity to earn money for Laurel Meadow Elementary. This is a rechargeable gift card that you can reload with any amount you choose, in order to pay for your groceries, pharmacy, fuel, and gift cards. Laurel Meadow earns 5% of all purchases with your gift card. Please visit the LMES website or call LMES for more information.



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

March 11<sup>th</sup> - Multiple Choice

March 12<sup>th</sup> - Short Paper

March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> - Make-ups

### 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Non-writing SOL Tests:

May 12<sup>th</sup> through June 6<sup>th</sup> (Specific dates for each test will be in the next PTA Newsletter)

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Reading, Math, Science, History

4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Reading, Math, VA Studies

5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Reading, Math, Science



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

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# Winter Word Search

S S J A N U A R Y E W W G S K R  
 L C C Z K L I L K I K U D K Z A  
 E A L E C C E A T E E L S I K E  
 D R K O I V L I D R A Z Z I L B  
 D F A C O F W E A T H E R N V R  
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Blizzard  
 Mittens  
 Boots  
 Penguin  
 Coat  
 Plow  
 Cocoa  
 Polar bear  
 Cold  
 Scarf  
 Earmuffs  
 Shovel  
 February  
 Skiing  
 Flurries  
 Sledding  
 Freezing  
 Sleet  
 Gloves  
 Sleigh  
 Hat  
 Snowball  
 Hibernate  
 Snowflake  
 Hockey  
 Snowman  
 Ice  
 Sweater  
 Icicle  
 Weather  
 Igloo  
 Wind  
 January  
 Winter



**BOX TOPS**  
FOR **EDUCATION**

**THIS YEAR WE HAVE COLLECTED**

**9,526** **BOX TOPS**

The November/December classroom contest winners are:

- K - Wilberger (673)
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Tyler (924)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Hester (446)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Adams (445)
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Hazelwood (772)
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Bauer (344)

We also have over **1,000** My Coke Reward Points! Keep sending in those **BOX TOPS** and entering your My Coke Rewards codes. The next **BOX TOPS** submission deadline will be April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

**Shh!**

Going once,  
going twice,

**SOLD!**



The LMES PTA

**Silent Art Auction** is

Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

from 6:00 to 7:30 pm







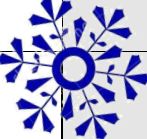
(during the Family Dinner & Dance).

There will be 32  
student-made art  
pieces up for auction.

All profits from the art  
auction go to the LMES  
**PTA**. Come out and  
support our LMES artists  
by bidding on art pieces  
created by each class.

Thank you for supporting  
art education!

# FEBRUARY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>COMING IN MARCH:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> - Walk to School Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Writing SOLs 13 <sup>th</sup> - Family Fitness Night		20 <sup>th</sup> - Papa John's Teacher Delivery Night 21 <sup>st</sup> - Spring Pictures			1
2	3	4 Parent Workshop	5	6	7 Dinner & Dance / Art Auction 	8
9	10	11 <i>Chick-fil-e</i> Spirit Night	12	13	14 	15  Newsletter Submissions Due
16	17 	18  Science Fair	19	20 Parent/Teacher Conferences	21	22
23	24	25 Parent Workshop	26	27 <b>PTA</b> Variety Show	28 	

## Congratulations to our LMES students who placed at the County Level for Reflections!!!

### Music Composition



#### Primary

- Landis Bronson – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
(I Believe I Can Do Anything)

#### Intermediate

- Sophie Lynn – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
(Two is Better than One)

### Photography



#### Primary

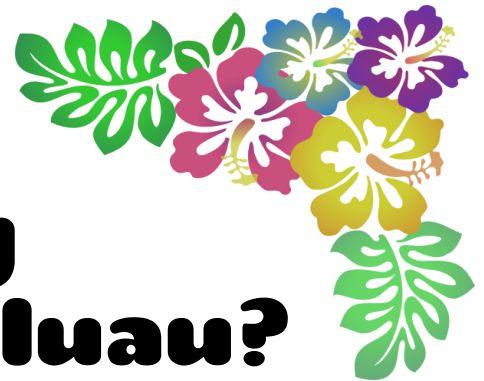
- Landis Bronson – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
(Feet Fly Me Fly Me)



Sophie Lynn has moved on to the District Level. Congratulations to our Hanover County winners.



# are you ready for a luau?



Are you coming to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Dinner and Dance on February 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 pm?

## APRIL/MAY/JUNE UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1 - BoxTops Deadline  
April 2 - Walk to School  
April 3 - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Field Day  
April 4 - K-2<sup>nd</sup> Field Day  
April 10 - Early Closing / Kindergarten Registration  
April 14-18 - Spring Break  
April 22 - Riverbound Café Spirit Night  
April 26 - Arts & Science Festival

May 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Musical  
May 6 - Sweet Frog Spirit Night  
May 7 - Walk to School  
May 13 - Muffins for Mom  
May 26 - Memorial Day  
June 3-5 - Papa John's Spirit Days  
June 9 - K-2<sup>nd</sup> Parties  
June 10 - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Parties  
June 12 - Last Day of School