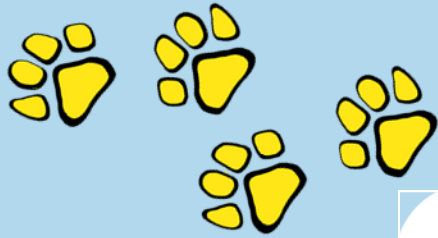


# Wild About Learning



# LMES

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## Upcoming events

- Mar 1 - No School
- Mar 8 - Skate Night @ Ashland Skateland
- Mar 10-11 - Spring Pictures
- Mar 17 - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Musical
- Mar 18 - Reading Olympics Competition
- Mar 22 -  Spirit Day
- Mar 28-Apr 1 - Spring Break
- Apr 12 -  Teacher Delivery Night



## Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

I would like to thank all the parents and students who attended our Family Dinner and Dance Totally 80's night! It was great to see over 200 people come out for a fun-filled night dressed in their neon to dance the night away. I especially want to thank Leslie Fleming for her hard work in organizing a great event.

We hope you will join us for another great night of Skating at Ashland Skateland on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>! This is a great spirit night for the kids to get some exercise and burn off some winter energy! Join us March 17<sup>th</sup> as our 1<sup>st</sup> graders show off their talent in the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Musical. Finally, we will finish off the month on March 22<sup>nd</sup> with a Chick-fil-A Spirit Day.



**PTA** everychild.onevoice 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 must think about our leadership for the next year. Some of our committee chairmen will be returning; however, most of our committee chairs will be moving on as their children are leaving LMES! Please consider joining our board and helping us plan new exciting things for next year. We have the following positions we will need to fill.

President	Family Dinner and Dance
Vice President	Historian
Secretary	Membership
Treasurer	Newsletter/Communication Design
Bylaws	Room Parent Coordinator
Box Tops - Community Programs	Volunteer Coordinator

If you have any questions about these positions, we will be holding an "information" meeting so you can find out what is involved with these committees. More information on this meeting will be coming home soon in Tuesday folders. If you would like more information in the meantime, please feel free to contact me at [daveanddanahughes@comcast.net](mailto:daveanddanahughes@comcast.net).

Sincerely,  
**Dana Hughes**  
**PTA** President



As a school community, we celebrate success and hard work on a daily basis. We are always proud of our students and entire school population for the hard work we observe daily. 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.

Annually, Mrs. Kaloski and Mrs. Webel, our library team, challenge our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to read 40 books between the months of October and March. The students are divided into teams, and they work as a group to read all of the books. In March, there is a Reading Olympics Competition with a focus on working as a team to answer questions about the books they have read. This is a fun activity and gets many students to read a variety of books. Also, this team activity teaches them the importance of communication and collaboration. Parents and teachers get involved by becoming team coaches. There is a big celebration on competition day because we are always very proud of the commitment of the students, parents, and staff that support this activity. Look for the names of the winning teams in the April Newsletter.



In the spirit of celebration, it is time to select a LMES Support Employee of the Year. At Laurel Meadow, we are fortunate to have outstanding support employees.

They work directly with the teachers to help provide a quality education for each student. Once a year,



each Hanover County School selects their Outstanding Support Employee in order to recognize their wonderful contributions. If you would like to nominate a bus driver, instructional assistant, custodian, food service worker, office professional, or school nurse; then feel free to get a nomination form from the front office. The nomination should be returned to Ms. Carpenter. Previous winners have been:

- ☆ Ms. Kathy Krodel (cafeteria manager),
- ☆ Mr. Barry Zeigler (technical systems operator),
- ☆ Mr. Tracy Ford (custodian),
- ☆ Mrs. Carole West (kindergarten assistant),
- ☆ Mrs. Catherine Cooke (former instructional assistant),
- ☆ Ms. Bonnie Diehr (former instructional assistant), and
- ☆ Mrs. Beth Webel (library assistant).

We are looking forward to celebrating more student and staff achievements in the remaining months of the school year.

Important March Dates:

- 🐾 March 1: School Closed - Primary Election Day
- 🐾 March 10: Pre-K-2 Spring Pictures
- 🐾 March 11: 3-5 Spring Pictures
- 🐾 March 17: Grade 1 Musical
- 🐾 March 18: Reading Olympics Competition
- 🐾 March 28 - April 1: Spring Break



**At Laurel Meadow,**

I respect myself and others.  
I have the power to make good choices.  
I am responsible for my learning.  
I have pride in my school.





## March is Youth Art Month

Celebrate this month by encouraging your artist to make art at home or by drawing a picture for someone special.

# WANTED

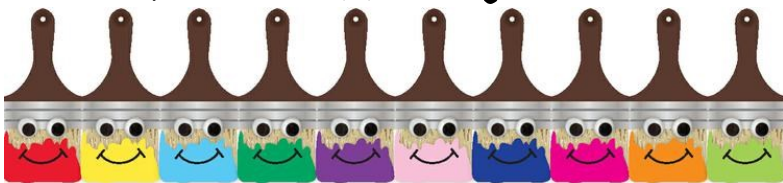
### Plastic Gallon Jugs & Newspaper



The Art room is in need of plastic gallon jugs and newspaper. If you use plastic gallon jugs (milk, water, juice, tea, etc.), save them and send them into the Art room. Please wash or rinse out the jugs. The jugs will be used for a papier mâché mask project. Also, we need newspaper (no sales ads or coupons) to wrap student clay projects.



Thank you for supporting art education!



## CHARACTER CORNER

During the month of March, we remind our LMES students to demonstrate the character trait **TRUSTWORTHINESS**. **TRUSTWORTHINESS** means always telling the truth and being willing to admit wrong-doing. It also means allowing friends to confide in you when they need to. Encourage your child to be **TRUSTWORTHY** at home and at school by stressing that honesty is always the best policy. Even if there is a consequence for being honest about something you did, it is better to own up to it and learn from your mistake than it is to try and get out of trouble by being dishonest.



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

## Order Your Yearbook



Have you purchased your LMES yearbook yet? Now is the time to get one! Don't miss out on seeing the special memories that will be captured in this year's yearbook. Please go to [yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com) and use code 10058 to purchase your LMES yearbook today!



# ROCK 'N ROLL 5K & FUN RUN

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Join us at LMES for a morning of fitness, fundraising, and FUN!

Registration is NOW OPEN!

Register before April 15<sup>th</sup> to guarantee a Race Shirt and Swag Bag!

For more information, go to <http://lmes5k.weebly.com/>.



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

Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Reading, Part I  
Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Reading, Part II  
Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Math, Part I  
Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Math, Part II

4<sup>th</sup> Grade SOL Tests: (Reading test is now administered over two days.)

Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – VA Studies  
Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Reading, Part I  
Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Reading Part II  
Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Math, Part I  
Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Math, Part II

5<sup>th</sup> Grade SOL Tests: (Reading test is now administered over two days.)

Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – Reading, Part I  
Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Reading, Part II  
Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Math, Part I  
Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Math, Part II  
Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – Science

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

Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Math

\* \* SOL Make-ups will occur throughout the testing window from May 17<sup>th</sup> - June 10<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!



## What's Missing?

Is there something you wish were in our PTA monthly newsletter?  
E-mail [LMESnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:LMESnewsletter@gmail.com).

## Lost and Found Articles of the Week

In an effort to return lost and found items to their owners, we have started a Lost and Found Article of the Week.

So far highlighted items have been:

1. a dark blue Colonial Williamsburg blanket
2. a light blue hooded sweatshirt with the word "Hershey" on the front
3. a black hoodie with "Adidas" on front
4. a pink & purple jump rope
5. a rainbow striped hat with a white pompom on top



If any of these items belong to you, please come to the front office to claim them.



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for LMES, our students,  
and our teachers!

Keep sending in those !



Does your husband work from home?

Do you need a break?

Or... does he need a break from work in the office?

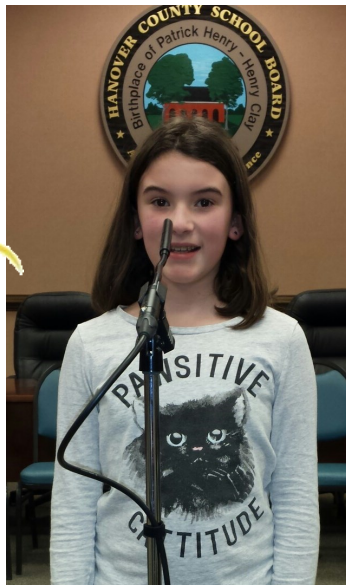
Watch D.O.G.S. is here to help!

Sign him up for a day at school with the kids.

**YOU'RE WELCOME!**



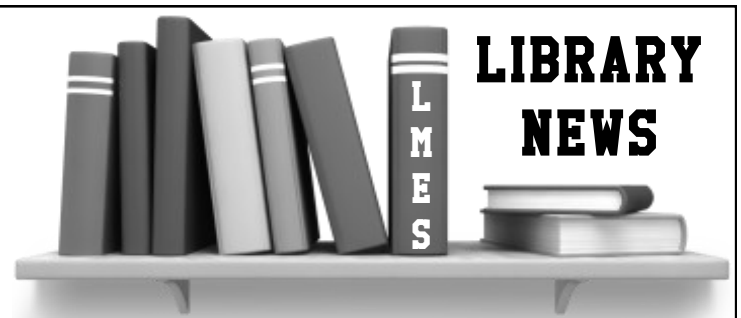
Sign-up is easy and online! <https://LMESPTA.wordpress.com/watch-d-o-g-s/>



Congratulations to Carleigh Heckel, Laurel Meadow's Spelling Bee Winner. She placed third at

the County Spelling Bee Competition. Emily Willard was the Laurel Meadow Spelling Bee runner-up. We are proud of both of these great spellers!!

**The LMES PTA has a website!**  
**Check us out at:**  
**[LMESPTA.wordpress.com](https://LMESPTA.wordpress.com)**



**Dr. Seuss' Birthday:**

📖 Read Across America - March 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Reading Olympics:**



📖 Team Meeting

Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 7:50 - 8:15 a.m.

📖 Book summaries are due March 4<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for Top Reader prizes.

📖 Reading Olympic Competition  
Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

**Mystery Reader Week:**

📖 March 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>



**Richmond Squirrels Nutzy Bookmarks:**

📖 Due March 30<sup>th</sup>











We would like to encourage you to access our Virtual Library at <http://hcps.us/lmes/library.htm>.



Find out more about our library collection through Destiny Library Catalog, read an ebook, or use online reference sources that are up to date and reliable.



# MARCH 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 No School 	2	3	4 LMES Spirit Wear 	5
6	7	8 Ashland Skateland Skate Night 	9	10 PreK-2 <sup>nd</sup> Spring Pictures 	11 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Spring Pictures	12
13	14	15 Newsletter Submissions Due 	16	17 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Musical 	18 Reading Olympics Competition 	19 
20	21	22 Chick-fil-z Spirit Day 	23	24	25	26
27	28 Spring Break	29	30 <b>Coming in April!</b>	31	1	2

March 28<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup> - Spring Break  
12<sup>th</sup> - Papa Johns Teacher Delivery Night  
19<sup>th</sup> - Sweet Frog Spirit Night  
28<sup>th</sup> - Variety Show

Join us for Spirit Night at  
**Ashland Skateland**  
**Skate Night**  
Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



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.

**DON'T COOK DINNER, ORDER PIZZA!**

Papa John's Teacher Delivery Night is Tuesday, April 12<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!

