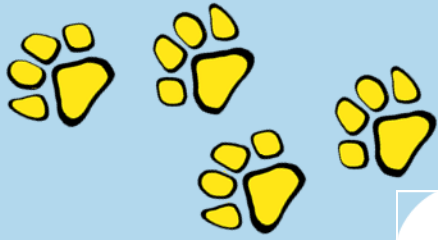


# Wild About Learning



# LMES

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## Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,



Coming up on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our 5<sup>th</sup> Teacher Delivery Night. We need YOU to take the night off from cooking dinner and order pizza instead. Last year, we raised almost \$2000 in 4 hours to help support programs in our school. Then, we hope you will join us for a night of sweets at our Sweet Frog Spirit Night on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

I know all our 1<sup>st</sup> grade parents enjoyed seeing their shining stars for the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Musical. We sure have some great talent in our school! Speaking of talent, be sure to join us on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> for our Variety Show! The student participants are working hard for this event.

We are still in need for lots of committee board volunteers! We can't bring all of our fun and exciting activities to the students without parent volunteers! Please consider volunteering for one of the PTA board positions below.

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

We will be holding an information session on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm in the Multi-purpose room. If you would like to know more about one of these committees please stop by and see what *your* PTA is all about! Some committees don't require a lot of time; others are easily done with just a computer and some emails. Be sure to swing by before the Variety show to find out. 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



It is truly difficult to believe that Spring Break is over and that we are approaching the final nine weeks of school. This last stretch is packed with activities such as Field Day, the Arts and Science Festival, Spring Book Fair, SOL Testing, Muffins with Mom, Kindergarten Registration, the Variety Show, Walk to School Wednesday, Teacher Pizza Delivery Night, the LMES Rock-n-Roll 5K, and the Fifth Grade Promotion Program. Please be sure to check Tuesday folders for detailed information in reference to all of these important events.



As we think of Spring, everyone starts to think of warmer temperatures and outdoor activities. Parents, please remember that our school is air conditioned, and school attire needs to be appropriate and safe. Please see the Fashion Alert below, and review it with your child. We will distribute individual reminders as needed until the end of the school year.

In addition, children will be spending more time outside as the temperatures are warmer at home. Make sure your child stays safe by following a few general guidelines: check their bike helmet to ensure that it is properly fitted, remember the sunscreen,

keep them hydrated, and maintain adult supervision when they are outside playing. A few small precautions will help to keep your child safe.

Let's work together to maintain a safe environment at home and at school. Your ongoing support is truly appreciated!

Finally, if you have a child who will reach the age of five on/or before September 30, 2016 then he/she is eligible to attend Kindergarten in September. To complete the registration process, parents/guardians need to provide: an official birth certificate and two proofs of your current address. You can complete the School Enrollment Forms by going to the Hanover County website and downloading the registration forms at [www.hanover.k12.va.us](http://www.hanover.k12.va.us). Kindergarten registration is scheduled for Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at LMES. We are looking forward to meeting our new students.

**Congratulations!**  
Sarah Willard - LMES  
Teacher of the Year!



## Fashion Alert



As temperatures get warmer, we would like to remind students and parents of the appropriate dress attire for school. Please ensure that your child adheres to the following Dress Code for LMES:

- ☆ Shorts should be at least fingertip length when your child's arms are resting straight by their side.
- ☆ Tops should have at least 1 inch straps. (Spaghetti straps, tube tops, halter tops, midriffs, and muscle shirts are not appropriate for school.)
- ☆ Flip flops are not safe in the building or on the playground. (Sandals with straps on the back are preferred. Please continue to wear tennis or running shoes on PE days!)

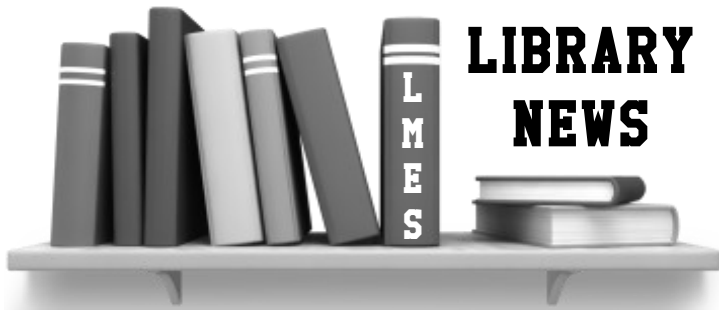
Thank you for your support as we strive to maintain a safe and distraction-free learning environment!

A student's dress and appearance shall not be such that it causes disruption, distracts others from the educational process, or creates a health or safety problem. Students must comply with specific division and school building dress regulations, of which students will be given prior notice.

(Code of Student Handbook, p. 7)



# LIBRARY NEWS



**LMES Nutzy Night:**  
📖 Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>



**Feeling Groovy Book Fair:**

📖 April 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>

📖 Family Night -

Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 3:00-6:30pm

📖 Volunteers Wanted! Go to Sign Up Genius  
<http://tinyurl.com/jqfzd6c>



**Reading Olympics Winners:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Blue Panthers

2<sup>nd</sup>: Reading Rebels

3<sup>rd</sup>: Golden Readers



## CHARACTER CORNER

**RESPONSIBILITY** is the Character Education trait for the month of April. **RESPONSIBILITY** is a duty or obligation to satisfactorily perform or complete a task. If the duty or task is not complete, there can sometimes be a penalty or consequence. It is the **RESPONSIBILITY** of each LMES student to be prepared and ready to learn each day. How can parents help teach their child **RESPONSIBILITY**?

- ◆ Get your child to school on time and ready to learn. Your child should be on time daily and bring everything he/she needs for the day with them (their homework, a lunch, etc.) and be organized.
- ◆ Teach them to respect the teacher. Remember to encourage your child to use manners when speaking with teachers. Students don't have to always like what the teacher asks them to do, but they can still be respectful.
- ◆ Make sure your child is behaving, paying attention, and listening closely in class. If other students start talking, remind your child he/she can quietly tell them to stop and listen. If they still don't stop, just ignore them.
- ◆ Turn in homework. Make sure you know what homework is due for your child. Encourage your child to spend a sufficient amount of time on homework every night and to turn it in on time.
- ◆ Teach your child to help others. We all need help in our lives at some point. Teach your child to be kind to others. If he/she sees another student who needs help, encourage him/her to lend a helping hand.

Students who demonstrate **RESPONSIBILITY** through self-control and dependability will strive to do so even when there is no one watching to hold them accountable. We will encourage LMES students to develop the trait of **RESPONSIBILITY** through group work, class jobs, and showing "grit" when meeting academic and social goals. Keep up the hard work, Lions!

Have you **LOST** anything?  
We have **FOUND** lots of stuff!

Coats, hats,  
lunchboxes,  
gloves, and  
jackets, oh my!



At the end of the year, all  
unclaimed items will be donated!

# ROCK 'N ROLL 5K & FUN RUN

Saturday, May 14, 2016

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

Registration is 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/>.

LMES would like to thank the following businesses for sponsoring this year's Rock 'N Roll 5K.



THE THIEL-MORRIS TEAM  
"Your real estate partners for life"

**Patient First**  
Neighborhood Medical Centers



Laura D's...  
Hair & Day Spa



Tolley Electrical Corp.



Laurel Meadow



**Mechanicsville Toyota**  
*Where what you drive is our business*



ADAMS, JENKINS AND CHEATHAM  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND BUSINESS CONSULTANTS



Sklar  
Technology Partners

Mechanicsville Electrical

LMES  
Academic  
Resource  
Team



Bell Cafe

**Corry & Corry, P.C.**  
Attorneys at Law

**UNION**





The winners from February are:

- Mrs. Blanchard - 392
- Mrs. Irwin - 514
- Mrs. Arkesteyn - 273
- Mrs. Faulkner - 494
- Mrs. Hazelwood - 720
- Ms. Bauer - 540

Our final class contest collection of the school year will be Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Keep sending in those !



**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!

# WANTED

**Do you have experience with grouting mosaics and tiles?**










Ms. Hairston is looking for a parent volunteer who is willing to help out with prepping and grouting five student-made mosaic murals. Materials and tools will be supplied. If interested, please contact Ms. Hairston at [jhairston@hcps.us](mailto:jhairston@hcps.us) with your name and contact information and your student's name and classroom teacher.




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



# APRIL 2016


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Coming in May:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> - Teacher Apprec. Week 4 <sup>th</sup> - Walk to School 5 <sup>th</sup> - K - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Field Day	6 <sup>th</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Field Day 9 <sup>th</sup> - Muffins for Mom 10 <sup>th</sup> - Sweet Frog Spirit Night		14 <sup>th</sup> - Rock n' Roll 5K 16 <sup>th</sup> to June 3 <sup>rd</sup> - SOL Testing 30 <sup>th</sup> - No School	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 LMES Spirit Wear 	9 
10 	11	12  Teacher Delivery Night	13	14 Kindergarten Registration 8:00am - 4:00pm	15  Newsletter Submissions Due	16
17	18	19  Spirit Night 5:00-8:00pm	20	21	22	23 Arts & Sciences Festival
24	25 Book Fair	26 Family Night 3:00-6:30pm	27 	28  Variety Show	29	30 

## 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!



Congratulations to  Jordan Gregory, Kylan Geer, and Landis Bronson for placing at the county level for Reflections!!!

### 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!

