

Lights Camera Learning!



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Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

I am so excited for this school year! 2016-2017 is going to be an amazing year!

The PTA and LMES have joined together this year to do one fundraiser. Keep your eyes open for more information regarding boosterthon very soon.

The PTA board works very hard to do great things within the school but we always need more great parents to get involved. We have a lot of volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Please take the time to join the PTA and support the school.

I hope you will join us for our first LMES Spirit Night of the year at the Mechanicsville Panera on September 20!

This is my first year as PTA president and I am thrilled to be able to work with everyone and have a productive school year. I look forward to getting to meet everyone and making this school year amazing!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions
jgmiller77@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,
Jaime Miller
PTA President



Principal's Corner - Ms. Karen Carpenter



Welcome to the Laurel Meadow Family!

We are very excited to begin our ninth year as a school community and look forward to another successful year. The following tips will help families make the transition into school routines.

Attendance – Regular attendance is critical for academic progress. However, we know that emergencies occur and that children get sick during the school year. Please call the school clinic at 723-2046 if your child is going to be absent from school. You may leave a message on the nurse's voice mail prior to school opening in the morning. When you call please give your child's name, teacher's name, and a reason for the absence. In addition, a written note for the teacher when your child returns would be appreciated so the absence is appropriately documented.



Tardy – Regular school hours are 7:45 -2:30. A student is considered tardy if they have not reported to the classroom by 8:05 a.m. Students arriving to school after 8:05 must come to the main office to sign in and receive a tardy pass.



Building Hours – Students are permitted to enter the building at 7:30 a.m. Students entering the building between 7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. are supervised in the cafeteria until it is time to report to classrooms. The main office closes at 3:30 each day.

Student Drop-off – In the morning students may be dropped off in the front loop. Please have your child ready to exit the vehicle when you stop. Staff members are on duty until the tardy bell rings at 8:05 a.m. to supervise children as they enter the building.

Student Pick-up – A student may leave the school premises during the day only with the permission of the parent or legal guardian. We require written permission if anyone other than the student's parent or guardian picks them up at school. We will ask for a photo identification of the person signing out the child for safety reasons. After school pick up occurs in the school cafeteria.

You will need to sign your child out and be prepared to show photo identification. This process will help to ensure the safety of our children. The best place to enter the cafeteria will be via the side cafeteria door.

Medication – Hanover County's medication policy prohibits the transfer of any type of medication (prescription or over-the-counter) by your child. All medications must be brought to the clinic by an adult. Any medication taken at school for 10 days or more requires a doctor's written order.



Toys/Valuables – Toys, trading cards and valuables such as electronic devices are not permitted at school unless the teacher has given special permission for them to be brought to school for a special activity or project.

Cell Phones – They are allowed at school; however they must remain in your child's backpack and turned off during the school day and on the school bus.

Student Dress – Students are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and clothing. However, student attire must not be a distraction to the learning environment. Messages on clothing that relate to sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vulgarity, violence, or that reflects adversely upon persons because of their race, creed or national origin will not be permitted in school. Shorts, skirts and dresses should be mid thigh or longer. Midriiffs, spaghetti strap tank tops, and wide arm muscle shirts are not appropriate for the learning environment. Tank top straps should be the width of two adult fingers. Flip flops, crocks and high heeled shoes present a major hazard on the playground equipment and stairs. Children wearing inappropriate footwear will have limited access to some of the outside equipment. If at any time you have any concerns or questions, feel free to contact the school administration at 723-2040.

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Principal's Corner *(continued)*

Welcome New Staff!

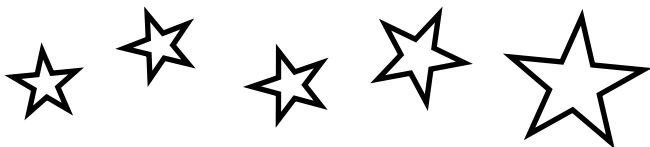
Shelly Chandler- Grade 3 Teacher
Ashton Pestick – Grade 4 Teacher
North Densworth – Systems
Operator

Cierra Bradett – Academic Resource Teacher
Andrea Townsend – Instructional Assistant
Tracie Helmick – Instructional Assistant
Debbie Derricott – Instructional Assistant
Sara Matthews – Instructional Assistant
New Position: Kim Lawrence – Math Coach



Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)

"In accordance with the requirements of AHERA, Laurel Meadow Elementary School is notifying its employees, building occupants, and their legal guardians of the availability of the AHERA management plan for public review. The AHERA Management Plan contains documentation of all AHERA surveillance and inspections, employee training, and the Operations and Maintenance procedures. Questions regarding the AHERA Management Plan can be directed to Hanover County Public Schools Director of Operations, Ed Buzzelli, at 365-4573."



E-Connect: Get connected!

Would you like to receive information from your child's school by e-mail? Parents and patrons of Hanover County Public Schools may choose to subscribe to the *e-mail connection*, to receive information about school events, lunch menus, school newsletters and emergency closing information through e-mail.

It's easy to subscribe!

- ☆ Go to the district web site at www.hcps.us.
- ☆ Click on the *e-mail connection* icon on the left side of the page.
- ☆ Type in your name and e-mail address.
- ☆ Choose the school(s) from which you would like to receive information.
- ☆ Click on SUBMIT.

When you subscribe you will begin to receive "for your information" messages from the schools you chose. You may un-subscribe at any time. Many parents and patrons have indicated that they enjoy receiving school information electronically. The *e-mail connection* does not replace other forms of communication from your schools; however, it offers an additional communication service to those who choose to subscribe.

If you have questions about this service, please direct them to: hanover@hcps.us.

LMES Library News

We are excited to start checking out books beginning September 12! Library books are due each week on your class library day.



We encourage you to access our Virtual Library to browse the collection or read an eBook in the Destiny Catalog. Utilize online resources for research and fun learning at <http://hanoverschools.follettdestiny.com> or <http://hcps.us/VL/>.

Volunteer Opportunities: Sign-up beginning Sept 13

- ☆ Book Shelters: morning volunteers
- ☆ Mystery Reader Program: Family members are invited to be a "surprise" reader once a month during library time.

Upcoming Events:

- ☆ Book Fairs: Dec 5-10 & May 1-5
- ☆ Reading Olympics (4th & 5th grade)
Sept 20 - Look for invitations.
Oct 14, 8:15am Kickoff

We look forward to seeing you in the library!

Michele Kaloski, Librarian: mkaloski@hcps.us

Beth Webel, Library Secretary: ewebel@hcps.us



SEPTEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5 <i>Labor Day</i>	6 1st day of school!	7	8	9 LMES Spirit Day	10
11 Grandparents Day	12	13	14	15	16 Goodies w/ Grandparents 7:30-8am	17
18	19	20 Panera Spirit Night	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 PTA Meeting 5:30pm Back to School Night 6:30pm	30	1

Laurel Meadow Elementary School is participating in the
Clothing To Cash Recycling Program
Clean Out Your Closet & Help our School Raise Money!



Laurel Meadow Elementary will be paid for every pound we collect. All materials will be Reworn, Repurposed or finally Recycled.

Look for the large white collection bin in the school parking lot. The goal is to **FILL** our collection bin **WEEKLY** with as many **PLASTIC BAGS** of clothing, shoes and other textiles as possible!



Help Support Our School & Save The Environment One Bag At A Time.



We want items in ALL conditions, unwanted, outgrown and out of style.

We accept the following:

- All Clothing** (New and Used Women's, Men's and Children's, Clothing, Coats, etc.)
- All Footwear** (Shoes, Sneakers, Boots, Cleats, etc.)
- Textiles** (Bedding, Sheets, Blankets, Towels)
- Accessories** (Handbags, Backpacks, Gloves, Scarves, Jewelry, Wallets)
- Toys** (Stuffed Animals)

We Do Not Accept:
Furniture, Food, Foam Cushions or Plastic items

Mark your calendars for the annual
Snowflake Breakfast on December 10

Vendors & volunteers contact Carter Frantz to sign up at cafrantz@nwp.com. Vendor tables go quickly!

We are looking for a face painter & balloon artist to donate their time. Supplies will be provided.

Reflections - What is Your Story?

Membership in the VA PTA provides LMES students the opportunity to participate in the National PTA Reflections program. Reflections encourages students to explore the arts and express themselves by creating artwork in dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts and literature using the 2016-2017 theme, "What is Your Story?".

Feel free to contact Heather Bronson (804-248-5802 or heatherwbronson@gmail.com) or Geoff Young (Geoff.young@gmail.com) for additional information.

Entry forms are available outside the Art Room and on the LMES and VA PTA websites:
<http://lmespta.wordpress.com/reflections/>
<http://www.vapta.org/arts-and-education/reflections.html>