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Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

January? Whoa, that was fast!! I hope everyone had a very happy holiday season. Time to get back into full swing at LMES. There are a lot of events planned to start the new year, so check the calendar and watch Tuesday folders for information on upcoming events.

Thank you so much to Carter Frantz for all of her hard work with the snowflake breakfast. Thank you to all of our vendors, volunteers, performers, and everyone who attended.

We appreciate you for making our event a success! We tried something new this year with the art auction, and the submissions were simply breathtaking. Thank you to Heather Bronson and Ms. Hairston for all of your hard work with this auction. Great job ladies!



2017 is going to be a super, fabulous year at LMES! We have a lot of volunteer opportunities this year! Please join us!!! Volunteering is fulfillment for the soul and a lot of fun. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at [jgmiller77@hotmail.com](mailto:jgmiller77@hotmail.com).

Sincerely,  
Jaime Miller  
**PTA** President





## Boosterthon update:

This fall, we had several outstanding events that deserve special recognition. The joint PTA and school fundraiser resulted in the most funds raised in Laurel Meadow history! With the support of the overall community, we raised \$28,275.09 which will be utilized to purchase SMART Boards and other classroom instructional supplies. The students enjoyed the Boosterthon experience. Mark your calendars now for next year's Fun Run which is scheduled for Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Veterans Day Program:

The wonderful season of giving and remembrance began in November with the outstanding Veterans Day Program featuring our talented third grade students. This program is an annual tribute to all of the men and women who have served our country and protected our lifestyle. The program featured a musical tribute, letters of thanks written by the students, and a pictorial tribute to many of our local veterans. This annual program helps our students to learn about the importance of service and the sacrifice of veterans present and past.

## LMES Gives to the Community:

As we focused on the importance of giving to others, families were supported during the holiday season with contributions to the Doswell Ruritan Canned Food Drive. The canned goods helped needy families in Hanover County. In addition, as a school community, we provided socks to needy children in the Richmond area. Finally, Laurel Meadow hosted a Blood Drive for the Red Cross. We are proud to report that we had 40 adult donors and were able to provide 33 units of blood!



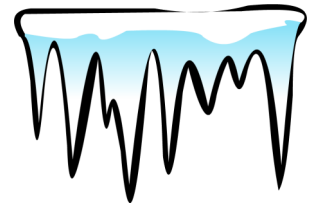
## Many Thanks:

Many thanks to all of the students that participated in the LMES STEM Fair. Mrs. Broughton and her committee once again planned a wonderful event for students and families.

Many thanks to the PTA, especially Carter Frantz and her committee members, Mrs. Talley and the LMES Chorus and Grade 5 Students, The Dance Company, The School Of Dance Arts, and students from Stonewall Jackson Middle School for the wonderful Snowflake Breakfast prior to winter break. In addition, we appreciate Heather Bronson and Jamesha Hairston for the wonderful student Art Auction Projects.

## Inclement Weather:

The new calendar year and the season of lower temperatures brings the possibility of inclement weather. Due to the unpredictable nature of the weather, please remain aware of possible late openings or early closings by listening to the radio/local news and checking the Hanover County Public Schools website ([www.hanover.k12.va.us](http://www.hanover.k12.va.us)), HCPS Twitter, HCPS Facebook Page, and Channel 99. (School closings are usually shared with the local media by 6:00 a.m.) If schools close early due to changing weather conditions during the day, your child's classroom teacher will follow the directions you specified on the Emergency Early Dismissal Plan at the beginning of the school year. You should update this information as soon as possible if your child's inclement weather plan has changed. Hopefully, it will be a mild winter and school closures will not be needed this winter.



## Gifted Referrals:

The Gifted Referral window is now open! A teacher or a parent may refer a child for gifted screening. If your child exhibits gifted behaviors and is performing above grade level expectations, your child's teachers may refer him or her as a good candidate for the screening process.

Parents may also refer students for gifted testing. Please discuss your child's performance with their teachers, as they will have insight into gifted characteristics and above level benchmarks. If you would like to refer your child for testing to determine if they would be eligible for gifted services, please submit your request to your child's teacher no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> for the Spring Testing Window. If you have any other questions, please contact [abroughton@hcps.us](mailto:abroughton@hcps.us) for more information.

## Thank You from Ms. Hairston!

Ms. Hairston and the fifth grade artists would like to give a BIG thank you to Mr. Young. Mr. Young volunteered his time and effort to provide students with cut sanded wood bases for their Gesture Sculpture Trophies. Mr. Young also provided help with the student flower mosaics on display above our water fountains. Thank you, Mr. Young!

Ms. Hairston and the PTA Arts Committee would like to thank all of the room parents who helped out with class art auction projects. Thank you for your time and support of the Arts at LMES!

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## Reflections Winners:

### Visual Arts

Primary Division

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mikey Elza

Intermediate Division

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jordan Gregory

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ella Young

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Julia Bryant

### Photography

Intermediate Division

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jordan Gregory

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Makenzie Leonard

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Baylor Hughes

### Literature

Intermediate Division

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Landis Bronson

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## Engage Your Student(s) With Math at Home!



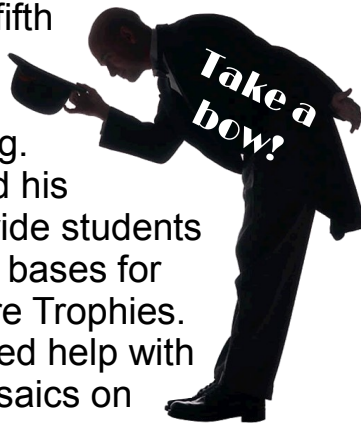
Hanover County Public Schools purchased DreamBox Learning's Math Program this year for each school so students can achieve better math proficiency. Your student can access DreamBox Learning from any computer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using this link:

<https://play.dreambox.com/login/6zsf/laurelm>

DreamBox is an online program - there's no software to download! All you need is a high speed internet connection and Adobe Flash. Adobe Flash is free and is included with many Internet browsers.

To access DreamBox on iPad, go to <http://www.dreambox.com/iPad>, or search for "DreamBox Math" in the App Store. Download DreamBox Math Green and DreamBox Math Blue to ensure your student has access to the full catalog of DreamBox Learning Math lessons. When prompted in the app, use this schoolcode: "6zsf/laurelm".

Encourage your student to work independently because the program adapts to the needs of your child. Have fun with math!



# JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 School Reopens	3	4 Faculty Meeting	5 Spelling Bee	6 RO Team Mtg. 7:45-8:15 am LMES Spirit Day	7
8	9	10 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade DARE Graduation	11	12	13	14
15	16 No School	17	18	19 Donuts with Dad 7:30-8:00 am	20	21
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## Advertise YOUR company!

Become a business partner for the LMES **ROCK 'N ROLL 5K & FUN RUN**. Contact Alicia Broughton at [abroughton@hcps.us](mailto:abroughton@hcps.us).



### Update:

Thanks for turning in your Box Tops! LMES earned \$642 with your submissions! A big thank you to those volunteers who sorted and counted as well!

We are excited to announce the grade level winners for our first collection!

- Kindergarten - Blanchard
- First Grade - Robins
- Second Grade - Meyers
- Third Grade - Peters
- Fourth Grade - Willard
- Fifth Grade - Lundquist/Allen (Tie!)

Did you know that, in addition to Box Tops, we also collect Campbell's Labels for Education? We will have another collection of both in February. Keep clipping!



## LMES Library News:

Don't forget that you can access the Virtual Library from home at: <http://hanoverschools.follettdestiny.com>

### Upcoming Events:

- Reading Olympics meeting Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Mystery Reader Week - January 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>.



## Thank You for Breakfast:

Thank you to all the parents and families that donated food for our staff breakfast on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Your generosity helped to make this breakfast a success.

## Get your LMES Yearbook today!

Please visit [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and enter school order number 10058 to order your copy. The price is \$25.00. Please contact Theresa Smither at [tsmither@hcps.us](mailto:tsmither@hcps.us) or Claude Lundquist at [clundquist@hcps.us](mailto:clundquist@hcps.us) with any questions.