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Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

It's May already...WOW where has the time gone?! This time of year is very busy. Here are a few key events that are going on in the month of May.

- ☆ May 1st -5th is our Teacher Appreciation Week!! Teachers give us so much. A boost of confidence when we really need one. Extra help when we're having trouble. A welcoming presence when everything else seems out of control. And though we know we can't ever thank them enough, we can take a moment during the week to share our appreciation for the special educators in our lives. As you are sending in something for your child's teacher please don't forget our resource teachers and aides as they are a tremendous help.
- ☆ May 3rd the PTA is coordinating a Teacher and Staff Breakfast. Please consider donating breakfast items such as breads, muffins, casseroles, fruit, juice, etc. Hot casseroles are a favorite!! Please send in your items as early as 7:30 on the 3rd. Thank you in advance for your support!!
- ☆ May 3rd is also walk-to-school Wednesday. It is a great way to start off the day so join us for some fun.
- ☆ May 9th is Panera Spirit Night, not only do you get out of cooking dinner for the night, it is a great way to support the school.
- ☆ Start your Mother's Day celebrations early by joining us for Muffins with Mom, May 12th from 7:30-8AM. Please RSVP on the flyer that was sent home in Tuesday folders if you plan to attend.
- ☆ Please make plans to attend the LMES 5K on May 13th. Even if you don't run or walk, there is still lots of fun for everyone.

Please feel free to call me 804-305-8062 or e-mail me at jgmiller77@hotmail.com with any questions.

Sincerely,
Jaime Miller
PTA President



Principal's Corner - Ms. Karen Carpenter



As the temperatures continue to rise outside, the level of school activities still continues to blossom. May is an extremely busy month with SOL Testing being a part of the school environment beginning on May 15, 2017. Our students and teachers have worked hard to prepare for these annual assessments. Parents can help during this testing season by reviewing the schedule and being sure that your child has plenty of rest the night before each testing day. Also, talk about the each test with your child in a positive manner, be encouraging and remind your child to "do their best." Parents will receive individual results with the final report card. If you have questions about your child's results then please feel free to call the administrative team.

Related to warmer temperatures is a friendly reminder that flip flops are not considered appropriate footwear for students due to safety concerns. They are not a safe option for the playground equipment and may present a safety hazard on the stairs. Flip flops tend to break easily and many times require parents to make an unplanned trip to school with a replacement pair of shoes during the day.



A warm congratulations goes to Mrs. Tiffany Talley for being named Laurel Meadow Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Talley is the Music Teacher and is an original LMES staff member. We certainly appreciate how she develops each child's musical skills and the amazing musical programs she facilitates. In addition, Mrs. Nicole Richardson has been named Laurel Meadow Support Employee of the Year. She works in the main office and serves as the school financial secretary. We all appreciate her expert bookkeeping skills and her "all hands on deck approach" to the daily demands at a school.



An Important Message from Ms. Karen Carpenter:



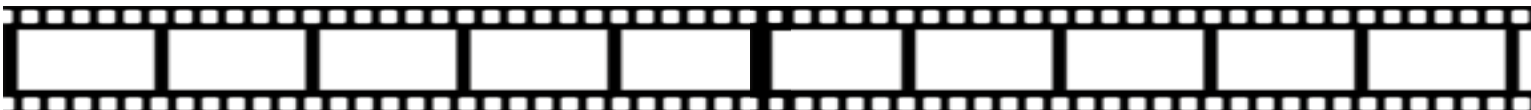
It is with very mixed emotions that I inform the Laurel Meadow family that I will be retiring at the end of this school year. I have answered to the school bell for over 40 years and due to numerous obligations, I feel the need to focus on the needs of my family.

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank the wonderful students, parents and staff for their support during my tenure as principal at this fantastic school. It has been a wonderful experience and I will truly miss all of the smiling faces that greet me every school day.

Being the planning principal for a year and then the principal for nine years has been the highlight of my educational career. I leave with wonderful memories and a sense of pride due to the outstanding accomplishments of our students over the years. None of the accomplishments would have been possible without the hard work of our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and amazing students. I look forward to hearing about all of the achievements of former, current and future Laurel Meadow Lions.

Please be assured that the Hanover County Human Resources Department and the School Board have begun the search for a new school leader. The name of the new principal will be announced in May.

Coupled with this news, I shared last month that Mrs. Karen Dubiel, Assistant Principal, will be leaving at the end of the school year. Mrs. Dubiel will begin a new adventure next year as Principal of Winterpock Elementary School in Chesterfield County. She has truly enjoyed working at Laurel Meadow Elementary School. However, this is a fantastic opportunity for her and she will be much closer to her young family. We wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.





WOW! You turned in over 8,000 Box Tops during our last collection! That means \$800 for our school! Thank you to all who contributed and helped count.

Classroom winners will receive a special prize! Congratulations to:

- Kindergarten--Blanchard
- 1st Grade--Barrett
- 2nd Grade--Arkesteyn
- 3rd Grade--Chandler
- 4th Grade--Pocta
- 5th Grade--Lundquist



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Presented by: Laurel Meadow PTA

May 1-5



This year we want to celebrate the STARS of our school!

Please consider showing our wonderful teachers and staff how much we truly appreciate all they do for our children each and every day!








Below are some ideas to do throughout the week:

- Lights, Camera, Learning! Send in something related to this years school theme.
- Have your child write a sweet note to their teacher and/or staff member.
- Purchase a book from the Book Fair for your child's classroom.
- Send in a piece of fruit for a healthy snack.
- Flowers—because they help our children grow every day.
- Gift card to their favorite store or restaurant will make a teachers day.
- Send in the teachers favorite sweet treat. A sweet treat always puts a smile on everyone.
- Send in items the teacher may need for his/her classroom.
- Send in something with LMES school colors (blue and yellow) or with a Lion theme.

Be Creative! Have Fun! Thank our TEACHERS AND STAFF for all they do!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 Book Fair Family Night 7:45am-6:30 pm	3 Walk to School Wednesday	4	5 LMES Spirit Wear	6
Spring Book Fair & Teacher Appreciation Week						
7	8	9 Panera Spirit Night	10	11	12 5K runner packet pick-up 2:45 - 6pm 	13 
14	15 SOL's begin	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 All Library Books are due	27
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 ... to the families of LMES students for helping us raise **\$3,554.00** for the American Heart Association. The money was raised through the Jump Rope for Heart Program which is coordinated by Ms. Peggy Matthews, PE Teacher.



3rd Grade SOL Tests:
 Tue, May 23rd – Reading, Part I
 Wed, May 24th – Reading, Part II
 Wed, May 31st – Math, Part I
 Thur, June 1st – Math, Part II

4th Grade SOL Tests:
 Thur, May 18th – Reading, Part I
 Fri, May 19th – Reading, Part II
 Mon, May 22nd – VA Studies
 Tue, June 6th – Math, Part I
 Wed, June 7th – Math, Part II

5th Grade SOL Tests:
 Tue, May 16th – Reading, Part I
 Wed, May 17th – Reading, Part II
 Thur, May 25th – Math, Part I
 Fri May 26th – Math, Part II
 Fri, June 2nd – Science

6th Grade SOL Test:
 Thur, May 25th – Math

**SOL Make-ups will occur throughout the testing window from May 17th – June 9th.

***Please contact Karen Dubiel, Assistant Principal, at 723-2040 or kdubiel@hcps.us if your child will be absent during his/her assigned testing day. Thanks!

**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!

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.

