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Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

It is hard to believe that it is November. This is always my favorite time of year filled with fun apple picking and pumpkin picking along with getting ready for the Holiday season! I sure hope all the students and families enjoyed this year's Boosterthon Fun Run! This is such an exciting, fun and successful event for the school and PTA! A HUGE **thank you** to Jen Puleo and Nichole Richardson for helping make this event run so smoothly for everyone and thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help at the fun run!

We hope you plan to join us this year to see the talent our 3rd graders have in the **Veteran's Day Performance** on Thursday November 9th. Plus you won't want to miss the talent from our scientists, engineers and mathematicians at the **STEAM Fair** on Thursday November 30th. Also at the STEAM fair the PTA will be giving out our Reflections awards. Don't worry - students still have time to participate in Reflections, submissions are due Friday November 10th. The theme this year is "Within Reach". There are six categories students can enter: Dance, Film, Literature, Music, Photography and Visual Arts and students can enter in more than one category! Reflections is a National PTA program that is so easy to participate in...just give your child some paper and have them draw a picture or write a story, or give them a camera to take a picture of what "Within Reach" means to them!

If you have not done so already, we hope you will still consider **joining the PTA**. Please know that joining the PTA does not require a time commitment. It involves paying a \$6.00 annual due to a local community-based, non-profit organization that spends every penny to improve the lives of our children. As a PTA we work to put technology in the classrooms (smartboards, ipads), books in the hands of our students (reading resources), equipment for resources such as music, art and PE along with taking care of endless other behind-the-scenes needs for our teachers, staff and principals! Again, if you have not joined please consider supporting your child's PTA!

Lastly, be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday December 9th for the 10th annual **Snowflake Breakfast!** This is always an awesome event, with a pancake breakfast; performances from the LMES Chorus and 5th grade recorders, vendors for shopping and of course our class art auction posters. Information and ticket order forms will be coming home soon. I also encourage you to consider volunteering for this event as we can't make these events successful without the help of the parents.

As always, be sure to look in your child's Tuesday folders for all the exciting events, offers and news that are happening at LMES!

Our next PTA general meeting is Thursday November 30th at 5:30pm in the Library before the STEAM Fair, we hope to see you there! Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas at daveanddanahughes@comcast.net.

Sincerely, Dana Hughes - PTA President



Principal's Corner - Ms. Sandra Crowder



Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports:

Laurel Meadow Elementary School is proud to be a PBIS School. What this means is we emphasize a schoolwide system of supports that includes defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create a positive school environment. All students at LMES have been provided with instruction, modeling, and practice with appropriate behaviors in classroom settings, as well as in non-classroom settings (hallways, cafeteria, etc.).

It is important to teach positive social behavior, rather than just react to misbehavior. It is more effective to teach behavioral expectations and reward students for following them than to wait for a misbehavior to occur. Our four expectations at LMES are: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Ready to Learn. Students have worked with their teachers to develop matrices of what each of these expectations look like in the different areas of the school.

Laurel Meadow staff has opted to reward students with Class Loot. Focus on the group of students, rather than an individual, strengthens our sense of community. Students set a goal; for example, "if we get 10 Class Loot certificates, we get 15 minutes of extra recess."

I would like to thank you for your support. Students at Laurel Meadow are very safe, respectful, and responsible. With your help, we have students who are ready to learn!



Tardy Bell Rings at 8:00:

This is a reminder that the tardy bell rings at 8:00 a.m. Tardiness has a negative impact on learning outcomes on the tardy student, as well as the other students. When students arrive, even a few minutes late, they miss out on activities designed to build connections with their peers, potentially impacting their social interactions during Morning Meeting and creating a sense of alienation from their classmates.

When students arrive late, they receive fewer hours of instruction than students who are in class at the ring of the bell. Students who are late miss out on important announcements, team-building, and academic activities. Arriving late also establishes bad punctuality habits and disrupts the learning of the other students.

LMES Lions are counting on you to get them to school on time. Thank you for having students here between 7:30 and 7:55 so that they can be in their classes when the bell rings at 8:00. Being on time ensures the Lions are **RESPECTFUL**, **RESPONSIBLE**, and **READY TO LEARN**.





2017-2018
NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS®

WITHIN REACH

The 2017-2018 Theme "Within Reach"

Reflections Awards Program
Students in Pre-K through grade 12 create theme-based artwork in dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography or visual arts.

We hope that through the array of opportunities more students can enter the program this year. Feel free to contact Heather Bronson with any questions or concerns.

Deadline for Entries is November 10th to the office by the end of the school day.
Awards November 30th at the STEM Fair

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Help Laurel Meadow artists create a 10 year Anniversary Upcycled Plastic Bottle Top Mural!

Collect and send in plastic caps, lids, and tops (all colors and small to medium sizes). Your trash is our treasure! Keep all of your colorful plastic bottle and container caps and lids for the LMES 10th Year Anniversary Mural. Turn in your plastic caps to the box outside of the Art room. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Celebrate 10 years of Education and Learning at LMES! Thank you for supporting art education and our mural project.

Artfully yours, LMES Artists and Ms. Hairston



Health & Safety



Store all household products out of children's sight and reach.

Let's face it, sometimes kids get into things that they probably shouldn't. Here are a few tips to keep little explorers from finding their way into household items that could be dangerous. But just in case, we'll also show you what to do if your child accidentally ingests something harmful.

The Hard Facts

Half of the 2 million calls to Poison Help Number in 2011 involved children ages 5 and under. In fact, 9 out of 10 poisonings occur at home.

Top Tips

1. Store all household products and cleaning solutions out of children's sight and reach. Young kids are often eye-level with items under the kitchen and bathroom sinks.
2. Store poisonous items out of reach or use safety locks on cabinets within reach. These items also include liquid packets for the laundry and dishwasher. It only takes a few minutes, and it gives you one less thing to worry about.
3. Read product labels to find out what can be hazardous to kids. Dangerous household items include makeup, personal care products, plants, pesticides, lead, art supplies, alcohol and carbon monoxide.
4. Make sure that all medications, including vitamins and adult medicines, are stored out of reach and out of sight of children.
5. Put the toll-free number Poison Help Number (1-800-222-1222) into your home and cell phones. You should also post it near your phone or on your refrigerator for the babysitter. Hopefully you'll never need it, but it's nice to have just in case.
6. Check for lead-based paint. Remove any peeling paint or chewable surfaces painted with lead-based paint.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 LMES Spirit Day Early Release	4
5	6	7 Student Holiday	8	9 Veteran's Day Performance 9AM & 6:30PM	10	11
12	13 Book fair	14 Book fair Family Night & Riverbound Spirit Night	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Break	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 STEAM Fair 6:30 Reflections Awards		

A big THANK YOU to the following sponsors of our Boosterthon Fun Run!!

