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Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

As the winter season approaches, I know the kids are getting excited for their winter break! But before we have two weeks off to enjoy the holidays I hope you plan to join us for the **10th Annual SNOWFLAKE Breakfast on Saturday December 9th**! Our Snowflake breakfast is such a fun event with a yummy pancake breakfast, shopping, and entertainment from the LMES Chorus, 5th grade recorders, Stonewall Jackson band, School of Dance and The Dance Company. Plus, we hope you will consider donating some of your time and sign up to volunteer, we can't make these events a success without the help from you, the parents!

Don't forget to join us for **spirit night at Panera on Tuesday December 5th**. Looking ahead to 2018 we have lots of fun exciting events for you and your family. First we will start off January with our Watch D.O.G.S. **DONUTS with Dad on Friday January 19th** from 7:30-8:00am. Then, be prepared to saddle up your horse and dust off your hat to dance the night away with our **Wild West Hoedown on Friday February 9th**!

Finally, **congratulations** to all the participants in the PTA **REFLECTIONS** program this year. It is great to see all the talent our students have in the Arts. Good luck to all our 1st place winners in the County and State program!

As always, 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



Veterans Day Program: The season of giving and remembering others began last month at Laurel Meadow with an outstanding Veterans Day Program. This program, performed by our third graders, was a wonderful tribute to all of the men and women who have served this country and protected our lifestyle. It is critical that students understand the importance of patriotic holidays and realize that service to the community and the country is a wonderful way to help others. Building a sense of pride in one's community and country is a crucial factor as we develop future productive citizens.



We are now into the second nine weeks of the school year. Our students are learning every day and we continue to appreciate the support of our parents and volunteers. Student attendance is a critical part of school success. Please remember that Hanover County does have an attendance policy which specifies that students cannot be absent over 20 days at the elementary level. If your child reaches that point, the parent must apply for an attendance waiver. The waiver is reviewed and a determination in reference to promotion is made based on numerous factors. Prior to applying for an attendance waiver, a meeting will be held at school with an administrator and the school social worker. During the meeting, the reasons for the absences will be reviewed and a plan of action to improve attendance will be developed.



Due to the unpredictable nature of the weather, please be aware of possible delays or closures by listening to the radio and checking the Hanover County Public Schools website (www.hcps.us). School closing information is shared with the local media by the Superintendent of Schools typically by 6:00 a.m. If schools close early due to changing weather conditions, your child's classroom teacher will follow the directions you specified at the beginning of the school year. You may update or change this plan by contacting the classroom teacher. Hopefully, it will be a mild winter and school closures will not be needed this school year.





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WINNERS

Literature – Primary

1st Place

Connor Mills

2nd Place

Avery Oates

3rd Place

Sherri Thurston

Honorable Mention

Caleb Morris

Colton Sprouse

Emily Magill

Austin Hoban

Adrian Chavez

Nailah Hamilton

Ayden Mitchell

Cameron Broughton

Grayson Dutton

Ryan Billups

Callie Wright

Lillie Fravel

Carson Lackovitch

Wyatt Gill

Ella Worley

Rylee Maccini

Dougie Yandle

Miriam Allmond

Andrew Trigor

Visual Arts – Primary

1st Place

Lorelai Elza

Visual Arts – Intermediate

1st Place

Ella Young

2nd Place

Baylor Hughes

3rd Place

Mikey Elza

Photography – Intermediate

1st Place

Kaden Layne

Film – Intermediate

1st Place

Landis Bronson



Health & Safety



Check to make sure there aren't any small parts or other choking hazards.

Toys and games are tons of fun for kids and adults. Whether your kids are working on a puzzle, playing with building blocks or even inventing their own games, here are a few things to think about to help them stay safer and have a blast.

The Hard Facts


In 2011, 188,400 children under the age of 15 years were seen in emergency departments for toy-related injuries. That's 516 kids every day. More than a third of those injured were children 5 and under.

Top Tips

1. Consider your child's age when purchasing a toy or game. It's worth a second to read the instructions and warning labels to make sure it's just right for your child.
2. Before you've settled on the perfect toy, check to make sure there aren't any small parts or other potential choking hazards.
3. Keep a special eye on small game pieces that may be a choking hazard for young children. While these kinds of games are great for older kids, they can pose a potential danger for younger, curious siblings.
4. After play time is over, use a bin or container to store toys for next time. Make sure there are no holes or hinges that could catch little fingers.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 LMES Spirit T-Shirts RO Meeting 7:45-8:15AM	2
3	4	5  FUNDRAISING N/GHT Panera Sprit Night 4-8PM	6	7	8	9 Snowflake Breakfast 1st seating 8:30AM 2nd seating 9:45AM
10	11	12 Staff Appreciation Breakfast 7:30AM-8AM	13	14	15	16
17	18 Winter Parties 3rd-5th Grade	19 Winter Parties PreK - 2nd Grade	20 WINTER BREAK	21 WINTER BREAK	22 WINTER BREAK	23
24	25 WINTER BREAK	26 WINTER BREAK	27 WINTER BREAK	28 WINTER BREAK	29 WINTER BREAK	30
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Save  **Please!**

Every clip counts

Laurel Meadow has already collected 123,500 Box Tops this year, which means we have earned **\$1,235** for our school! Grade level winners were:

- Kindergarten: Kane
- 1st Grade: Smither
- 2nd Grade: Hester
- 3rd Grade: Peters
- 4th Grade: Chandler
- 5th Grade: Lundquist.

Way to go! Please keep clipping and saving-- another big collection will take place in February!

LMES PTA is on Facebook! Like and Follow Laurel Meadow Elementary School PTA on Facebook for reminders, updates on events, and to post and share with other LMES parents! <https://m.facebook.com/Laurel-Meadow-Elementary-School-PTA-161023907306441/>



SAVE THE DATES...



10th Annual Laurel Meadow
Elementary Snowflake Breakfast

Saturday, December 9th

Entertainment | Vendors | Food | Face Painting | Art Auction

Staff Appreciation Breakfast

December 12th 7:30AM - 8:00AM

THANK YOU to all who provided yummy food for our breakfast in October. Sign up today at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4ca4a729a64-lmes> for our next breakfast in December!!

