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Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

Coming up on April 24th, we will be having our 7th Teacher Delivery Night. We need **YOU** to take the night off from cooking dinner and order pizza instead! Last year, we raised almost \$2000 in 4 hours to help support programs in our school.

Thank you everyone who came out to our 1st bowling spirit night! This ended up being a fun and successful night! I know all our 1st grade parents enjoyed seeing their shining stars for the 1st Grade Musical last month. We sure have some great talent here at LMES!

Volunteers we need you! We can't bring all of our fun and exciting activities to the students without parent volunteers! We will be holding elections for next year's Executive PTA Board on May 10th at our PTA meeting at 5:30pm. Elections are for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary only. All other PTA board positions are appointed.

As you can see below, we still have several committees' open for next year. Please note that several of these positions don't require much time at all. Most, if not all can be done at home on a time that is convenient to you. Several positions just require some computer skills and email!

Arts in Education: Coordinate PTA Reflections Program and assists with any Music or Art Department activities

Building & Grounds Chair: coordinate with teachers, students and parents to develop, maintain and implement landscaping or facility plans

Bylaws/Legislative Chair: Assist PTA with ensuring we are adhering to our Bylaws

Family Dinner & Dance Chair: Chair leads and plans the logistics for the event.

Membership Chair: Organize, encourage and monitor PTA memberships

Newsletter: Prepare monthly newsletter submissions thru email requests then compile and prepare information to send to printer.

Snowflake Breakfast: Chair leads and plans the logistics for the event.

Volunteer Coordinator: Coordinates volunteers for PTA and school sponsored activities.

Watch D.O.G.S Chair: Coordinate program which is designed to help bring positive male role models into our school and children's lives.

Volunteering for the PTA is not time consuming. It shows your child that you care and are invested in their day-to-day school life and value their education and school. We can't make our events a success at LMES without the help of you, the parents! All board meetings are once a month at 5:30pm before a school event. If you are interested in helping the PTA, would like more information for any position or would like to nominate someone, please don't hesitate to reach out: daveanddanahughes@comcast.net

Sincerely,
Dana Hughes
PTA President

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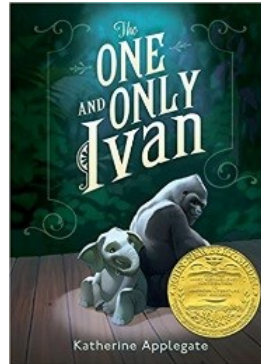
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Principal's Corner - Ms. Sandra Crowder



March was a month full of school activities. We started our month with celebrating "Read Across America Week." The week was full of activities which promoted school spirit and a focus on reading, especially the books written by the famous Dr. Seuss.



We hope you have enjoyed the "One School, One Book," The One and Only Ivan. It has been wonderful sharing together our thoughts and feelings about friendship. We've laughed and cried together, as good literature makes us do. Thank you for reading with your children!

Thank you to Mrs. Tiffany Talley, music teacher, who highlighted the musical skills of our students with the first grade musical, "How Does Your Garden Grow?". Many thanks to our talented children and amazing music teacher.

Looking toward the future, please mark your calendars and remind your neighbors of the upcoming Kindergarten Registration Day on Thursday, April 19, 2018. The registration will be held in the school gymnasium during the hours of 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Children who will be 5 years old by September 30, 2018, can start kindergarten in the fall. To register, parents need to bring the following items: the child's birth certificate and three proofs of residency in the Laurel Meadow attendance zone (one being a deed or a lease). The parent or guardian should bring a photo ID on registration day. Before the child can begin school in the fall, a School Entrance Health Form must be completed by a physician. You can complete the School Enrollment Forms by going to the Hanover County website and downloading the registration forms at www.hanover.k12.va.us. We are looking forward to meeting our new Laurel Meadow Lions.

In March, we celebrated our Support Employee of the Year. Nominated were: Monica Buck, Sara Matthews, JoAnne Dungee, Diane Rodriguez, Cris Morgan, and Tracie Helmick. Congratulations to Mrs. Buck. "She is an excellent instructor and natural teacher. She has a consistent desire to see students succeed. She is committed to our school and the families that make it special. Mrs. Buck is dependable and the students adore her. She has a funny wit that makes the students try their best with her."



Parents,

The SOL testing calendar that was printed in the March PTA newsletter is incorrect and needs to be disregarded. When building the LMES testing calendar, the schedule was created using the testing window found on the Virginia Department of Education's website. However, Hanover County Public Schools has their own dedicated testing window within that time frame and this window starts the week of May 14th. A new testing calendar reflecting this change has been created and is given below. We apologize for any confusion. If you have any further questions, please contact Will Brizendine



Health & Safety



Around pools and open bodies of water, give kids your undivided attention.

We know water is everywhere. So to make water safety easy, we divided it into three categories: Water safety at home, swimming safety and boating safety. Here you'll find everything you need to know about swimming safety. Whether it's a trip to the beach or a dip in the community or backyard pool, you can ensure that swimming is as safe as it is fun by following a few basic safety tips.

The Hard Facts

Among preventable injuries, drowning is the leading cause of death for children 1 – 4 years old. Children 1 – 4 years old are more likely to drown in a pool. Children 5 years and older are more likely to drown in natural water, such as ponds, lakes and rivers.

Top Tips

Watch kids when they are in or around water, without being distracted. Keep young children within arm's reach of an adult. Make sure older children swim with a partner every time.

Teach children how to swim. Every child is different, so enroll children in swim lessons when they are ready. Consider their age, development and how often they are around water.

Make sure kids learn how to swim and develop these five water survival skills:

1. step or jump into water over their heads and return to the surface;
2. float or tread water for one minute;
3. turn around in a full circle and find an exit;
4. swim 25 yards to exit the water; and
5. exit the water. If in a pool, be able to exit without using the ladder

Teach children that swimming in open water is not the same as swimming in a pool. They need to be aware of uneven surfaces, river currents, ocean undertow and changing weather.



Know what to do in an emergency. Learning CPR and basic water rescue skills may help you save a child's life.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 14 5 th Reading Part 1	May 15 5 th Reading Part 2	May 16 4 th Reading Part 1	May 17 4 th Reading Part 2	May 18 3 rd Reading Part 1
May 21 3 rd Reading Part 2	May 22 5 th Math Part 1 6 th Math	May 23 5 th Math Part 2	May 24 4 th Math Part 1	May 25 4 th Math Part 2
May 28 Memorial Day	May 29 Make-Ups	May 30 3 rd Math Part 1	May 31 3 rd Math Part 2	June 1 5 th Science
June 4 Make-Ups	June 5 4 th VA Studies	June 6 Make-Ups/ Expedited Retakes	June 7 Expedited Retakes	June 8 Expedited Retakes
June 11 Expedited Retakes	June 12 Expedited Retakes	June 13	June 14	June 15

*testing will begin at 8:30 on SOL testing days in order to accommodate late buses, late students, and computer issues.

Karen R. Carpenter Scholarship
 The PTA is excited to announce the sponsorship of a \$500 scholarship to current seniors from one of the four Hanover County high schools, the Center for Trades and Technology, or the Georgetown School who **successfully completed elementary school at Laurel Meadow Elementary School!**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						
8	9 <i>LMES hosts HCC PTA meeting 7PM</i>	10	11	12	13 LMES Spirit T-Shirts 5K Enrollment Deadline	14
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22	23	24 	25	26 Early Release	27	28
29	30					

**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

Thank you for sending in your Box Tops! Our March collection generated over \$560 for Laurel Meadow!

The following classes collected the most Box Tops for their grade levels:

- K-Blanchard**
- 1-Kuti**
- 2-Arkesteyn**
- 3-Massamini**
- 4-Chandler**
- 5-Lundquist**

Life around the gym has been Active! February was Heart Health month and students were busy jumping their way to stronger and healthier hearts. We raised over \$6000.00 for the American Heart Association! WOW!

The Spring run club has started back up. We meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 am. Come out and join us one day...it gets your day off to a running start!

March is National Nutrition Month. With our weather warming up you can start thinking about summer gardens and have the family decide on what you should grow.

Lastly, thanks to the First Tee of Richmond we have been enjoying a month of golf lessons. It has been a big hit. We were fortunate to have two LMES alums come and speak to the students about their First Tee experience. **Thank you Meg Lavinder and Madison Lehr.** Stay active and motivated. ~ Peggy Matthews