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Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

I would like to say a BIG **“Thank You”** to everyone who participated in our 7th Papa John’s Teacher Delivery Night! Especially the Teachers, we couldn’t do it without you!! It is always so much fun seeing the kids’ faces when we deliver pizzas. What a great, fun and easy way to raise money for our school.

Teacher Appreciation Week will be held **May 7th – 11th**. I encourage each of you to take the time to recognize your child’s teachers for the outstanding job they have done all year! Don’t forget the wonderful job our resource teachers have done with Art, Music, PE and Library!

I can’t believe the end of the year is right around the corner! It is going to be a busy and exciting May starting off with **Field Day** on **May 3rd and 4th!** I know Ms. Matthews has all sorts of fun games for the students to play! Our last two spirit nights of the year are Tuesday May 8th at Panera Bread from 4-8pm and Chick-fil-a Tuesday May 22nd, take a night off from cooking. Then we are excited to see all the Mom’s again this year for **“Muffins for Mom”** on Friday **May 11th** from 7:30-8:00am!

As always, please feel free to contact me at daveanddanahughes@comcast.net if you have any questions!

Sincerely,
Dana Hughes
PTA President



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

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

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

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.





Principal's Corner - Ms. Sandra Crowder



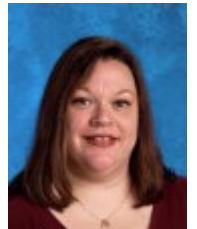
As the temperatures continue to rise outside, the level of school activities still continues to blossom. May is an extremely busy month with SOL Testing being a part of the school environment beginning on May 14, 2018. Our students and teachers have worked hard to prepare for these annual assessments. 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. Sonja McGinnis for being named Laurel Meadow Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Mrs. McGinnis is a fifth grade teacher at LMES. We certainly appreciate how she works hard to implement innovative instruction in her classroom each and every day. In addition, Mrs. Monica Buck has been named Laurel



Meadow Support Employee of the Year. She works as an instructional assistant and serves in the special education department. We all appreciate her sense of humor and her hard work with all our students.



Laurel Meadow Teacher and Staff Breakfast

May 9, 2018



The LMES PTA will be coordinating breakfast for our awesome teachers and staff on Wednesday, May 9th in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week! Please consider donating breakfast items such as breads, muffins, casseroles, fruit, yogurt, juice, etc. to help make this breakfast a success. Hot Casseroles are a favorite!

Please send/bring your donations to school on Tuesday, May 8th if it does not need to be refrigerated or heated OR on Wednesday, May 9th beginning at 7:30 a.m. Thank you in advance for your support of our wonderful teachers and staff. Contact Jen Puleo—jenpuleo@comcast.net. 804-559-8735 with any questions.



3rd Grade SOL Tests:

Fri, May 18th – Reading, Part I
 Mon, May 21st – Reading, Part II
 Wed, May 30th – Math, Part I
 Thur, May 31st – Math, Part II

4th Grade SOL Tests:

Wed, May 16th – Reading, Part I
 Thur, May 17th – Reading, Part II
 Thurs, May 24th – Math, Part I
 Fri, May 25th – Math, Part II
 Tue, June 5th – VA Studies

5th Grade SOL Tests:

Mon, May 14th – Reading, Part I
 Tue, May 15th – Reading, Part II
 Tue, May 22nd – Math, Part I
 Wed, May 23rd – Math, Part II
 Fri, June 1st – Science

6th Grade SOL Test:

Tue, May 22nd – Math

**SOL Make-ups will occur throughout the testing window from May 29th – June 6th. Expedited Retakes will occur June 6th – June 12th.

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

Health & Safety



Sometimes babies are so peaceful and quiet in the backseat that we can forget they are even there, and it can be tempting to leave a sleeping baby in the car so we don't have to wake them up while we quickly run into the store. But leaving a child alone in a car can lead to serious injury or death from heatstroke, even in cooler temperatures.

Here's some helpful information and tips for parents about heatstroke prevention for kids.

The Hard Facts

- On average, every 10 days a child dies from heatstroke in a vehicle. In more than half of these deaths, the caregiver forgot the child was in the car.
- A car can heat up 19 degrees in just 10 minutes. And cracking a window doesn't help.
- Young children are particularly at risk, as their bodies heat up three to five times faster than an adult's.




Top Tips

Reduce the number of deaths from heatstroke by remembering to **ACT**.

1. **Avoid** heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute. Always lock your doors and trunks – even in your driveway. And keep your keys and key fobs out of the reach of kids.
2. **Create** reminders by putting something in the back of your car next to your child such as a briefcase, a purse or a cell phone that is needed at your final destination. This is especially important if you're not following your normal routine.
3. **Take** action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life.



MAY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Principal Day	2 Walk to School	3 Field Day 3rd—5th Grade	4 Field Day PreK—2nd LMES Spirit T-Shirt	5 
6	7 Teacher Appreciation Week	8 Panera Spirit Night 4-8PM	9	10	11 7:30AM—8AM 	12
13	14 SOL's begin	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Chick-fil-A Spirit Night	23	24	25	26
27	28 	29	30	31		



Teacher Appreciation Week May 7th—11th

May 7th—11th is National Teacher Appreciation Week. Please consider showing our wonderful teachers and staff how much we truly appreciate all they do for our children each and every day!

Some suggestions to do throughout the week are listed below.

- Have your child write a sweet note to their teacher or another staff member.
- Send in something related to our school theme this year: Lights, Camera, Learning!
- Send in a piece of fruit for a healthy snack.
- Send in the teachers favorite sweet treat.
- Send in flowers—because they help our children grow every day.
- Send in a gift card to their favorite store or restaurant.
- 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!



Good news! We are having one last Box Tops collection before the end of the school year! The class that submits the most Box Tops will earn a special prize!

Final Box Tops for Education collection June 8th



Help Wanted: The Art Room is in need of adults who can help drill plastic bottle caps into the courtyard wood fence.

If you have a battery powered screwdriver (with #2 Phillips screwdriver bit) and are willing to come help drill plastic bottle caps please contact Ms. Hairston at jhairston@hcps.us or 723-2040.

Thank you for a great year of donating supplies and supporting the Arts at LMES!