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Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

As the winter season approaches, I know the kids are getting ready for winter break. But before we have two weeks off to enjoy the holidays, I hope you will join us on Friday, December 7th for our Snowflake Breakfast for Dinner from 6p to 8p. This is such a fun event with a yummy pancake breakfast, shopping, and entertainment from LMES recorders, Stonewall Jackson band, School of Dance Arts, and The Dance Company.

Don't forget to join us for Spirit Night at Panera on Wednesday, December 12th from 4p to 8p. Look for information to come home about class Winter Parties. They are all on the same day Wednesday, December 19th.

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 competitions!

See you all in the new year!!! As always, feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas at mergyrx@aol.com.

Sincerely,
Kristin Konopka
PTA President



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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.



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.

EVERY day counts attendance matters

What is Chronic Absenteeism: Has your child missed 5 or more days of school already? If so, they have missed 10% of classroom instruction. This is considered "chronic absenteeism." Chronic absenteeism incorporates all absences: excused, unexcused and suspensions. Chronic absenteeism has academic consequences due to lost instructional time. We recognize that students miss school for many understandable issues such as sickness or a death in the family; however, please stay vigilant with attendance. Every day counts. Thank you so much!

Laurel Meadow Teacher and Staff Breakfast

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The LMES PTA will be coordinating breakfast for our awesome teachers and staff on Tuesday, December 11th! 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

Monday, December 10th if it does not need to be refrigerated or heated OR on Tuesday, December 11th beginning at 7:30 a.m. Thank you in advance for your support of our wonderful teachers and staff. Contact Elizabeth Elza at elzaelizabeth@yahoo.com with any questions.

Please use the following link on **SignUp Genius** to sign up for various breakfast items or send your items in the morning of December 11th.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094caea82fa0fc1-december>

HOLIDAYS

It's that time of year again when we enjoy festive meals with family and friends, deck our halls with colorful decorations and listen to squeals of delight as our children open their brightly-wrapped presents. To help ensure your kids have fun and stay safe this holiday, here are a few tips to remember.

Top Tips

1. Natural trees look beautiful and smell great, but if they're not watered regularly, needles can dry out and pose a potential fire hazard. Make sure your tree has plenty of water by checking it regularly.
2. Keep holiday candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, and don't forget to blow them out when you leave the room or before you go to sleep.
3. Consider your child's age when purchasing a **toy or game** this holiday season. It's worth a second to read the instructions to make sure the gift is just right.
4. Keep a special eye on small pieces, including **button batteries** that may be included in electronic toys. While these kinds of games are great for older kids, they can pose a potential danger for younger, curious siblings.
5. Kids love to reach, so to **prevent burns** from hot holiday food or liquid spills, simply use the back burner of your stove and turn pot handles away from the edge.
6. Kids are curious and will want to play with the ornaments on the tree, so you might as well prepare. Move the ornaments that are breakable or have metal hooks towards the top of the tree. That makes room at the bottom for the ones that are safer for young kids.



Help Wanted for our first LMES Family Art Fest!

Calling all Artists and Art Supporters,

The LMES Family Art Fest Committee is planning for the PTA's Art Night on Thursday, February 28, 2019, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Are you crafty or creative? Do you have an art related career or skill? Would you like to run a craft/art station? Do you make art? Are you interested in helping plan our Family Art Fest? If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions, please contact Ms. Hairston at jhairston@hcps.us with your specific answer to the questions and how you can help. Thank you for supporting the Arts at LMES!

SNOWFLAKE BREAKFAST

The 11th Annual Snowflake Breakfast will be held on 12/7/2018 from 6pm-8pm. We are excited to have vendors from Mary Kay, Neighborhood Flags, Marshall's Crafts, Impulse Skin and Laser as well as Thirty One Gifts. It will be a great opportunity for people to do their holiday shopping while they are enjoying performances from our community.

We need volunteers! Please sign up at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4FADA829A2F85-snowflake>



Thank you so much for your recent Box Tops submissions! We earned around \$800 for Laurel Meadow! Congratulations to the following classroom winners:

K—Blanchard

1—Arkesteyn

2—Meyers



3—Peters

4—Jones

5—Lundquist

Our next collection will be in February. Let's double our recent submission!

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LIBRARY NEWS

December 7—Reading Olympics Morning Meeting 7:50 A.M. - 8:20 A.M.

December 10-14th - Mystery Reader Week—Mystery Readers Sign Up at the Link Below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7SPDbHNP9Lg4YZgeJZ72BAd6iWDg4ANXMtYcFUtECTBHaPg/viewform>

