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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 8th Teacher Delivery Night! Especially the Teachers...you ROCK!! It is always so much fun seeing the kids' faces when we deliver pizzas. What a great and fun way to raise money for our school.

I know all the parents enjoyed seeing their shining stars for the 1st Grade Musical. We sure have some great talent in our school! You can also see some more talent at the Hanover Arts and Science Festival on April 11th and the Stem Fair on April 16th. We have 2 spirit nights this month; Saturday, April 13th from 4 to 8pm at the new Mechanicsville Chipotle and on Sunday, April 28th at The Giambanco's Italian Grill. This is an all-day event so stop by and try their Sunday brunch.

We are still looking for volunteers for several committee's for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interest in one of these positions or would like to nominate someone, please contact me at mergyrx@aol.com.

All other PTA board positions are appointed and we have several committees' open for next year! If you are interested in helping with any of the following please let me know.

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

Box Tops Chair: Coordinate Box Tops for Education

Family Dinner & Dance Chair: Committee leads and assembles a committee to help manage logistics for event.

Garden Chair: Development of an on-campus garden and creation of an outdoor classroom

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.

Snowflake co-chair: help coordinate food, vendors, and entertainment for this event

Boosterthon /Fundraising co-chair: help with coordinating our biggest fundraiser

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 in the library. Everyone is welcome! Again, if you are interested in helping the PTA please don't hesitate to reach out!

Thanks,
Kristin Konopka
PTA President

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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 Mouse and the Motorcycle. It has been wonderful sharing our thoughts and feelings about friendship. 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, "Lemonade". Many thanks to our talented children and amazing music teacher.

We had our first ever Art Night! Ms. Hairston and her helpers created a wonderful evening filled with many types of arts and crafts for families to work on together. What a truly special night it was.



Looking toward the future, please mark your calendars and remind your neighbors of the upcoming Kindergarten Registration Day on Thursday, April 11, 2019. The registration will be held in the school 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 <https://www.hcps.us> . We are looking forward to meeting our new Laurel Meadow Lions.

Congratulations to Diane Rodriguez, LMES Support Employee of the Year. Anyone who has entered the main office of a school building knows what a chaotic place it can be. Here at Laurel Meadow Elementary School, Diane Rodriguez is the first person to greet visitors when they enter the school. Her welcoming demeanor coupled with her stellar professionalism puts each stakeholder who enters immediately at ease. Whatever reason they're here, it's handled in an efficient and pleasant manner. We are fortunate indeed to have Mrs. Rodriguez as the front desk administrative assistant and registrar here at Laurel Meadow Elementary School.



Congratulations to Amy Kuti , our representative for Teacher of the Year. She goes above and beyond to help all of her students grow as learners. She differentiates instruction and activities and also seeks out ways she can include student interests in her instruction. She serves as our PTA representative and encourages us all to take part in PTA events. We are so very blessed to have Mrs. Kuti here at “The Meadow.”



Arts and Science Festival

Over 50 works of art from LMES will be on display at Lee-Davis for the Arts and Science Festival on Saturday, April 13th, 2019.

2019 Festival of the Arts and Sciences

Lee-Davis High School

Saturday, April 13, 2019

10:00am-4:00 pm

Opening Ceremony: 10:00am in the auditorium

Also, THANK YOU to the PTA, LMES staff, students and families who came out to the Family Art Fest!

LIBRARY NEWS AND NOTES

Coming Soon!! The Dino-Mite Book Fair will be at the LMES Library April 15-19th. Look for flyers coming home during the week of April 8th for class schedules and a glimpse of the Best Sellers.

Our Book Fair has a new EWALLET digital payment option. No cash or checks needed. Just go to the [Book Fair Home Page-Click here](#) to sign up or simply shop online.

Book Fair hours:

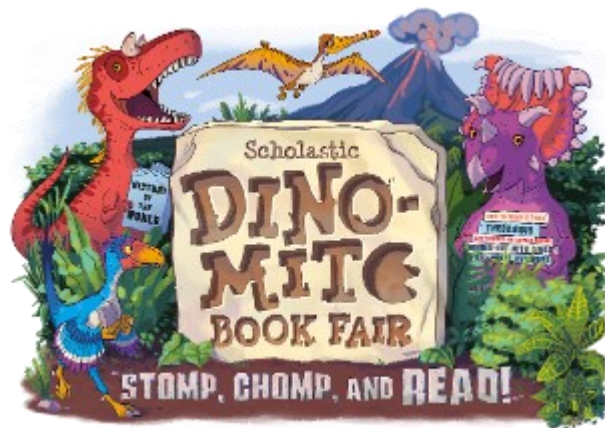
Monday-Thursday 7:30am-2:45pm

Family Night- Tuesday open until 6:30pm

Friday- closed at 1:30pm.

We would love to invite you to help with this fun event. Just click the following link to sign up.

[Dino-Mite Book Fair Volunteers Wanted](#)



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7	8	9	10	11 Kindergarten  Registration	12 LMES Spirit Day Report Cards STEM Projects Due	13 Arts and Science Festival/ Chipotle Spirit Day (4- 8PM)
14	15 BOOK FAIR	16 STEM Fair PTA Meeting BOOK FAIR	17 BOOK FAIR	18 BOOK FAIR	19 BOOK FAIR	20
21	22 No School— Student and Staff Holiday	23	24	25	26	27
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NEWSLETTER NEWS

The LMES PTA Newsletter will be all electronic for the 2019-2020 school year. You can receive the newsletter link in an email by signing up for e-connect for Laurel Meadow. The newsletter will be posted on the Laurel Meadow PTA website as well as a link on the PTA Facebook page.