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Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

Welcome to the start of another exciting school year at LMES. I hope you all enjoyed your summer and time with your loved ones. Our theme this year is still 'Choose Kind'.

The PTA is looking forward to helping you and your children have an enjoyable year. We have been working hard planning activities and programs again this year. We hope you join us for our first Volunteer fair/ Ice cream social on September 12th from 5:30p to 7pm.

We are super excited to partner with LMES again this year for the Boosterthon fundraiser in October. We have so much fun each year and it is such a huge success. Be sure to look for more information in the next few weeks. We are also going to continue our monthly spirit nights at our community restaurants, such as; Riverbound, The Giambanco's Italian Grill, and Chipotle. Our first spirit night will be September 17th at Mod Pizza.

We have new t-shirts for sale this year. I hope you had a chance to see them at the Open House, but if you didn't, don't worry because they will be available at many school events. Also, new this year is an opportunity to 'Go Green' with our electronic newsletter and sign up for the Remind texts to keep you up to date on school events. More information on how to sign up for both will be at Back to School Night.

There are 2 great ways to support our PTA, joining and volunteering. If you have not already done so, join the PTA today for \$8 per year per person or \$15 per household! Your membership helps support our school activities, requests from the grade levels and resources, and technology upgrades. We also help purchase books for the One School One Book program and school assemblies. Volunteering and becoming involved not only benefits your child, but also their classmates, the community, and you!

As always, be sure to look in your child's Tuesday folders for all the exciting events, offers and news that are happening at LMES! We hope you will join us for our first General PTA meeting on Thursday September 26th at 5:30pm in the library.

The LMES PTA is looking forward to working with all of you and to a great 2019-2020 school year!

Sincerely,
Kristin Konopka
PTA President



Principal's Corner - Ms. Sandra Crowder



Welcome to the Laurel Meadow Family! We are very excited to begin the 2019-2020 school year! We would like to welcome the following new folks to the LMES faculty: Shalone Morgan, Assistant Principal; Angela Hobson, ESL Teacher; Dana Grindstaff, Special Education Assistant; Emily Kitching, Counselor; Tamara Letter, ITRT; and Andrew Lucas, PE teacher.

The following tips will help families make the transition into school routines.

Attendance – Regular attendance is critical for academic progress. However, we know that emergencies occur and that children get sick during the school year. Please call the school clinic at 723-2046 if your child is going to be absent from school. You may leave a message on the nurse's voice mail prior to school opening in the morning. When you call please give your child's name, teacher's name, and a reason for the absence. In addition, a written note for the teacher when your child returns would be appreciated so the absence is appropriately documented.



Tardy – Regular school hours are 7:45 -2:30. A student is considered tardy if they have not reported to the classroom by 8:00 a.m. Students arriving to school after 8:00 must come with their parent to the main office to sign in and receive a tardy pass.

Building Hours – Students are permitted to enter the building at 7:30 a.m. Students entering the building between 7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. are supervised in the cafeteria until it is time to report to classrooms. The main office closes at 3:30 each day.

Student Drop -off – In the morning students may be dropped off in the front loop. Please have your child ready to exit the vehicle when you stop. Students will be welcomed into the cafeteria door at the far end of the loop. Staff members are on duty until the tardy bell rings at 8:00 a.m. to supervise children as they enter the building. After 8:00, parents should park in the lot and escort their students into the office to sign in.



Student Pick-up – A student may leave the school premises during the day only with the permission of the parent or legal guardian. We require written permission if anyone other than the student's parent or guardian picks them up at school. We will ask for a photo identification of the person signing out the child for safety reasons. After-school pick up occurs in the school cafeteria. You will need to sign your child out and be prepared to show photo identification. This process will help to ensure the safety of our children. The best place to enter the cafeteria will be via the side cafeteria door.

Medication – Hanover County’s medication policy prohibits the transfer of any type of medication (prescription or over-the-counter) by your child. All medications must be brought to the clinic by an adult. Any medication taken at school for 10 days or more requires a doctor’s written order.



Toys/Valuables – Toys, trading cards and valuables such as electronic devices are not permitted at school unless the teacher has given special permission for them to be brought to school for a special activity or project.

Cell Phones – They are allowed at school; however they must remain in your child’s backpack and turned off during the school day and on the school bus.



Student Dress – Students are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and clothing. However, student attire must not be a distraction to the learning environment. Messages on clothing that relate to sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vulgarity, violence, or that reflects adversely upon persons because of their race, creed or national origin will not be permitted in school. Flip flops, crocks and high heeled shoes present a major hazard on the playground equipment and stairs. Children wearing inappropriate footwear will have limited access to some of the outside equipment.

If at any time you have any concerns or questions, feel free to contact the school administration at 723-2040.

KROGER CARD

LMES is now enrolled in Kroger’s school fundraising program – Community Rewards –and we need your help earning funds for the school! Each year, Kroger donates \$3.5 million to nonprofit organizations that participate in Community Rewards. Earning funds for LMES is as easy as swiping your Kroger Plus Card every time you shop! To get started, follow the steps below to link your Plus Card to our school.

How to link your Kroger Plus Card:

Visit www.Kroger.com/CommunityRewards and click Sign In

Once logged in, select I’m a Customer/View Details

Search for your organization by name

Select your organization and click Enroll

Health & Safety

Riding the school bus for the first time is a big step for your child. Help your kids get a gold star in school bus safety by following these tips.

The Hard Facts about School Bus Safety:

School buses are the safest way to get children to and from school, but injuries can occur if kids are not careful when getting on and off the school bus.

Top Tips for Riding the Bus:

1. Walk with your kids to the bus stop and wait with them until it arrives. Make sure drivers can see the kids at your bus stop.
2. Teach kids to stand at least three giant steps back from the curb as the bus approaches and board the bus one at a time.
3. Teach kids to wait for the school bus to come to a complete stop before getting off and not to walk behind the bus.
4. If your child needs to cross the street after exiting the bus, he or she should take five giant steps in front of the bus, make eye contact with the bus driver and cross when the driver indicates it's safe. Teach kids to look left, right and left again before crossing the street.
5. Instruct younger kids to use handrails when boarding or exiting the bus. Be careful of straps or drawstrings that could get caught in the door. If your child drops something, they should tell the bus driver and make sure the bus driver is able to see them before they pick it up.
6. Drivers should follow the speed limit and slow down in school zones and near bus stops. Remember to stay alert and look for kids who may be trying to get to or from the school bus.
7. Slow down and stop if you're driving near a school bus that is flashing yellow or red lights. This means the bus is either preparing to stop (yellow) or already stopped (red), and children are getting on or off.



Back to School: Back to Art!

Welcome (Back) LMES artists and families,

Get ready for a colorful and creative year in Art at LMES! Start the new year in Art off right with an old t-shirt (with student name) for an art shirt. Student expectations in the art room are to be: Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Ready to Learn and Create. Student art work will come home after completion and assessment (unless on display or kept for an art show). Please be on the look out for art opportunities this year to volunteer, donate, visit student art shows, and to support the arts. Thank you for paying the \$5 art fee, providing an art shirt and supporting art at LMES. For more information on Art at LMES, visit lmes.hcps.us/resource/art.

Artfully,

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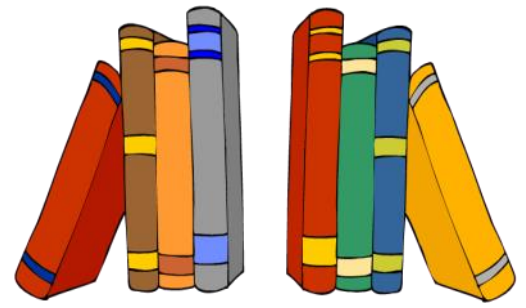
Have you heard? Boxtops for Education is going digital! Be sure to get the app! Once you have it, please select Laurel Meadow Elementary School. It's easy to scan your receipts and add Boxtops to our school account. There are even bonus opportunities to earn, and no more clipping!

We will still collect any clipped Box Tops while the program transitions to digital. Please send them in!

Don't forget to tell your family and friends!

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to the Laurel Meadow Library! We look forward to helping students develop a love for reading as well as learn how to access and use reliable sources of information. You are invited to visit our Virtual Library where you can access our collection through Destiny Library Catalog and use valuable reference sources and data bases.



Library Catalog and Checkout:

Students will visit the library weekly for information literacy lessons and to check out books. Books should be returned each week but may be renewed. To renew, please bring books back to the library so we can re-scan.

Please contact the library when a book is lost or damaged. We appreciate your help in keeping our collection in good shape by replacing or paying for the book.

Volunteer Opportunities: Look for a volunteer form coming soon.

- Book Shelters-We are looking for morning helpers to re-shelve books.
- Mystery Reader Program-Family members are invited to be a surprise guest reader during library time.
- Fall Book Fair-November 18-22nd; Family Night November 19th 2:30-6:30pm
- 4th/5th grade Reading Olympics Coach

Birthday Book Program:

- You are welcome to donate a new hardback book in honor of your child's birthday. We will recognize your child with a special book label inside the cover and treat bag.
- Look for the birthday letter during the month of your child's birthday.

Reading Olympics: 4th and 5th grades only-Coming Soon!

- Invitations will be sent September 10th and are due by September 20th.
- Teams and book titles will be announced at the Reading Olympics Kickoff Friday, October 4th.

We look forward to seeing you in the library! Please feel free to contact us.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day No School	3 	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 PTA Ice Cream Social and Volunteer Fair 5:30 PM—7 PM	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Back to School Night 6:30 PM PTA Meeting 5:30 PM	27	28
29	30 Health Screenings 8:30 AM					

SAVE THE DATE!

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LMES Boostertthon Fun Run !!

The PTA and LMES have joined together again this year to do one fall fundraiser! Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000. The money raised will be used to purchase furniture and other items to update the library as well as other instructional items to enhance classroom learning throughout the school. Come join the fun and support our school on Friday, October 18th. More details will come home soon.

Laurel Meadow Elementary 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.

The goal is to **FILL** our collection bin **WEEKLY** with as many **PLASTIC BAGS** of clothing, shoes and other textiles as possible!

Clothes
&
Shoes

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