



# LMES PTA

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Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

Fall is my favorite time of year with cooler temperatures, apple picking, and pumpkin spice! I hope all the students and families enjoyed this year's Boosterthon Fun Run! This is such an exciting, fun, and successful event for the school and PTA! We did not just meet our goal but exceeded it! I can not wait to see the library after it's make-over. This event wouldn't be possible without the hard work of Jen Puleo and Nicole Richardson so thank you to these wonderful ladies.

A lot of exciting things are happening this month! On Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> we will be competing with Battlefield Elementary School for MOD Pizza Battle of the Schools! The winning school will earn an extra 10% of sales. The third graders will be putting on their Veterans Day Performance on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, then join us on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 9pm for Stevi B's Spirit Night. Reading and Writing Night is Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Finally, we cannot wait to see all our students and their grandparents at Goodies with Grandparents, which will be held Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30-8:00am.

If you haven't joined the PTA yet, please still consider it! Please know that joining the PTA doesn't require a time commitment unless you want to. Just \$8.00 per individual and \$15.00 for 2 adults in the same household helps support our local community-based, non-profit organization spend every penny to improve the lives of our children. As a PTA, we work hard to put technology in the classrooms (smartboards, iPads), books in the hands of our students (reading resources), equipment for resources such as music, art and PE along with taking care of endless behind-the-scenes needs for our teachers staff and principals! Also if you are interested in becoming more involved in PTA, it's not too early to start thinking about next year!

Lastly, please join us for our next PTA general meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the library before Reading and Writing Night. All our welcome, and we look forward to any suggestions you may have. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas.

Sincerely,  
Kristin Konopka  
PTA President



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### Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports:

Laurel Meadow Elementary School is proud to be a PBIS School. What this means is we emphasize a school wide system of supports that includes defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create a positive school environment. All students at LMES have been provided with instruction, modeling, and practice with appropriate behaviors in classroom settings, as well as in non-classroom settings (hallways, cafeteria, etc.).

It is important to teach positive social behavior, rather than just react to misbehavior. It is more effective to teach behavioral expectations and reward students for following them than to wait for a misbehavior to occur. Our 4 expectations at LMES are: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Ready to Learn. Students have worked with their teachers to develop matrices of what each of these expectations look like in the different areas of the school.

Laurel Meadow staff has opted to reward students with Class Loot. Focus on the group of students, rather than an individual, strengthens our sense of community. Students set a goal; for example, "if we get 10 Class Loot certificates, we get 15 minutes of extra recess."

I would like to thank you for your support. Students at Laurel Meadow are very safe, respectful, and responsible. With your help, we have students who are ready to learn!



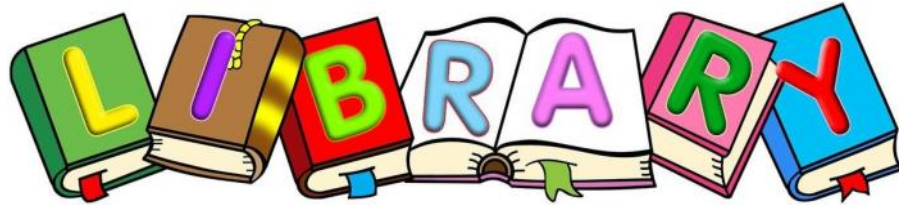
### Tardy Bell Rings at 8:00:

This is a reminder that the tardy bell rings at 8:00 a.m. Tardiness has a negative impact on learning outcomes on the tardy student, as well as the other students. When students arrive, even a few minutes late, they miss out on activities designed to build connections with their peers, potentially impacting their social interactions during Morning Meeting and creating a sense of alienation from their classmates.

When students arrive late, they receive fewer hours of instruction than students who are in class at the ring of the bell. Students who are late miss out on important announcements, team-building, and academic activities. Arriving late also establishes bad punctuality habits and disrupts the learning of the other students.

LMES Lions are counting on you to get them to school on time. Thank you for having students here between 7:30 and 7:55 so that they can be in their classes when the bell rings at 8:00. Being on time ensures the Lions are RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN.





The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming to the LMES Library!

November 18-22nd- 7:30 am-2:45 pm except Friday we close at 1:45 pm.

Family Event- November 19th 2:45pm-6:30pm

Families are welcome to visit the Book Fair during their child's library time or during open shopping. Click this link to view the schedule and/or to sign up to help.

[Scholastic Book Fair Volunteers Needed- Click here](#)

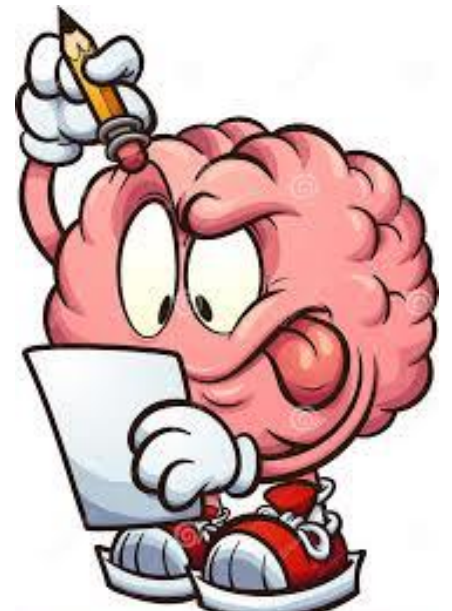


Reading Olympics Team meeting - Friday, November 1st 7:50 am-8:15 am



## MindUp

Laurel Meadow has an exciting opportunity this year to participate in the MindUp curriculum! These lessons will be taught throughout the school year in your child's classroom. It is an evidenced based curriculum that promotes social and emotional awareness. It focuses on five areas of competency: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. During the month of November, students will be learning about the parts of the brain and how they influence behavior. Ask your child to show you and tell you about their wonderful, spectacular brain!







# BATTLE of the SCHOOLS

## FUNDRAISING COMPETITION



*BATTLEFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
Thursday, October 24th*

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We raised a little over \$24,000.00! Way to go Lions!

The money will be used to renovate the library into a more kid-friendly space with flexible seating and instructional supplies for the teachers.



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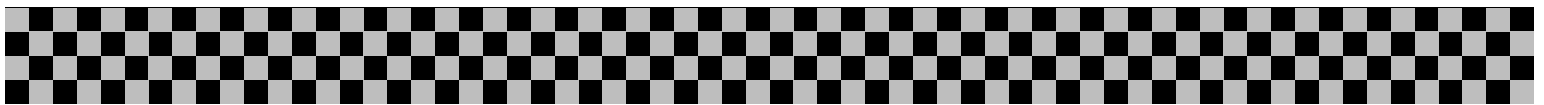


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# NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Early Closing End of 9 weeks  Reading Olympics Team meeting 7:50 am-8:15 am	2
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends	4	5 Student Holiday  Parent-Teacher Conferences  MOD Pizza Battle of the Schools	6	7 Veterans Day Performance 6:30pm	8 Report Cards	9
10	11	12 Stevi B's Spirit Night 5-9pm	13 World Kindness Day	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Break	28 	29	30



## Announcement

Are you starting to plan for the holidays? As you think about your arrangements, we want to remind you about the importance of sending your child to school **each day and all day**. The holidays are a time full of events and family trips, so we ask that you

continue to make your child's education a top priority. Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning, right up until we leave for a break. Thank you for supporting your child's school success. Remember – every minute counts!

