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Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff,

I would like to thank all the Dads and male role models who attended our Donuts for Dads event. We had a great attendance with over 400 Dads/male role models and students enjoying yummy donuts. I know your children sure enjoyed spending the morning with their Dads. Students will have an opportunity to spend a morning with their moms in May when we celebrate Muffins with Mom.

I can't wait to see our students walking the red carpet for our Night at the Movies Family Dinner and Dance on Friday, February 7th from 6 to 8 p.m. Come dressed up as your favorite movie character. Please RSVP with your choice of dinner so we will have enough food for all. Fliers were sent home in Tuesday folders. You don't need to have dinner to come and get your dance on!

Come enjoy lunch or dinner at The Giambancos Italian Grill on February 18th for our ALL-DAY spirit event. The PTA is also looking forward to another great Art Night on February 27th at 6:30pm.

Lastly, we are starting to look for new faces to help with the PTA for the 2020-2021 school year! We have a few volunteers leaving this year as their kids move on to middle school. Please consider getting involved, as we are looking to fill many chair positions, especially the Executive Board. Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27th at 5:30 p.m. before Art Night. This is a great time to come learn more about the PTA, volunteer positions for next year, and to make suggestions for events for next school year.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas at mergyrx@aol.com

Sincerely,
Kristin Konopka
PTA President



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With the second semester under way, we want to thank everyone for your continued support of our students, teachers, and school. We value the hard work you do at home to contribute to your child's success at school. Families are the most important influence in a child's life.

We hope you are enjoying reading The Trumpet of the Swan with your family. "Study after study shows that early **reading with children** helps them learn to speak, interact, bond with parents and read early themselves, and **reading** with kids who already know how to read helps them feel close to caretakers, understand the world around them and be empathetic citizens of the world."—Washington-Post, 2017.

"A new study provides evidence of just how sustained an impact reading and playing with young children can have, shaping their social and emotional development in ways that go far beyond helping them learn language and early literacy skills. The parent-child-book moment even has the potential to help curb problem behaviors like aggression, hyperactivity and difficulty with attention, a new study has found."—New York Times, 2018

February is African-American History Month. As we celebrate this month, talk with your children about the swan in The Trumpet of the Swan. He is named after Louis Armstrong, an African-American jazz musician who was one of the most influential musicians of our time. Our school has been studying the contributions of African-Americans on music history by listening to information on the morning announcements. As "One School, One Book" ends, we will be visited by the Richmond Symphony so students can discover the sounds of brass ensembles.

Thanks again for all you do to help your child succeed. Reading and talking with your child are the two most important.





Are you ready for A Night At The Movies?!?

**LMES and the PTA Present
The 2020 Dinner and Dance**

6pm-8pm on Friday, February 7th

Come dressed in your BEST Movie Themed Costume

Appropriate Attire Only -- School Dress Code Applies

A Night At The Movies Dinner & Dance Order Form:

Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Teacher(s): _____

of Tickets: _____ x \$5.00 = _____

Make checks payable to LMES PTA-Memo Family Dinner & Dance or send exact cash

Indicate the number of each Dinner Preference:

2 Slices of Pizza with Salad _____/Spaghetti with Salad: _____

You will receive your tickets for the dinner upon arrival at the check-in table.

Please return this form and payment by Friday, January 31st

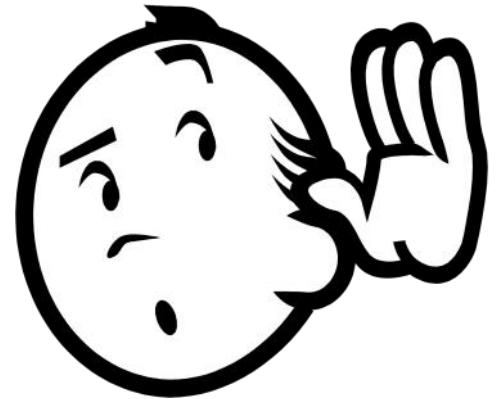
ALL Students and Family are welcome to the event even if food is not purchased.

MindUp

What is mindful listening? The MindUp Curriculum says “Mindful listening helps us choose which sounds to focus our attention on and helps us to be thoughtful in the way we hear and respond to the words of others. Research suggests that students become more focused and responsive to their environment by participating in mindful listening activities.”

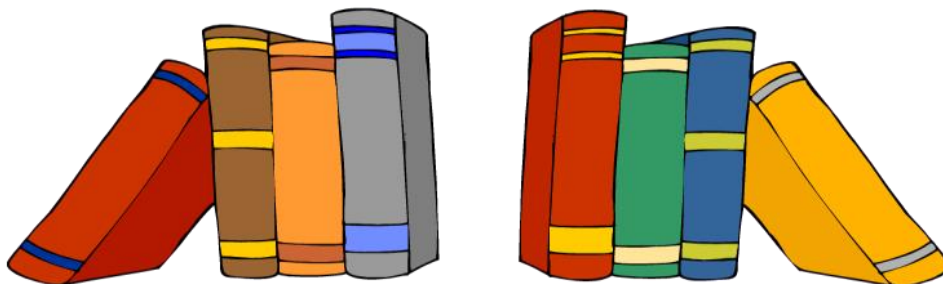
How can you help your child with mindful listening at home?

- Have your child choose a sound they enjoy hearing. Have them write about or sketch the sound to express how they feel when they hear it.
- Discuss with your child what sounds they find relaxing and what sounds they find unsettling. Have them compare and contrast these sounds.
- Discuss with you child a time when they listened carefully to someone and were able to avoid an accident or solve a problem because of it. Why is listening important?



Library Notes:

- ☆ February 7th-Reading Olympics Team Meeting 7:50am-8:20am
- ☆ February 10-14th—Mystery Reader Week-Contact Mrs. Kaloski if interested in reading to your child's class during library time.
- ☆ February 21st-Reading Olympics Team Practice 7:50am-8:30am



NATIONAL PTA[®] REFLECTIONS[®]

REFLECTIONS winners:

Primary Visual Arts

1st—Lorelai Elza

2nd—Catelyn Ferrell

Intermediate Visual Arts

1st—Mikey Elza

2nd—Gianna Strattman

3rd—Lillie Fravel

Primary Photography

1st—Lillian Salvato

Intermediate Photography

1st—Cammie Herndon

Intermediate Music Composition

1st—Caleb Morris (Caleb also went on to place in the County level as well!)



Laurel Meadow Elementary School 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.

Look for the large white collection bin in the school parking lot.
 The goal is to FILL our collection bin WEEKLY with
 as many PLASTIC BAGS of clothing, shoes
 and other textiles as possible!



**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

**SEND IN YOUR BOX TOPS
 CLIPS NOW!**

Send any traditional Box Tops clips to school by
February 14, 2020

so they can be included in your school's spring check.



CLIPPING TIPS:

- Make sure your clips aren't expired.
- Remember, you can "double dip" during this packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your receipt!
- Send your clips to school on the attached collection sheet or in bundles of 50.



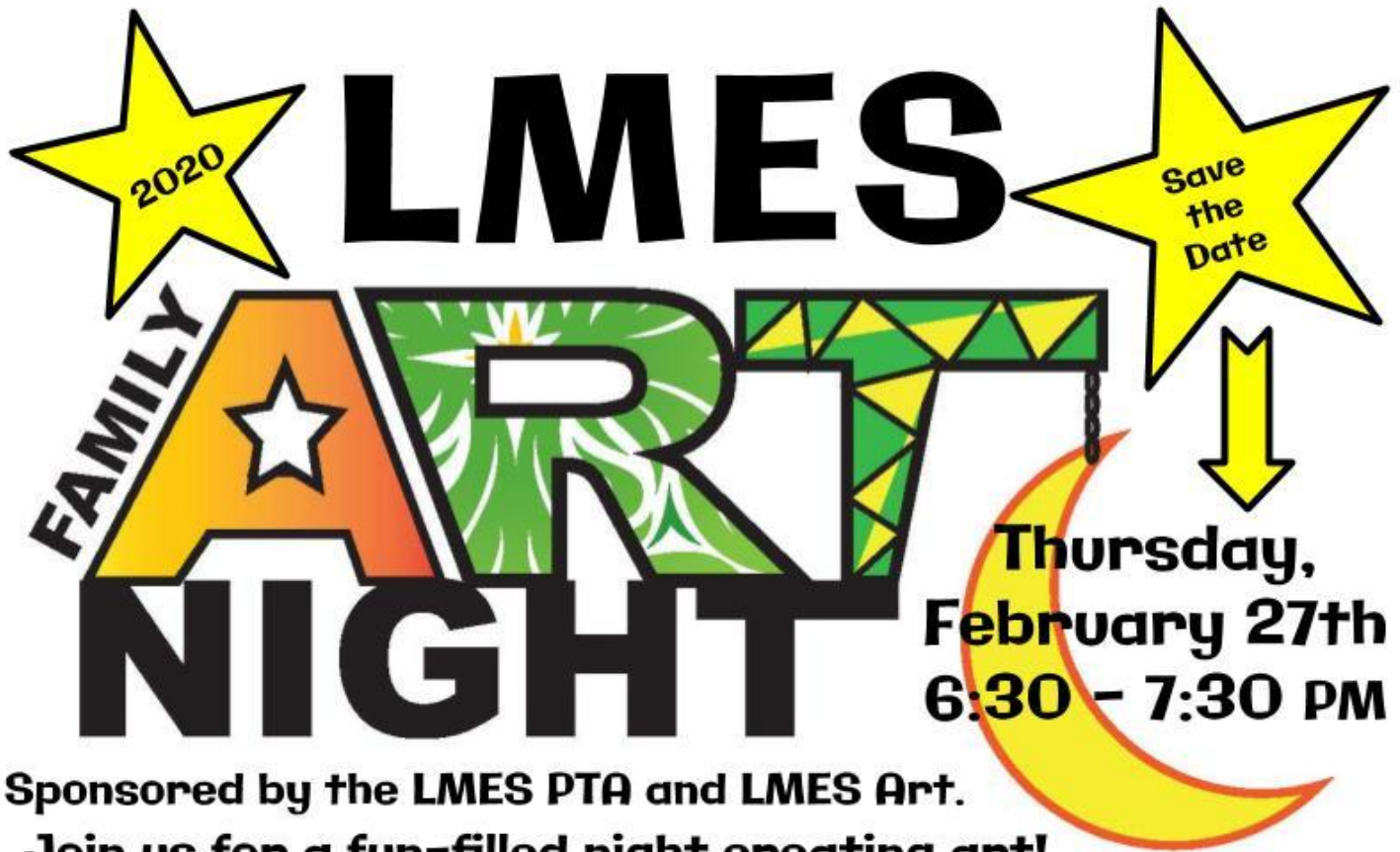
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Save the Date

FAMILY ART NIGHT

Thursday,
February 27th
6:30 – 7:30 PM



Sponsored by the LMES PTA and LMES Art.

Join us for a fun-filled night creating art!

★ **10+ Awesome Art Activities** *Make and Take Crafts

- Cardmaking
- Scratch Art
- Air-Dry pinch pot
- Shrinky Dink
- Gyotaku
- Jewelry making
- Marble painting
- Coloring
- Tempera painting
- Osmo Masterpiece
- Origami
- Mask making

★ **Potter's Wheel Demonstration**



- ★ Gift Card Door Prizes
- ★ SJMS Student Art Show

We need volunteers!
Contact Ms.
Hairston at
jhairston@hcps.us

FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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LMES welcomes Ms. Raelyn Fines from VCU Art Education Department. Ms. Fines will be teaching all Art class at Laurel Meadow for the month of February.

