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## Greetings!

Thank you to everyone who attended the first PTA general membership meeting on October 1. It was wonderful to see everyone, even though we didn't get to chat in person. We hope to see everyone at our next meeting on November 17 at 7 p.m. That date is also our Spirit Night at Panera Bread. Please join us for dinner from 4pm to 8pm at 7320 Bell Creek Road—or pick up your favorite meals before you join our virtual meeting!

The executive team is excited to announce that our general membership passed motions which will create two new committees: Diversity & Inclusion and Mental Health & Physical Well-being. These committees will help our school grow closer together despite the obstacles we have had to overcome due to COVID-19. We cannot wait to roll out the amazing programs our new committee chairs have put together for our school!

The Diversity & Inclusion committee was created to raise awareness of the diversity that exists among our students, faculty, and staff, and to increase our efforts for an inclusive environment for all. Whether a member of our LMES community has food allergies, special needs, or is a person of color, to name just a few, we look forward to making LMES where everyone is accepted and all voices are heard. Our new committee chair is Kei Waldrop. She has a background in creating workshops and educational sessions to help people to better understand diversity and how to better connect as a team. She is also participating in our virtual schooling this year. We are excited to hear from our virtual learning families, too.

One of our executive team's biggest concerns for this upcoming school year is mental health and physical well-being. We are pleased to announce the formation of the Mental Health & Physical Well-being committee. Amanda Scheffler is the newly appointed chair. She is new to LMES this year, but has worked closely with Mr. Davis at Mechanicsville Elementary. Amanda has a passion for helping coach students and their families on how to incorporate physical activity into their lifestyles. She has helped to create fitness programs in-person and virtually and is excited to expand this committee into a variety of areas, including nutrition, exercise, and mental health services, as well as providing programs and resources to the LMES community.

Our LMES PTA loves and appreciates you all for everything you are and everything you do to make our school the best learning environment for our students. There are so many wonderful opportunities to get excited about this school year.

Sincerely,  
Nicole "Coley" McLaren  
LMES PTA President



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## Principal's Corner - Mr. Brad Davis



Happy October LMES Families,



This month LMES has been celebrating disability awareness. Each week we have taught our students about different disabilities and how people have overcome these disabilities and accomplished great things. We taught students about learning disabilities and how having one does not affect how smart someone is. Kids and adults with learning disabilities aren't lazy or dumb either. They are just as smart, or smarter than everyone else! Having a learning disability means that one's brain just works differently. We also looked at Autism through the lens of several famous people like Dan Aykryod and Satoshi Tajiri (the creator of Pokémon). Students learned that some people with autism have a hard time talking with others, while others are sensitive to sound or touch. But, people with autism do enjoy sharing their interests and can achieve great things. Last week we learning more about vision, hearing and speech and language impairments. Students learned about Helen Keller and her amazing contributions to society. These lessons will culminate with an "Orange Out" on October 28th to show that we are together against bullying, and united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

Enjoy the crisp air and falling leaves as we begin to enter a fun holiday season!



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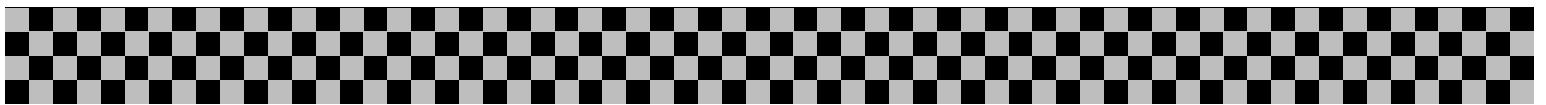
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## Gifted Program Referrals:

Parents, if you are interested in referring your child for the gifted program, please do so by January 31st. To refer your child, please contact Teresa McNeely at [tmcneely@hcps.us](mailto:tmcneely@hcps.us). The screening process will take place in February. Students in the gifted program receive instruction through collaborative lessons in their regular classroom one to two times per week. If you have any questions, please let Miss McNeely know!

# NOVEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Daylight Savings</i>	2 Student Holiday Parent-Teacher Conference	3 Election Day Student/Teacher Holiday	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12	13 Early School Closing End of 9 Weeks Picture Day for Virtual Learners	14
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22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Break  →	26 	27	28
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LMES PTA General Membership Meeting  
Tue, Nov 17, 2020 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (EST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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