



# LMES PTA

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Greetings to all LMES to all faculty, staff, students and parents!

The LMES PTA was so happy to see you at our October general membership meeting and Back to School Night on October 1. We appreciated the opportunity to share the event with our amazing principal, Brad Davis.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, our Boosterthon was originally scheduled to take place this month, but due to social distancing practices and the desire to keep everyone safe, we have decided to reschedule Boosterthon to for next year. It will kick off on October 3, 2021. We look forward to a successful event next year!

Because the Boosterthon is our school's largest fundraising event of the year, we are planning to hold more spirit nights. These nights will support local businesses and provide additional funds to use in our school. Here is how you can help:

- Select Meadow Elementary School as your designated representative for your Amazon Smiles (now able to link through the Amazon app), Kroger, Publix, and BJs accounts. LMES will receive funds from each of these businesses when you either sign up for an account at BJs or when you purchase items from Amazon, Kroger and Publix. Since many of our LMES families shop at these business it is a simple way to help give back to our school.
- Download the Box Tops for Education App and scan your receipts! The LMES PTA will still collect the physical Box Tops if you happen to have them in your home. Make sure to send them to school with your student so we can have them counted toward our school's projects.
- Purchase LMES pawprint t-shirts, socks, adjustable face masks, gaiters, and scrunchies! Visit our shop on Memberhub (<https://laurelmeadow.new.memberhub.store/store>). The items you purchase will be delivered to your student's classroom to bring home.
- Activate your PTA membership if you have not done so already. You can also do this on Memberhub (<https://laurelmeadow.new.memberhub.store/store>).

The LMES PTA would like to thank you all for your support and flexibility this year. We love and appreciate you all of you! Because of your help, LMES is an environment where students are empowered to become the best versions of themselves.

Sincerely,  
Nicole "Coley" McLaren  
PTA President





## Principal's Corner - Mr. Brad Davis



It is so great being at Laurel Meadow ES with the hallways and classrooms alive again. Our students have done a nice job of transitioning back to school and following our new health guidelines. We appreciate the support of our families in implementing our new procedures for arrival and dismissal. It was a great first few weeks of school!

One date we want you to bookmark is October 1<sup>st</sup>. We are currently formulating plans to hold a virtual back to school night. More information will be sent out when it is finalized. We look forward to seeing everyone then!



## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS

### Teach Kids How to Walk Safely

1. Teach kids at an early age to look left, right and left again before crossing the street. Then remind them to continue looking until safely across.
2. It's always best to walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at street corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
3. Teach kids to make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.
4. Children under 10 need to cross the street with an adult. Every child is different, but developmentally, most kids are unable to judge the speed and distance of oncoming cars until age 10.
5. Encourage kids to be especially alert for cars that are turning or backing up.
6. Teach kids not to run or dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
7. If kids are walking when it's dark out, teach them to be especially alert and make sure they are visible to drivers. Have them wear light- or brightly-colored clothing and reflective gear.



### WALK TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY

Please plan to join us on **Wednesday, October 7th** for International Walk to School Wednesday, as part of the Safe Routes to School Program. If you live within one-half mile of Laurel Meadow and walk with a parent, you may join in this event.

We hope to see you there!



Dear Families,

The Box Tops for Education program is changing the way we can earn cash for our school!

Participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.



SEE THIS...  
**CLIP IT**



SEE THIS...  
**SCAN YOUR RECEIPT**

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team has worked hard to build a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app, available now.

The new app features state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

**BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP  
OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:**



**If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, you can “double dip” during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.**

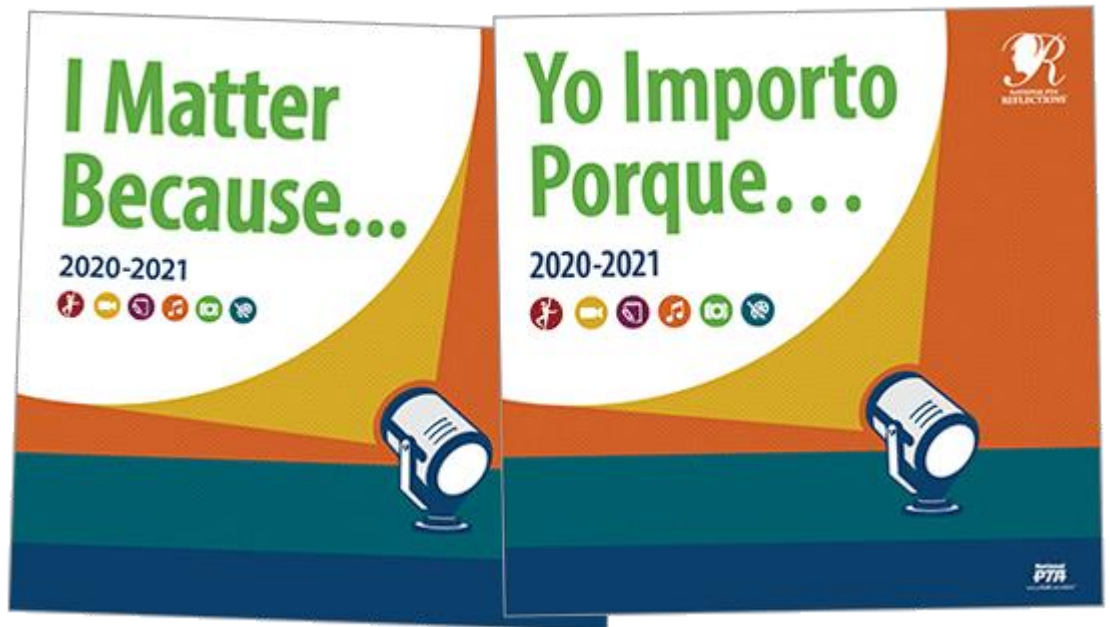
Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE CHANGES AT  
BTFE.COM**

## Bus Driver Appreciation



In honor of National School Bus Safety Week October 19-23, don't forget to thank your bus driver! Have your child write a thank you note to his/her bus driver for getting students to school safely each day, or give your bus driver a piece of fruit or sweet treat to show your appreciation.



The PTA Reflections Program gives students the opportunity to create theme-based artwork in dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, or visual arts.

This year's theme is "I Matter Because..."

Student submissions are due by **November 2, 2020**.

Please submit work digitally through this link: <http://bit.ly/LMESreflections20>

Contact our Arts & Education Chair, Amy Kuti and Theresa Smither, 804-723-2040, [akuti@hcps.us](mailto:akuti@hcps.us), [tsmither@hcps.us](mailto:tsmither@hcps.us) with questions about the Reflections Program.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> Virtual Back to School Night 5:30-6pm & 6:30-7pm  Virtual PTA Meeting 6-6:30pm	<b>2</b> Custodian Appreciation Day	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Walk to School Wednesday	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Interims	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Early School Closing	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">National School Bus Week</div>						
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 

## PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be on November 17, 2020, at 7:00pm. Below is the link you can use:

<https://www.gotomeet.me/coleymclaren5/lmes-pta-general-membership-meeting>

You can also dial in using your phone. (For supported devices, tap a one-touch number below to join instantly.)

United States: +1 (872) 240-3412

One-touch tel: +18722403412,,216716565#

Access Code: 216-716-565