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Seasons greetings to everyone!

It has sure been an eventful 2020 school year. The LMES PTA thanks all of the students, parents, faculty and staff for being flexible and supportive with all of the modifications made this school year. Thank you for keeping our school and community as safer place.

The LMES PTA kicked off the No-Fundraising November initiative. Thank you everyone who has made a direct contribution to our school. It is our intent to raise funds this year providing for supplemental reading materials in each classroom. Our students had a blast on 11/24 with Hat Day-reaching the first of four tiers in this incentive. We are more than 1/2 way to our second tier allowing students to wear pajamas to school for the day. Make sure to get your donations in by 12/4 to participate! <https://tinyurl.com/LaurelMeadowPTA>

Thank you to everyone who placed a Winter Spirit Wear order. Your items will be delivered by 12/14 to your student's classroom unless specified as a holiday gift. Regular spirit wear items are still available for purchased in our Memberhub store.

Our Executive Team is preparing for next year's committee chair roster. We are seeking members interested in helping our school by providing time and effort towards helping our students reach their potential. If you are interested more about the committees available for the next school year please let us know.

Thanks again to all for participating in our virtual General Membership PTA Meetings. Our next meeting will be held on 1/14/2021 at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you with us!

Make this a December to remember. See y'all next year!

Sincerely,
Nicole "Coley" McLaren
LMES PTA President



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Principal's Corner - Mr. Brad Davis



Keeping with one of our favorite Holiday Songs, I now present to you the 12 days of LMES (what I've seen and thankful for):

**On the first day of Christmas the staff showed me:
How quickly they adapt**

**On the second day of Christmas the students showed me:
How resilient they are**

**On the third day of Christmas the parents showed me:
How well they deal with change**

**On the fourth day of Christmas the staff showed me:
How creative they can be**

**On the fifth day of Christmas the students showed me:
How quickly they learn after being out of school for 5 months**

**On the sixth day of Christmas the parents showed me:
How patient they are**

**On the seventh day of Christmas the staff showed me:
How hard they work every day**

**On the eighth day of Christmas the students showed me:
They remember how to have fun in the classroom**

**On the ninth day of Christmas the parents showed me:
How quickly they can get through our car loop!**

**On the tenth day of Christmas the staff showed me:
How much fun they like to have with their students**

**On the eleventh day of Christmas the students showed me:
How to be a LMES Lion**

**On the twelfth day of Christmas the students, staff, and parents showed me:
How much they welcomed me!**

Supporting the PTA

How great is it to know that every dollar you donate to the school will go right back to the teachers and students right here at Laurel Meadow Elementary School? Here are a few programs the PTA supports throughout the year using the funds raised through events like No-selling November and our Read-a-Thon which we will be hosting in late Jan., early Feb, watch for more details to come. By not using a third-party company to sell products, we are able to use all the money you give to programs that support the students in our school. Here are a few examples: Reflections Awards and Prizes, Speech, Math Coach, Music, Reading Specialist, Art, Specialized Instruction (SPED), the Gifted and Talented program, and so much more.

During the planning period and in the midst of the coronavirus preparations, Principal Davis retracted his ask for supplemental reading program materials. This comes as a result from being unable to safely hold the Boosterthon and benefit from the funds raised during that event. In 2018, we brought in almost \$20,000 for our school and even more in 2019. This year looks a little different because of the Covid-19 Pandemic and we, the PTA, are trying to make the most of the situation. Our goal is to continue to find funds to support the OWL students and teachers, the in-school teachers and specialized programs our school offers to the kids at LMES, and find the funds for Principal Davis for the Supplemental Reading Program. We know this is a big ask, and we can only do this with continued help from you all.

Please think of us as you do your shopping this year through Givebacks under MemberHub. These are products which have been discounted for you and range from items like science projects, online STEM classes, parental control apps, and even memberships to places like Sam's Club. With every purchase the PTA will get up to 20% back. These funds then get allocated back to fill requests from the school staff and teachers, and meet our financial goals for the 2020-2021 school year.

Almost every week we'll be adding new special savings on family products and services to our store in MEMBERHUB. Givebacks are a PERFECT way to jump start your holiday shopping. Every gift gives back. Share your purchases on social media - the more you share, the more funds we raise.

In addition to our year-round Giveback program, we also have other opportunities that last throughout the year to support the school while you shop. Check the Newsletter each month for this information and for any new partners we add.

Amazon Smile: smile.amazon.com

1. Find the AmazonSmile link
2. Look up Laurel Meadow Elementary School and click select to make LMES PTA the recipient.
3. The school starts earning while you shop.

Kroger Community Rewards: www.kroger.com

1. Create a Digital Account.
2. Search for Laurel Meadow and link.
3. The school starts earning while you shop.

(BRAND NEW) Publix: www.publix.com

1. Click on Publix Partners
2. Search Laurel Meadow Elementary School.
3. Select the school
4. The school starts earning while you shop.

Papa Johns: www.papajohns.com

1. Code: LMESLIONS
2. When you order, enter our code.
3. The school earns while your family is being fed.




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Gifted Referrals

How can students be referred for gifted screening and what makes a good candidate?

A teacher or a parent may refer a child for gifted screening. If your child exhibits gifted behaviors and is performing at above grade level expectations, your child's teachers may refer them as a good candidate for the screening process.

Parents may also refer students for gifted testing. Please discuss your child's performance with their teachers, as they will have insight into gifted characteristics and above level benchmarks. If you would like to refer your child for testing to determine if they would be eligible for gifted services, please submit your request to your child's teacher no later than January 31st for the Spring Testing Window. The deadline for all signed permission slips is January 31, 2021. If you have any other questions, please contact tmcneely@hcps.us or visit http://hcps.us/departments/instruction/gifted_education for more information.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Special Education Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Interims	12
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20	21 WINTER BREAK	22 WINTER BREAK	23 WINTER BREAK	24 WINTER BREAK	25 WINTER BREAK	26
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<https://laurelmeadow.new.memberhub.store/store>