



President's Post

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Laurel Meadow Staff,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing summer break and that the first month back into school went smoothly. The PTA has been hard at work planning out exciting and engaging events for the coming year.

We invite you to join our PTA by becoming a member. Together we can give our children the best environment for learning. Joining is easy! Just scan the QR code above, or go to <https://laurelmeadow.memberhub.com> and activate your free account. It only takes five minutes, so join now!

We have a few events planned for October so be sure to mark your calendars!

- Our annual fundraiser, Boosterthon, with the school kicks off October 3.
- The Fun Run for Boosterthon will be October 12 and **YOU** will be able to attend to **cheer** on your student(s).
- 5th grade Parents/Guardians - Check out page 2 for the RSVP for the Principal Coffee Chat.
- Join us on **Thursday, November 3rd** for our next general PTA meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the library.

child, so please reach out to us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Brandi Davis
LMES PTA President
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We're looking forward to a great school year and hope we can count on you this year! The PTA is here to **advocate for every**

YOU BELONG IN PTA



Did You Know That October Is?

National Principals Month? Visit www.principalsmonth.org/e-cards to send Principal Davis & Vice Principal Wilken an e-card!

¿Sabías que el Mes Nacional de los Directores? Visite www.principalsmonth.org/e-cards para enviar una tarjeta electrónica al director Davis y al subdirector Wilken.

1 out of **5**
students is bullied

5 out of **5**
can help prevent that

NATIONAL Bullying Prevention Center.
Create a World Without Bullying | fbclid.com/bullying



Octubre es el Mes Nacional de Prevención de Bullying

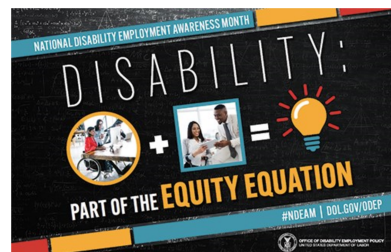
Juntos podemos crear un mundo sin bullying

National Dyslexia Awareness Month
El Mes Nacional de Concientización sobre la Dislexia
#NationalDyslexiaAwarenessMonth



LGBT History Month is an annual month-long observance of LGBT history, and the history of the [gay rights](#) and related [civil rights](#) movements.

El Mes de la Historia LGBT es una celebración anual de un mes de duración de la historia LGBT y la historia de los derechos de los homosexuales y los movimientos de derechos civiles relacionados.





Principal's Corner

Dear Laurel Meadow Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. As we move together into this school year, the faculty and staff at Laurel Meadow Elementary School join me in saying we're happy to have each of you as part of our learning community. Our faculty and staff is dedicated to providing students a nurturing school environment, building positive relationships, focusing on the individual growth of each child, and establishing high expectations for learning.

This year, our school theme will once again be **Lions Stick Together.** We will continue to focus on providing a safe learning environment in which all students are inspired to achieve their fullest potential. We will continue to support the foundation of social and emotional development of our future community leaders as they start the journey to becoming life ready. Our goal is for students to know that we care about them and we are committed to helping them grow not only academically, but socially and emotionally.

Our teachers will continue to facilitate lessons that challenge students to imagine, create, assess, "and apply their knowledge

to real-life scenarios. Using the Profile of a Hanover Graduate, we will provide our students experiences that support growth in becoming an empowered learner, globally engaged communicator, resilient individual, and responsible citizen. It is our hope that their experiences at Laurel Meadow will prepare them for the many adventures awaiting them beyond elementary school.

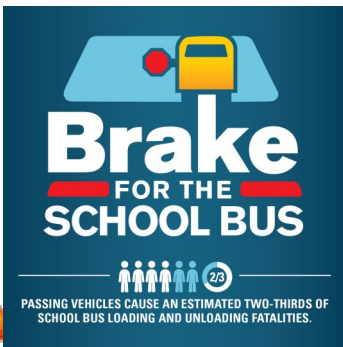
Lastly, please make sure you check out our [PTA Website](#) and look for the many places we could use your support this year as a volunteer. No job is too small and volunteering is a great way to meet other families! Please consider committing your time this school year. Together we can make a difference!

If at any time I can be of service to you, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Brad Davis
Principal
[Laurel Meadow Elementary School](#)



Keeping Children Safe Around the School Bus



Despite the fact that there are stop arm laws in all 50 states, it's estimated that over 10 million drivers illegally pass school buses every year. This poses a serious risk to children who may not be aware of approaching traffic obscured by the big yellow bus. There simply is no "safe" way to illegally pass the school bus. If the bus is stopping,

children are present.

It's illegal to pass a school bus within the roadway as it drops off or picks up passengers—regardless of the direction of approach. When sharing the road with a school bus, motorists should drive at a slower pace and keep a safe distance. Under no circumstance should a motorist ever be within 10 feet of a school bus.

Parents also play an important role in keeping children safe around the school bus. Younger children should be supervised at the bus stop. All children should know about the risks involved with getting on and off the school bus and ways to stay safe:

- Get to the bus stop early.
- Stay three giant steps away from the road
- Not approach the school bus until it comes to a complete stop and the door opens.
- Children who cross the street when getting on or off their school bus should be at least five giant steps (10 feet) in front of the bus.
- Before stepping onto the roadway, they should look both ways for passing cars and wait for the OK signal from the school bus driver to cross.
- Children should never walk behind the school bus
- They should not attempt to pick up an item that is dropped outside of the bus without getting permission from the driver first.

Everyone can improve the safety of children by letting others know that putting children's lives at risk is not OK.



Principal Coffee Chats: 5th Grade



The LMES PTA Hospitality Committee is hosting our second Principal Coffee Chat for 5th Grade Parents & Guardians on **October 27, 2022 at 8:30 am** in the cafeteria.

Principal Davis will be there to talk about the new House system.

The PTA **will have a variety of information available.**

Note you can send any adult to the meeting for you to gather the information as long as they have been approved

through the [Raptor volunteer system](#).

RSVP by October 23, 2022 for accurate counts please by **scanning the QR code** or going to this web address <https://tinyurl.com/yuyt8hmr>



Advocacy: Voter Registration

Every 2 years, 7 million Americans turn 18 and become eligible to vote. These newly minted adults vote at a much lower rate than the general population. But we can change that — encourage the youth in your community to register to vote! #PTAVotes

[PTA.org/voterRegistration](https://pta.org/voterRegistration)

Virginia Deadline to [register to vote, or update an existing registration](#):

October 17, 2022

(Voters may register after this date, through Election Day, and vote using a provisional ballot).

Virginia Deadline to apply for a ballot to be mailed to you:

October 28, 2022

Your request must be received by your [local voter registration office](#) by 5:00 p.m.

Virginia Voter registration offices open for early voting:
Saturday, October 29, 2022

Advocacy: School Quality Profiles

WHAT ARE THE SCHOOL QUALITY PROFILES*

Online reports and interactive graphs for schools and school divisions that provide parents and the general public with information about factors that can impact student learning and achievement.

Information you can find includes:

- Enrollment and demographics
- Achievement on Standards of Learning tests
- Participation in advanced programs
- Graduation rates & types of diplomas earned
- Students earning career and technical certifications
- Attendance rates
- Participation in school breakfast and lunch programs
- School safety, suspension and expulsion data
- Per-pupil spending
- Teacher Quality



*School Quality Profiles: <https://schoolquality.virginia.gov/>

You can access Laurel Meadow's Quality School Profile by scanning the QR code or going to this web address:

<https://tinyurl.com/ykkbv8xc>



All Hanover County Public Schools have achieved accreditation by the Virginia Department of Education based upon results during the 2021-22 school year.

#Report2Results #VAEducationExcellence

Arts in Education



2022-2023
CALL FOR ENTRIES!
SHOW YOUR VOICE!

Explore the Arts and Express Yourself!
Learn more and get involved!
[PTA.org/Reflections](https://pta.org/Reflections)

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:
October 26, 2022

FOR DETAILS:
Scan the QR code
Or visit <https://tinyurl.com/mr3duc56>



2022-2023
¡CONVOCATORIA!
¡HAZTE ESCUCHAR!

Explora las Artes y Expresate.
¡Informatate y participa!
[PTA.org/Reflections](https://pta.org/Reflections)

FECHA LÍMITE PARA LAS PRESENTACIONES:
26 de octubre de 2022

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<https://tinyurl.com/mr3duc56>

Fundraising: Boosterthon



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

Enter pledges
at **funrun.com**

Families! This year we're raising \$20,000 for Math Supplies & New House System! We need your help to get us there.

Join us at the Fun Run on Oct. 12th!

HELP OUR SCHOOL IN 3 EASY STEPS

1 REGISTER YOUR STUDENT(S) AT

MYBOOSTER.COM



2 SHARE WITH OTHERS

Share your student's fundraising page from MyBooster.com with easy email templates and a fun Student Star Video!

3 DONATE TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL IF YOU ARE ABLE TO

WORLD-CLASS CHARACTER PROGRAM

Your students have been learning about character following along with the "Grand Land Adventure" story.

The story takes students to National Parks across the United States learning about gratitude, stewardship, bravery, perseverance and wonder.



BOOSTER 

Community Programs



BUY4 EARN4

Now through November 30, earn 4 Bonus Box Tops when you buy any 4 Box Tops products in one transaction. It's a great chance to stock your pantry and earn extra cash for your school, too. PLUS, look for coupons on select General Mills products and save up to \$4 on Box Tops cereals, snacks and more.

Purchase by 10/30/22. Limit 1 claim per participant per 7 days. This offer excludes single serve cups of yogurt and some dairy snacks, Nestle, Paper Mate and Lynd products. Offer valid while supplies last.

ONE RECEIPT. ENDLESS POTENTIAL.



GET THE BOX TOPS APP AND START EARNING FOR YOUR SCHOOL TODAY!



amazon smile

When you shop at Amazon, set your [AmazonSmile](#) to Laurel Meadow Elementary School PTA! Amazon will make a donation to Laurel Meadow Elementary School PTA for each eligibly purchase you make.

Volunteer SIGN-UP



The LMES PTA Hospitality Committee needs volunteers for set up, serving, and clean up of the Principal Coffee Chat on October 27th. If you would like to volunteer please sign up by scanning the QR code below or going to this web address

<https://tinyurl.com/mpt3k3xw>



DEI

Welcome back Lions!
This year the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee of the LMES PTA will focus their efforts to provide inclusion for every school and PTA sponsored event. We want to make sure our students, faculty and staff understand how important they are to the LMES family.

The Special Education Liaison will attend the upcoming Virginia State Special Education Advisory Committee in October. She will bring back all of the information and resources to share with our LMES family. The next Richmond area Special Education Advisory Committee will take place in November. Anyone can attend these meetings, but may only actively participate in the meeting as a member of the committee.

Have a great new school year!



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EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO BE WELL FED

KEEP KIDS FED ACT

The process for how students access free and reduced school meal benefits is shifting back to the eligibility-driven model that was in place before the pandemic. While the new Keep Kids Fed Act extends flexibilities and ensures children will continue to have access to healthful and nutritious meals, **families must proactively apply.**

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

Well-nourished students are more attentive, and every student should have the same opportunity to thrive. Educational benefits may include **free and reduced school lunch**, discounts on ACT/college applications, after school care, youth sports fees and more.

LEARN MORE

Ask your school/contact how to apply for **free and reduced meals** to see if your child qualifies for this important educational benefit.

TODOS NIÑOS MERECE ESTAR BIEN ALIMENTADO

LEY PARA MANTENER A LOS NIÑOS ALIMENTADOS

El proceso para que los estudiantes accedan a los beneficios de las comidas escolares gratuitas y a precio reducido está volviendo al modelo basado en la elegibilidad que existía antes de la pandemia. Aunque la nueva Ley para Mantener a los Niños Alimentados amplía las flexibilidades y garantiza que los niños seguirán teniendo acceso a comidas saludables y nutritivas, **las familias deben solicitarlo de forma proactiva.**

BENEFICIOS EDUCATIVOS

Los estudiantes bien alimentados están más atentos y todos los estudiantes deberían tener las mismas oportunidades de prosperar. Los beneficios educativos pueden incluir **almuerzos escolares gratuitos y a precio reducido**, descuentos en las solicitudes del ACT/universidad, cuidado después de la escuela, cuotas para deportes juveniles y mucho más.

MÁS INFORMACIÓN

Pregunte en su escuela/contacto cómo solicitar las **comidas gratuitas y a precio reducido** para ver si su hijo tiene derecho a esta importante beneficio educativo.

CONTACT 804-365-4566
FOR MORE INFORMATION

PÓNGASE EN CONTACTO CON 804-365-4566
PARA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN



Hanover's Local Food Pantry



PLEASE CALL PANTRIES BEFOR YOU VISIT

These Pantries serve Specific zip codes

- Ashland Christian Emergency Services (ACES):
23005, 23059, 23060, 23069 (Must live in Hanover Co.)
- Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF):
(804) 357-4093 or 23111 & 23116
- Western Hanover Emergency Action Team (WHEAT):
(804) 357-4093 or 23015, 23047, 23192, 23146



- Alice's Pantry: (804) 798-7444
- Beaverdam Food Pantry: (804) 564-9387
- Bethlehem Presbyterian: (804) 779-3775
- First Baptist Church of Ashland: (804) 730-1348
- Frist Shiloh Baptist: (804) 730-1348
- Glen Allen Church of Christ: (804) 730-2030
- Hanover Food Outreach Project: (804) 412-2899
- Hanover Evangelical Friends (HEF): (804) 730-9512
- Meadowbridge 7th Day Adventist Church: (804) 746-2788
- Mechanicsville Christian Center (MCC): (804) 746-4303
- Moments of Hope: (804) 913-9151
- Pappy's Pantry Ministry: (804) 387-4226
- Calvary Pentecostal Campground: (804) 798-7756
- Feed More Central Food Bank Main Line & Referral: (804) 521-2500
- Meal on Wheels: (804) 673-5035



OCTOBER

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2 Custodial Staff Appreciation Day	3 Boosterthon Kickoff	4 Yom Kippur begins	5 Student Holiday Navaratri ends Yom Kippur ends	6 German American Heritage Day	7 Interim Report Day	8
9 Sukkot begins	10 Mental Health PEOPLE	11 National School Lunch Week is the 11-14	12 Boosterthon Fun Run	13	14	15 Hispanic Heritage Month ends today
16 Sukkot ends Shemini Atzeret begins	17 Simchat Torah begins	18 Shemini Atzeret ends Simchat Torah ends	19 National School Bus Safety Week is the 17-21 UNITY DAY	20 YOM KIPPUR	21	22
23 National Inclusion Week	24 Diwali	25 Picture Day	26 Reflections entries due	27 Principal Coffee Chats - 5th Grade	28	29
30	31 Happy Halloween					

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