

THE ROARIN' REPORT

Laurel Meadow Elementary School

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COMING UP NEXT!

PRESIDENT'S POST

January

Happy New Year

- 16: MLK Holiday (School Closed)**
- 17: Reading Growth Assessment** grades 3,4,5
- 18: Math Growth Assessments** grades 3,4,5
- 19: Principal Coffee Chats -** 4th Grade @ 8:45 am
- 25: All Day Spirit Night @** MOD Pizza
- 26: PTA Meeting @ 6 pm**
- 27-30: Student Holiday**
- 31: 1st Day of Second Semester**
- 31: Gifted Referrals Due**

February



- 8: Report Card Dist. (K-12)**
- 16: Principal Coffee Chats -** 2nd Grade @ 8:45 am
- 20-24: LMES Loves Our Staff** Week
- 20: Parent/Teacher Conference** Day No School
- 22: Spirit Night @ Ashland** Skateland

March



- 3: Interim Report Day**
- 16: PTA Meeting @ 5:30 pm**
- 16: 2nd Grade Musical @ 6 pm**
- 24: Reading Olympics**
- 25: Spring Carnival**
- 31: Flexible Learning Day** Students

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Laurel Meadow Staff,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing winter break. I can't believe it is 2023!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Watch D.O.G.S. Kick off Pizza Party in December. And a huge THANK YOU to our volunteers who helped pull off a fantastic event.

A big ROUND OF APPLAUSE to Mrs. Talley and our 4th and 5th grade chorus for their fantastic Chorus Concert on December 15th. You all were terrific!

We still have lots of fun events in January, February, and March! First, we start off January with our Watch D.O.G.S. program in effect. We look forward to seeing all of our D.O.G.S. around school. Next, we will have our Principal Coffee Chats for 4th grade on the 19th. Then on the 25th we have our all-day Spirit Night at MOD Pizza. On the 26th we will have a general PTA meeting at 6 pm in the LMES library.

As for February, be on the look out for information to come home about our LMES Loves Our Teachers! A bonus teacher appreciation week. Along with information on our Spirit Night at Ashland Skateland and our Principal Coffee Chats for 2nd Grade. In March, we have a PTA meeting, 2nd Grade Musical, Reading Olympics, Spring Fling Carnival, and a Flexible Learning Day.

Sincerely,
Brandi Davis
LMES PTA President
laurelmeadowpta@gmail.com

YOU BELONG IN PTA

UNITE SPEAK ADVOCATE CHAMPION CONNECT INVEST

Come one, come all! Join the PTA and let's make learning the best it can be.

Sign up here:

<https://laurelmeadow.memberhub.com>

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Dear Laurel Meadow Families,

With a new year comes new resolutions. Here are some great resolutions to get students back in the groove after Winter Break.

- 1) **Read More:** Turning reading into a student New Year's resolution is a great way to get our kids to read more. Set aside time during each day for silent and/or out-loud reading. Be sure to chart their progress with reading logs and reward them with things like bookmarks or stickers when they reach their goals.
- 2) **Learn More:** Learning happens every day, but that doesn't mean our children can't make a New Year's resolution to learn more. Whether they want to learn about another culture, learn a new sport or activity, make the honor roll, or improve in a subject, our students will love choosing their own learning goals.
- 3) **Make New Friends:** This New Year's resolution can be done classroom-wide, school-wide, and throughout our community. Promote friendship by encouraging our students to stand up to help their fellow peers.
- 4) **Be a Good Citizen:** Be Positive, Be Responsible, Be Innovative, Be Determined, and Be Empathic these are our LMES expectations. Every day students who show these characteristics receive points for their house. Every day is a good day to practice these skills!

Brad Davis
Principal
Laurel Meadow Elementary School

HOSPITALITY

Don't Miss Out on a Principal Coffee Chat!

Come Learn About the Exciting New House System and More!

Adults with Raptor Approval Are Welcome!

Get approved by the Hanover County Public Schools [volunteer system Raptor](http://bit.ly/HanoverVolunteer) by clicking the link or going to this web address: <http://bit.ly/HanoverVolunteer>

Principal Coffee Chats: 4th Grade

RSVP is required in order to make sure we provided adequate refreshments & handouts

Date:
January 19, 2022

RSVP here or use the QR code:
<https://tinyurl.com/PCC-4th-grade>

Time:
8:45 am

RSVP by:
January 17, 2022

Location:
LMES Cafeteria



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Principal Coffee Chats: 2nd Grade

RSVP is required in order to make sure we provided adequate refreshments & handouts

Date:
February 16, 2022

RSVP here or use the QR code:
<https://tinyurl.com/PCC-2nd-Grade>

Time:
8:45 am

RSVP by:
February 14, 2022

Location:
LMES Cafeteria



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**Join Us This Winter!
#TakeAction4Kids**



ADVOCACY LEARNING LAB
Tuesday, Jan. 10th @7pm



CAPITOL DAY MEETINGS
Friday, Jan. 27 &
Virtual February Meetings



VIRTUAL RALLY
Thursday, Jan 12th



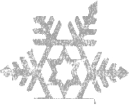
2023 General Assembly Session

VAPTA invites you to join us to #TakeAction4Kids!

- [2023 General Assembly Session Priorities](#)
- [Register for 'Let's Close the Reading Gap' Webinar](#) (Jan 9th @12pm)
- [Register for 2023 'General Assembly Review' Webinar](#) (Jan 10th @7pm)
- Join the Virtual Rally for Education (Jan 12th)
- [Register for 2023 PTA Capitol Day and Virtual Federal Constituent Connections](#) (Jan 27th & Week of Jan 30th)

For more information on VAPTA General Assembly Sessions please visit <https://vapta.org/advocacy/takeaction/take-action>

ARTS IN EDUCATION



We'd like to announce this year's winners of the Laurel Meadow PTA Reflections Competition.

Congratulations Lions!

Dance Choreography Intermediate (grades 3-5)
1st place - Kaylee Hall

Music Composition Intermediate (grades 3-5)
1st place - Maggie Barry

Photography Intermediate (grades 3-5)
1st place - Karissa Fowlkes
2nd place - Samantha Davis

Visual Arts Intermediate (grades 3-5)
1st place - Madelynn Davis
2nd place - Brennan Bell

Visual Arts Special Artist (all grades PK-5th)
1st place - Drax McLaren
2nd place - JJ McLaren

We invite you to see all the arts works our talented Lions submitted over on our website here: <https://tinyurl.com/LMES-Winners>



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & SPIRIT NIGHTS

FUNDRASE YOUR HEART OUT

RAISE SOME DOUGH

JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING

ORGANIZATION NAME: LAUREL MEADOW ELEMENTARY PTA

FUNDRAISER DATE: January 25, 2023

Bring this flyer in or order online through the MOD app or website and use the provided coupon code and MOD will donate 20% of your bill to support their great work!

ADDRESS: 7001 Mechanicsville Turnpike
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

FUNDRAISER CODE: MODF13465

Offer valid only on the back of this flyer and at the MOD PIZZA restaurant on this flyer. Offer valid for dine-in, take-out, or delivery when ordered through MOD PIZZA or website only. For online food orders, please use the code provided. For delivery, customer must live within delivery boundary. Only non-profit organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fundraising program. MOD will donate 20% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, 20% sales and other taxes are excluded from the donation. Offer valid if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit <https://modpizza.com/fundraisers/>. ©2023 MOD Pizza, LLC. All rights reserved.

FUNDRAISING

Fun and Successful Fundraising with LMES and LMES PTA's Boosterthon Fun Run! Halvesies! We just split a \$22k profit!



Fun Run

20
22



From Box Tops to grocery stores, you can learn all about our community programs that [give back to LMES here.](#)

CHOOSE BETTER!

DOLLARS4DOUGH



20% OF EACH ORDER GOES BACK TO SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL

2023 dates:

Jan. 1-3

Feb. 1-3

April 1-3

May 1-3

May 11 - PAPA Event

Promo Code:
LMESLIONS



ONLINE ORDERS ONLY!
APPLY PROMO CODE PRIOR TO CHECKING OUT!
PROMO CODE IS VALID AT ALL
20 CENTRAL VA-PAPA JOHNS LOCATIONS!



MERCHANDISE

Tee-rific! The Laurel Meadow's New Tee Shirt is Here!



T-Shirts Ready and Waiting - Delivered to your student or Pick-up! 2022-23 design has the Laurel Meadow House Motto:

**WE ARE 5 HOUSES,
WE ARE 1 FAMILY,
WE ARE Positive, Responsible, Innovative,
Determined AND Empathetic.
LION PRIDE!**

Check out the other fun items in the PTA store like our Paw Print Bows & Waterproof LMES Stickers!

Get 'em while they last at the [LMES PTA Store](#)

DEI

Laurel Meadow Elementary School, LMES PTA Diversity, Equity & Inclusion committee and LMES Special Needs Liaison present:

SPRING CARNIVAL

March 25th, 2023 from 1pm-4pm

GAMES & PRIZES **FREE ENTRY** **LIVE EVENTS**

Help Us Make Our Spring Carnival Even More Memorable - Sponsor, Perform, or Volunteer!

Contact Coley McLaren at coleymclaren@gmail.com



Make Room on Your Bookshelf - Donate Gently Used or New Books!

Contact Coley McLaren at coleymclaren@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS

Ready to lend a hand?
Check out these volunteer opportunities!



Ms. Coakley needs help with copies, cutting, and checking in on the Reading Rooms.

Contact Ms. Coakley at HCoakley@hcps.us if you can help!

Brew-tiful Opportunity!

Help the Hospitality Committee Serve Up Some Fresh Principal Coffee Chats!

We need volunteers to help with set up and clean up. If interested please sign up here

<https://tinyurl.com/PCC-Volunteer>

Can you grout?

Looking for a volunteer with grouting skills to grout the 5 school wide PRIDE mosaic murals. The grout and grout sealer will be provided.

Contact Ms. Hairston at JHairston@hcps.us if you can help!

Take the Reins and Make a Difference

There are Plenty of Executive Board and Committee Chair Positions Ready to Fill For Next School Year!

For more information email laurelmeadowpta@gmail.com

Ms. Jablonski needs help with laminating.

Contact Ms. Jablonski at MJablonski@hcps.us if you can help.



WATCH D.O.G.S.

Calling all dads, grandfathers, uncles, or other father figures!

Sign up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/Watch-dogs-day>



KAREN R. CARPENTER SCHOLARSHIP

LMES PTA to Offer \$500 Scholarship to One Lucky Graduating Senior!

Applications and recommendations must be received by **Friday, April 28th, 2023**. Applications received after that date will not be considered. Complete details and application can be found [here](#).

HEALTH & WELLNESS

LET'S COLLECT FOR NURSE MARTIN!

CLOTHING DRIVE

The PTA will hold a house competition to collect needed clothing items for Nurse Martin. The house with the greatest number of items wins 10 house points!

JANUARY 9th-31st

WHAT WE NEED (NEW & GENTLY USED CLOTHING) → LEGGINGS, SWEATPANTS, AND UNDERWEAR (new only)
ALL SIZES NEEDED!



Gifted Referrals

If you would like to refer your child (grades K-5) for testing, **please talk to your child's teacher.** After discussing the referral with the classroom teacher, please send an email to **Teresa McNeely** at tmcneely@hcps.us to begin the referral process. Please include your student's first and last name and their classroom teacher's name in your message.

STAFF APPRECIATION

The PTA Will be Hosting Our 3rd Annual **LMES LOVES Our Staff Week** On February 20 - 25.

- ♦ Monday - PTA will provide lunch
- ♦ Tuesday - Thank you Hearts from students
- ♦ Wednesday - Breakfast for staff - Sign up to donate items coming soon
- ♦ Thursday - Compass Church will provide lunch
- ♦ Friday - Candy Bar - Sign up to donate items coming soon



All of the current Staff Favorite Things can be found here <https://tinyurl.com/Staff-Favorite-Things>



**Thursday, January 26th
6 pm in the LMES Library**