



Lexington Middle School

Week of May 4, 2009

Happening This Week

Monday

- Awards Night
- LMS Day at Mediterranean Café 5:00 pm-9:00 pm

Tuesday

- Interim Reports
- LMS Day at Cold Stone Creamery 3:30 pm - 10:00 pm
10% of purchase donated to LMS

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Coming Events:

Monday May 11th LMS night at Sonic 5:00-8:00

PASS testing begins May 12th

*The Snow
Make-up Day
May 25*

From the Principal

Greetings:

I would like to thank all of you who came to campus for our Springs Arts Festival on Thursday evening. It was a wonderful success and everyone seemed to enjoy the performances, arts and the food. It was so nice to have the varied areas for the presentations.

This week is **Teacher Appreciation Week**. I have shared with the staff that every week should be but the week of May 4th - 8th has been identified as the week to focus upon the recognizing of our teachers. They are the professionals in the classroom everyday and they are the single most important person in influencing a student to succeed. That is not an easy challenge and too often they do not hear the "thank you" they deserve. The work is long and difficult. I encourage you to ask your child to write a simple note to his/her teacher. I also ask you to think back and identify a special teacher. Write or contact this person during the week. Let them know that you remember them and think fondly of them. It is important to recognize and be thankful to those who support us on this life journey.

May 12th will begin the PASS testing for the students. We administrated the writing in March and now will be testing the areas of English/Language Arts, math, science, and social studies. The preparation time for the testing is important for each student. Please see that your son/daughter gets rest/sleep and breakfast before attending school. As during the school year, preparation to begin the day is extremely important. Success on the PASS test is one of the factors that is studied for class placement and schedule. Please let your child know that this is an important assessment and does need full attention each day.

The "Relay for Life" program for the Lexington Community is May 15th at the old football stadium on Wildcat Road. There will be food, festivities, and walking both to honor those who have lost the battle to cancer and to celebrate those who survived their struggle. There will something for all ages to enjoy. Please stop by the Lexington Middle School area if you are out and about. The program officially begins at 7:00.

Several businesses are partnering with LMS to give back a percent of sales. The following are doing just that and I would encourage you to stop by and thank them as your participate.

Monday, May 4th: Mediterranean Café on Main Street -- 5:00 until 9:00,

Tuesday, May 5th: Cold Stone Creamery -- 3:30 until 10:00 and

Monday, May 11th: Sonic -- 5:00 until 8:00.

Hope to see you there.

As the year ends, please help us keep your child focused. Thank you for all your support.

Laura McMahan
Principal

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING CLASS

June 15, 16, 17, 18, 2009

Bus drivers are needed for full-time or part-time positions and to drive field trips. Starting pay is \$10.82 per hour. Some positions may offer state benefits. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Harvey Clubb at (803) 821-1340.

Important Information

LMS Sonic Car Hop
Monday, May 11
5:00pm - 8:00pm
Come out and see Teachers and Staff help serve 10% of purchases donated to LMS

Awards Night
Monday, May 4
LMS Theater
7th grade at 6:00pm
6th grade at 7:00pm
8th grade at 8:00pm

Announcement:
Physicals are going to be offered at the Moore Clinic - 104 Saluda Pointe Dr., just off 378, Lexington
May 9th 8-3
Please make checks payable to LHS.

Snow Make-Up Day:
Monday, May 25

7th Grade Service Learning Classes are holding a School Supply Drive to benefit homeless and needy children April 27 - May 8

6th Grade Service Learning Classes will be holding a Baby Supply Drive to benefit homeless families
May 11-May 22

LEXINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO INVITES YOU TO

Get Your Name On

WHO: YOU.....RISING 6th, 7th or 8th GRADER
WHAT: GET YOUR NAME IN PRINT
WHEN: ALL SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010
WHERE: LMS STUDENT AGENDA
LMS HALL BANNER
HOW: DONATE \$10 (TO LMS PTO) IN AGENDA BOOK
DONATE \$25 (TO LMS PTO) IN AGENDA BOOK & ON THE HALL BANNER
LMS PTO DONATIONS ARE USED FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS, STUDENT INCENTIVES AND TEACHER GRANTS (ITEMS FOR CLASSROOMS)
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: LMS-PTO
MAIL TO: LEXINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
ATT: GET YOUR NAME ON
702 NORTH LAKE DRIVE
LEXINGTON, SC 29072

DEADLINE STUDENT ENTRY TO GET YOUR NAME ON: MAY 14 2009

To learn more about this campaign and our

GET YOUR NAME ON FOR BUSINESS PARTNERS,

Go to www.lexington1.net, click on schools, click Lexington Middle School Web Page, click on LMS PTO or email:droyer@allamericanheatingandair.com or call 796-8356 from 9am to 5pm

Attention 8th Grade Parents

The 8th grade End of the Year Party is approaching and we need your help! The PTO is sponsoring the event and we are in need of parent volunteers and 2-liter Cokes, Diet Cokes and Sprites.

The party will be

Thursday, May 14 from 1:30-3:30.

If you are interested in helping or donating, please contact Traci Suber at tpsuber@aol.com

There will be a meeting Wednesday, May 6 at 8:00 in the PTO Room for all parents interested in helping. We appreciate it and hope to make this a special event for all our 8th graders to remember!

Relay for Life

May 15 - 16

at the old Wildcat Stadium on Ball Park Road

You can purchase Luminary Bags - \$10.00
Foot Prints - \$1.00 to be displayed at the event
In the honor or memory of a loved one diagnosed with cancer
Forms and items can be received from the front office



Dear Parents and Community Members,

In December, Lexington Middle School opened a theater on campus. It has quickly become a center for teaching. The facility is a wonderful setting for the arts, as well as, for the academics. We are so excited to have been able to add this facility, which seats 420, to our campus and believe that it completes our mission to prepare our students for the future. I do firmly believe that all lessons are not taught within the covers of a textbook; much is to be learned from the arts and involvement in the performing arts. Not only will the theater be used by our school, but we have already hosted numerous community activities and have more posted for the future.

We are still in need of several items to complete our furnishings. I am asking for your support and assistance with this, because I know that the Lexington community has long been a supporter of the arts and understands the value of it in our day-to-day life. Many of you believe that the arts enhance life and the enjoyment of daily life. Because I trust that you understand my vision, I am appealing to you for assistance.

Let me be specific as to my goals for the theater. We have a full size stage with a floating floor which provides support for dancers as well as other entertainers. I would like to put a baby grand piano on this stage. I have priced pianos and looked at them for not only size but tone, touch, and cost. We are now working with Hannah Music Company of Columbia to purchase a Yamaha C3 for \$19,999 + tax. This is a used piano that comes with a 10 year warranty. I feel this is a good and sound investment for our school. I also need risers for our chorus students. The ones that we have are at least 25 years old and are very heavy, hard to move, and do not meet safety codes. For a chorus our size, the risers cost \$11,000. We have raised \$4,000 to date, so as you can see, I am still in need of additional funds.

We will post a keyboard showing the first 88 who have donated \$200.00 in the theater. At present we have 18 keys purchased. (All gifts have not been for \$200.00.) We have established the following categories:

Friend of the Arts - less than \$200

Keys to the Arts - \$200

Encore - \$210 - \$300

Concerto - \$301 - \$500

Symphony - \$500 and above

Please help us by supporting our performing arts programs as the legacy of excellence continues. I encourage you to call if you have questions, concerns, or would like a tour of our facility. Lexington Middle School is very proud of the addition and very grateful to our school district for its support which made this facility possible.

Contributions should be sent to:
Lexington Middle School Theater Fund
702 North Lake Drive
Lexington, South Carolina 29072

Again thank you for your support. Please share this information with anyone who is a supporter of the arts.

Sincerely,
Laura S. McMahan
Principal