



## Happening This Week

### Monday

- **Teacher Workday/Staff Development**

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### Wednesday

- **Students Return to School**
- **Fundraiser begins!**

### Thursday

- **Return all forms to first core period teacher**
- **Continue fundraising!**

### Friday

- **Continue fundraising!**
- **Have a great weekend**

*Welcome back to school! We hope you have enjoyed a great summer and are ready for the 2008-2009 school year!*

*Week of August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008*

*Welcome to the 2008-2009 School Year at Lexington Middle School!*

### *From the Principal*

Greetings,

We are excited as we begin our new school year with a focus of high expectations for all learners. As a staff we will revisit our mission statement which is "Lexington Middle School is a positive, high-performance learning culture in which students become caring, creative, collaborative members of an educational community. The students will be informed, contributing members of their high school." This is our pledge to you as a parent and to our students. We will work each day to provide a foundation for success at high school as that is the next link in the formal learning continuum.

We are in the process of putting the finishing touches on the theater. I am very proud of it and excited about the learning - performing possibilities for our students. It will be used by the performing arts classes as well as all other classes as an instructional center. Renovations took place in the 700 and 600 buildings including the cafeteria as was the office area. The fresh paint has brightened up our campus.

Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will welcome 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades from 7:00 - 8:00 pm and 8<sup>th</sup> grade from 8:00 - 9:00 pm. Please plan to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. You will be able to follow your child's daily schedule as you meet with teachers. Please bring your child's schedule with you if your child is not able to guide you to his/her classes. If you do not have a copy, you may obtain one in the office. Open house is a time to "meet and greet." If you wish to have an in-depth conversation with your child's teacher(s), please call the teacher(s) to set up a meeting.

On September 2<sup>nd</sup> we will also conduct the voting for School Improvement Council. The nomination form will go home the first day of school. Please take time to review and nominate someone you believe would be a strong member of our SIC committee

I encourage you to visit LexConnect and monitor the website of your child's teacher. This is an excellent way to stay informed about your child's grades, instruction, assignments, and attendance. All teachers will post lesson plans on-line so that you will be able to identify the standard of instruction from class and the activities your child experienced. I encourage you to have conversations about the daily instruction specific to what is posted by the teacher. If your child was present on our campus last year, the same password will be used to access LexConnect. Anyone new to our campus may pick up the activation code and password information in the front office.

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) began our fund raising program on August 20<sup>th</sup>. I encourage you to look for the information and support our programs. Our PTO works hard at supporting our school, its programs, and the instruction for your child. Last year they purchased the ID machine as well as presented individual teacher grants.

Please know that we are here to help you and that we look forward to talking with you. We must all work together as a team to provide the very best learning experience for you child.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Laura McMahan  
Principal

# Lexington Middle School

## Important Dates

- 8/20: Students Return to School
- 8/20: Kick-Off to Fall PTO Fundraiser
- 8/20-8/22: Volleyball Tryouts for interested 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls
- 9/1: Labor Day—No School!
- 9/2: Open House (7:00 for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders; 8:00 for 8<sup>th</sup> graders)
- 9/6: Football Team in P.A.C. Jamboree at Airport High School

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS are now on sale! Please look for more information on the LMS website and sell these books to raise money for LMS and to earn great prizes!**

*Learning  
Means  
Success*

**We're on the web!**

Find out answers to many of your questions about LMS via our website:  
<http://www.lexington1.net/lms>

Find our answers to many of your questions about LMS as well as information from your student's teachers on Lex-Connect:  
[https://www.edline.net/pages/Lexington\\_Middle\\_School](https://www.edline.net/pages/Lexington_Middle_School)

If you need a Lex-Connect password, you may pick one up in the main office or at Open House on September 1<sup>st</sup>!

## LMS PTO... Parent/Teacher Organization

Help meet our goal of 100% parent participation in the PTO!

Stop by the office and Join the PTO to receive a discount card for local businesses that will be good all year.

Support your child's education through the many volunteer opportunities available at LMS. Please stop by the school office to fill out the volunteer opportunities form!

Remember to always use your Publix school cards. Publix gives cash back to the school from total dollars sold under each schools number.

Office Depot also gives money back to the school, just mention LMS each time you check out, and a percentage of sales comes to LMS.

Target offers money back to the school through its credit card program, so apply for a card and support the school with every purchase made at Target stores.

School spirit wear is available thru the front office. Fill out the order form, with full payment (make check payable to LMS PTO), and the merchandise will be delivered to your child's homeroom teacher! Spirit wear will also be for sale during the lunch period at different intervals throughout the year.

The PTO still needs some officers for the 2008-2009 school year. If you would like to be involved on the PTO Board, or have questions, comments or suggestions, contact Mary Downing at [lmsptopresident@sc.rr.com](mailto:lmsptopresident@sc.rr.com)

### JOIN THE CATS [Character Action Team for Students] TEAM!

**Objective:** to engage LMS students with positive activities and events throughout the year

#### Responsibilities

*Character Club* - Each month the students strive to maintain a different character trait. We ask the teachers to monitor and then nominate students who best represent the character trait for the month. CATS host a pizza lunch for the nominated students.

*Red Ribbon Week* (Drug Awareness Week) - Students sign a drug free pledge and receive a red ribbon at the beginning of the week. Students are encouraged to dress according to the daily theme and participate in various activities. Treats are given daily to those who participate.

*Pizza Lunch*- This is a fund raiser CATS does throughout the year. We sell Pizza slices during lunches to boost school spirit and raise money to support CATS activities.

*Dances*- CATS provides the DJ, snacks, prizes and chaperons for the dances or other activities that occur during the year.

**CATS would love to have you on our team! We are interested in fun people with fun ideas!** We meet the first Thursday of each month at 8:30 AM in the school office, beginning Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>.  
\*\*If you have questions, please call Tammy Motley 957-9740 Or Susannah Sisson 957-2444\*\*

## Welcome to the LMS Newsletter

Welcome to the 2008-2009 LMS Weekly Newsletter! The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate important information from LMS as well as to let you know about special events that have been happening on our campus so that you can celebrate with us. For the month of August, this newsletter will be published on our website, emailed home via Lex-Connect, and printed for each student. If you would like to receive an email letting you know that the newsletter for the week has been posted, please sign into your Lex-Connect account, click on "Manage Account" in the bottom left corner, and select "yes" for "Allow my school to send email through Lex-Connect." Beginning in September, the newsletter will be distributed electronically. However, copies will be available in the LMS Main Office for those who prefer a printed copy!

The LMS Newsletter will be published every other week. A calendar of events and special announcements will be published during the alternating weeks of each month. Look for this newsletter on the LMS homepage and linked from a Lex-Connect email each week!

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