



Lexington Middle School

Week of September 2nd, 2008

From the Assistant Principal

Dear LMS Parents and Students,

Thank you for a super start to the 2008-2009 school year. We are still adjusting to the new schedule and seeing some great things with 8th period. Last year, we implemented "The Power of I" on our campus, which is the philosophy that we must have students completing assignments in order to more effectively know what students have learned. Students no longer have the option of choosing not to complete assignments and all students are held accountable for all course material. This has created a culture of high expectations and has not only improved the quality of student work but has also challenged us to assign quality homework and assignments.

This became the basis for the creation of 8th period and grade level "Zones" at Lexington Middle School. Each weekday, except for Wednesday, students return to a core class during 8th period. This period of time gives teachers the opportunity to enrich student learning or remediate and provide additional assistance. For example, on Mondays, students return to their 1st core class, on Tuesdays, students return to their 2nd core class and so on. As we walk the halls during 8th period, the administrators are seeing some very powerful things occur in classes. We applaud our teachers for their great efforts with the instruction and extra help during 8th period! Also occurring during 8th period are our three grade level "Zones." Students are referred to their grade level "Zone" when they have three missing assignments for a teacher. The "Zone" is staffed to provide students with the time and staff to get assignments completed. Upon completion of the assignments, the student returns to the regular 8th period. After a student is referred three times to the "Zone," the student is then assigned Saturday School to be held at Lexington Middle School twice each nine weeks.

Why do we want to implement this program and philosophy at LMS? Our goal is to drastically reduce the percentage of students making zeros and promote high expectations as a cornerstone to improving student achievement in addition to equipping students with the tools they need to be successful in everyday relationships and life. We appreciate your support of this program and will be happy to answer any further questions you might have!

In conclusion, thank you for a super start for our school year and we encourage you to please support our PTO with their coupon book fundraiser. Also, if you have already joined the PTO, thank you! I would also encourage you, if you have not had the chance yet to join, to please join our wonderful PTO Tuesday night at Open House! We look forward to seeing you at Open House. Don't forget to come by the front office during Open House and cast your vote for new School Improvement Council members.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Abbott, Assistant Principal

Happening This Week

Monday

- Sell Entertainment Books!
- Labor Day Holiday (No School)

Tuesday

- Sell Entertainment Books!
- LMS Open House (7:00 for 6th and 7th grades; 8:00 for 8th grade)

Wednesday

- Sell Entertainment Books!

Thursday

- Sell Entertainment Books!

Friday

- Sell Entertainment Books!
- Have a great weekend!

Come see the Wildcat Football Team kick-off the season at 12:45 on Saturday, September 6th at Airport High School as they take on Carolina Springs Middle School!

Important Dates

- 9/2: Open House (7:00 for 6th and 7th graders; 8:00 for 8th graders)
- 9/6: Football Team in P.A.C. Jamboree at Airport High School (12:45 vs. Carolina Springs)
- 9/10: Entertainment book fundraiser ends—please turn in all materials to your homeroom teacher.
- 9/10: Volleyball at home vs. Pleasant Hill (5:30)
- 9/11: Football at home vs. White Knoll (5:30)

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

If you need a Lex-Connect password, you may pick one up in the main office or at Open House on September 2nd!

Open House Information

Please join us for our annual open house on Tuesday evening, September 2nd, 2008. This is a time to see your child's classroom and to meet your child's teachers. If you desire a conference, there will be an opportunity to request one.

Gail Davis, the school's technology integration specialist, will be available in the media center to assist with questions about LexConnect. Students' grades will be posted daily. In order to access the site, you must have a password.

If you do not have your password for LexConnect or if you have other questions about the operation of the site, please stop by the media center for information.

6 th Grade Schedule	7 th Grade Schedule	8 th Grade Schedule
7:00 - 7:09 4 th period	7:00 - 7:09 2 nd period	8:00 - 8:09 2 nd period
7:11 - 7:20 7 th period	7:11 - 7:20 3 rd period	8:11 - 8:20 6 th period
7:22 - 7:30 1 st period	7:22 - 7:30 6 th period	8:22 - 8:30 1 st period
7:32 - 7:40 2 nd period	7:32 - 7:40 7 th period	8:32 - 8:40 3 rd period
7:42 - 7:50 5 th period	7:42 - 7:50 1 st period	8:42 - 8:50 4 th period
7:52 - 8:00 6 th period	7:52 - 8:00 5 th period	8:52 - 9:00 7 th period

Please bring your student's schedule. If you do not have a schedule, stop by the main office and there will be staff available to print one for you. *Italicized* class periods represent exploratory classes. Please look at your student's schedule for room numbers for these and all classes!

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!

Parents & Students mark your calendar... we're all going out to eat! LMS Restaurant Nights will be the 2nd Tuesday of each Month. Restaurant Partner info coming soon!

Show your LMS spirit by getting your own "Wildcat" T-shirt, sweatshirt, hat, or duffel bag! The LMS PTO will be selling spiritwear during the September 2nd Open House near the 6th & 7th grade buildings beginning at 6:30pm.

Support your Wildcat team - wear blue & gold! Spiritwear will be on sale at all LMS home football games this year. LMS PTO will also be selling spiritwear at lunch on the 3rd Friday of every month! Mark your calendars and look for new spirit wear designs soon.

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 lmstptopresident@sc.rr.com or visit <http://www.lexington1.net/lms/PTOOpenings.html> for more information on open positions!

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.

Don't forget to sell those Entertainment Books! The Entertainment Book Fundraiser ends Wednesday, September 10th! Have you bought yours yet? There are some great prizes for students and staff who participate!!!

** Did you know that LMS PTO provides grants for LMS faculty to help support their class curricula? It wouldn't happen if the LMS PTO didn't have support from parents, students, staff, and community!! Thank you!*