



Lexington Middle School

Week of March 8th, 2010

From the Desk of Laura McMahan, Principal

Greetings:

During the past year, our district has put into place a phone messaging system as a way to contact families about severe weather and important school events. During the past week, we used it for an all-district announcement related to the late start for schools last Wednesday. We discovered that many of our parent phone numbers have changed. It is vital that we have a current number so we can get in touch with you in case of an emergency or any kind of need. If your number has changed, please contact the office at 821-3700 and provide the school with an up-to-date number.

As we near the end of our third nine-week period, please continue to monitor your child's work and ask specific questions about school work each evening. On March 16 and 17, we will be administering the writing portion of the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) test. This is an important evaluation of your child's ability to communicate accurately through the written language. Please review any appointments that you have and make necessary plans so that your child will not miss time from school on these two days. Testing should be complete by noon each day. We greatly appreciate your cooperation with helping us maintain a secure and quiet testing environment.

During these two days, please monitor your child's rest. There will be no homework assigned during this time so your child should be able to relax in the evening and go to bed early in order to be fully rested for the PASS test. It is advised that a protein-rich meal is a helpful way to start testing days. This could consist of a small glass of orange juice, eggs with cheese, bacon and toast. We encourage you to let your child know that you want him/her to be very focused and to do his or her very best. I ask that you please work with us to make this a successful testing experience.

As we continue to plan for this school year, we are beginning the transition for the 2010-2011 school year. Our eighth graders will be receiving registration materials for Lexington High School and their 9th grade year on March 15th, followed by an evening at the high school for students and their parents to receive additional information. This program, also on the 15th, will begin at 7:00 pm. Course sheets are to be completed by March 19th and returned to their 1st period teacher here at Lexington Middle School.

March 12th is a holiday for students and staff. The state legislature requires that there be three weather days built into the school's schedule. This is the first and since we did not have to close school due to weather, it becomes a holiday. I do hope you and your family enjoy the holiday.

Thank you for your continued support and please let us know if we can help you in any way.

Laura S. McMahan
Principal

Happening This Week

Monday

- Spring Book Fair in the Media Center all week!

Tuesday

- Talent Show auditions after school

Wednesday

- 7th grade district Science benchmark test

Thursday

- 6th grade district Science benchmark test

Friday

- No School (Severe Weather Make-Up Day)
- Have a great weekend!

No School this
Friday
(March 12)
Enjoy a long
weekend!

Important Information

LMS Talent Show

Auditions at 3:30
on March 9th

Required Dress

Rehearsal at 3:30
on March 18th

Talent Show at 7:00
on March 26th

Attention Eighth Graders— Grand Canyon Trip

You may sign up for
the field trip to the
Grand Canyon, Zion
National Park, and
Bryce National Park
until March 13.

Trip dates are June 5-
12, 2010.

The cost of this trip is
\$1997. Cost
includes airplane
flights, medical
insurance, lodging,
all meals, and events.

Don't miss this once-
in-a-lifetime
opportunity!

Spring Book Fair

The LMS Spring Book Fair will begin on Friday, March 5, and end on Thursday, March 11. Volunteers are needed to help with the book fair. Please contact Caroline Birchmore at 4birchmores@gmail.com if you are able to help.



Breakfast, anyone?

The LMS French Exchange will hold a breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's in Lexington this Saturday, March 13th from 8:00-10:00 am. A \$5.00 ticket will purchase pancakes, bacon and juice. Please see a French exchange member or email Mrs. Hanle at shanle@lexington1.net to purchase a ticket. Support the French Exchange!

Mark Your Calendars

Important March Testing Dates

PASS Writing

March 16th and 17th

3rd Nine Weeks Exams

Monday, March 22nd: Exploratory Exams
Tuesday, March 23rd: ELA and Social Studies
Wednesday, March 24th: Math

Important Yearbook Announcement

If you have called in the month of February to see if you purchased your child a yearbook during registration, please call and verify that information once more. The list in the front office was not correct, so you may have been told that you purchased a yearbook when you have not done so at this point. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused and will be glad to assist you with purchasing a yearbook for \$60 in the main office. The number to call is 821-3700. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.