

POINTS OF PRIDE

LMS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

From the Principal's Desk

We are off to a great start! I would like to extend my gratitude to our teachers, custodians, office staff, and cafeteria workers for their hard work in preparation for the beginning of the school year. We have an awesome staff and we couldn't do what we do without each and every one of them. Parents, thank you for all you do to prepare your children for school as well. Our students have come to school prepared and ready to start "on the right foot". On September 1st, we began our schoolwide fundraiser. Candy money is due on September 29th for students to qualify for the rewards. Thank you to everyone who is participating! I look forward to working with you and your child throughout the year. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me at dmorris@mail.dillon3.k12.sc.us.

~Debra Morris, Principal

Calendar of Events

Sept. 22.....Teacher Workday-No School for Students
 Sept. 27.....FCA-See You At The Pole-7:30 AM @ Flagpole
 Sept. 27.....Girl Talk Meeting 3:30-4:30
 October.....National Bullying Prevention Month
 Oct. 2.....Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying Prevention
 Oct. 11.....PSAT
 Oct. 11.....Girl Talk Meeting 3:30-4:30
 Oct. 25.....Girl Talk Meeting 3:30-4:30
 Oct. 23-27.....Red Ribbon Week
 Oct. 24.....Report Cards
 Oct. 26.....Parent Conferences 4:00-7:00
 Oct. 27.....Teacher Workday-No School for Students
 Nov. 15-20.....Book Fair

(See all Sports schedules on our website

<http://www.dillon3.k12.sc.us/athletics.php>)

Welcome Aboard

Latta Middle School would like to welcome its newest members



of the team: Nurse Lindsey Rogers, Nurse Crystal Berry, and Brandon Proctor (PE). We welcome each of you to the Latta Middle School family and we appreciate all of the hard work and dedication that you have already put into our school system.

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Girl Talk(mygirltalk.org)

Girl Talk has gotten off to a great start and had a smooth transition with all of the new girls joining. Girl Talk is an international non-profit peer-to-peer mentoring program with a very simple premise: high school girls mentor middle school girls to help them deal with the issues they face during their formative early teenage years. The mission is to help young teenaged girls build self-esteem, develop leadership skills, and recognize the value of community service. The theme for September is faith and the theme for October is courage. All 6th-8th grade girls are invited to attend and be a part of this organization. **The meeting dates are: September 27, October 11, and October 25.** Girls will meet in Mrs. Sawyer's classroom (Room 7) at Latta Middle School from 3:30-4:30. The group will also do their first community service project at Trunk or Treat at Latta Baptist Church on October 31st. More information will be given at the next meeting. Any student planning to attend these sessions will need to bring a note giving them permission to stay and stating her afternoon transportation. Thank you to all of the girls and leaders of this program for giving back to our community!



STOMP Out Bullying™

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Every October, schools and organizations across the country join STOMP Out Bullying™ in observing National Bullying Prevention Month. The goal is to encourage communities to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on all children of all ages. **Monday, October 2nd is Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying Prevention™.** Wear a blue shirt to show your support. Let's STOMP Out Bullying™ together! If you see something...SAY SOMETHING!

Box Tops for Education

The 7th graders need your help to raise money for a field trip to Huntington Beach State Park as a part of their Project Based Learning at the end of the year. They need to collect 10,000 Box Tops which is equivalent to \$1000 that is needed for the trip. Please continue to send them in as soon as possible. Thanks in advance for helping to support our students!



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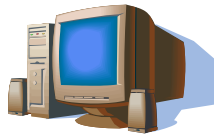
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Check Us Out on the Web

Please take time to browse our district website (www.dillon3.k12.sc.us) and our school website (<http://www.dillon3.k12.sc.us/LMS/>). You will find lunch menus, sports schedules, district policies, and other helpful resources. There is also a link to pay your child's lunch money online and a link to access your parent portal account. If you do not have a Parent Portal account, you may sign up for one on the parent resources. Parent Portal gives you instant access to your child's grades as soon as the teacher posts them. If you have any questions about our website, please contact Jan Soper, media specialist (jsoper@mail.dillon3.k12.sc.us).



Fall for a Parent

Latta Middle School will be hosting a **Fall for a Parent** event in October. Each LMS student can invite one relative to attend this special event.

Fall for a Parent will be held in the Media Center at LMS from 7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m. on the following days:

5th grade – October 17th

6th grade – October 18th

7th & 8th grades – October 19th



Alert Us Now

Your teachers and staff in Latta Schools want to make sure that you are safe while in school. If something happens to you or you are made aware of a possible unsafe environment in school, you need to let us know as soon as possible so that we can protect you and everyone else in school. It is your duty to help us protect everyone both emotionally and physically at all times in our school family. The quickest way to get some help is to let an adult at your school know as soon as possible. However, if you feel uncomfortable doing so in person, you can report it online and without leaving your name. But if you leave your name, we can respond directly back to you with the corrective actions being taken. Go to: <http://www.dillon3.k12.sc.us/LMS/> and click on **Alert Us Now** to make a report.



Office Reminders

- Students should not be on campus before 7:40.
- Students are allowed to enter the building at 7:50 and are tardy at 8:05. They have 15 minutes to enter the building, use the restroom, and have breakfast before their first class.
- Three tardies constitutes one absence per our district policy. If your child is late, a parent/guardian must be present to sign him/her in.
- 3 early check outs counts as an absence per district policy
- Dismissal is at 3:20.

Help Hurricane Victims

FCA is collecting items to send to hurricane victims. They will be collecting items through the end of September. Items needed include: bottled water, baby items (i.e. diapers, wipes), and toiletry items (i.e. soap, shampoo, deodorant, tooth brush, toothpaste, towels, wash cloths, etc.). All items should be new and unopened. Thank you to Maddie Berry, Hendley Ann McIntyre, and Leila Jenkins for leading this project!

Positive Office Referrals

Jay Barnhill-exceeding expectations

Leila Jenkins-supporting community and helping others

Hendley Ann McIntyre-supporting community and helping others

Maddie Berry-supporting community and helping others

Blake Hamilton-showing kindness to others

Kendrick Evans-exceeding expectations



Great job ladies and gentlemen! Thank you for going above and beyond what is expected!