



**Latta Elementary School**  
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**WELCOME BACK**

We are excited to have everyone back at school and have enjoyed getting to know our new students! We had a wonderful start to school and are looking forward to a great, productive year! We have several new staff members that we would like to welcome Amy Graham, Susan Hayes, Shelia Price, Lisa Capps, and Mitzi Spivey.

Parents, we appreciate your patience with the car line in the morning and for making the effort to have your children at school on time.

Newsletters will be sent home the first of each month, so please pay careful attention to the information that we provide for you.

**TRANSPORTATION**

If your student rides a bus to and from school, it is important that an adult be visible to the driver at the bus stop in the morning and afternoon. We do not accept transportation changes over the phone for any reason. If your child has to change their transportation, we must have a written note.

Parents, please display your car tags in the front windshield of your car so we can easily see who you are picking up until your child is in the car.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Consistent school attendance is important to your child's academic, social and emotional development. Please see that only illness prevents your child from attending school. Any student who misses school must present a written note signed by a parent or physician. After 3 consecutive unlawful absences or a total of 5 unlawful absences, intervention plans will be developed with the parent to improve student attendance.

**FALL PICTURES**

Fall individual pictures will be taken on Monday, September 17. Picture proofs will be sent home for you to order

**EARLY SIGN-OUT**

If your child has a doctor's appointment or some other need for which he/she must be checked-out early, please do so by 2:00 p.m. Be aware that doctor's appointments are excused early dismissals ONLY with a doctor's note. All other early dismissals are unexcused; 3 unexcused early dismissals equal 1 unexcused absence according to District policy.

**PTO –TITLE I NIGHT**

Our first PTO meeting of the year will be on September 18 at 6:00. We will outline our plans for the year and review our Title 1 plan and classrooms will be open for you to see what the children have been working on so far this year. Montessori Curriculum information sessions will be held and we encourage all new parents to attend. Along with all of this, we will also have a hot dog supper! We hope you will make plans to join us for this exciting evening!

A draft copy of the Title 1 Compact and Parental Involvement Policy is enclosed with this newsletter. Please read over it and if you have any suggestions or questions, please contact the school.

We are looking for new PTO officers to work with the school this year. If you are interested in serving on the PTO board, please let us know.

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 Cut here and return to your child's teacher

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student: \_\_\_\_\_

## NEW SHIRT DESIGNS

Later this month students will be given the opportunity to order shirts from Spirit and Pride. There will be a 30-day opportunity to order by 1) using the postage-paid envelope with a check made payable to Spirit and Pride, 2) by phone with a credit/debit card, 3) on-line with a credit/debit card. The order form will show available designs and sizes, youth small through adult. The design choices will also be suitable for siblings at LMS and LHS.

## LUNCH CHARGES

Last school year's lunch status is applicable until September 12. If you have not completed a form for this school year by September 12, your child's status will revert to full pay and you will be responsible for all charges. Students are allowed to owe \$5.00 to the cafeteria. According to District policy, students whose balance due exceeds \$10.00, must bring a lunch box until the amount due has been paid. As a reminder, full pay is \$2.60 daily/\$13.00 weekly and reduced pay is .40 daily/\$2.00 weekly. Please contact the office if you need a form or have questions (843-752-5295).

### Coming up ...

**Sept 17:** Fall Pictures

**Sept 18:** Progress Reports  
PTO/Title 1 meeting 6:00  
Monstessori Parent Sessions  
Hot Dog Supper

**Sept 21:** Teacher Workday  
No school for students

### OCTOBER

Look for more information soon

**Oct 1-5:** Doughnut Sale

**Oct 10-12:** Muffins for Moms

**Oct 23:** 45<sup>th</sup> day of school

**Oct 25:** Parent Conferences 4-7

**Oct 26:** Teacher Workday  
No school for students

## 4K/5K PARENTS

As mandated by the state of South Carolina, every child enrolled in a 4K or 5K program is required to be assessed using a State approved formative literacy assessment. This initial assessment will take place during the first 45 days of the 2018-2019 school year.

The state approved assessment for 4K is the Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS) and it will be administered to your child in a one-on-one setting within the first 45 days of school. In addition to this initial assessment, students will be assessed during the last 45 days of school as a means to assess growth.

The approved 5K assessment is the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) and it will be administered within the first 45 days of school. This assessment will be completed only at the beginning of the school year. Your 5k child will be assessed at the end of the school year using the Developmental Readiness Assessment (DRA2). This assessment will provide information letting us know at what level your child is reading.

All assessments will be completed by October 22, 2018. Once these assessments are completed and compiled, you will be sent a summary of your child's results both at the beginning and end of the year so that you can note your child's growth and continuing areas of developmental need. When this information is sent home, please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have questions. As always, your child's teacher will follow up with you to discuss any areas of concern.

Thank you for your support as we work together for a productive learning year for your child.

## BIG THANKS

Latta Elementary wants to thank Harbor Freight Tools and Union Baptist Church for the school supply and book bag donations! We are so excited to have these supplies on hand for our students! Thank you so much for your generosity!