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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: Brandi Haselden, Brandy Williams, Jamie Spivey and Claudine Prosser.

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.

BUS 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.

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.

TESTING

2nd grade CogAT Test - Week of October 14th
2nd grade ITBS – Week of October 21
3rd Grade Benchmarks – Week of October 28th
4th Grade Benchmarks – Week of October 28th

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Please read your student handbook that is available on our webpage or a printed copy can be sent home at your request.

<http://www.dillon3.k12.sc.us/lattaElementary/>

PTO –TITLE I NIGHT

Our first PTO meeting of the year will be on September 24 at 6:00. We will outline our plans for the year and review our Title 1 plan. We will also showcase the Edutopia videos produced about our Montessori classrooms. The book fair will be open in the library for everyone to visit! This will be an exciting night! Don't miss it!

MUFFINS FOR MOM

LES is hosting Muffins for Mom Sept 25-27 from 7:20 to 8:15 am. Please park in the main parking lot and enter the cafeteria with your child, where you will be served muffins and juice. We can accommodate ONE adult guest per student. After you've eaten, you may visit the Book Fair in the Library or walk your child to their classroom.

Sept 25: Mrs. Bryant & Primary Montessori classes

Sept 26: Lower Elementary Montessori classes

Sept 27: 4th Grade classes

CAR RIDERS

At morning drop off, please make sure your children are unbuckled, finished eating, have bookbag and lunchbox in hand and are ready to exit the car when it stops. Children in 1st-4th grades are asked to exit the car by themselves as soon as the car stops. They should not wait for someone to open the door for them. This helps the line move faster in the morning.

To help us speed up dismissal in the afternoon, please cut your tag in half on the dotted line and make sure your car tag is displayed **sitting up** in the front windshield of your car, or attached to the passenger visor so it can be easily seen by the caller and the adults on duty **until after your child is safely in the car.** Tags that are laying on the dash are difficult to see and slow down the flow of dismissal. On the back of the newsletter are several pictures of good tag placement. Also, please do not get out of your car in the dropoff/pick up area. If you need to buckle your child's seatbelt, please pull over, out of traffic, at the ballfield to do this. Thank you for your help with this!

TUTU DESK FUNDRAISER

The SC Montessori Alliance is challenging all Montessori schools to raise \$20,000 statewide to purchase TuTu desks for children in Africa who do not have school desks. Our goal at LES is to raise \$1000 by the end of September. Our theme is "Change the World", and we are asking students to bring change (we will take bills too). The top 3 classes in PM & Bryant, LEM and 4th grade who raise the most money will receive:

- 1st: Movie and popcorn in class
- 2nd: 1 hour for kickball game
- 3rd: 30 minutes extra recess

You can learn more about TuTu desks at
www.tutudesk.org

SCHOOLWAY

LES no longer uses Schoolway as a communication tool. The district is looking at other electronic ways to communicate with parents. Please read the newsletter and notes that are sent home with your child carefully.

BOOKFAIR

Our Fall Book Fair will be held Sept 23-27. Remember to send the money for the book PLUS the 8% sales tax in a Ziploc bag or envelope stating it is for the Book Fair. Parents may accompany their child to the book fair in the library in the morning from 7:20-8:00 during Muffins for Moms and in the afternoon from 2:45 until 3:30 p.m. Also, the Book Fair will be open Tuesday evening from 6:00-7:00 during our PTO meeting.

Coming up ...

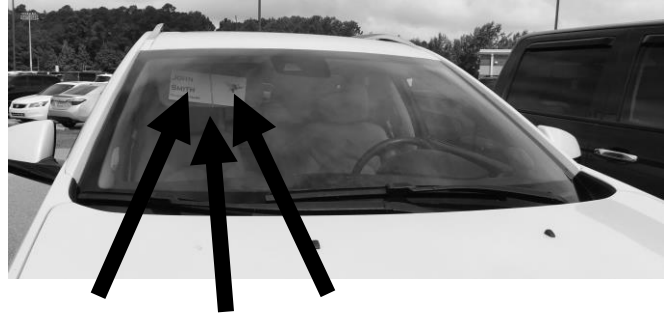
- Sept 17:** Progress Reports
- Sept 20:** Teacher Workday
No school for students
- Sept 23-27:** Book Fair
- Sept 24:** PTO/Title 1 Meeting 6:00
- Sept 25:** Muffins for Mom 4K/5K & Bryant
- Sept 26:** Muffins for Mom 1st/2nd/3rd
- Sept 27:** Muffins for Mom 4th
- All Muffins for Mom - 7:20-8:15**

OCTOBER

Look for more information soon

- Oct 1:** Doughnut Sale
- Oct 11:** Fall Pictures
- Oct 24:** Parent Conferences 4-6
- Oct 25:** Teacher Workday
No school for students

CAR TAGS



On visor with rubber band or clip



Sitting UP on the dash (passenger side)



Hanging from rear view mirror with a pants hanger