

# POINTS OF PRIDE

## LMS NEWSLETTER

### OCTOBER 2, 2018

#### From the Principal's Desk

We had a great school opening this year! All of our students took a tour of the facility on the first day of school, and our teachers did a fabulous job teaching the expectations at all of the locations throughout the school which is a part of our PBIS program (Positive Behavior, Interventions, and Support). You will probably hear your child refer to PBIS when talking about celebrations and rewards. We will have several celebrations throughout the school year to show our appreciation to our students who have followed the expectations and made LMS a great place to learn.

We were off to a great start until Hurricane Florence roared through our area. Our community suffered some damage from the strong winds and flooding; however, I have witnessed people come together to help others. We have also had people from other communities reach out to our community to offer assistance to families in need. Here at LMS, we had school supplies delivered for our students who suffered losses during the storm. These supplies were collected by students at Greenwood High School and Landrum High School. It's so heartwarming to know that students miles and miles away are compelled to help others in a time of need. Thank you to both schools for their donations! If your child is in need of any school supplies, please tell your child to inform his/her teacher.

We are all back on schedule and looking forward to a great school year! We will have some make-up days; therefore, we will have some changes in the school calendar. Our first make-up day will be on October 26<sup>th</sup>. We will also have parent conferences on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00. You are invited to come and meet with your child's teachers during that time to check on progress. As soon as we receive the rest of the make-up dates, we will share that information with you. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me at [debra.morris@lattavikings.com](mailto:debra.morris@lattavikings.com).

~Debra Morris, Principal

#### Business Partners

**Pee Dee Skateland**

4524 Hwy. 76, Marion 843-423-1802

**Tiger Mart of Latta**

102 N. Richardson St, Latta 843-752-4271

#### Calendar of Events

Oct. 4.....Picture Day  
Oct. 22-26.....Red Ribbon Week  
Oct. 24.....PSAT  
Oct. 25.....Parent Conferences 4:00-7:00  
Oct. 26.....Make-Up Day  
Oct. 29-Nov. 16.....NJHS Food Drive  
Nov. 5.....Make-Up Pictures  
Nov. 6.....No School-Election Day  
Nov. 12-16.....American Education Week

(See all Sports schedules on our website

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

#### 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.

A yellow rectangular graphic with the text "Alert Us Now!" in a blue, bubbly font.

#### National Junior Honor Society

The NJHS will be hosting its annual Clemson/Carolina canned food drive. The collection will be from October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 16<sup>th</sup>. While the competition is a lot of fun for everyone, be reminded that the most important thing is that we collect items that people in need will be able to use. Please bring canned vegetables, fruits, meat, spaghetti, soup, etc. Thank you for your support in this worthy cause and let's make this our biggest collection year EVER! May the best "team" WIN!

**ATTENTION ALL NJHS MEMBERS...dues are to be turned in by October 12<sup>th</sup>. See Mrs. Melton for details or payment.**

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Join us on the web: <http://www.dillon3.k12.sc.us/LMS/>

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> was Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying Prevention™.** We had a lot of support and our school was a sea of blue. Let's STOMP Out Bullying™ together! If you see something...SAY SOMETHING!

## Check Us Out on the Web

Please take time to browse our district website ([www.dillon3.k12.sc.us](http://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](mailto:jsoper@mail.dillon3.k12.sc.us)).

## Clemson vs. Carolina Reading Contest

Students are challenged to read six reading-level appropriate books to qualify for the Grand Prize: a trip to the Palmetto Bowl! Prize package includes four tickets, sideline passes and pre-game activities! **READ YOUR WAY TO THE BIG GAME!** The deadline to turn in reading logs is October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The reading log must be signed by a parent.



## Take Me Back

*Dancing Through the Decades* will be Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Ellis Performing Arts Center, and the cost is \$3. Sixth through twelfth grade dance education students will be performing dances from the Roaring Twenties to present day! Come and support our students as they dance the night away!

## Office Reminders

- First Bell-7:50 (Students enter the building)
- Tardy Bell-8:05
- Three tardies constitutes one absence per our district policy. Students are tardy if they are not in their homeroom class before the tardy bell rings. 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
- The Spirit and Pride Wear orders will close tomorrow, Wednesday, October 3. The website is still open if you would like to order anything or you may send in an order form. The website is <https://www.spiritandpride.com/> and our school code is 27364.

## Positive Office Referrals

**Julian Morris**-being his best and including others

**Briley Ivey**-Well-behaved and respectful

**Benjamin Mijalli**-being respectful and responsible

**Miranda Sitzer**-helping another student and being respectful

**Jordan Cobb**-respectful

**Arielle Robinson**-being her best in PE and trying hard

**Preston Moore**-being his best

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

