

POINTS OF PRIDE

LMS NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 13, 2018

From the Principal's Desk

I would like to say "thank you" to our parents and guardians for your patience and understanding in regard to our new check out times for students. Since we have started the new check out times, we have experienced a significant decrease in classroom disturbances. Our goal is to optimize every minute of instructional time that we have, and it is difficult to do that when teachers and students are being disturbed because of students checking out. Please limit check-outs to true emergencies or medical appointments. Students who have medical appointments will be marked excused if a doctor's excuse is provided. I appreciate everyone's support as we work together to provide the best education possible for our students. Please see the schedule below as a reminder.

Also, please be sure to look over the calendar of events to see updates for progress reports, report cards, half days, and make-up days. I hope everyone has a relaxing Thanksgiving break filled with good food and lots of family time. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me at debra.morris@lattavikings.com.

~Debra Morris, Principal

5th Grade Transition Times

8:05-8:10 Core transition
 10:40-10:45 Core transition
 11:30-12:15 Break/Lunch
 12:15-12:20 Core transition
 2:10-2:15 Elective transition

6th Grade Transition Times

8:05-8:10 Core transition
 10:45-11:30 Break/Lunch
 11:30-11:35 Core transition
 12:50-12:55 Elective transition
 2:05-2:10 Core transition

7th Grade Transition Times

8:05-8:10 Core 1 transition
 9:05-9:08 Core 2 transition
 10:06-10:11 Elective transition
 11:46-11:51 Core 3 transition
 12:46-1:30 Lunch/Break
 1:30-1:34 Core 4 transition
 2:29-2:32 Core 5 transition

8th Grade Transition Times

8:05-8:10 Elective transition
 9:45-9:50 Core 1 transition
 10:45-11:30 Lunch/Break
 11:30-11:35 Core 2 transition
 12:30-12:34 Core 3 transition
 1:29-1:33 Core 4 transition
 2:28-2:32 Core 5 transition

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

Nov. 12-16.....American Education Week
 November 15.....Career Day @ LHS
 November 16.....Food Drive Ends
 November 13.....Report Cards
 November 19.....Zaxby's Night 5:00-8:00
 November 21-23.....Thanksgiving Break
 December 4.....LMS Band Concert 6:30 @EPAC
 December 11.....Progress Reports
 December 17.....Zaxby's Night 5:00-8:00
 December 18.....Half Day-Dismiss at 12:30
 December 19-January 1.....Christmas Break
 January 2.....Return to School
 January 21.....Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-No School
 January 24.....Report Cards
 February 15.....Make-Up Day
 February 26.....Progress Reports
 March 14.....Parent Conferences 4:00-6:00
 March 15.....Make-Up Day
 April 2.....Report Cards
 May 7.....Progress Reports
 June 5.....Half Day-Dismiss at 12:30
 June 6.....Half Day-Dismiss at 12:30

Yearbooks for Sale

The 2019 Latta Middle School Yearbook is on sale NOW! To preorder your copy, **please order online at jostensyearbooks.com**, OR complete the order form enclosed and turn in at the school office with payment. Please make checks payable to Latta Middle School. Don't miss out-reserve your copy today! Orders must be placed by February 22, 2019.

Office Reminders

- If your child is absent, please be sure to send in the doctor's excuse or a parent note.
- 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

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 an account by clicking on the parent resources tab on the district website. 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).

Clemson vs. Carolina Food Drive

The National Junior Honor Society is hosting a canned food drive to support the Helping Hands of Dillon County food bank. We began collecting cans last week and as of today, we have collected 2,515 items! Our goal is collect 4,400! We are getting much closer to our goal, so please contribute if you have not already to this worthy cause. *If each student and staff member will bring at least 3 cans by Friday, we will meet our goal!* Helping Hands feeds hundreds of people over the course of the year, and everything stays in Dillon County!

May the best TEAM win!



Mark Your Calendar

While we are still a long way from any type of standardized testing, it's important that we communicate these dates to you so that you can ensure that your child will be present on these days. Students tend to score better when they take their tests with their class. Please add the dates below to your calendar:

- May 21-SC PASS-Science/SS (5th-8th grade)
- May 22-English EOC (8th grade only)
- May 23-Math EOC (8th grade only)
- May 28-SCReady Reading (5th-8th grade)
- May 29-SCReady Writing (5th-8th grade)
- May 30-SCReady Math (5th-8th grade)

Positive Office Referrals

Phoebe Maciel-keeping our school clean
Tyquan Drawhorn-being kind and sharing
Stanton Perritt-ready, respectful, and giving his best
Jada Vereen-helping a friend in need
Bradley Bailes-being responsible
Adrian McDonald-sharing and being respectful
Sam Townsend-sharing and being respectful
Mikaylah Walls-being honest and responsible
Isis Bethea-being respectful
Bryson Hyatt-Being responsible
Akeelah Johnson-being respectful, responsible and her best
Ke'Yonna Brown- being respectful, responsible and her best
Phoebe Maciel- being respectful, responsible and her best
Ma'Tinasia Charles-Being responsible and keeping our school clean

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

