

# POINTS OF PRIDE

## LMS NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 26, 2019

### From the Principal's Desk

We have so many exciting things going on with our students here at LMS! Our students have had some really unique opportunities over the past few weeks. Some of our dance education students had the opportunity to go train with college dance majors at Coker University, and our 8<sup>th</sup> graders visited the Myrtle Beach Convention Center for Pathways 2 Possibilities where students were exposed to many different careers through hands-on experiences. This was a wonderful trip coordinated by Mrs. Melton, our guidance counselor, and our students received many compliments about their good manners and behavior. Thank you Mrs. Melton for all of your hard work planning this trip for our students!

Congratulations to Jacob Mijalli who won the Regional Spelling Bee and will travel to Washington, DC to compete nationally! I was very impressed watching Jacob compete, and I am so proud of his success! Hard work truly pays off. We wish you the best at your next competition!

I would also like to congratulate our JV boys' and girls' basketball teams on a great season. Our Academic Challenge Team just completed a successful season and will compete in regionals on March 9. Congratulations to all of these students, and we wish you the best as you compete at the next level.

Please note that we have Parent Conference night on March 14 from 4:00-6:00 for any parents who would like to come meet with your child's teacher. Please contact your child's teacher through email or send a note letting them know that you plan to come. The end of the third nine weeks will be here soon, so please take time to make a point of contact with our teachers.

As always, please feel free to contact me at if you have any concerns or questions.

~Debra Morris, Principal

### Calendar of Events

February 26.....Progress Reports  
March 14.....Parent Conferences 4:00-6:00  
March 15.....Make Up Day  
March 18.....Zaxby's Night 5:00-8:00  
April 2.....Report Cards  
April 11.....Spring Pictures  
April 15.....Zaxby's Night 5:00-8:00  
April 15-19.....Spring Break  
April 30.....Progress Reports  
May 20.....Zaxby's Night 5:00-8:00

### Coker Day of Dance



The 8th grade Dance Education class along with the LHS IB Dance students recently attended Coker College's Day of Dance. The students had the opportunity to choose between nine different classes to take ranging from advance contemporary, yoga, jazz, West African, hip hop, musical theatre, krumping, creative movement, and ballet. The day was completed with an afternoon performance by Coker College's dance majors. The students had a great time and are looking forward to attending next year!

### Spelling Bee Champion

(Excerpt from the *Florence Morning News*)

In late May, Jacob Mijalli will be headed to Washington, D.C. By correctly spelling "magnanimous" on Monday, Jacob, a seventh-grader from Latta Middle School, won a paid trip to the 92nd Scripps National Spelling Bee to be held from May 27-30 in Washington, D.C. Jacob said he was honored to represent the Pee Dee region at the national level. He added that he was scared. He finished second during the 2018 Pee Dee Regional Spelling Bee but took home the "gold" this year. We are so proud of you Jacob, and we know that you will represent us well at the national competition.



## Box Tops for Education

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade is collecting Box Tops for Education. If you can help in any way, please clip those and turn them in to one of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Your help is greatly appreciated!



## Yearbooks for Sale

Yearbooks will be sold on a first come basis for \$40. Please make your payment in the main office.

## Dance Showcase

The LMS Dance Showcase, 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades, will be held Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the EPAC. Admission will be \$3.00.

## Chorus Off to Great Start

The chorus program is off to an awesome start! Our first concert will be May 16 at 6:30 in the EPAC. Also, we have been invited to sing for the Board of Education on April 9. More details to come!

## Girl Talk Meeting Dates

Any 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls who are interested in being a member of Girl Talk are still welcome to participate. This is a mentoring program where high school girls mentor middle school girls in hopes to help them through these tough middle school years. If you are interested, please see the schedule below. The group meets until 4:30 in Mrs. Richards' room.

### Mark your calendar!

**March 6**

**March 20**

**April 3**

**April 17**

**May 1**

**Date TBD for Tea Party**

## Business Partners

### Pee Dee Skateland

4524 Hwy. 76, Marion 843-423-1802

### Tiger Mart of Latta

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

## Positive Office Referrals

**Preston Brown**-honest and caring  
**Emma Bley**-honest and caring  
**Kei'na Fore**-very responsible and a great role model  
**Austin Felter**-honesty  
**Zach Meyers**-taking initiative to keep our school clean  
**Kei'na Fore**-honesty  
**CJ Berry**-honesty  
**Ian Seals**-making improvements  
**Sean Roberts**-taking responsibility for his learning

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

## Academic Challenge

Our Academic Challenge Team has finished up a great regular season and will be traveling to Francis Marion University on March 9, 2019 to compete in the regional competition.

## Regional Competition – March 9, 2019

### Team Members:

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

John Gasque  
Nathan Holloman  
Brycelyn Berry  
Zachary Peacock  
Michael Hunt

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Adam Peacock  
Easton Anderson  
Jacob Mijalli  
Nicholas Hyatt

Coach: Cristin Richards

We wish you all the best of luck as you compete at regionals! Also, Mrs. Richards and the team would like to give a Shout Out to Mr. Parker for moderating all of the home matches. Thank you Mr. Parker!  
You are awesome!

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