

POINTS OF PRIDE

LMS NEWSLETTER

MAY 7, 2019

From the Principal's Desk

We have had a great school year, and it's time for our students to show off what they've learned. As most of you know, standardized testing is upon us, and students will begin EOC testing (8th grade) May 16th, 22nd, and 23rd. PASS will be administered on May 21st and SC READY May 28th-30th. Our goal is to have a 100% attendance rate during testing because students tend to perform well on tests when they take them with their entire class. Please make sure that your child is at school on time because we will not interrupt the test once it has started. Help your child be successful by making sure they go to bed early and get a good night's rest. Our teachers and students have worked very hard this school year. Let's all do everything we can to make sure our students are successful!

Thank you to our parents and guardians for all you do support LMS! I appreciate all of your involvement and encouragement, and I am so thankful and glad to serve here at Latta Middle School. As always, if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me at dmorris@mail.dillon3.k12.sc.us or 843-752-7117.

~Debra Morris, Principal

Calendar of Events

May 3.....Dance Showcase 6:30
May 7.....Progress Reports
May 16.....EOC-Writing (English 9-8th grade)
May 16.....Chorus Concert 6:30
May 20.....Zaxby's Night 5:00-8:00
May 21.....SC PASS-Science/Social Studies (5th-8th)
May 22.....EOC-ELA (English 9-8th grade)
May 23.....EOC-Algebra (8th grade)
May 27.....Memorial Day-No School
May 28.....SC Ready-Writing (5th-8th)
May 29.....SC Ready-Reading(5th-8th)
May 30.....SC Ready-Math (5th-8th)
May 31st..... Field Day/PBIS Movie Day (4th Nine Weeks Reward)
June 3.....Awards Day
8th Grade Graduation: 9:00-9:45
5th-7th Grades: 10:00-10:45
June 4.....PBIS Carnival-2nd Semester Reward
June 5.....Half Day-Dismiss at 12:15
June 6.....Half Day-Dismiss at 12:15

Monitors for Testing

We are still looking for parents/guardians who would be willing to serve as test monitors in our classrooms. Tests will be administered each morning. The testing dates are as follows:

- Thursday, May 16th EOC- Writing (8th grade)
- Tuesday, May 21st PASS (Science/SS)
- Wednesday, May 22nd EOC- ELA (8th grade)
- Thursday, May 23rd EOC- Algebra I (8th grade)
- Tuesday, May 28th ELA- Writing SC READY
- Wednesday, May 29th ELA- Reading SC READY
- Thursday, May 30th Mathematics SC READY
- Friday, May 31st Make Up Testing

If you are available to monitor, please contact Virginia Melton (vforeman@mail.dillon3.k12.sc.us or 843-752-7117). Keep in mind that you do not have to commit to everyday.

Testing Tips

- Go to bed early and get a good night's rest
- Eat a good breakfast (We will have breakfast at school.)
- Arrive at school on time especially on testing days
- When the test begins, take a deep breath and take your time.
- Read all the directions carefully.
- If you get stuck on a question, skip it and come back to it.
- Do your best! 😊

Reminders

- Please pay off all lunch accounts as soon as possible.
- Students need to return or pay for lost library books by May 17th.
- Yearbooks are in! We still have a few books to sell on a first come basis.

Attention 6th Grade Parents!

All rising 7th grade students will need to receive a Tdap booster shot before entering the 7th grade. Please bring your updated immunization record to school for the school records. Currently, we have approximately 93 sixth graders who have not had their shot or not brought in an updated form. Please get this done as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call Nurse Lindsey.

Dance Showcase

A huge thank you and congratulations goes to Mrs. Branham, our dance instructor, and our 6th-8th grade dancers who performed several wonderful Broadway numbers. Our students were very well-behaved and danced their hearts out! Thank you to Mrs. Branham for your leadership and for growing this program!

You're invited!

All students are invited to attend a yearbook autograph party! This will take place near the end of the year when the yearbooks arrive. All you need is your purchased yearbook! If you have not bought one yet, you can still reserve one in the office for \$40! Reserve yours TODAY if you haven't already!

Field Day

Field Day is May 31st. All participating students must get the Field Day letter signed stating that parents and students understand that students have to meet certain behavioral qualifications to participate. Those forms need to be turned in to homeroom teachers.

The Field Day t-shirt sale ends Thursday, May 9th. Shirts are \$10 and all proceeds go to purchase new PE equipment. If you have not purchased one, please do so.

Field Day tickets are also on sale in the main office for \$0.50 each. We will have Gatorade (4 tickets), bottled water (2 tickets), and chips (1 ticket) available for purchase with tickets on Field Day.

4K Registration

Registration is open for 4 year old kindergarten at *Latta Elementary School* for the 2019-2020 school year. Children who turn 4 on or before September 1, 2019 are eligible to attend 4 year old kindergarten. Registration will be held daily from 8:30 until 3:30 in the main office. The following documentation will need to be presented for each student at the time of registration:

- Official Birth certificate (blue card or green form)
- Social Security card
- Current Immunization Record
- Medicaid Card (if you receive Medicaid)
- 2 proof's of residency that you reside within the Latta School District (electric, water or land line phone bill, Driver's license, property tax notice)

Your child will not be officially registered until ALL required documents have been received.

Chorus Showcase

Mrs. Kopituk and her chorus students are excited to showcase their talent on May 16th in the EPAC. Please make plans to attend and fill the house to support these students.

Summer Camps

Be on the lookout for information coming home about summer camps. These camps are available for 4K students up to 6th graders. In the past, we have had sports camps and arts camps. That information should be available soon, and we encourage you to keep your kids busy during the summer.

Positive Office Referrals

Michael McKenzie-being his best

Clay Lee-being his best

Jada Vereen-being her best

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

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