

# POINTS OF PRIDE

## LMS NEWSLETTER

### SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

#### From the Principal's Desk

We are off to a great start! I am so pleased with our school opening. We have many exciting things going on here at LMS. As you can see, our main office construction is almost complete and will be back open for business. This new entrance will provide another security measure to keep our students and staff safe. Thank you for your patience during this process.

During the first week of school, your child completed the iReady math and ELA diagnostic test. This test provides our teachers with pertinent data that shows where our students are in terms of grade levels in each area. This program also provides a personalized learning feature that you may hear your child talk about. Teachers have students spending a small amount of time working on lessons that support them based on their specific needs.

If your child is being tested for COVID or anyone in your household is being tested and awaiting results, please DO NOT send your child to school. Please call Nurse Lindsey to share any information related to COVID, and she will help direct you on what to do next.

I am looking forward to another great school year, and I appreciate all of your support as we move forward. Please feel free to contact me via email (Stephanie.ard@lattavikings.com ) or by phone (843-752-7117) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie J. Ard, Principal

#### Calendar of Events

Sept. 14.....Progress Reports  
Sept. 17.....Teacher Workday-No School for Students  
Oct. 4.....Blue Shirt Day-Stomp Out Bullying  
Oct. 7.....Picture Day  
Oct. 13.....PSAT (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> who signed up)  
Oct. 19.....45<sup>th</sup> Day  
Oct. 21.....Parent Conferences 4:00-6:00  
Oct. 22.....Teacher Workday-No School for Students  
Oct. 25-29.....Red Ribbon Week  
Oct. 26.....Report Cards

(See all Sports schedules on our website

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

#### Bullying Prevention

October is World Bullying Prevention Month! During October students, schools, and communities all over the world go BLUE together against bullying. Join us in solidarity to stop bullying and cyberbullying! Wear a blue shirt on October 4th to recognize October as World Bullying Prevention Month. End the Hate... Change the Culture!

<https://www.stompoutbullying.org/application/files/3116/2820/0018/World-Bullying-Prevention-Month-2021-Poster.pdf>.

#### Office Reminders

- If you have not turned in your child's paperwork from the first week of school, please do that. Virtual students may drop theirs off at the main office Monday-Friday from 8:00-4:00. If you need additional copies, please contact the main office.
- The yellow emergency card is very important for our office to have on file so we can reach parents/guardians in the event of an emergency or if a teacher needs to contact you about your child's progress/school work.
- Tardy bell rings at 8:00. Students need to arrive by 7:50 if possible so they have time to get unpacked and eat breakfast.
- 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.

#### Reading Corner Reading Tip

The more we read, the better we read. Knowing this, encourage your child to read to a younger brother or sister especially at bedtime. Having your child do this at least once or twice weekly ensures that he or she reads even when it may not be their choice to read. A younger sibling's enthusiasm for stories might just be contagious!

## CHEEEEEEESE! 😊

We will have Picture Day on October 7. If your child is quarantined during this time, please keep in mind that we will have a make-up day at a later date.

## Safety First

- Please pull off the side of the road when picking up or dropping off your child.
- Masks are highly encouraged but are not required.

## Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week will be held October 25-29. This year's theme is "Drug Free Looks Like Me." This theme is a reminder that everyday Americans across the country make significant daily contributions to their communities by being the best they can be because they live Drug-Free! To bring more light to a Drug- Free lifestyle, students will have lessons throughout the week along with the following dress up days:

Monday, Oct. 25 - Hat and Whacky Sock Day

"Use Your Head. Sock it to Drugs!"

Tuesday, Oct. 26 – Tropical Tuesday

"Wave Goodbye to Drugs"

Wednesday, Oct. 27 - Career Day

"Your Future is Bright"

Thursday, Oct. 28 – Camo Day

"Hide from Drugs"

Friday, Oct. 29 - Green and Gold Day

"Show Your School Spirit-Stay Drug-Free"

## Check Out Times

To minimize classroom disruptions and maximize learning, students are only allowed to be checked out during the times below:

<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Times</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Times</b>
10:30-11:30	10:20-11:35
2:00-2:15	1:00-1:10
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Times</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Times</b>
9:35-9:50	9:45-10:05
11:30-11:35	11:30-11:35
1:00-2:00	1:00-2:00

If you send a note with your child with the time you will be picking him/her up, the teacher will send your child to the office to be waiting on you. No one can be checked out after 2:00.

## Safe School Alert

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 **Safe School Alert** to make a report.

## Positive Office Referrals

**Gabriel Powers**-being ready

**Gabriel Powers**-being respectful

**Gabriel Powers**-being responsible

**Danny McDowell**-being responsible

**Breyon Watson**-being respectful

**Brad Yarborough**-being responsible

**Carson Dailey**-being responsible

**Alana Starks**-being responsible

**Gavin Johnson**-being responsible

**Tristan Roberts**-being ready

**Austin Matthews**-being responsible

**Janae Gomillion**-being your best

**Conley Erwin**-being respectful

**Abigail Mudd**-being responsible

**Triston Freeman**-being your best

**Kam Galloway**-being responsible

**Ely Doyle**-being ready

**Riley Turner**-being responsible

**Nick Prevo**-being responsible

**Abryelle McRae**-being respectful

**Jackson Bracey**-being your best

**Dezmond Bethea**-being your best

**Enriquez Purnell**-being responsible and being your best

**Ke'Yonna Brown**-being your best

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

