

# POINTS OF PRIDE

## LMS NEWSLETTER

### NOVEMBER 23, 2021

#### From the Principal's Desk

We had an overwhelming amount of participation in our annual food drive hosted by the National Junior Honor Society. Due to COVID last year, we chose not to host the drive because families were being stretched so thin. We discussed the idea of waiting another year, but we decided to move forward because Helping Hands and members of our community were in need. A hefty goal was set to collect 6,000 cans. Our students exceeded that goal, and I am so proud of how our students and their families supported this food drive. I want to personally thank each family for your generous donations. I would also like to thank our NJHS sponsors and members who collected, counted, and boxed each item. The items have been picked up and delivered to Helping Hands food bank, and these items will be a blessing to many during the holiday season.

I would also like to commend Mrs. Erika Roberts and the entire cast and crew of *Shrek, Jr. the Musical* on a job well done. We have a great deal of talent among our young people at LMS and LHS, and it showed during this performance. This musical was one of the best that has ever been performed in Latta. I appreciate all of the hard work and dedication that our staff and students put in to this production. I look forward to future performances.

I hope you all have a safe and restful Thanksgiving. Enjoy your family and friends, and take time to slow down and be thankful for all of your blessings. 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

Nov. 23.....Progress Reports  
Nov. 24-26.....Thanksgiving Holiday  
Dec. 3.....Latta Christmas Parade 4:30  
Dec. 20-31.....Winter Break  
Jan. 3.....Students Return  
Jan. 10.....90<sup>th</sup> Day  
Jan. 11.....Report Cards  
Jan. 17.....Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

(See all Sports schedules on our website

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

#### NJHS Food Clemson/Carolina Food Drive

On behalf of the National Junior Honor Society, we want to thank each and every one of you who participated in the Carolina/Clemson Food Drive. Every item collected was donated to the Helping Hands food bank that serves citizens in Dillon County. With your help we exceeded our goal of 6,000 cans by 1,445 cans! We collected a total of 7,445 cans over the past 15 days! This is phenomenal!

How many cans did each grade level bring in?

5th grade -1,793

6th grade -1,716

7th grade - 1,837

8th grade - 2,099

Our Pizza Party Winners are....

In 4th place, Mr. Hedgepeth's class with 638 cans.

In 3rd place, Mrs. Williamson's class with 817 cans.

In 2nd place, Mrs. Marsh's class with 885 cans.

Our homeroom winner was Mrs. Selby's class with 1,118 cans!!

With a total of 4,190 cans collected, the 2021-2022 NJHS Food Drive winner is...

## CAROLINA

The Garnet and Black flag will fly proudly in the LMS halls for the next year!

GO GAMECOCKS!



## Office Reminders

- 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.

## Blackboard Communication

Our district is using a new communication tool to send information to parents. You can receive phone calls as well as texts and emails from the District, school, and/or your child's teacher. This tool is only for sending information. You will not be able to respond to anything that you receive. If you have blocked the school or district number, you will not receive any messages at all from any sender. ***Please make sure that you have a working phone number on file with the school, and if it changes, please let us know as soon as possible.***

## Yearbooks on Sale

The Latta Middle School 2021-2022 yearbook is on sale now. Please order online at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com) OR complete the yearbook form and return with payment to the homeroom teacher. Checks should be made payable to Latta Middle School. Yearbooks are \$40 for a basic book.

## Spreading Some Cheer

'Tis the Season Dance Showcase will be held Thursday, December 2nd and Friday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Ellis Performing Arts Center. The 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade dance students have been working diligently this semester to present dances related to the winter season and the Christmas holiday! As part of celebrating the arts, the LMS art students will be displaying artwork in the lobby related to the same theme the dancers used to create their dances! Due to social distancing protocols, this event will be held for the dance students and their families. Tickets are required for entry.

## Reading Tip

Games that utilize reading are a great way to build vocabulary and help increase fluency. Vocabulary building games like *BOGGLE* and *SCRABBLE* are great. Board games provide reading opportunities even if just the instructions. Crossword puzzles support students in learning new words and help them practice spelling. Get your students reading in different ways they enjoy!

## Positive Office Referrals

Jhy'Meir Cook-Respectful & His Best  
Hayden Howell-Responsible & His Best  
Josiah Davis-His Best  
Brinley Hardwick-Her Best  
JaHeem McCormick-Responsible  
Aiden Velasquez-His Best  
Triston Freeman-Respectful & His Best  
Za'Marion Monroe-His Best  
Mariah Melton-Responsible & Her Best  
Stevaris Bethea-Responsible & His Best  
Zarya Bethea-Responsible & Her Best  
Maliyah Bethea-Responsible & Her Best  
Kylie Manning-Responsible & Her Best  
David Hyatt-Responsible & His Best  
Nick Prevo-Responsible & His Best  
Kaliyah Smith-Her Best  
Josey Berry-Her Best  
Jusleen Rodriguez-Her Best  
Dustin Parker-His Best  
Labraisa Davis-Her Best  
Jha'kayla Jones-Her Best  
Zy'ire McRae-His Best  
Austin Mathews-Responsible  
Brayton Gray-Responsible  
Ry'ion Gurley-His Best  
Samson Roberts-Respectful  
Jayden McLellan-Respectful  
Cristal Covington-Respectful  
Aaron Seals-His Best  
Keelan Woodle-Responsible  
Jaelynn Truman-Her Best  
Majoria Wheeler-Responsible  
Kaliya Herman-Her Best  
Brandon Owens-His Best  
Hailey Huggins-Responsible & Her Best  
Hailey Cooper-Responsible & Her Best  
Hannah Cooper-Responsible & Her Best



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