

POINTS OF PRIDE

LMS NEWSLETTER

APRIL 26, 2022

From the Principal's Desk

This week, our students are completing their final iReady diagnostic test for the school year in ELA and Math. Each student has a typical goal and a stretch goal that was set for them at the beginning of the year. Throughout the year, students have worked on personalized learning to aid them with specific skills on their level to meet their needs. With this personalized learning along with all of the grade level instruction and support that teachers have provided, I am excited to see the progress and growth that your child has made. Hard work pays off! You will receive a final report from your child's teacher with the final results of this school year along with tips of ways to help your child at home. I encourage you to find some educational activities for your child to participate in this summer. Take them to the town library to check out books and keep them reading.

As we finish iReady, teachers will be reviewing grade level skills in final preparation for SCREADY which is our state standardized test. See the "Calendar of Events" for those specific days. Be sure your child gets a good night of rest on the days prior to testing so they can feel energized during the test. We will continue to provide breakfast, and students will have stretch breaks during the test. We need your support and your encouragement each day as your child comes to school to prepare and especially on the day of each test. It is important that students are present so they can test with their class.

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

Office Reminder

- Please be sure to send a note or medical excuse if your child is absent. You may send a paper copy or email an electronic copy to Brenda.goodwin@lattavikings.com.

Yearbooks for Sale

Basic yearbooks are still on sale on a "first come first serve" basis. Anyone who wants to purchase a yearbook needs to fill out an order form and pay \$40. Make checks payable to Latta Middle School. You don't want to miss out on getting a copy of this awesome book of memories.

Calendar of Events

Apr. 25-28.....	iReady Testing
Apr. 26.....	Progress Reports
Apr. 28-30.....	<i>Guys and Dolls</i> Musical at EPAC
May 2-6.....	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 5.....	6A, 7 th grade, and HS Dance Showcase-EPAC @ 6:30
May 6.....	6B, IB, and HS Dance Showcase-EPAC @ 6:30
May 6.....	TDA Field Test (5 th -8 th grades)
May 10.....	SC READY Writing (5 th -8 th grades)
May 12.....	SC READY Reading (5 th -8 th grades)
May 13.....	LMS Band Concert-EPAC @ 6:30
May 16.....	Field Day Tickets go on Sale
May 17.....	SC READY Math (5 th -8 th grades)
May 19.....	PASS Science (6 th grade only)
May 20.....	Algebra EOC (8 th grade only)
May 24.....	Awards Day in LHS Gym-8:30-7 th & 8 th grade 9:45-5 th & 6 th grade
May 25.....	Half Day-Dismiss at 11:30 Field Day
May 26.....	Last Day of School-Half Day-Dismiss at 11:30

(See all Sports schedules on our website

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

Awards Day

LMS Awards Day will be held on May 24 in the LHS gymnasium. The 7th and 8th grade awards will begin at 8:30 and the 5th and 6th grade awards will begin at 9:45. This event is not ticketed, and we look forward to seeing all of our families in attendance.

Check Out LMS Talent

Congratulations to Ms. Evelyn Williams and all of our chorus students who performed in their Spring concert on Thursday, April 21 in the EPAC! Even with some technical difficulties, all of the students performed songs from the decades. We are so proud of all of these performers.

Ms. Branham's dance students and Mr. Moffett's band students will be showcasing their talent in upcoming performances. The 6A dance class and 7th grade dance class will have their showcase on May 5, and the 6B dance class will have their showcase on May 6. Both performances will be held in the Ellis Performing Arts Center at 6:30. The LMS Band concert will be held on May 13 in the EPAC at 6:30.

We wish these students the best, and BREAK A LEG! ☺

State Testing

Your child is required to participate in the South Carolina College and Career - READY Assessments (SC READY), South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) and/or End of Course Examination Program (EOCEP) in May. These statewide assessments will assist us in monitoring your child's academic growth and comprehension of the South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards.

All assessments will be administered online for math, science, reading, and writing via Chrome books. You may view online sample test questions at the following website: <https://wbte.drceirect.com/SC/portals/sc>.

- May 10-SC READY Writing (5th-8th grades)
- May 12-SC READY Reading (5th-8th grades)
- May 17-SC READY Math (5th-8th grades)
- May 19-PASS Science (6th grade only)
- May 20-Algebra EOC (8th grade only)

Virtual students will receive a letter about testing dates.

Field Day

LMS will host Field Day on Wednesday, May 25. There will be a concession stand in our rotations for students to purchase drinks and snacks. To purchase items, students must use tickets that will go on sale starting May 16.

Tickets are \$0.50 each. Concession prices are as follows:

- Chips-1 ticket
- Bottled water-2 tickets
- Gatorade-4 tickets

Students who want to purchase tickets need to place their money in an envelope or Ziploc back with their name on it and how many tickets they want. Homeroom teachers will turn that in to the office, and Ms. Janice will return the tickets.

Keep in mind that a letter will go home with students on May 2 about Field Day. Students must be in good standing behaviorally between May 3 and May 25 to participate in Field Day. There will be no refunds for ticket sales. Students who purchase tickets and cannot participate in Field Day will still be able to purchase concession items.

SCHSL Eligibility to Play Sports

Any student in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade interested in playing sports in the fall of 2022 must have a passing average of 60 or higher at the end of this school year in order to participate. This is a high school league rule that we, at Latta Middle and Latta High School, must follow. You must also have a physical on file in order to tryout or participate in any type of sport/workouts.

Attention 6th Grade Parents

DHEC wants to assure that all children and teens receive recommended vaccines to prevent disease. DHEC reminds parents and guardians that South Carolina law requires that all students entering 7th grade receive one (1) dose of **Tdap vaccine**. Don't forget to make sure you get an updated SC Certificate of Immunization to give to your school nurse. This certificate is required by state law for school attendance. Your local DHEC health department also can provide these vaccines. Call 1-855-472-3432 to make an appointment. For more information about vaccinations in South Carolina, go to scdhec.gov/Health/Vaccinations/.

Reading Tip

In the 2014 research brief on Children, Teens, and Reading, reading for fun drops off dramatically in the move to tween and teen years. It is crucial to find ways to encourage middle schoolers to read. Books that expand students' view of the world, or poke fun at the world they know, hold a lot of appeal as well as the imagined world of science fiction and fantasy. Encourage and support your child's choices at these ages.

Positive Office Referrals

Aaron Seals-Being His Best

Bree Godbolt-Being Her Best

Abby McRae-Being Her Best

Conley Erwin-Being His Best

Addi Roberts-Being Respectful, Responsible and Her Best

Isaac Bell-Being Responsible

Camdyn Taylor-Being Responsible

Majoria Wheeler-Being Ready

AJ Bethea-Being Respectful

Joe'Maurie Galloway-Being His Best

Zarya Bethea-Being Respectful, Responsible, and Her Best

Sydney Carter-Being Her Best

Conley Erwin-Being His Best

Deandre Samuel-Being Responsible

Conley Erwin-Being Respectful

Aiyanna Daniel-Being Her Best

Jackie Sellers-Being Responsible

AJ Bethea-Being Responsible

Quintin Wilkes-Being His Best

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