

POINTS OF PRIDE

LMS NEWSLETTER

MAY 26, 2022

From the Principal's Desk

CONGRATULATIONS! The school year has come to an end, and I am thrilled and encouraged by the progress that so many of our students made this year. I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer. Encourage your child to READ, READ, READ! Magazines, books, newspapers, comic books, and online articles are great for keeping your child engaged and immersed in text. I encourage you to limit the amount of time students are spending on cell phones and social media.

Enclosed with your child's report card is an iReady report for Reading and Math. These reports have data from all three diagnostic tests along with tips for how to improve your child's performance. When students return to school in August, their new teachers will conduct data chats to discuss their performance this year along with their growth. During the chat, they will discuss their final grades, iReady scores, and SCREADY/SCPASS scores. Students will set goals for the school year. The goal will be our destination, and together, we will set the path for reaching the goals.

To all of our 8th graders who are moving to the high school, I wish you all the best. I have enjoyed our four years together, and I can't wait to see these students walk our halls in four more years with their cap and gown on. This time will be here before you know it. My advice is to make every day count and always give your best.

Our office will be open during the summer Monday through Thursday from 8:00-4:00. 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

- During the summer, our office hours are 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 Monday thru Thursday.
- Please bring your accounts up-to-date if your child owes for Chromebook damage, missing charger, textbook, library book, calculator, or any other item. A letter is included with the report card stating what your child owes. Feel free to call and speak to Mrs. Ard about a payment plan if necessary. We need all accounts cleared before next school year. Keep in mind that these debts follow your child to 12th grade and could have an effect on final graduation.

Yearbooks for Sale

We still have 7 yearbooks on hand in the main office.

Anyone who wants to purchase a yearbook can stop by the main office this summer. The cost is \$40. You can pay cash or make checks payable to Latta Middle School. You don't want to miss out on getting a copy of this awesome book of memories.

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. Questions...call Latta High School 843-752-5751.

Attention Rising 7th 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/.

Positive Office Referrals

Ausitn Matthews-being responsible
Carson Dailey-being responsible
Fabien Mitchell-being his best
Gabriel Powers-being respectful & safe
Alora Santiago-being her best
Ja'heem McCormick-being his best
Samiya Montgomery-being respectful
JaKeema Thompson-being ready
Caden Lee-being his best
Ry'Ziah Gurley-being her best
Jaheem McCormick-being his best
Za'Marion Monroe-being his best
Great job ladies and gentlemen! Thank you for going above and beyond what is expected!