



Newsletter for Laytonsville Elementary School Families

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Character Counts at LES

- Respect
- Caring
- Trustworthiness
- Citizenship
- Responsibility

Upcoming Important Dates :

January 30

- Baker MS Parent Meeting at Baker MS 7 pm

January 31

- Group Pictures for Yearbook
- Dr. Starr's Book Club Discussion-LES Media Center 7pm and Online

February 1

- Report Card Distribution
- Gr. 4 to Native Amer. Museum

February 2

- Mamma Lucia's Night PTA Fundraiser 5 to 10 pm

Feb. 1 and 2

- Vision and Hearing Screening

Week of February 6

- National Counselor's Week

February 9

- PTA Mtg. Curr. 2.0 7pm
- Market Day Pick Up

February 14

- Jump Rope for Heart AM
- Valentine's Day Parties PM

February 20

- President's Day No School

February 22

- Gr. 3 to Nat. Science Center



PRINCIPAL'S PEN

One of the things we know is that when parents are involved in their children's schooling, students perform at higher levels. Research has proven this time and again. At LES we believe it is our responsibility to find ways to engage parents and provide them with opportunities to learn about our instructional program. With that in mind, we look forward to sharing information regarding Curriculum 2.0 at our next PTA meeting scheduled for February 9, 2012. We are proud of the learning that is happening in our classrooms and invite you to attend the meeting and to talk with your child about what he or she is learning each day.

I am excited to participate with Kim Braun, our PTA President, as studio audience members in Dr. Starr's January 31 discussion of Daniel Pink's best seller, *Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us*. The book has important implications for our work as parents and educators. The author shares the "3.0" concept of motivation. This theory believes that we are intrinsically motivated to continuously learn, create, and make a difference in the world. This aligns with our mission to create a learning environment where all students and staff members' need for power, purpose, affirmation, challenge, and contribution are met each day. We invite you to join us in this powerful discussion by participating in the online Webinar here in our media center on January 31 at 7 pm. Mrs. Rogers will facilitate the discussion. You will also be able to participate online at home.

I look forward to seeing you at Mamma Lucia's Restaurant on Thursday evening. The proceeds from this fundraiser will help support our purchase of Promethean Board technology through the Promethean Partnership program. On Thursday evening, we will once again gather together to celebrate our children, our community, and to foster the sense of family that defines us! Your partnership helps us to achieve our mission of ensuring that ALL our students become successful life-long learners; ready to meet the challenges of the 21st Century. We need you and appreciate your support.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPRING LES EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUB SESSION

Last fall's extra-curricular club session was a huge success; receiving rave reviews from all participants, parents, and sponsors. We are looking to continue and of course, enhance this very positive and

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VALENTINE'S DAY AT LES



Classroom Valentine's Day celebrations begin at 2:00 PM on the afternoon of **Tuesday, February 14, 2012**. **Food items containing nuts or nut products are NOT to be served in the classrooms.** All food items must be purchased from stores and contain the original ingredients labels. Students with food allergies should bring their own snack to enjoy during the celebration. Thank you for your support of the procedures that we have in place for students with severe food allergies. **Please note that there will be alternative activities for those students whose parents opt not to have them participate in the afternoon's events.** Please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible to let him/her know if you do NOT want your child to participate in the class party. Parking will be available in our school lot as our staff will be parking in the church lot.

ONE BAND...ONE SOUND!

Our fifth grade band students performed beautifully during last week's Gaithersburg Cluster Band Concert at GMS. Band members, under the direction of Mrs. Sharon O'Rourke combined with members of the high school and middle school bands to create an awesome night of entertainment. Bravo and Encore!



purposeful program and need your help. Volunteers are needed to sponsor before or after school clubs during our spring session that will begin in mid February. Please contact Mrs. Rogers, our assistant principal at [Kimberly D Rogers@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kimberly.D.Rogers@mcpsmd.org) for more information. We will not be able to offer a spring session if we do not have enough volunteers.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING JANUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 3



The Student Government Association (SGA) is proud to announce that our school is participating in the 2012 SOUPER BOWL of CARING. For those families new to LES the SOUPER BOWL of CARING uses our nation's biggest sports event to mobilize and inspire youth to fight hunger in their own communities by donating canned or non-perishable foods to be given to their local food bank. Our students are able to "vote" for their favorite Super Bowl bound team by placing their soup or canned food donation in the bin of the team they hope will win. Last year this created lots of excitement as the kids and staff pulled for their favorite team. This year we're hoping for even more excitement!! Food items will be donated to Gaithersburg Help and will feed needy families in our community. Participation in this event will help our students learn the power of working together to make a difference in the lives of others.



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JUMP ROPE FOR HEART!

Laytonsville Elementary's annual **Jump**

Rope for Heart Event will take place February 14, 2012. All of the proceeds

raised will go to help the efforts of The American Heart Association. Please feel free to come out and support your child as he/she jumps for this outstanding cause. Please contact our physical education teacher, Mr. Aznar, if you have any questions!

MILLION MINUTE READING CHALLENGE...HOW MUCH IS A MILLION?

Please continue to have your children read for at least 20 minutes each night as we are working to reach a total of one million minutes by May 15. All students will enjoy a classroom ice cream sundae party and an extra recess if the goal is attained.

LES WEB PAGE HIGHLIGHTS /NEW FEATURES

Please check our website for a new feature called the **Staff Spotlight**. Each week a staff member will be interviewed by one of our awesome fourth graders. Another new feature will be coming soon as we are in the process of posting our **weekly WLES student television news broadcasts** online. **STAY TUNED and LOGGED ON!**

Outdoor Recess

It is important for students to come to school with warm clothing as they will be outside for recess on most days. Students will have indoor recess when temperatures are too cold. The office will make this determination.