Dear Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we have already started the fourth and final quarter of the academic year. PRIDE Academy is held every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon should schedules are approved as soon as the day as possible. As soon as theParCC testing, rotating schedules, and several weather delays and closings. Hopefully everyone is re-energized after enjoying a nice spring break. Unfortunately, testing is not complete and we will pick up with MAP testing, Science HSA for grade 8, and then start PARCC End of Year testing in May. Ms. Jorandby, our assistant principal and test coordinator, is working diligently to create schedules with the least disruption to the school day as possible. As soon as the schedules are approved, we will share them online and with the students. Testing can be stressful for our students. Please try and support your child by suggesting they get a restful night’s sleep (9-10 hours), eat a good breakfast either at home or school and take some time in the afternoon to unwind by playing outside, reading for pleasure, or anything else that may relieve the stress of testing.

As we move into the last quarter our teachers and administration felt it was important to remind students of our high expectations for them at Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School. Administrators visited all of the students through their World Studies classes to talk about expectations, gather input from the students to set short term goals. Some of the key points shared with students included:

- Being on time to school and class
- Being a responsible and respectful spectator
- Appropriate dress for school
- Appropriate language for school
- Cell/Electronics usage
- Safety and Security for all
- Wanting 100% participation in our end of the year school events

We thank you in advance for your support and continuing the conversations at home about high behavioral and academic expectations for all of our students.

I want to extend our congratulations to all of our choir students and musicians for their success during their festivals. All three of our choirs received Superior and Excellent ratings for their performances on stage and our sixth grade chorus received a Superior for their site reading, first time in Lee’s history for sixth grade. Our orchestra ensemble received all excellent ratings for their performances and our Advanced Band received Excellent and Good ratings on stage. They represented our school in a very responsible and respectful manner, and truly showed what it means to have Cougar PRIDE! Thank you to Ms. Franklin and Ms. Martin for their superior direction.

Respectfully,

Kimberly Hayden Williams
Principal

Student Service Learning (SLL) Notes

A message from
Ms. Hart, 7th Grade Counselor and SSL Coordinator:

**Students gain necessary knowledge and skills**

- Meaningful SSL experiences can prompt students to redirect initial career paths toward more challenging and fulfilling opportunities.

- Students involved in school-sponsored clubs and organizations that include a service learning project may earn SSL hours for their involvement in the supervised project in a public place outside of the instructional day.

- Find answers to questions that are frequently asked regarding the SSL program by clicking on:


- Plan now for a summer that includes service and learning. Choose organizations and opportunities that have a graduation cap icon by them on the website [www.mcpsssl.org](http://www.mcpsssl.org) OR get approval of MCPS Form 560-50 Individual SSL Request in advance of any service.

- Stay well informed to Serve and Learn within the MCPS SSL guidelines. Know program details...and follow them! Questions? Contact Ms. Hart, SSL Coordinator, at robyns_h_hart@mcpsmd.org or 301-649-8107.

PTSA Corner

A message from the PTSA: Parents, Teachers, Students Working Together to Support Our School

10 Reasons to Be Active in the Lee MS PTSA

- Make new friends.
- Know people at your student’s school.
- Help make the school stronger.
- Contribute to your community.
- Learn new information.
- Develop leadership skills.
- Know what’s going on at Lee and MCPS.*
- Find others who care as much as you do.
- Show your child you care about their education.

*Montgomery County Public Schools
Counselor’s Corner

School Counseling News

From the Registrar/Counseling Secretary:

It is extremely important that we have current working phone numbers. Please keep us updated.

Also, if you have moved or are planning on moving please give us advanced notice. If you have moved and are still in the Lee MS area, we need proof of residency, i.e. current lease or tax bill, before we can change your address.

Please contact the Counseling Office with updated documentation or questions at 301-649-8107.

Helping Kids Cope with Grief: As teens grow and develop, they change the way they think about and express grief. Although each teen is different, there are some expected changes in thinking that occur during the early, middle, and late teenage years.

Listen and watch for opportunities. If you listen closely when a teen is talking and watch his or her behavior, you will find opportunities to help the teen who is grieving.

-Don’t force a teen to talk about his or her feelings. If the teen feels comfortable with you and feels that you are willing to listen, he or she will talk when ready.

-Make time to listen to a teen who wants to talk. When a teen wants to talk, give him or her your undivided attention. This will let the teen know that he or she is important and that grieving is important.

The Lee School Counseling staff is available to meet with your student to discuss strategies and can provide parents with available community resources as needed. A few of our partners are listed below:

Vesta, Inc. – Silver Spring Horizon Outpatient Clinic
8737 Colesville Road, Suite 700
Silver Spring, MD 20910
irc@vesta.org

As always, we have been encouraging students to get their library materials returned or renewed! They are slowly coming back to the media center. There are many books that remain overdue and some by more than thirty days. We need your help! We distribute overdue notices to first period classes every three weeks. If library books are thirty days or more overdue, we mail letters home. We sent our latest batch of overdue letters out just before spring break to parents. Please help us get your child’s account cleared of obligations. Thank you in advance for your efforts. Thank you so much to all the staff who have helped us to locate and return materials. Remember – Any day is a good day for a good book!

Happy Reading!

News from the Media Center

From Ms. Burk and Mrs. Raynor

It’s National Library Media Month! We celebrate National School Library Media in the month of April. We will be celebrating this month with Reader’s Café. During Reader’s Café, students will be able to eat their lunch in the media center, listen to music and of course check out books! We will announce the days it will occur. We are also “flipping the script” and rearranging the fiction collection by Genres! Kids often ask us, “Where is the adventure, horror, mystery sections?” We will soon be able to answer, “It’s over there!” It’s much work to flip it all around, any parent who has an hour or two to spare and volunteer in this great effort is welcome to contact me, Tammie Burk, Media Specialist @ Tammie_L_Burk@mcpsmd.org.

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Resource Center News

A message from Ms. Gillman:

MCPS Special Education Parent Summit

The MCPS Special Education Summit for Parents will be Saturday, May 16, 2015, at Gaithersburg High School.

Parents are invited to engage in a day that features a keynote address by nationally published author Priscilla Gilman, Ph.D., speaking about her journey to joy as the parent of a child with a disability. Dr. Gillman is the author of The Anti-Romantic Child: A Memoir of Unexpected Joy (HarperCollins), an exploration of one woman’s expectations and hopes for her child, her family, and herself, and of the ways in which we are all capable of re-imagining our lives and finding joy in the most unexpected circumstances.

The event will include more than 30 workshops on various topics related to parenting a child with a disability. Also, booths with information and resources from MCPS community partners and county agencies will be on display.

Childcare and lunch will be provided. To register, go to: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/special-education/events/ or call 301-517-5940. Registration opens April 13.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about Special Services at Lee Middle School, please contact me for a prompt response: Lesli_M.Gillman@mcpsmd.org or 301.649.8252 (direct line) or 301.649.8100 (main office).
**PBIS News**

**A message from Mr. Frazier:**

Greetings from the Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports (P.B.I.S.) team! April went by in a hurry. It was a full month filled with the joy and anticipation that Spring brings. To encourage our student’s to continue showing their PRIDE, we have continued the Footlocker Raffle. Students who chose to participate will place their special marked cougar cash in the Footlocker box. We are in the final quarter of the school year which means our students are both excited and sad. This month we are opening the Mother’s/Father’s Day gift shop. Your support in this effort is greatly appreciated. Also, please keep in mind that The Cougar Den needs your support. If you would like to donate any items or time please contact Mr. James Frazier at: james_a_frazier@mcpsmd.org or call the school. Thanks for reading and as always stay positive.

**6th Grade Team News**

**A message from Ms. Sabatino:**

Welcome to the 4th quarter! Like any sports game, this is the time for MAGIC and comebacks! This is a very busy time for students. Not only is there a lot going on in school with end of the year projects, field trips and final assignments, many students are busy with out of school activities. Please continue to monitor your child’s progress and encourage them to keep up with their work. Effective Effort leads to Achievement!

The staff at Lee remains committed to your children and to providing them with a strong educational foundation, one which will assist them in achieving academic success in middle school and beyond. Remember, PRIDE Academy is available every Tuesday and Wednesday after school to support students who need help with homework and classwork assignments, as well as projects and access to technology.

Parents, we thank you for being very supportive of the sixth grade teachers as well as your children, as we have progressed through a very busy year of learning many new things! As you read this we are still working on our “Going Green” unit in Science, learning about the many ways they can help improve the environment; as well as beginning their last unit in Reading, which focuses on the newspaper. In math, we are beginning to develop our Algebra and Geometry skills, and in English we are learning about Shakespeare… Remember, “It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves.”[William Shakespeare]

**AVID News**

**A message from Ms. Boveja:**

**Advancement via Individual Determination**

AVID is a college readiness program designed to target students in the academic middle who have the desire to go to College and the willingness to work hard.

AVID’s mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and success in a global society.

AVID is an elective course taken during the school day. Students are selected for this class after an application and interview process. For one class period a day, they learn organizational and study skills, work on critical thinking skills, get academic help from peers and college tutors, visit colleges and universities and participate in enrichment and motivational activities. Students in AVID class are typically enrolled in at least one or more advanced academic classes.

**7th Grade Team News**

**A message from Mr. Duvall and Mr. Turner:**

The seventh grade worked very hard in the 3rd quarter. With all the disruptions, they pulled it together and accomplished a lot. We are looking forward to a restful Spring break.

**8th Grade Team News**

**A message from Mr. Fetherman and Mrs. Wieland:**

The eighth grade class did a terrific job during the first round of PARCC testing. Our students worked hard during each day of testing, and set a great example for the younger students. We are all very proud of them!

The end of the year is quickly approaching and we have dates for two of the 8th grade events: The Eighth Grade Dinner Dance will take place here at Lee on Thursday, May 28th from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm, and our promotion ceremony is scheduled for Monday, June 15th at 10:00 am; it will be held in the auditorium at Northwood High School.

**Kennedy Cluster Project**

Permission slips and more specific information about each event will be coming home later this month.

Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School will once again be a participant in the Kennedy Cluster Project, a unique collaborative effort among MCPS, various county and state agencies, and non-profit organizations. The Kennedy Project can help your child do better in school by helping to remove or reduce some out-of-school barriers. If anyone in your family needs help in getting services such as housing, food, mental health, recreational activities, and/or financial assistance, please contact your guidance counselor. Please understand that service eligibility will be determined by each individual agency, not the Kennedy Cluster Project or school staff.

Este año la Escuela Intermedia Col. E. Brooke Lee una vez más, estará participando en el proyecto Kennedy; un exclusivo esfuerzo colaborativo entre las escuelas públicas, varias agencias del condado y estatales y organizaciones no-lucrativas. El proyecto Kennedy puede ayudar a su hijo/a a mejorar académicamente reduciendo las barreras que encuentran fuera del ámbito escolar. Si un miembro de su familia necesita asistencia consiguiendo servicios tales como vivienda, alimentos, salud mental, actividades recreacionales y/o ayuda financiera favor de contactar al consejero de la escuela. De por entendido que la elegibilidad para cada servicio
Music News

A message from Mrs. Franklin and Ms. Martin:
MMEA District II Festival RESULTS! Congratulations to all of the Music Students who attended District II MMEA Festival. You all demonstrated just how awesome our Lee Music Department is!
The Festival rating system is as follows:
I – SUPERIOR
II – EXCELLENT
III – GOOD
IV – FAIR
V – POOR

Kings Dominion Permission Slips and Payments are due ASAP. Payment Plan #1 is a full payment ($110) due on April 20th. If you are on Payment Plan #2 (two installments of $55), your first payment was due in January and your second payment is due on April 20th. If you are on Payment Plan #3 (monthly installments of $20), February should be your 4th payment (for a total of $80). Please keep track of your payments and permission slips so that you do not miss this wonderful opportunity.

Kings Dominion T-Shirt Orders: Below is the design for our Kings Dominion T-Shirt. Students are encouraged to purchase one for the Kings Dominion field trip in May. T-shirts are $6 with checks made out to Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School.

The Wizard of Oz Production Help: We need help with set construction, costume design, make-up/hair design, backstage help, and general support. If interested, please email Mrs. Franklin at Brigitte_E_Franklin@mcpss.org. If you are willing to donate money to the production, please make checks payable to Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School.

World Studies and World Languages Department News

A message from Ms. Fitzgerald:
In 6th grade, we are studying about China. Students will be creating projects reflecting Chinese history and culture. Some students have come up with some original ideas for presenting their projects. Others are following suggestions provided by their teachers. What is exciting about this is that they are having fun while learning about a different culture. In some classes they had a Chinese Fiesta to celebrate the Chinese New Year while in others they will be participating in a Chinese Buffet in which they will be sampling different foods from the region.

In 8th grade, students will begin to turn their attention to the presidency of Andrew Jackson and the many changes he brought the United States as a whole. We will continue to examine the impact and consequences of Indian Removal in the early 1800s, as well as begin to go in depth with the American slave trade leading up to the Civil War.

During the month of April in French class we will be working on a new unit about clothing. This is a fun unit as the students become able to express their opinions about fashion, learn about fashion designers in Francophone countries and use expressions to offer and ask for help when shopping. We will be putting on our very own fashion show in class and will be also working on a favorite Francophone singer project in which students will do research to identify a French-speaking singer that they like, then write up a description of their singer and share his or her music with the class.

English/Reading Department News

A message from Ms. Tropea:
Greetings from the English and reading department.

Spring has definitely sprung at Lee. We have completed our first round of PARCC testing and have moved into the 4th quarter. This quarter at each grade level we will be exploring the works of William Shakespeare.

The 8th grade will be going to the Shakespeare Theatre to see a production of “Man of La Mancha” on April 16th.

“April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.” – William Shakespeare
**ART News**

**A message from Ms. Paul:**

*New art coming to the walls of Lee! Be sure to see the following featured works of art in the hallway outside of the Media Center, and in the display case outside of the Art Room!*

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**6th Grade Romero Britto Self Portraits** — Students were inspired by the work of Brazilian artist Romero Britto and his Neo-Pop cubist style in order to create their own Self Portraits. For their assignment they first studied portrait drawing and correct proportions of the face to produce a lifelike self portrait in pencil. After splitting their portrait for effective composition, they applied Oil Pastel techniques to the different sections to bring color and pattern to their piece.

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**7th Grade One Point Perspective Room Drawings** — Students drew an in depth room design of choosing that demonstrates proper linear perspective, intriguing theme/style and a coordinating color scheme. They applied a technique developed in the renaissance that creates depth and 3-D effects on a 2-D surface. Linear perspective uses the vanishing point. Students first practiced the art of one-point perspective drawing in order to effectively apply it to their room drawing that will convincingly create the illusion of depth. They then applied colored pencil techniques in order to bring their drawing to life with a color scheme that coordinates with their style/theme.

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**8th Grade Avant Garde Fashion Designed shoe** — Avant-Garde is the advance group in any field, especially in the visual, literary, or musical arts, whose works are characterized chiefly by unorthodox and experimental methods. Using the properties of clay students developed a shoe in an Avant Garde fashion to display a more artistic then wearable quality. They used the slab method of ceramics in order to build the shape and structure of their shoe and then attached sculptural elements using scoring and slip. Additional color and/or texture was added to enhance the Avant-Garde Fashion.

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**Support our Lee Arts Program!**

**See Student work at the Lake Forest Mall Arts Fair!**

**April 21st through April 26th**

**Don’t miss it!**
A message from Ms. Jones:

It’s hard to believe that we are already in April! We have had a great start for the second half of the school year despite all the snow! With spring break approaching fast please make sure your child is involved with exploring mathematics in real world context over the break. Create an account with Khan Academy. Go to www.khanacademy.org. Click on "Parents, start here" at the bottom. Sign up using your email address and name. An email will be sent to the email address you provide to complete the creation of your account. In the email, click the link to “Finish signing up”. This will open Khan Academy in your browser. Many students have already created an account in school and some teachers are using this as an online homework resource.

In fourth quarter all math teachers will continue to challenge students mathematically. Please make sure that your child comes to school with paper and pencils. The goal of Montgomery County Public Schools mathematics program is for all students to achieve mathematical proficiency by developing both conceptual understanding and procedural fluency. The end result is the ability to think and reason mathematically and use mathematics to solve problems in authentic context.

Please remind your child to complete homework, check Edline, and advocate for help! If there are any issues or concerns please contact your child’s teacher. Check out what we are learning in C2.0 Math 6!

C2.0 Mathematics 6 Parent Resource Page Marking Period 4: Geometric and Statistical Relationships Topic 1, Section 1: Relating Area and Volume: Area

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| Develop the formula for the area of a triangle as $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$ by exploring triangles as half of a rectangle or parallelogram. | Design the layout for a room.  
  - Use an online room planner and find the area of different pieces of furniture.  
  - Sample Room Planner - http://www.mybobs.com/roomplanner  |
| Find the area of a trapezoid by decomposing it into other shapes. | Design a project such as a bat house and find the areas of each of the pieces of it.  

Additional Practice
- Area Explorer - Rectangles (practice)
- Area Fact Monster - Triangles (game)
- Area - Mixed (practice)
- Area (practice)
- Area of Composite Figures (practice)
- MPH Topic 1 Understanding Area (Hixbook)

Additional Practice links support C.0.0 content, but may use vocabulary or strategies not emphasized by MCPS.

A message from Mr. Chase, Ms. Fischer, Ms. Fourcade, Mr. Myers and Ms. Provino:

April Showers Bring May Flowers…and often times, mud, but, Physical Education classes will continue to participate in a variety of activities both indoors as well as outdoors, so please continue to come to class prepared with appropriate athletic clothing and a positive attitude!
APRIL 2015

4/3-4/10 – Spring break.
4/13 – School resumes.
4/16 – Eighth grade field trip to the Folger Shakespeare Theater to see, “Man of la Mancha.”
4/20 – 7th Grade PARCC ELA Testing.
4/21-4/22 – 7th Grade PARCC Math Testing and 8th Grade Science MSA.
4/23 – Honor roll assemblies.
4/27 – 6th Grade PARCC ELA Testing.
4/29 – 7th Grade PARCC ELA Testing.
4/30 - 8th Grade PARCC Math/Algebra.

We’re on the Web!
Visit us at:
http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/leems/

Questions...Who Do I Contact?

Team Leaders
6th Grade: Ms. Franklin/Ms. Sabatino-Hernandez
7th Grade: Mr. Duvall/Mr. Turner
8th Grade: Mr. Fetherman/Ms. Wieland

School Counselors / Administrators
6th Grade: Ms. Scribner-Lilly /Ms. Jorandby
7th Grade: Ms. Hart / Ms. Jorandby (A – K) / Mr. Wilson (L - Z)
8th Grade: Mr. Purdie /Mr. Wilson
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Attendance Secretary: Ms. Burgos
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PTSA question, idea or concern?
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