



Lexington Middle School

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INSPIRE - PREPARE - EMPOWER

Nester's Nook....



The first half of the 2016-2017 school year has been quite eventful for us Wildcats and there is a lot to celebrate!

Academically we were recognized for our innovative practices and our rock solid instructional practices. In October, the TransformSC Bus Tour visited our school and we were commended and recognized as a model of the vision for South Carolina education. In November, the International Baccalaureate (IB) authorization team came into our classrooms, interviewed parents, students, teachers, and district stakeholders and recognized the work our school does to promote high levels of student achievement. As a result, we were authorized as an IB Middle Years Program World School, joining a global community of schools committed to developing knowledgeable, caring young people who will be ready to negotiate their futures successfully.

On the athletic front, our Wildcats played hard and embraced team spirit with our Volleyball team earning the title of PAC Champions, our Football team earning the title of PAC Co-Champions, and our Cheerleading team taking the Debbie Rogers State Championship.

Our arts also shined as we had several students recognized for their talents and qualify for District Honor and Region Orchestra, SC Youth Philharmonic, District Honor Choir, District Honor Band, District Honor Art, Artsonia Artist of the Week, and our Musical Theatre students, in grades 6, 7 and 8 put on amazing productions of Aladdin, Jr.

We also had a number of student service endeavors. Our students carried out and participated in the Pulsera Project, Thankful Tom, the Shoe Box Holiday Gift preparation, LICS food drive, and many more community projects that make our world a better place locally and globally.

All of our successes don't just happen by accident. They are the product of the amazing dedication of our students, the support of our parents and community, and the commitment of our teachers to inspire, prepare and empower our students to make the world a better place. LMS is dedicated to a culture of excellence for all students!

Gloria Nester, Principal



LMS Yearbooks are on Sale!

To order a LMS yearbook, visit www.jostensyearbooks.com and enter "Lexington Middle School - Lexington, SC." (Be sure to select the Lexington Middle School in South Carolina.) Click on the 2017 Yearbook then select your options to order your 2016-2017 Cat Tracks Yearbook!

PTO NEWS

Any parents interested in the LMS PTO are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be held at LMS on Tuesday, February 7 @ 8:15 a.m.

DO YOU OWN YOUR OWN BUSINESS?

We are currently putting together a LMS Family Business Directory. If any LMS family owns a business and would like to be included in this directory, please contact Jennifer Friedah at JJF8898@aol.com. Be on the lookout for a form soon!



Come out and show your **WILDCAT Spirit!**

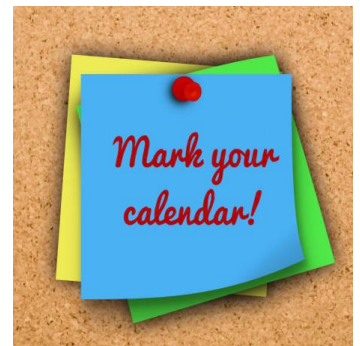
On January 23rd, we will have our Winter Sports Pep Rally at 2:00pm! At 5:30 pm we will take on Pleasant Hill Middle School in the “**CAGE the Cougars**” basketball game! The “**CAGE the Cougars**” t-shirts will be on sale in the front office for \$10.00.

Bring Your Parents to Lunch Day - Thursday, February 2 @12:15. Parents of 6th grade students are invited to come and eat lunch with their child while being interviewed about their career. Forms to attend this event were sent home in student's report cards.



Important Upcoming Dates

- ❖ 1/19 – Chick-Fil-A biscuit sales in the morning! Yum!
- ❖ 1/19 – Basketball vs CSMS at home @ 5:30 pm
- ❖ 1/20 & 1/21 – Honors Orchestra Clinic & Concert @ Pelion Middle
- ❖ 1/23 – Basketball vs PHMS “Cage the Cougar” Night at home @ 5:30 pm
- ❖ 1/26 - Basketball at DFMS @ 5:30 pm
- ❖ 1/30 – Basketball vs Chapin at home @ 5:30 pm
- ❖ 2/01 – Collaborative Planning Day! – Dismissal 12:40 pm
- ❖ 2/02 – Job Shadow Day for 7th & 8th graders – 6th Grade Bring a Parent to Lunch!
- ❖ 2/02 – Basketball at WKMS @ 5:30 pm
- ❖ 2/07 – Rising 6th Grade Parent Meeting @ LMS Theater at 6:00 pm
- ❖ 2/07 – Interim Reports Go Home!
- ❖ 2/09 - Rising 6th Grade Parent Meeting @ LMS Theater at 6:00 pm
- ❖ 2/10 – TCBY Yogurt sales after school!
- ❖ 2/16 – Chick-Fil-A biscuit sales in the morning! Yum!
- ❖ 2/17 – No School for Students
- ❖ 2/20 – Hurricane Matthew Severe Weather Make up Day – Regular School Day!
- ❖ 3/01 – Collaborative Planning Day! – Dismissal at 12:40 pm
- ❖ 3/13 – 3/15 3rd Nine Weeks Testing
- ❖ 3/17 - Hurricane Matthew Severe Weather Make up Day – Regular School Day!
- ❖ 3/22 – Report Cards Go Home!



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