



# LES NEWS

**Lexington Elementary School**

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**May/June 2014**

*James H. Hamby, Principal*

*Sujata Wallace & Alicia Prezzy, Asst. Principals*

## Upcoming Events

- May 2 Interim Reports
- May 6 PASS - Grades 3 - 5
- May 7 PASS - Grades 3 - 5
- May 8 PASS - Grades 3 - 5
- May 9 PASS - Grades 3 - 5
- May 12-16 Technology Assessment  
2nd and 5th Grade Only
- May 20 Last day for 4K
- May 22 PTA Family Night , Sonic, 4-7pm
- May 26 Holiday - Memorial Day
- May 29 - June 2 - Field Days
- June 3 Dismissal at 11am  
5th Gr Promotion Program  
8:15am, Cafeteria
- June 4 Last Day of School  
Dismiss at 11am



## What's Happening at LES



- **CAFETERIA FEES** - As we approach the end of the school year, it is important that we close out your child's cafeteria account balance. Remember, any funds left over in their account will "roll-over" to next school year. **Report cards will be held if accounts are not cleared.**
- **CHANGES** - If you have a new address, please notify the school. There will be several mailings over the summer. If your child will not be attending LES (other than rising 6th graders), please notify the school with the name of the new school.
- **HEALTH ROOM** - Please make arrangements to pick up any medications that your child may have in the LES Health Room by **June 4**. **All medications left after that date will be discarded.**
- **LOST & FOUND** - All items remaining after the last day of school - **June 4** - will be donated to charity.
- **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION** - Please remember to send a note to your child's teacher if there is going to be a change in how your child will be going home in the afternoon. We do not take verbal change of transportation request from students.

**NO  
Collaborative Planning Day  
In MAY**

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## Principal's Page

*Jim Hamby, LES Principal*

### Student Placement for 2014-15

As the end of the school year approaches, I would like to share with you how student placement will be determined for next year. The teachers at each grade level prepare potential class rosters, balancing achievement levels of students and behavioral needs of the students. Classes are not assigned to teachers at this point. The rosters are given to the school's administration for review. We review the lists with our guidance counselors and the school psychologist to make sure that the classes are balanced and appropriate. At that time, the school's administration may move some students from one class roster to another to achieve the appropriate balance, based on knowledge that we might have regarding individual students. We then assign a teacher to each of the classes, attempting to match teaching styles with learning styles. This has been a relatively successful endeavor over the past years.

While we believe that all of our teachers are wonderful and support them 100%, we also are aware that there may be a few parents who feel they need to take part in the process. My suggestion for this is simple - and has proven effective. While I am not suggesting that parents do so, I would like to offer those who wish, to write an letter or email to me ([jhamby@lexington1.net](mailto:jhamby@lexington1.net)). (I will verify by return e-mail that your e-mail was received. If you do not receive a reply, please send a hard copy of your e-mail to your child's teacher to give to me.) In the letter/email, the parent is invited to state the qualities that they believe a teacher should possess in order for their child to succeed in school. For example, the parent may feel that a very structured environment is essential for their child. Others may feel that a less structured environment would be more important. Letters will then be reviewed prior to finalization of class assignments. Letters will be shared with the teachers to whom the student is assigned so that the teacher will know the parent's expectations.

While I am not suggesting that parents need to write a letter or send an email, I do feel it is important to know that you have this option. Please be aware, however, that requests for specific teachers will not be accepted. If requests come in with a teacher requested by name, the letter/email will be placed in a file but will not be considered. Requests for children to be placed with specific children by name will also not be honored. Again, we have a fantastic school and I stand behind each of the teachers. If you would like to email me or send a letter to me at school, please do so by **Friday, May 23, 2014**. Requests after this time may not be honored. Please let me know if there are questions or concerns about this process.



**SCHOOL BUS**

## **SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING CLASS**

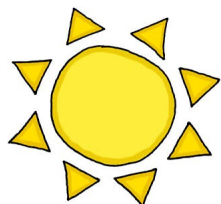
**JUNE 17-20, 2014**

Anyone interested should complete a  
Lexington School District One application  
and return it to Eddie Glover,  
Coordinator of Transportation.

Applications are available on-line at  
[lexington1.net](http://lexington1.net) or in person at  
315 Barr Road, Lexington, SC, 29072.



## Register over the summer !



Applications are being accepted for our  
5-yr-old kindergarten program.

Student must turn five for 5-yr-old kindergarten  
**on or before September 1, 2014.**



The following documents are required for enrollment  
in either program:

Proof of Residence (power bill, water bill, lease agreement  
or closing statement)

Birth Certificate - legal, full-size certificate

## Looking Ahead...

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| August 7    | - | Class Assignment Day   |
| August 18   | - | First Day for Students |
| September 1 | - | Labor Day (Holiday)    |



# 2014-15 School





## News & Events

[lexingtonpta@gmail.com](mailto:lexingtonpta@gmail.com)

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Can you believe this is our last newsletter for the 2013-14 school year!  
What an awesome year we've had serving our LES family!



We had an awesome turnout at our  
Spring Fling last week!

Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed the great movie,  
food, and fun! A special thank you to all who volunteered  
their time to make this a wonderful event!

Don't forget to come out to **Sonic Night**  
on **May 22** from 5pm - 7pm.



Looking forward to 2014-15 School Year.

Come start off the 2014-15 school year by joining the LES PTA!  
You can join at Class Assignment Day on August 7!



HAVE A  
GREAT  
SUMMER  
VACATION!