



LES NEWS

Lexington Elementary School

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May/June 2015

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Upcoming Events

- May 7 SCPASS (Gr 4 & 5)
Science
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Social Studies
- May 11 ACT Aspire Science (Gr 3-5)
- May 11-22 Spring MAP Window
- May 27 FIM Award Program, 8a.m.
- May 28-29, June 1 Field Days
- June 2 Half Day - Dismiss at 11:00a.m.
- June 3 Half Day - Last Day for Students
Dismiss at 11:00a.m.



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.**
- **CAR LINE** - Please remember to always have your "car sign" with you when picking up your child. We know things happen, for example, you may have switched cars for the day. However, for the safety of all, car signs must be visible in the front windshield. If you do not have a car sign, you will need to go the front office, show identification before picking up your child.
- **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 3**. **All medications left after that date will be discarded.**
- **LOST & FOUND** - All items remaining after the last day of school - **June 3** - will be donated to charity.

*Parents/family of
5th grade students are
invited to attend the
**LES 5th Grade
Graduation Program
Tuesday, June 2 at 8:15a.m.
in the LES Cafeteria.***

Lexington County School District One does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or age in admission to, access to, treatment in or employment in its programs and activities. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries or complaints. The Chief Human Resources Officer handles inquiries/complaints regarding Title IX. Inquiries/complaints regarding Section 504 for elementary students go to the Coordinator of ESOL/RTI and for secondary students to the Director of Counseling and Advisement. The Mathematics Coordinator handles inquiries/complaints regarding Title II. Contact these people if you have questions regarding these issues at 100 Tarrar Springs Road, Lexington, SC 29072 and telephone number (803) 821-1000.



Principal's Page

Jim Hamby, LES Principal

Student Placement for 2015-16

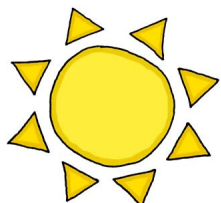
As the end of the school year approaches, I would like to share with you how student placement will be determined for next year. The teachers at each grade level prepare potential class rosters, balancing achievement levels of students and behavioral needs of the students. Classes are not assigned to 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 . (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 22, 2015**. Requests after this time may not be honored. Please let me know if there are questions or concerns about this process.



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, 2015.



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

Current, up-to-date Immunization Record

Looking Ahead...

August 6 - Class Assignment Day

August 17 - First Day for Students

September 7 - Labor Day (Holiday)



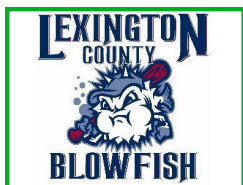
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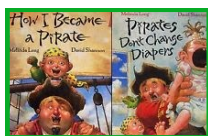
Corner Commons

Susan Dubose, Media Specialist



May 12 - The Blowfish Reading Reward Program logs are due!! Students reading four books will receive two (2) general admission tickets to the June 4th (7:05pm) game, will be able to participate in the reading parade before the game, and receive a free Coca-Cola and hot dog. The school with the most reading participation will receive \$500 for library books from the Blowfish, so our goal is 100% participation! We will be at this game with other schools so we are asking that our students wear LES colors or a LES shirt. We have already had amazing response from students and teachers! The game will be held at the NEW Lexington County Baseball Stadium on Ball Park Road.

May 15 - There will be no check out in the Learning Commons after this date.

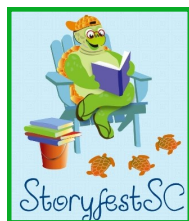


May 18 - Melinda Long, author of *How I Became A Pirate* and *Pirates Don't Do Diapers*, will be at Lexington Elementary to speak to our students. In honor of her visit, we will have "Dress Like a Pirate" day - so start getting your pirate clothes together matey!! **ARRGGHHH!** (*Please no weapons or toy weapon/look-alike props. For example - no cardboard swords or plastic hook hands.*)

May 22 - All library books must be returned.



May 28 - Lexington County Public Library will be at LES to promote their summer Reading program with storytelling assemblies for all grade levels. The theme this year is "Every Hero Has a Story". They will have their big kickoff event at the main Lexington Library on Wednesday, June 3rd, from 3 - 6pm. This was a great, free, fun event for kids last year!



June 6 - Storyfest SC will be held at the SC State Museum (301 Gervais Street, Columbia) and is sponsored by the SC State Library. This is the kick-off event of South Carolina's reading programs. They will have award-winning children's authors/illustrators and storytellers. The program will run all day long and is free to the public, and a great event for families and children. More information can be found at: storyfestsc.org.

We would like to wish Mrs. Ward a happy retirement.

She has been the Learning Commons assistant since 2004 and is retiring this year. We will miss her greatly, but wish her the best!

