



LES NEWS

Lexington Elementary School

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September 2014

Upcoming Events

- Sept 4 All 4K Students start
- Sept 5 Spirit Day/Boosterthon Run
- Sept 10 Collaborative Planning Day
- Sept 22 Interim Reports Issued
- Sept 30 Fall Picture Day



What's Happening at LES



- **SCHOOL DAY**- Our school day begins promptly at **7:40AM**. Students arriving at and after the 7:40AM bell will be considered tardy and will need to come into the office and be signed in. Our day ends at 2:25PM. Children should only be dismissed early for medical appointments or emergencies. *Avoiding heavy dismissal traffic is not a reason for signing a child out of school early.* If you need your child signed out early, you must come into the office **prior to 1:45PM**. Children can only be dismissed through the office. Please remember that tardy students and those leaving early miss the benefit of a full day of learning.

- **MORNING CHECK-IN**- For parents wishing to walk their student to class prior to 7:30 AM you will not be required to check in with the office. Beginning at 7:30 AM all visitors must sign-in at the office to go beyond the security doors. The interior security doors will be locked promptly at 7:40 AM daily. Parents must enter the building via the front office doors only. Nothing is more important than the safety of your child!

- **LES LUNCH VISITOR POLICY** - Parents and guardians of LES children are welcome to visit the cafeteria and enjoy lunch with their children during their child's assigned lunch time. For the safety of our students, to maximize instructional time and minimize classroom disruptions:

Parents must sign-in at the main office and receive a Visitor's Pass stating their presence in the cafeteria.

The Visitor Pass sticker must be worn in a conspicuous fashion.

Please wait for your child in the cafeteria. Visitors are not permitted in other parts of the building.

For the safety of our children, only your child will be allowed to sit at the Parent Table with you.

All students are to leave the cafeteria with their teacher at the assigned departure times.

Parents are not permitted to "walk" their child back to class.

Parents are expected to return to the office to sign-out.

Parents are our special guest at LES. We appreciate your involvement and cooperation.

Prices for 2014-15 school year: Breakfast \$1.25/Lunch \$2.60.

Collaborative Planning Day

Wednesday, September 10

Elementary schools dismiss
at 11:40 A.M.

Middle/High schools dismiss at 12:40
P.M.

ASBESTOS SAFETY PLAN - Each year, SC schools are required to inform parents about our Asbestos Safety Plan. Lexington School District One completed a comprehensive inspection of all facilities for asbestos containing materials in 1988, in compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986. Subsequent inspections were performed in 1991, 1994, 1997, 2000, and 2003 as required by AHERA. No material regarded as posing a hazard of health was found. While asbestos-containing building materials are still in several of the district's schools, the materials are not friable, thus, not expected to release fibers into the air. As outlined in the law, the district monitors all asbestos-containing material by conducting semi-annual inspections and provides needed information to appropriate employees of the district. Copies of the LES facility inspection and management plan are on file at the District Office and in the LES Office. They are available at any time for public review.



Principal's Page

Jim Hamby, LES Principal

Our Challenge



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Alice: "One can't believe impossible things."

"I daresay you haven't had much practice," said the Queen.

"When I was your age I always did it for half-an-hour a day.

Why sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things

before breakfast."

Your Assignment, Should You Choose to Accept It . . .

Like Alice, many educators, policy makers and the general public respond resoundingly with "That's impossible!" when challenged to adopt a new model of education for the world we live in today and for the foreseeable future. Many people today adhere to a model of education that is old-school 20th century model. But, like the Queen, a large and growing number of educators and parents are believing in and accomplishing "the impossible".

Scott McLeod, in his blog, Dangerously Irrelevant, reminded me recently of a line from the Mission Impossible shows and movies, and we need to apply that challenge to everyone at LES. "Your assignment, should you choose to accept it" is to take education truly into the 21st century. It is not enough to say that we are already living there. Technically the 21st century began 14 years ago and our challenge now is to continue to reinvent our school for the 2014 and beyond - for the sake of our children and the welfare of our community and country. Making such an educational shift will not be easy. After all, when any of us thinks of education, we usually think of what we knew as school - the way it has always been or used to be. That is how parents, policy makers, and politicians think of school. But we have to make the educational shift - NOW.

So what is a 2014 and beyond education? It is bold. It breaks the mold. It is flexible, creative, challenging, and complex. It addresses a rapidly changing world filled with fantastic new problems as well as exciting new possibilities.

We'll discuss some of these topics throughout the school year. So for now I am giving our parents in grades 5K through 3rd grade a homework assignment...Google "International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program." We will begin discussions about the IB Primary Years Program this school year. At LES this year we "are getting our shine on!"



Security Federal's Looney Tunes Saving Account Program is back at LES!

Each Thursday morning starting on Sept. 11 from 7:15-7:35 a.m. students can make a deposit in their savings account. Want to open an account? It only takes \$5 and complete some paperwork.

See the Security Federal Back representative in the cafe on Thursday morning for more information.



**New for Fall season:
Girls and Boys
2nd grade and up!**

8 week program beginning September 16

Ends with an official 5k Race

Check out more info at www.runhard.org or email Coach Jenny Backman at jbackman@live.com

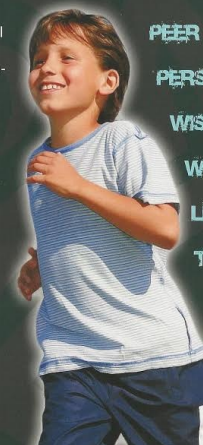
DETAILS

Run Hard is an 8-week after school running club that will prepare boys for a 5K race. We utilize character-based concepts to teach running, healthy lifestyle and decision-making skills. Designed for 2nd-5th grade boys, Run Hard encourages teamwork throughout lessons and workouts. Regardless of your athletic background or current fitness level, Run Hard will help boys live out our motto: "build up, don't tear down." Cost is \$85.

REWARDS

Participants are given the opportunity to earn "rewards" along the way. For example, when guys accomplish 1.5 miles they have earned their Run Hard t-shirt. Our goal is to reward guys for working hard towards a specific goal. Upon completion of the program, each participant will have earned a water bottle, dri-fit moisture wicking shirt, "Finisher" medal, and the coveted red shoe laces.

Check runhard.org for locations and club details. If you would like to start a Run Hard Team at your school, email us at info@crossoverathletics.org.



- PEER PRESSURE
- PERSEVERANCE
- WISE CHOICES
- WORK ETHIC
- LEADERSHIP
- TEAMWORK
- HONESTY
- RESPECT
- HONOR



Cats Choir



This year we are excited to offer Cats Choir as an after-school performing group for interested 4th and 5th graders who love to sing and move. No auditions required - just sign up if interested (letters are being sent home). Rehearsals will be every Wednesday from 2:30 to 3:30 in Mrs. Hood's classroom (no rehearsals on Collaborative Planning Days). The Cats Choir will perform for several school assemblies, the Winter and Spring Fine Arts Nights, and the LES Talent Show.

Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 3rd."

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