



LES NEWS

Lexington Elementary School

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November 2015

Upcoming Events

- Nov 4 Collaborative Planning Day
School dismisses at 11:00 a.m.
- Nov 4 PTA Day at Zaxby's,
12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m.
- Nov 10 SIC Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 12 PTA Skate Night, 6-8 p.m.
Skate Station USA
- Nov 13 RFL Hat Day
- Nov 16 Interims Issued
- Nov 17 School Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 25-27 Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 2 Collaborative Planning Day
- Dec 2 PTA Night at Bellacino's, 6-8 p.m.



What's Happening at LES



• **AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES** - Please send a note to your student's teacher if your child is attending any afterschool activity such as Soccer Shots or Run Hard Club, etc. These clubs use our facilities and often do not always provide us a complete list of students who are attending.

• **PEACHJAR** - Peachjar provides the most highly effective method of electronic flyer distribution. They post school-approved flyers online and email them directly to parents' inboxes. Peachjar saves schools tons of paper. Plus, our award-winning service reduces copy costs and removes a significant administrative burden from teachers, office staff, and volunteers.

With Peachjar, it's easy to find, view and share eflyers. Each school has its own Peachjar webpage that parents can view by clicking on the Peachjar button on the school's website homepage (www.lexington1.net/les).

Parents can go to the www.peachjar.com site and register to set up a Parent account.



Collaborative Planning Day Wednesday, November 4

Elementary schools dismiss at 11:40 a.m.
Middle & High schools dismiss at 12:40 p.m.

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 School 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

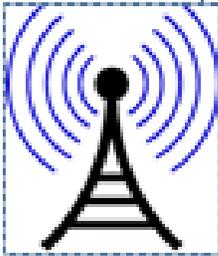
7 Ways to Improve Your Child's Education Outside the Classroom

We all know that school is important, but it's not the only setting where our children can learn. Your child doesn't need to be in close proximity to notebooks, book bags, whiteboards, and pop quizzes to learn. True learning isn't just about memorizing history facts and solving math problems. Learning is an interactive -- and lifelong -- process of analyzing, questioning, and discussing; learning is looking for new meanings and unique applications of knowledge in every situation.

There's a big world of questions, places, and people out there: Try to expose your child to as many meaningful experiences as possible. You'll broaden their knowledge, improve early childhood education, and cultivate the type of awareness and appreciation that can't be taught from a textbook.

Here are seven suggestions for firing up your child's mind to learn beyond our school walls.

1. **Recognize the Value of the Public Library:** Libraries are invaluable resources that provide (free!) public access to a collection of books and archives. Libraries are hubs for information on a staggering amount of fascinating topics -- all just waiting to be gathered and shared with your child.
2. **Explore the World at Every Opportunity:** When you travel with your kids -- whether it's a day trip or a week-long vacation -- they can learn so much about the world. You can teach your child about history, geography, and the diversity of cultures, traditions, and customs. How your family travels can spark curiosity and conversations.
3. **Embrace "Everyday Education":** While they may seem mundane, everyday activities can open the door to exciting new lessons. For example, baking a batch of cookies can illustrate the practical applications of math, science, and nutrition; attending a Little League baseball game can illustrate statistics, history, and teamwork.
4. **Get a Dose of Culture:** Expose your children to artistic and social highlights. Museums, zoos, historical sites, and cultural events such as plays, operas, ballets, and concerts are great ways to teach and entertain kids.
5. **Take Advantage of the Community Options:** Our community offers many opportunities to get your kids involved in classes, camps, and retreats, fellowships, and youth activities. Plus, they can broaden their horizons and possibly excite lifelong interests, hobbies, and passions.
6. **Take Every Opportunity to Answer "Why?"** Even the most unremarkable moments can become teachable, milestone events. Accompanying Mom or Dad to the office can spark a conversation on commerce and industry; looking at the night sky can inspire questions about celestial objects in the vast universe. Look for everyday opportunities to learn as a family -- and remember to embrace the natural curiosity and wonder of your kids.
7. **Get Plugged In -- But Do It Wisely:** Technology is an integral part of today's modern world and improvements are being made every day. This means that our kids have the ability to access information and satisfy their curiosity instantly! Encourage your children to search on the web for answers to their questions or watch credible how-to or news videos. Make sure to explain the importance of filtering information so it is accurate, current, and reputable. Also make sure to monitor your children's activities to keep them smart and safe.



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Security Federal's Looney Tunes Saving Account Program Monthly Promotion/Contest

November 2 - December 4, Thursdays from 7:00-7:35a.m.
(Open to Looney Tunes Savings Acct Program Participants ONLY)

Deposit Match - For every deposit made by a student, Security Federal will match with proceeds going to Salvation Army Angel Tree.
Prizes for students for every deposit to encourage saving and helping others.



Corner Commons

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Read Your Way to the Big Game

Reading logs are due November 6th!



The South Carolina Oversight Committee has partnered with the athletic departments of both the University of South Carolina and Clemson University to motivate and rewards all elementary and middle school students in the state of South Carolina to read!

Students reading six books, completing a reading log and turning them in by Friday, November 6th, will qualify for tickets to the Palmetto Bowl, the “big game” between USC and Clemson on November 28th at Williams Brice Stadium. There will be two students winners: one Clemson fan and one Carolina fan that will receive four tickets, sideline passes and pre-game activities. The goal if the program is to get students and parents excited about reading.

Technology Talk

Suzanne Brooks, Technology Integration Specialist

Last year Mrs. Williams' 5th grade class participated in a virtual choir called DEN Voices Connect with the assistance of Mrs. Hood and Ms. Brooks. Students learned a song, choreographed movement and collaborated over Google Hangout with a 6th grade class in Idaho that was also participating to share ideas and practice the song. Classrooms and schools from around the world participated in this project. There is also another "wildcat school" that is featured - if you see a yellow wildcat, that is not us!

You can hear us throughout and see us in several places:
(1:27-1:35, 1:57ish - watch for the South Carolina shirt, and at around 2:43)

<http://viewpure.com/W0bEy1GAD3I>



We have already registered for DEN Voices 2 for this school year.