



LES NEWS

Lexington Elementary School

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May/June 2016

Upcoming Events

- May 3 Interim Reports Issued
- May 11 SC Pass - 4th & 5th Grades (Science)
- May 12 SC Pass - 4th & 5th Grades (Social Studies)
PTA Night at Marco's, 4-9 p.m.
- May 16 Full School Day (Weather Makeup Day)
- May 17 School Board Mtg, 7:30 p.m.
PTA Skate Night at Skate Station, 6-8 p.m.
- May 18 Last Day for 4K Students
- May 26-27, 31 Field Days
- May 30 Holiday (Memorial Day)
- June 1 Half Day - Dismiss at 11:00a.m.
- June 2 Half Day - Last Day for Students



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 2** ***All medications left after that date will be discarded.***
- **LOST & FOUND** - All items remaining after the last day of school - **June 2** - will be donated to charity.

*Parents/family of
5th grade students
are invited to attend the
LES 5th Grade
Graduation Program
Wednesday, June 1
at 8:30a.m.
in the LES Cafeteria.*

**Changes of Way home and Early Dismissals
must be made prior to 1:45 p.m.**

Bus Transportation issues: 803-821-1340



Principal's Page

Jim Hamby, LES Principal

Student Placement for 2016-17

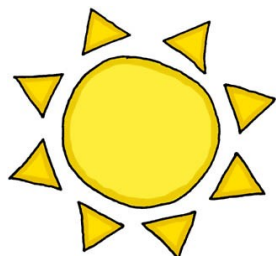
As the end of the school year approaches, I would like to share with you how student placement will be determined for next year. The teachers at each grade level prepare potential class rosters, balancing achievement levels of students and behavioral needs of the students. Classes are not assigned to 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 a letter to me or email 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 27, 2016**. 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, 2016.



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 4 - Class Assignment Day
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- August 15 - First Day for Students
- September 5 - Labor Day (Holiday)



2016-17 School Year



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.



In the Spotlight

LES has several students who were accepted into Tri-DAC this year, which is to be held over the summer:

- Lillie Gardner, Vocal
- Joleen Williams, Vocal
- Phillip Coplen, Vocal - alternate #3
- Shelby Pilcher - Clarinet - alternate

Notes from the Nurse

Jane Pinkham, School Nurse



Have a stress-free summer!

Get some good vitamin D from 20 minutes of sun a day to boost immunity, eat something green every day, & move it, move it!!!

For a stress free re-entry this August...

Parents, please ask your student's pediatrician over the summer to write orders for any needed medicines to be brought to school in the fall. Forms are available from your school nurse, or on the district website.



Corner Commons

Susan Dubose, Media Specialist

<http://leslearningcommons.weebly.com/>

All books are due back to the Learning Commons by **May 20th!**

Overdue notices or fines for lost books will be sent home throughout the month of May.

Please ask your child if they have any books out, or help them find any lost books, so as to not incur fines.

Report card will be held at the end of the year until the student account is cleared.

