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LES NEWS

Lexington Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

- Aug 22 - Sept 2 MAP Testing, Grades 2-5
- Sept 2 School Spirit Day
Relay for Life Hat Day - \$1.00
- Sept 5 Labor Day Holiday
No School for Students/Staff
- Sept 15 Interim Reports Issued
- Sept 20 School Board Mtg, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept 21 Collaborative Planning Day
Dismissal at 11:40 a.m.
- Sept 27 Fall Pictures



What's Happening at LES



- **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!
- **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.

Collaborative Planning Day

Wednesday, September 21

Elementary schools dismiss
at 11:40 a.m.

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



What's Happening at LES Continued



● **FORGOTTEN ITEMS** - Forgotten assignments, books, or other items brought to the office will be placed in the teacher's box. Parents will not be allowed to deliver the items to the classroom. Students will not be called to the office because of the interruption it would cause to instruction in the classroom. Lunch boxes brought to the office should have the student's name and the teacher's name taped to the box. They should be brought to school before 10:15 a.m. so they can be taken to the cafeteria.

● **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 to 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 2016-17 school year:

Breakfast \$1.25/Lunch \$2.75.

● **TRANSPORTATION** - It's very important that your child's teacher knows how to send your child home daily. Please follow the information teachers (especially kindergarten and first grade) send home concerning transportation procedures. If you need to change your child's transportation from how they normally go home, you must *send a written note to your child's teacher*. We ask that if at all possible you not change transportation once your child leaves home. However, emergencies can occur and should you find that you must change transportation, please call the office **prior to 1:45 p.m.** **Please do not email a transportation change to your child's teacher.** Our teachers rarely have an opportunity to check email during the instructional day.

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

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 even the general public respond resoundingly with "That's impossible!" when challenged to adopt a new model of education. Many people today adhere to a model of education that is still entrenched in the 20th century. But, like the Queen, a growing number of educators and parents are believing in and accomplishing "the impossible".

Scott McLeod, in his blog, Dangerously Irrelevant, recently reminded me of a line from Mission Impossible, and we must apply that challenge to everyone at LES. "Your assignment, should you choose to accept it" is to take education truly into the next level. It is not enough to say that we are already living there. Technically the 21st century began 16 years ago and our challenge now is to continue to reinvent our school for what our kids need for their future...not the future that was our grandparents – but, for the sake of our children, our students and the welfare of our community and country. Making such an educational shift is not 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. That is how parents, policy makers, politicians and many students think of school. But we have to make the educational shift to a 21st century education - NOW.

So what is 21st century 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. I believe!



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.

Notes from the Nurse

Jane Pinkham, RN, School Nurse



Hi LES family, welcome back! Second week . . . POP QUIZ!

1. Do you know what the district says nurse's job in the school is?

The primary purpose of the school health office is to provide assessment & care for injuries that occur during the school day as well as provide for the needs of students with life threatening conditions such as diabetes, seizures & asthma. *Nurses do not take the place of your family doctor in diagnosing illnesses or providing treatment for injuries that occur outside of school.*

2. Do you know the policy for keeping your child at home if sick?

Children must be free of fever (without the aid of fever reducing medications), free from vomiting & diarrhea for 24hrs. (Other exclusions, according to DHEC School Exclusion Policy)

3. Do you know you can call me @ x4023 with a report of your child's current or recent illness?

Now you do. (The secretaries thank you for this!)

4. Do you have a plan for who will pick up your child from school when they are ill or injured at school?

If not, start lining up someone or several someones.

5. Do you call our office staff with changes in phone numbers so I can reach you for significant situations?

Here's your reminder!

6. Does your child have an epipen prescribed? Have you brought one to school yet this year?

If yes, then YES is the correct answer!

I hope you're all A students concerning your student's health & safety.

Thanks for entrusting us with your children. I have so much confidence in our teachers & staff to help me watch out for your children here at school, as if they were our own.



Welcome Back

From Your School Counselors!

Meet the School Counselors



Michele Grahn
Counselor for Grades 1, 3, 5, Hughey
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Mrs. Grahn has been an elementary school counselor for 18 years. She has worked at LES since the 2007-2008 school year.



Michelle Privette
Counselor for Grades K, 2, 4, Montondo
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mprivette@lexington1.net

Mrs. Privette has been a school counselor for 23 years. This is her 3rd year at LES and 11th year in Lexington One.

Find us on the Web!

Have you seen our web page?
We have lots of resources to help your student be successful!

Check us out at: <http://tiny.cc/60q3by>



Also  us on Facebook!
Keeping up with the LES School Counseling Department Activities is as easy as checking your newsfeed. You can "LIKE" our FB page at:
<https://goo.gl/eZAuUN>



Responsive Services

- Individual Counseling
- Crisis Counseling
- Small Group Counseling
- Parent Consultation
- Teacher Consultation
- Referral to Outside Agencies
- Student Goal Setting
- Academic Advisement
- Behavior RTI

Core Curriculum

- Classroom Guidance
- Small Growth Groups
- Parent Education
- School-wide Emphases
(Learner of the Pride, International Celebration Week, Career Week)

Please feel free to contact your school counselor if you have any questions or concerns about your child or your child's school experience.