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LES NEWS

Lexington Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

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- May 1-May 4 3rd-5th Grade Testing
(SC PASS and SC Ready)
 - May 16 School Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 - May 17 Last Day for 4K Students
 - May 24 Field Day for 5K & 3rd Grades
 - May 25 Field Day for 1st & 4th Grades
 - May 26 Field Day for 2nd & 5th Grades
 - May 29 HOLIDAY - Memorial Day
No School for Students and Staff
 - May 30 Half Day for Students
Dismissal at 11:00
 - May 31 Last Day for School
Half Day for Students
Dismissal at 11:00



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What's Happening at LES



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- **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 and 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 **11:00 on May 31**. **All medications left after that date will be discarded.**
 - **LOST & FOUND** - All items remaining after the last day of school - **May 31** - will be donated to charity.

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



Principal's Page

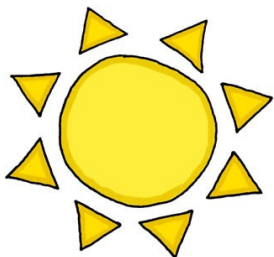
Jim Hamby, LES Principal

Student Placement for 2017-18

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 or an email to me (jhamby@lexington1.net). I will verify by return e-mail that your e-mail was received. 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 26, 2017**. Requests after this time may not be honored. Please let me know if there are questions or concerns about this process.



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, 2017.**

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 10 - Class Assignment Day
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

August 22 - First Day for Students

September 4 - Labor Day (Holiday)



2017-18 School Year



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