

# Lamont Elementary School October Newsletter

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### School Day

7:45 A.M. - 1:55 P.M.

Buses, student arrival, and breakfast begin at 7:15 A.M. Students are sent to their classroom at 7:30 A.M.

Walkers wanting breakfast must arrive before 7:30.

Children who are late to school (after 7:45) should report to the office before going to class. We urge you to make every effort to have your child at school on time each day so that your child has a good beginning to his/her day. When students are late, it disrupts the class as well as causing the tardy student to miss specific directions for the day.

### Health Services

Parents of students in grades Pre-K and K, please send an extra change of clothes (a uniform) for your child

All families, if you are able, please consider donating your child's clean, gently worn uniform to the school if he or she has grown out of the uniform.

Parents, please keep your child home if s/he is sick with a temperature of more than 100°, has nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, has a headache, cough, sore throat or other flu symptoms, has a rash or infection of the skin, or red or pink eyes.

Most childhood illnesses are over quickly but if the symptoms are severe or persist more than 24 hours, you should contact your private source of medical care.



Mrs. Sharon H. Porter, Principal  
Mrs. Anne-Marie Moody, Assistant Principal

### 2009

October 6	Release of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Progress Reports
October 6	Superintendent's State of the School System Address (Henry Wise High School 6:30 pm)
October 9	Last day for Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser
October 12	Men Make a Difference Day
October 16	MSTA Convention*
October 26	Individual Picture Day (Students must wear their uniform)
October 27	Fundraiser items delivered to Lamont
October 29	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
October 30	Grading/Teacher Planning Day*

\* No School for Students

### Upcoming School Calendar

#### PLEASE, PARENTS

If your emergency contact information has changed, take a moment to update that information with the office at Lamont. We need to be able to contact you in the case of an emergency.

#### Health Services, cont.

Then H1N1 virus is spread in the same way that seasonal flu spreads. Therefore, to prevent the flu:

1. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
2. Wash your hands often with soap and water.
3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
4. Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
5. If you get sick with flu, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

## A Message from Principal Porter

I would like to thank everyone for coming out to our Back-to-School Night on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turn out on both nights. Your support and participation in our Scholastic Book Fair was greatly appreciated. Students, parents, and staff were able to purchase many exciting books and other fun and instructional items from the Book Fair.

Below are some of the policies and procedures as a reminder. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

The start of our instructional school day is 7:45 a.m. and we dismiss at 1:55 p.m. Early dismissal ends at 1:30 each day. Our students, teachers, and office staff are beginning to prepare for afternoon dismissal after 1:30.

Parents are *always* welcome at Lamont, but all visitors to the school **MUST** report to the office and sign-in to receive a visitor's pass before going to *any* part of the building. Parents entering the building between 7:15-7:45 must enter through the cafeteria to sign in and receive your visitor's pass.

Students in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> dismissed for car pick-up will continue to exit out the main door by the office. Drivers are asked to watch carefully for children as they pull away from the school. Also, cars are not allowed in the parking lot while buses are loading in the afternoon. Please be patient as we continue to maintain the safety of our students. Also, please respect the ONE WAY and DO NOT ENTER signs in the parking lot. Students in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> that are dismissed as walkers will exit through the side door of the school by the playground.

When plan changes for students' transportation home in the afternoon, you must inform your child's teacher in writing of the change. We cannot accept phone calls to the school as authorization to change how students are to get home. If your child does not have a note, they will not be able to change their existing mode of transportation home.

Our Fall Fundraiser with Claire's Gourmet kicked off on Friday, September 18. The students were excited about all the wonderful prizes that they are able to earn for selling the items. Students will have until **Friday, October 9** to participate in the fundraiser. Our goal is for every family to sell/order ten items if you can. Cash or Money Orders will only be accepted as payment for fundraising items.

Mark your calendar for the **Superintendent's State of the School System Address** on Tuesday, October 6 at Henry Wise High School at 6:30 pm. October's PTA meeting has been cancelled. The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3. I encourage each family to become a member of Lamont's PTA as we are planning great things for the students, parent, teachers, and community this year!

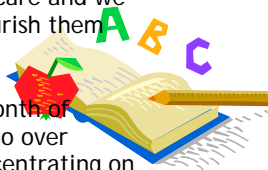
Once I again I would like to thank you for being a part of the Lamont Elementary School Family! If I can be of any service to you, feel free to contact me.

Sharon H. Porter  
Principal



A Letter from Pre-K.....

We are off to a super start to the 2009/2010 school year! We appreciate that you have put your children in our care and we will do our best to educate them mentally and nourish them emotionally.



We have several things to impart to you for the month of October. Academically, we will be continuing to go over shapes, colors, and numbers. We will also be concentrating on one letter a week. Our goal is to have the children recognize their letters and be able to identify their sounds. Our curriculum includes ten themes for the year. We will be finishing up the first theme (Welcome To School!) and we will be beginning theme two (My Family, My Community).

We are planning several field trips this year. The field trip we would like to partake in this month is a trip to a pumpkin patch to usher in fall. We are always looking for chaperones! Please help us by getting yourself fingerprinted (Prince George's County Public Schools' policy), and joining us for these exciting outings. Please call the school office for further information on fingerprinting. All help is greatly appreciated!

On a house-keeping note - please continue to check your child's folder for the responsibility sheet on a nightly basis. It will inform you as to the current letter we are covering and what your child's homework is for the evening. Please do not forget to read your child a book on a nightly basis, as well. Literacy is the corner stone for future success in all subject areas. It will also contain important papers and possible notes from the teacher. It is our primary way of continually staying in touch with you. Also, remember to sign the responsibility sheet each day and return it in your child's folder daily.

We continue to be excited about the school year and the children are making remarkable progress in comfort, behavior, and routines. You will be hearing from us via these letters on a monthly basis. Enjoy October!

...And Now Kindergarten



We had a very successful first month in Kindergarten! On Friday, October 2, we will be taking our first field trip of the year! We will be going to Green Meadow's farm. Please make sure all students come to school on time with a lunch packed in a disposable container. We are still seeking volunteers for our classrooms. If you are interested in volunteering, please see your child's teacher. Don't forget to read 15-30 minutes each night with your child!

First Grade's Next.....



The First Grade classes hope to visit the Green Meadows Petting Farm in Jessup, Maryland on Thursday, October 15!

We will need at least 5 parent chaperones per class for this fun filled day! Please mark your calendars and bring your camera!

We will touch and learn about pigs, cows, horses, goats, sheep, chickens, turkeys, ducks and more!

.....and this from Grade 2

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and students who attended the Lamont Back to School Night. The Second Grade Teachers look forward to speaking with you again on Conference Day-November 11, 2009.

The Second graders will face many new academic challenges and experiences this school year. Therefore, it will be very important that the daily homework assignments are completed nightly. Remember that homework provides the student opportunities to practice and extend knowledge of concepts taught in class. Please take the time to check your child's homework regularly. All students received a Lamont Agenda Book. The students will record homework assignments, spelling words, important events, etc. into this book daily. It is also a great source for teachers and parents to communicate with each other. Make it a habit to check it often.



The Monday's Envelope will go home at the beginning of each school week. It will contain graded assignments and letters of information from school. Take time each week to review the work and discuss with your child the progress he/she is making. Be sure to sign and return the envelope the next day.

Thank you for all that you do to support our school and goals.

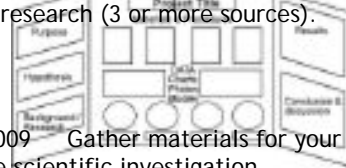
Third Grade is Up.....



The third grade students are off to a great start for this academic school year. They continue to develop cooperative skills as they work with their classmates on a variety of lessons and activities. Positive interactions are taking place as they become familiar with the routines of third grade.

Fourth Grade

We are very excited about this school year. Remember that all fourth grade students are required to complete a science fair project. We should already have everyone's proposal and everyone should have started their research (3 or more sources).



Dates to remember:

- October 1, 2009 Gather materials for your project and begin the scientific investigation.
- November 6, 2009 Organize all data and construct charts and /or graphs that will be included in background information.
- November 20, 2009 Research report is due.

We are signing agenda books for consistent communication between home and school. Please remember to read with your child every night.



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### Fifth Grade

Fifth grade is off to a great start! The students seem to really enjoy the departmentalization of the different subject areas and they are really working hard in every subject. Please remind and encourage your children to complete all homework assignments every night. Homework is assigned in science, social studies, math, and reading/language arts. Students have received their agenda books so please make sure to check and see what their homework assignments are for the night. Also, encourage your child to read at least 30 minutes every night and fill out their reading logs. As always feel free to contact us Monday-Thursday between 2pm-2:45pm. We look forward to continuing a great 2009-2010 fifth grade year!



### Sixth Grade

The 2009-2010 school year has gotten off to a great start. The sixth graders seem to be getting accustomed to their three teacher rotation. Many of the students are now trying to organize assignments and develop study habits. The sixth grade team would like to thank all parents who are actively assisting the students in their endeavors. We would also like to invite parents to join us at North Bay, a week long educational science trip. (Dates to be announced) Parents who are interested must be fingerprinted. Fingerprints can be done at the Board of Education Sasser Building, 14201 School Lane Dr. Rm. 131 Upper Marlboro, Md. 20772.

## Smile for the camera!



Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> is Individual Picture Day.  
Uniforms are **MANDATORY** on picture day!

