

Lamont Elementary School September Newsletter

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School Day

School hours are as follows:

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

The Health Room is available during the school day to handle MINOR injuries and illnesses that occur. If an injury or illness requires parental and/or medical attention, the School Nurse (or other school personnel) will notify the parent/guardian or designated emergency contact.

Please notify the Nurse if your child has any health problems such as asthma, heart ailment, sickle cell anemia, allergies, kidney or bladder concerns, etc.

Health problems **MUST** be written on the back of the Family/Emergency Card. It is also helpful to inform your child's teacher so he/she is aware of special needs.



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

Upcoming School Calendar

2009

- September 7 Labor Day*
- September 8 PTA Meeting
7:00 pm-8:00 pm
- September 15 Back To School Night - Pre K-Grade 2
6:45 - 8:00 PM
- September 16 Back To School Night - Grades 3-6
6:45 - 8:00 PM
- September 25 Teachers' Professional Development*
- September 28 Yom Kippur*

* No School for Students

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.

As much as possible, parents are encouraged to give medications at home before or after school hours. If a student must take medication during the school day, or keep the medication at school for an emergency, **ONLY THE SCHOOL NURSE CAN ADMINISTER MEDICATION.** The medication must be brought to the office by an adult with a form filled out by the doctor. Likewise, similar forms are available for non-prescription medicines and must be completed by the parent. Both forms are available from the nurse.

A Message from Principal Porter

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! We have a new name at Lamont this year. Ms. Karen Kelly is now married and will be known as Mrs. Tyma. Congratulations to Mrs. Tyma. We are excited to welcome several new faces this year. Ms. Pilate is teaching fourth grade, Ms. Perry is teaching third grade, Mr. Jake Reeder is co-teaching in first grade, Ms. Stevenson is our new Speech teacher, Ms. Vandervort is our new part-time music teacher, Ms. Reyes is serving as our parent liaison this year, and Ms. Tarkeh has joined the ESOL Team. We would like to welcome back Mr. Shaver who is teaching fifth grade.

Great News! Lamont's Computer Lab is finally here! We are thrilled to offer our students mathematics and reading support in addition to computer literacy. Mr. Stradford will serve as our school-based Technology Coordinator.

There has been a change in procedures for dismissal this year. Students that are walkers and/or whose parents walk-up to the building to get students will now exit from the playground doors (Integrity Drive). Car riders will continue exiting from the main lobby doors. Bus riders, Dance Makers, and Kim's Karate will continue to exit the building from the first grade hallway (Respectful Lane East).

Vehicles may not park along the front entrance of the school at anytime. This is particularly critical during periods of arrival and dismissal. Drivers must remain inside their vehicle or you must park in a designated parking space if waiting until students enter or exit the school.

If there is a change in routine regarding how your child is leaving school we must have a note that day from the parent/guardian stating that this is occurring. In absence of a note, we will send the child home according to the established procedure.

This year our Back-to-School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15 for Pre-K -2nd grade and Wednesday, September 16 for 3rd-6th grades. Starting time for both nights will be 6:45 pm. Please mark your calendar so you can gain valuable information regarding your child's class.

Please note that school will not be in session for students on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day. Friday, September 25, this is a Professional Development Day for all staff members, and Monday, September 28 for Yom Kippur.

Just as a reminder, student hours at Lamont are 7:45 am-1:55 pm. Please do not leave your child unattended before 7:15 a.m. Staff members are not on duty to supervise students prior to 7:15 a.m. Office hours are 7:00 am-3:00 pm should you need to conduct business with office staff. Appointments should be made with teachers to ensure they are available for conference. Teachers are unable to conference with you after students have arrived to their classroom.

The staff at Lamont and I are very fortunate to serve you and your children once again. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to another successful year at Lamont. We are *"Promoting Academic Success...Every Day for Every Student!"*

Sharon H. Porter
Principal



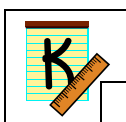
CRI

The Community Referenced Instruction (CRI) Program is a segment of the Prince George's County Public Schools' Department of Special Education. The CRI program supports students with disabilities ages 5-21, whose needs cannot be met in a less restrictive environment. Content Area Standards are accessed using the Maryland Voluntary State Curriculum. Students in the CRI program graduate from Prince George's County Public Schools with a Certificate of program Completion.

Ongoing instruction emphasizes skills that will enable students to become as independent as possible at home, school, in the community, and within adult service provider programs. Each student in the CRI program has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) that identifies the special education and related service supports needed to access instruction.

Reading objectives are taught from the students' assigned grade level and modified to the student's instructional level. Math objectives are taught from the student's instructional level. Grade and age appropriate materials are used for instruction and assessments.

All CRI students in grade 3-8 and 10 participate in the Alternate Maryland School Assessment (Alt-MSA). CRI students participate in the Alt-MSA if, through the IEP process, it has been determined they cannot participate in the MSA even with accommodations.



Welcome to Kindergarten! We are very excited to begin our journeys with your students! This year will be full of learning and exploring. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher should you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to an exciting year!



Greetings from Second Grade

The second grade team would like to welcome you and your child to the 2009-2010 school year. We value the relationship between home and school. We are looking forward to meeting you. Lamont's "Back to School Night" for second grade will be held on September 15, 2009, from 6:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. We hope you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

- Ms. Yee
- Ms. Hartman
- Ms. Dickerson
- Ms. Chicas
- Ms. Arnold

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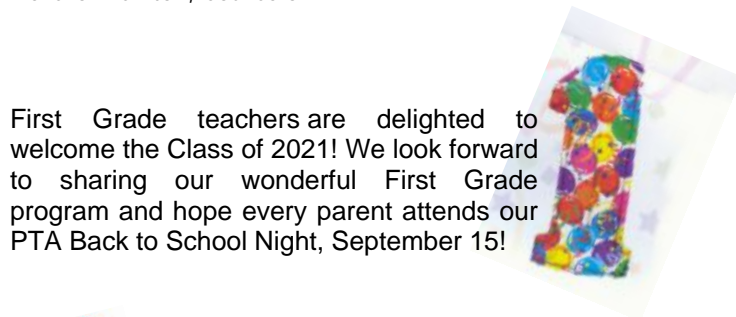
Counselor's Corner



Helping Your Child Succeed In School

- Demonstrate interest in your child's education.
- Make education a priority in your home.
- Monitor your child's school progress.
- Encourage your child to read.
- Give your child support, praise, and encouragement.
- Limit television watching.
- Spend some quality time with your child.
- Encourage good attendance.
- Provide a regular place and time for studying and doing homework.
- Review your child's homework.
- Talk to and listen to your child.

Sharon Lawton, Counselor



First Grade teachers are delighted to welcome the Class of 2021! We look forward to sharing our wonderful First Grade program and hope every parent attends our PTA Back to School Night, September 15!



Introducing Pre-K

We wish to welcome all of our incoming students and families to our Lamont Elementary pre-kindergarten. With good communication between school and home we expect everyone to have an enjoyable productive year. In August, and during the month of September, we will focus on readiness and the theme "Welcome to School". The students will learn our school rules and routines. They will learn how to walk in a line, sit in their own square, treat others nicely and follow directions. They will make friends and explore their unique characteristics which make each of them special. We will be working on making everyone in the class feel comfortable and happy to be together in the classroom.

Learning their names will be important these first few weeks of school as will letters, numbers, colors and shapes. Please help them at home a few minutes each night on these skills. Simple homework assignments will be found each evening on the communication sheet.

Please be sure to check their folders daily. Look for important information, send any correspondence needed and sign the communication sheet. Always talk to your student about his/her day and encourage them to speak in a complete sentence. Remember to have your child in full uniform daily and send in one complete change of uniform to keep at school.

We appreciate all donations and wish to receive them the second or third week of school.

Happy Learning,
 Your Lamont Pre-K team



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From the Fourth Grade:

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to another school year. The fourth grade team is dedicated to making this a successful, productive, and enjoyable year for all students. We will communicate with you often about classroom plans, your child's progress, school events, and other activities as they arise. The Back to School Program is scheduled for Wed. September 16, 2009 at 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The following items are requested for the ongoing success for this school year.

- #2 pencils
- Loose leaf paper
- 3 composition booklets
- 3 or more folders (homework, math, reading)
- Post-it notes
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Colored pencils

Thank you for all that you do, and we are looking forward to sharing this year with you and your child.

Sincerely,
The Fourth Grade Team



Welcome back! It seems just a moment ago students were rushing out the doors to begin summer break; we hope they are excited about returning to Lamont Elementary to begin their final year. It is normal for students to feel a bit apprehensive beginning their sixth grade year because of all the new changes ahead of them but we are positive they will face the challenges beautifully and show steady progress.

In our continued efforts of preparing students for the next step in their academic career, namely the rigors of middle school, Lamont Elementary Sixth Grade is departmentalized. Departmentalization entails students moving from Homeroom/Specials to one of their core classes-mathematics, reading language arts, world studies, or science. Each sixth grade teacher will teach a specific content area listed below:



Ms. Holloway	Mathematics
Ms. Bradley	Science & World Studies
Ms. Smithers	Reading & Language Arts

The last class of the day, students return to their homeroom teacher for Health instruction and dismissal.

As with everything we do, our success depends on your cooperation and support.

Thank you!

Sixth Grade Team
Ms. Holloway
Ms. Bradley
Ms. Smithers

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Welcome to the new Fifth Grade!

This year the fifth grade is using a departmentalized model of instruction. Miss Boehme will be teaching Reading and Language Arts, Mr. Shaver will be teaching mathematics, and Mr. Kish will be teaching Science, Social Studies, and Health. We believe that this instructional model will nurture academic growth and success in your child.

We also believe an important component of education is home-school communication. Please feel free to contact us with any concerns, questions, or comments Monday-Thursday 2pm-3pm.

We look forward to meeting you at our *Back to School Night on Wednesday September 16th, 6:45pm-8pm* at which time we will present an overview of the fifth grade curriculum and other important information related to the school year.

We are very excited about the upcoming school year!

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A Warm Welcome from the Third Grade Team

The Third Grade Team would like to welcome all third grade parents and students to the 2009-2010 school year. Education is truly a partnership between the home and the school, and we look forward to working with you throughout the year.

We hope to meet you in person at Back-To-School-Night on Wednesday, September 16, 2009.

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