

News from Ms. Westerby

Spring break will be here before we know it. Although it has been rather chilly, spring is officially here. We have loads of fun and educational activities happening here at Laurel Springs School. Celebrate the season with us.



April Activities

3/29	Kg & Pre-kg Registration: Call for appointment Child must be present to be screened
4/3	Planting Activity with teacher
4/4	4 th grade field trip
4/6	HSC Founder's Tea
4/7	3 rd Marking Period ends
4/7	HSC Pretzel Sale after school
4/11	1 st grade play 9:00 am
4/12	Fish Party-(tentative date)
4/13	12:30 Dismissal for all
4/13	Conference time sent home in Friday Folder
4/14-4/23	Happy Spring Break!
4/24	Return from Spring Break- 12:30 dismissal
4/25	12:30 Dismissal
4/24-25	Parent-Teacher Conferences (afternoon only)
4/24	Earth Day Activities in the garden. Wear something Earthy.
4/25	Report Card Go Home
4/26	PARCC testing begins w/ 6 th grade & 5 th grade
4/26	BOE Meeting & Budget Meeting @ 7 pm
4/27	HSC Ice-cream Social 6:30 pm
4/28	NED Show @ 2:00 in APR
5/10	Dental Assembly @ 1:15 for K-3 & 1:45 for 4-6
5/10	Special Education Advisory Meeting @ 6:30
5/16	6 th grade Wax Museum



Change in Calendar to make-up Snow Days.

In order to make up for our most recent snow day, we will have school on May 26th. It will be a 12:30 dismissal day. Our last day of school will be June 19th for students. We will have 12:30 dismissal on June 15, 16, and the 19th. Sixth Grade Promotion is scheduled for Thursday, June 15th at 5 p.m. Sixth grade parents will be receiving ticket orders in the near future for promotion.

Other Dates to Remember

PARCC testing is scheduled to begin April 26th with our 5th & 6th graders going first. Testing will continue to May 16th. Each grade level tests for about a week. Testing is limited to no more than 2 hours of the morning.

The NJASK testing for Science for 4th is May 31st. This is paper and pencil.

The end of year MAP Testing will begin in May and will continue to all students are assessed. Again, minimal classroom disruptions will occur during this assessment. Individual classes take this with their regular teacher as that teacher has it scheduled.

June 13th is Olympic Day. Students should wear their team color and gym shoes.

Back to the Future

Thursday, June 8th is Back to the Future Day.

Students will go to the next grade from 2 to 2:45.

Summer reading projects and supply lists will be given out at this point.

Pre-k students will visit and do an activity in the kindergarten classroom. Future

Kindergarten parents are invited to visit as well.

Future Pre-K students and their parents are invited in to visit with Mrs. Ingenito and see the classroom at 2:00. Please call to RSVP so we can have enough seating.

Garden Program

We are excited again this year to be soon working in our garden. We thank all of you who have donated some needed supplies. Each class will again be planting seeds to transplant into every grade's special themed garden. We will be planting in our indoor gardens very soon. Ask your child what his/her class will be growing. If any community member would again like to volunteer to work with our students and the garden, please do not hesitate to email Ms. Westerby at kwesterby@laurelspringschool.org. Your email will be forwarded to the teachers in charge. We are always looking for another 'green' thumb. If you have anything to donate to our garden, we are always thankful.



Visitors to Our Building

Please remember that all visitors must sign in at the main office and receive a visitor's badge. This is for the well being and safety of our students and staff.

Monthly mandated reminder about our IPM Plan!

Our Integrated Pest Management policy is available in the main office for your review. Monthly schedule of pesticide application is posted throughout our building.

Character Education

April's focus will be on ethical decision making and confidence. Classrooms will be working on a variety of activities revolving around these character education topics. Discuss with your child the importance of demonstrating these character traits.

Wednesday Morning Open House

Every Wednesday morning from 8:15 to 8:30 is your opportunity to come in and visit your child's classroom and desk. You are more than welcome to visit and see what exactly your child is doing in school.

Playground Update

As we are sure you may have noticed, our playground is being updated to ensure that all students are safe while at play. We wish to thank our Stratford/Laurel Springs Custodial staff for being out there in the freezing cold to dig out the equipment. We also wish to thank the Laurel Springs Public Works team for their assistance with the backhoe and heavy equipment. We are playing to address the swing sets as soon as possible as we find funding to do so.



Also, please be reminded that dogs are not permitted on our playground at any time. We are a very animal-friendly school, however we have several students with significant fear of dogs. We welcome visiting dogs to our school, but with prior written approval to visit for a learning activity. They are not permitted on the playground. It has also been brought to our attention to remind parents that there is a town ordinance that requires all dogs to be leashed.

Dismissal Procedures

The following procedures are followed for dismissal. Should you need further clarification, please feel free to call the office. Upon the 2nd bell, students are dismissed from their classrooms. The students will exit using only the Broadway Street exit. Students who walk home without a parent are to leave the playground immediately.

Those students who are waiting for their parents or guardian must wait on the blacktop by the wall. *They may not use the playground equipment.* Should their transportation not arrive by 3:15 when the playground is cleared, they will go to the main office and wait in the lobby. Their parent must be clearly visible by the office before the child may exit the school. If an emergency contact cannot be reached for pick up, it is our responsibility to notify the police.

Parents who stay with their child to use the playground equipment are responsible for their own children at this time.

Because of the cleaning up of the bathroom facilities at dismissal, we are unable to allow children to enter the building to use the bathrooms *after 3:15.*

Parent Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday, 4/24 and Tuesday, 4/25 in the afternoons. These are 12:30 dismissal days. Pre-kg will be here in the morning from 8:30 until 11 a.m.

All parents will receive a letter from their child's teacher regarding conferences this week. Please return it the next school day. If you feel a conference is not needed at this time and your child is having success in class, you may check the box that requests no conference. If the teacher feels a conference is necessary, she/he will schedule a conference with you. This conference time will be sent home on April 13th in the Friday Folder.

Science Fair

We will be having a Science Fair this late spring to share our science school wide projects with our school community. Teachers should be sending home each grade level's project assignment within the next few days if they have not done so already. It is tentatively scheduled for May 24th from 4 to 6:30 pm. The 5th grade play will follow the science fair in the all purpose rooms. Because of seating limits, the 5th grade play is open to only those with tickets.



**Don't forget to get some exercise and help out our school.
Thanks to the Laurel Springs HSC who will be hosting the second...
5K *TECHNICOLOR* Run**

On 5/21/17

**Proceeds will help support our technology program.
Register to run at www.laurelspringstechrun.eventbrite.com**