



Lynx Letter

Lexington Middle

August 29, 2016



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The first few weeks of school have been great! I would like to welcome all of the new students and families to Lexington. The students have done a nice job transitioning into a new school year! All students have reviewed the school and classroom rules, along with the dress code. The district's Code of Conduct is now located online at lxm.leeschools.net. All students need to complete the Emergency and Health Information page and the Directory Information page. These two forms need to be returned to school if not done so already. These are critical to ensure your child's safety and release of information for pictures and the year-book.

Each child is required to have a Lexington Middle School agenda book at school each day. This student organizer is created specifically for Lexington and contains needed information for students and families. This agenda serves as a major source of communication between teachers and parents. Please be sure your child knows how he/she is getting home each day. If your child is parent pick up, the new Parent Pick Up form will need to be completed and returned so your child can be dismissed to the parent pick up area. In order to have a safe and orderly dismissal, it is imperative we know the means of transportation for your child. If your child needs a bus change due to supervision purposes, you must send a note with your child including a phone number where a parent can be reached. The student will bring their note to room 210 first thing in the morning.

All Lexington students have now been issued a Chromebook for instructional purposes. These Chromebooks are not to be used for personal use or to access games. Parents can access information about this technology at leeschools.net/global-lee. Please ask your child to share with you some of the exciting uses for the Chromebook in the classroom. Lexington will be holding a parent night to learn how to support your child with the Chromebook. Information about this evening will be forthcoming.

Lexington has two parent/staff committees if you are interested. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and the School Advisory Council (SAC) both meet each month but serve different purposes. The PTO works towards fundraising and supporting students and teachers with additional resources and opportunities they otherwise would not have. SAC works with the school on academic school goals, the school improvement plan and provides input to make our student achievement greater each year. The PTO/SAC dates are posted in this newsletter as well as our Lexington website at lxm.leeschools.net.

We will practice many safety drills throughout the year. The staff and students will practice lock down procedures for an exterior threat and interior threat, fire drills, bomb drills and tornado drills. This is to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

We look forward to a successful year at Lexington with your child. If you have any questions about the information in this opening letter, please contact the school at 239-454-6130.

Thank you,

Linda Berry
Principal

LXMS Clothes Closet

Lexington maintains a small supply of new and used clothing for students. We accept clean, used clothes in good condition. If you have lightly used jeans, Polo style shirts with collars, and belts that are now too small for your quickly growing middle school student, you may bring them to the front office. The items will be on hand for the occasional emergency.

Cafeteria News:
Parents,
Lexington Middle School offers
FREE BREAKFAST and LUNCH
to all students!

Important Message

If you drop students off in the morning, please follow single line drop off procedures. For safety purposes, we ask that you not use the double lanes. We want to avoid students walking in front of other vehicles. In the afternoon we use the double line with supervision. Please be careful as you drive your child to and from school. Safety is our number one priority.

The School Board of Lee County, Florida: Cathleen O'Daniel Morgan, District 3, Chairman; Steven K. Teuber, District 4, Vice Chairman; Mary Fischer, District 1; Jeanne S. Dozier, District 2; Pamela H. LaRiviere, District 5; Dr. Gregory K. Adkins, Superintendent.

College Scholarship Opportunity

This is a special message for the parents of our 6th grade students. The Take Stock in Children College Scholarship applications are now available for qualifying 6th grade students. This program is coordinated by The Foundation for Lee Public Schools Inc. If selected, students will be awarded a four year scholarship to a state college or technical school in Florida. Students can only submit an application to this program during their 6th and 9th grade school years. Please contact our School Counselor, Mr. Marty Irwin, at 454-6130 for income eligibility requirements and other information.

Completed applications must be returned to Mr. Irwin by or before Monday Oct. 24, 2016. Late applications will not be considered by the Foundation.

Join the P.T.O.

**PTO will have its first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 15th at 5:00pm in the Media Center!
SAC will meet immediately following PTO at 6:00pm.**



The Lexington Middle School Administration would like to ensure your safety to and from your bus stop. Please read and follow these few simple rules.

1. Arrive to your bus in plenty of time.
2. Avoid distractions: No texting or talking on the phone. Pay attention.
3. Walk on sidewalk to bus stop. If no sidewalk, do not walk on the road walk as far away from the road as possible.
4. When you arrive at your bus stop, stand away from the road as far as possible.
5. Watch out for your fellow classmates.
6. Be alert and stay safe.

For any bus questions please call Ms. Kibler at 454-6130 Ext. 253.

Attention Parents: We will performing "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" for our holiday show this year. If you would be interested in assisting with costumes, set, helping backstage, etc. please contact Bianca De Sanctis at biancavd@leeschools.net. Thank you!

Lexington XC 2016 Schedule

9/7	Preseason	Estero Park	5:45
9/15	Cypress	Home	5:30
9/19	Quad meet	Home	5:15
9/27	Dunbar	Home	5:45
10/4	Regional	Estero Park	5:45
10/19	Championship	Estero Park	5:45
10/29	State Meet	Lakeland	8:00 am

Basketball Schedule

Teams posted Friday Sept. 2
First team practices Tues. Sept. 6

Tues. Sept. 13 Home w/ Six Mile @ 5:00 pm*
Thurs. Sept. 15 Home w/Cypress
Wed. Sept. 21 @ Gateway
Tues. Sept. 27 Home w/Dunbar

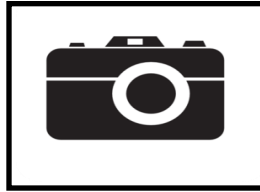
All Games at 5:45 unless noted
*Girls 1st on Tuesdays, *Boys 1st on Thursdays

Playoffs:

Round 1: Home -Mon. Sept. 29 -boys first
Round 2: TBA -Tues. Oct. 4 -girls first
Quarter final Boys: Thurs. Oct 6
Quarter final Girls: Mon. Oct. 10
Semi Final Boys: Thurs. Oct. 13
Semi Final Girls: Tues. Oct. 18
Finals: Thurs. Oct. 20 @ Oak Hammock

Dates to Remember: Sept.

Labor Day No-School	5
Picture Day (dress code attire)	6
PTO Meeting 5:00pm Media Center	15
SAC Meeting 6:00pm Media Center	15



Picture Day

Tuesday, September 6th

Students may prepay on line or bring your order form and money with you when you have your picture taken. **Students are expected to be in dress code!**

For any questions or concerns regarding your students academic progress please contact our School counselors: Julie Claprod (A-L) or Marty Irwin (M-Z) at 454-6130.

Arrival To School: Parents please note that your child cannot be dropped off at school prior to 9:00am unless they are registered in the Before School Program \$10 registration fee/ and \$4 per day.

Student Messages: Student messages will not be given out until the end of the day. Students cannot be called out of class to accept phone calls.

Student Medication: All medication, prescription or over-the-counter, must be accompanied by a doctor's note in order to be dispensed by the school to your child.

Afternoon Transportation Changes: If you are changing your child's method of going home, please call the office by 3:30pm if possible.



The 2016 Olympics are over... but our school year is just beginning! ☺ Our assembly on Monday, Aug. 22 was a great kick off

with a great group of kids! Students represented their heritage with flags they made & sports they participate in. Amanda Sousa & Victor Dibacco welcomed the school in Portuguese! Aidan Gorski, Angie Skinner & Brennan Starling represented their grade level by carrying the torch! Our dance team did a great job performing for the first time! Mrs. Smith's class did an amazing job displaying the Olympic rings & IB traits! There was music & videos and fun was had by all! Let the 2016-17 school year begin!

Brenda Millage

Lexington Middle
Physical Education Teacher
Asst. Intramural Director



It is Time for our **Annual Salvation Army Canned Food Drive!!** Our Canned Food drive will be from September 19, 2016 to September 30th.

This year we will be collecting though 1st Period. The First Period class with the highest percentage will receive a Pizza Party!

Be Caring!! This community service project is a great way to help those less fortunate.

Mandatory Forms

Parents please make sure your students Emergency form has been turned in. It is critical that we have the correct information to contact you in case of an emergency. Please contact our front office for any updates and changes that may occur during the school year, (454-6130)

Other Student forms that need to be on file Student directory and Computer/Device receipt and responsibility form.