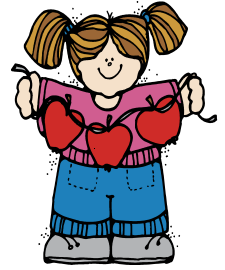




Little Mountain Elementary Wildcat Voice



Principal's Message

August 2010

Welcome Back to School

Looking Ahead:

- 9/01—Spartan Marketing Assembly Program 1:30
- 9/02—PTO Board Meeting 3:30
- 9/06—Labor Day NO SCHOOL
- 9/07—5th Grade Raffle Tickets Due
- 9/10—5th Grade Raffle, Final DC Payment Due
- 9/10—Grandparents Breakfast K, 1st, and 2nd
- 9/13—Grandparents Breakfast 3rd, 4th, and 5th
- 9/17—PTO Membership Due
- 9/20—School Pictures
- 9/20—Interims Issued
- 9/27—Math-a-Thon Kickoff

Welcome to the 2010—2011 school year at Little Mountain Elementary School! Whether or not you are new to our school this year or returning once again, we are excited to have you and your child as a part of our "school family". Many of you may already be aware that Little Mountain Elementary is a unique place for children to learn. With its warm, caring staff, small size, and child-centered atmosphere, our goal is to work together to meet the needs of every child.

I am excited to be back again this year, beginning my 24th year at Little Mountain, to lead this outstanding staff and be a part of this supportive community. It is our goal to continue the tradition of putting what's best for kids first in every decision we make at Little Mountain Elementary. It is a great privilege that we have to care for and educate the wonderful children of this community. Each child is unique and special, and it is our job to find new ways to challenge and stimulate them using a variety of methods and learning strategies.

I hope you will join us this year, in partnership, to make your child's learning experience positive and rewarding in every way.

Once again, welcome back to school. The staff and I look forward to working with you and your child this year. If you ever have any questions please feel free to call me at the school office (803)945-7721 or email me at rtarver@newberry.k12.sc.us. We also encourage you to check out the Little Mountain Elementary Website at www.newberry.k12.sc.us/lmes/homepage.htm for additional information about our school, staff, and district programs.

Sincerely,

Mr. T

The School Day

7:30—Breakfast

7:40—First Bell

7:45—Tardy Bell

7:50—Class Begin

2:40—Dismissal Bell for all Students

Email Address

Make sure we have your email address so that you can receive important notices and reminders about what is going on at LME. You can email your address to Mrs. Stacy at sfolk@newberry.k12.sc.us

Introducing LME's Newest Staff!

Please join us in welcoming several new staff members to our school:

Mrs. Mandy Fulmer will be a new face to most of us this year as she joins us to teach 1st grade. Mrs. Fulmer is from the Pomaria area and has taught with Newberry County Schools for 12 years, 8 of which have been teaching first grade. She comes to us from Newberry Elementary. Mrs. Fulmer is married and has three beautiful girls, Hayleigh, Lani Grace, and Audrey. Two of the three attend LME. Mrs. Fulmer has an early childhood degree from Columbia College and a Masters in Reading and Literacy.

Mrs. Terri Miller is coming to us from Prosperity Rikard Elementary. She will be bringing 35 years of teaching experience, all at the kindergarten level and all in Newberry County. She received her degree in elementary ed. from Emory University and a masters in early childhood Ed. from USC. She is also National Board certified. She is married with two grown children and one daughter-in-law. She loves animals and has three cats, a dog and a turtle. The turtle will be coming to school.

She is a HUGE Carolina Hurricanes hockey fan.

Mrs. Lisa Richardson is also coming to us from Prosperity Rikard Elementary. Mrs. Richardson will be teaching 2d grade at LME. She has been teaching for 20 years, 7 in Newberry County. She was born and raised in Batesburg-Leesville until she met her husband who is from Little Mountain. She received her bachelor's and masters degree from USC. She has 3 children. Her youngest will be attending LME this year.

Mrs. Casey Willingham will be teaching 4th grade along with Mrs. DeNicola. Mrs. Willingham has taught for 4 years, 3 of which have been at Prosperity Rikard Elementary. She grew up in Easley, South Carolina, but has called Newberry home for almost five years. She received her elementary degree from Winthrop University and a Master's degree in Education with a specialization in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment from Walden University. She is married and has an 8 month old baby girl.

Ms Paige Derrick will be one of our three fourth grade teachers. She is coming to us from Bell Street Middle in Clinton, SC. Paige is a life long resident of the Little Mountain Community. She attended Little Mountain Elementary,

graduated from Mid-Carolina High School, and Newberry College. This will be her 2nd year of teaching.

Mrs. Joanie Bumgarner will be the teaching assistant in Mrs. Miller's room. Ms. B, as she likes to be referred, graduated from Hudson High School and received her associate in Early Childhood Ed. in NC. She has been an assistant for 20 years, working in Caldwell County, NC for 14 years and Prosperity Rikard for 5 years. She is married and has 3 children and 5 grandchildren, 2 of whom attend school here at LME.

Mrs. Bettie Sherrod will be teaching music along with Mrs. Blanchard. She will split her time between Prosperity-Rikard and LME.

Ms. Robin White will be teaching art along with Mrs. Jones. Ms. White will be at LME on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She attended USC where she received her Bachelor's degree in Studio Arts with a concentration in Ceramics and MAT in Art Education. She is also a National Board Certified teacher. She has taught for nine years, four in Newberry County. She has two children. She currently resides in Irmo. Her personal interests are history and pottery.

Mrs. Cheryl Cregger is an old face in a new position. Mrs. Cregger will be working along

side of Mrs. Stacy. She will be the smiling face that greets you as you enter LME. Mrs. Cregger has been a substitute for the Newberry County School District for the past 9 years, concentrating at LME & MCMS. She currently resides in Pomaria and has been there for 3 1/2 years. She has been married to Mike Cregger for 25 years and has 2 children, Max, 20 and Cally, 14. Max is employed at Cregger Company Inc. as inside salesman, and Cally will be in the 9th grade at MCHS. Mrs. Cregger graduated from MCHS in 1979 and from Lenoir Rhyne College (now University) in 1983 with a degree in Business Adm.

We will also be adding two additional bus drivers. Ms. Shirley Richardson will be driving the blue bus and the transportation office is currently seeking a driver for the green bus.

As you can see, we have a lot of new faces to go with our new school. We are very excited to have these new staff members join the Little Mountain Elementary family!

Happy Birthday

8/01—Alyssa Alewine
Sydni Caughman
Will Murray

8/03—Samasia Carter
8/04—Blake Bouknight

Julie Anna Weaver

8/05—Lakiara Caldwell

8/07—Madeline Fanara

8/08—Grey Morris

Elizabeth Ashworth

Noah Spinks

8/10—Meagan Berley

8/11—Wesley Allen

8/13—Evan Walsh

Mrs. Stacy Folk

8/14—Miller Gilliam

Rachel Hartt

8/16—Ashlyn Whitley

8/18—Dylan Porter

Kaela Chapman

Madison Clayton

Mr. Ken Longshore

8/20—Nick Remion

Sam Worley

Nathaniel Bookman

8/22—Clarissa Haltiwanger

8/24—Benjamin Anderson

8/25—Mr. Rudie Tarver

8/26—Jessica Erhardt

8/27—Mrs. Allison Elswick

8/28—Tanner Folk

8/31—Dylan Riley

Shealy Graham

Attention All

Car Riders

Each car rider family will be issued two car tags that will display your family id number as assigned by the school.

All students will be called to the car rider area using a family id number. There will be no dismissals from the office after 2:10. There will be 2 lanes of traffic. Parents will remain in your car and your child will be brought to you.

Each families car tags will be returned to the school the last day of school. Failure

to do so will result in a fee of \$5.00 per tag being assessed.

Children not picked up by 3:00 should be escorted to the afterschool program. Notify the office that they are being taken there.

Physical Education Class

If your child does not wear tennis shoes, he / she will not be able to participate in PE and his / her grade will reflect accordingly.

Dress Code

New For 2010

Students are expected to dress in a manner that will not disrupt classes. Most dress code violations interrupt the learning process by drawing attention away from the purpose of the class instruction.

The administration reserves the right to determine when the appearance of individual students is detrimental to the well being of the school, students, and the educational atmosphere. Parents will be contacted if a child comes to school inappropriately dressed, so that proper attire may be brought to the school, or the child may be asked to change at school.

Faddish haircuts, out of the ordinary body piercings and tattoos also fall into the dress code standards. Parents are asked to help us enforce the dress code by checking your child before he/she leaves for school in the morn-

ing.

The following guidelines will help to define an acceptable dress code:

- Pants should be worn in a manner that the waist of the pants is at the natural waistline of the body. Drooping and sagging pants will NOT be tolerated. Students should wear a belt. If this becomes a problem, the parent will be notified and asked to bring replacement clothing and / or a belt, or the child may be sent home if this is a persistent problem.

- Hats and other types of headgear or sunglasses should not be worn inside the building. Bandanas and "do rags" are NOT permitted at any time.

- Hats on the bus are at the discretion of the bus driver.

- Shirts with obscene or offensive messages or satanic symbols cannot be worn.

- Short-shorts, mini-skirts or mini-dresses, halter-tops, and tank tops are considered inappropriate. A general guide for shorts and skirts is no less than a dollar bill's length from the top of the knee to the bottom of the garment. A general guide for tank tops is at least 2-3 fingers width at the shoulder strap.

- Profane, vulgar language or drawings, or references to alcohol, drugs or weapons are not allowed on any part of a student's clothing or jewelry.

- Gym, biking, or spandex shorts are not allowed. Shorts

and skirts are to be no less than a dollar bill's length from the top of the knee to the bottom of the garment.

- Shoes with cleats or roller blades (to include hee-lies) are not permitted.

- Sandals are permitted, but are highly discouraged for safety reasons during recess, and especially on PE days.

- Shower shoes or plastic / rubber flip-flops with the strap connector visible on the bottom of the shoe are not permitted.

- Students and parents should be aware of physical education days and dress in appropriate clothes and tennis shoes.

- Boxer shorts or other under garments MUST NOT be visible.

- The midriff area should not be visible.

Persistent violation of the dress code may result in suspension from school.

Tardy Procedures

Students who have in excess of five (5) excused or unexcused tardies and/or excused and unexcused early dismissals will not be eligible for perfect attendance awards. These days are cumulative per year.

Student Transportation

- Communicate with your child's teacher in writing how he/she will travel to and from

school each day.

- **ANY CHANGES concerning your child's transportation (for one day or everyday) require a notice in writing. NO EXCEPTIONS. This should be sent to school with your child.**

- Permission to go home with another student requires a written note from each student's parent / guardian.

- We can not change transportation based on the word of the student.

- We believe phone calls and faxed messages regarding transportation changes leave too much room for error. Therefore, your child's teacher must be notified in writing if there is a change in his/her transportation.

Do not call the school office to communicate this information to your child.

Absences

- Notify the school if you have advance notice of an upcoming absence.

- Call the school by 9:00 a.m. on the day your child is absent.

- You will be notified daily via Alert Now of your child's absence from school.

- Written excuses must be given to the school within 3 days of your child's absence. The school will accept doctors' notices and up to 7 approved notes from the parent.

- Parents should notify the school of a prolonged absence.

See district requirements for attendance, page 12, & truancy, page 21, in the student handbook.



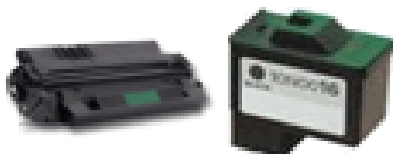
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When parents, teachers and other school supporters use their REDcard (Target Visa Credit Card, Target Credit Card or Target Check Card), Target donates up to 1% of your receipt total to their designated eligible K-12 school. Enroll today at Target.com/tcoe or 1-800-316-6142. Last year we earned \$112.78.



Bi-Lo Bonus Card

Register your Bi-Lo Bonus Card at any Bi-Lo store and LME will receive 1% of your purchase. Enrollment cards are available in the office.



Toner / Ink Cartridges

LME collects used toner and ink cartridges and old cell phones.



Campbell's Soup Labels

Help our school receive free stuff. We collect Campbell Soup

Labels. The only part of the label we need is the UPC code. Collection sheets are available in the office.



Box Tops For Education

Each Box Top coupon is worth 10¢ for our school. You can clip Box Tops coupons from hundreds of your favorite products. LME has raised \$14,231 since 2002.



Pop Tabs

LME collects pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House sells them to a recycling center. The money is then used to help pay for operations costs for running the house. This is a great way to start training your kids to think of others and give back in the community.

Emergency Preparedness

Little Mountain Elementary has established a Crisis Management Team composed of faculty, staff, and members from the Sheriff's Office and local fire department. This team was designed to review and suggest certain procedures in the event of an emergency (tornado, fire, earthquake, bomb threat, nuclear

evacuation, etc.).

During an emergency our top priority is the safety of our children. In order to make this work, we will need your support.

We will follow the following guidelines in the event we have to evacuate the building / premises:

NUCLEAR / HAZARDOUS ACCIDENTS EVACUATION:

ALL STUDENTS must be transported to our designated alternate location via bus and / or faculty cars. Parents should report to Piedmont Technical College, where the communication center will be located.

No student will be allowed to leave from Little Mountain Elementary, as this will detain everyone from evacuating immediately.

BOMB THREAT / EARTHQUAKE EVACUATION:

In the event of a bomb threat / earthquake at school, students will be evacuated to an alternate location. Due to security measures, we will not publicize our alternate location. To pick up your child, there will be officers in the area who will inform you of our location.

TORNADO STRIKES THE BUILDING / EARTHQUAKE

All persons will execute duck and cover procedures and remain in this protective position until building tremor ceases. Following cessation of building tremor, local fire department (811) and district office (321-2600) will be notified. The

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Registration K—2nd 8:00—8:00	3 Registration 3rd—5th 8:00—8:00	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16 Kindergarten Parent Orientation 7:00 Auditorium	17 Open House K—2nd = 6:00 3rd—5th = 7:00	18 First Day of School	19	20 5th Grade Raffle Items Due
23 5th Grade Raffle Begins	24	25	26	27 School Improvement Council Nominations Due
30	31			

building supervisor will make further directions from this point. **NO STUDENT will be allowed to leave from Little Mountain Elementary.** All parents that arrive at the school during the tornado watch / warning stages will be asked to report to the cafeteria.

LOCKDOWN

The lockdown will be initiated for students with a weapon, hostage situation, unwanted intruder, etc. Parents are asked to stay away from the school, as it will be locked down, and no one will be permitted to enter. Also, it is very important that you do not call the school. We will need all lines of communication open for authorities.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with these procedures.