UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser**
  - February 24

- **YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE:**
  - Paper forms: March 24
  - Online Orders close: April 9

- **Art To Remember Fundraiser:**
  - Order forms due: March 10

- **Night of the Arts**
  - May 4 @6:30pm

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**Music with Ms. Smith**

**Third Marking Period Music Curriculum:**
Kindergarten students are identifying high and low. First Grade students are reading and performing rhythms. Second Grade students are identifying and performing music symbols. Third Grade students are learning to play the recorder. Fourth Grade students are performing harmony. Fifth Grade students are performing harmony.

Congratulations to 5th graders Noah Delcid and Ashlee Sunday. They have been selected to perform with the 5th grade All County Honors Chorus. The concert will be Wednesday May 3rd, at 7:00 pm at the Weinberg Center for the Arts in Frederick.

**A Night of the Arts:** Thursday May 4th at 6:30pm in the LES Cafeteria. Featuring grades KG, 1, 2, and the Lewistown Chorus

**Music Technology:** Click the link below to access Miss Smith’s Symbaloo page. There are links to many educational music websites and games. [http://www.symbaloo.com/mix/misssmithmusicsites](http://www.symbaloo.com/mix/misssmithmusicsites)
I am sure I am not surprising anyone when I say my husband and I are expecting our first child; my growing bump has made that announcement for some time now. 😊 This letter is to let all the parents know I will begin my maternity leave starting in March and depending on when that starts, I should be back at the close of the school year in June. I trust that my long-term sub will instill confidence in not only the art program but in your child as well. I will also be in close contact with my long-term sub and Mrs. Austin while I am out on leave. Trust if the situation calls for it, I will get in touch with parents as quickly as I can to discuss your child’s needs. Let me finish by saying I will miss each and every one of my students. I have never been away from teaching like this and please know there will not be a day where I don’t think about them or possibly check in! 😊 ▪ Yearbook Online Ordering: Ordering season is officially here!
  o PAPER order forms are due: March 24, 2017
  o ONLINE orders are due: April 9, 2017 ➔
    ▪ Visit ybpay.lifetouch.com and enter our school code: 11042517 to lock in your copy now!
▪ Semester 2 Curriculum Highlights is posted on the LES Art page blog.
  o Use QR code ➔
Art to Remember: Once again, LES families will have the exciting opportunity to participate in purchasing their child’s art work on keepsake items. I am teaming up with Art to Remember, a company with the mission of supporting and promoting art education. Art to Remember transfers children’s artwork onto wonderful keepsake items, such as water bottles, notebooks, mugs, necklaces and many other useful items! This is a unique way for parents and family members to enjoy their child’s artwork and for them to see their accomplishments being appreciated. The keepsake artwork can be used as custom-made gifts for special occasions and as gift ideas for friends and family members, supporting our school’s art program at the same time. **Order forms featuring artwork created by your child will be sent home shortly.** LES is so excited to be able to participate in this program again this year! (More specific information will be sent out by FOF and also posted on the Art Blog on the LES website.) Thank you for your participation and supporting your child's art program!

**IMPORTANT DATES:**
- Personalized order forms arrive at LES: around 3/1
- Order & payment **deadlines** for parents: **3/10**
- Products arrive at LES: around 4/6

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Night of the Arts: This year, Night of the Arts will be held May 4, 2017. Come celebrate your child’s accomplishments in both, art and music! All grades will have art displayed but exhibit will feature grades K-2 & 5. Art viewing starts at 6:30pm and concert performances start at 7pm.

Youth Art Month (YAM): Congratulations to the 3 students that were selected to represent LES at FCPS YAM Art Exhibit at the Delaplaine Arts Center in Frederick, MD. Rachel Herbst, Emily Breen & Nicholas Lowe will have their art displayed in the county wide art exhibit. Make sure you go and visit the exhibit that’ll be on display from March 4-27!

Media Center with Mrs. Byard

Media Resources
Students are learning about the many resources that are available to students at home and at school. The resources are located on the media center home page. There are a variety of resources from ebooks to encyclopedia and reference materials. Check them out!

MD Black-Eyed Susan Picture Book Award Program-Grades K-5
Students in grades K-5 are continuing to read the MD Black-Eyed Susan Picture Book nominees. There are a total of 15 nominees in all. After reading, students record their opinion on their reading log. They will then use this reading log to help them choose their favorite when it is time to vote in...
April. There is a nice variety of books on the list this year. We've read the book *Counting Lions* about animals that are endangered or on the verge of being endangered. The illustrations were done in charcoal and we watched a time-lapse video of the illustrator drawing the cover picture of a lion. It was so amazing that most of us thought it was a black and white photograph of a lion, until we watched the video clip. We read the biography, *Little Melba and Her Big Trombone*, about Melba Liston, a famous jazz trombone player and composer. The students watched a clip of Melba playing the trombone and saw how a slide on the trombone works, thanks to a borrowed trombone we had on loan in the media center.

**MD Black-Eyed Susan Chapter Book Award Program-Grades 4-5**

Students in grades 4 and 5 have the option of participating in the MD Black-Eyed Susan Chapter Book Program for students in grades 4-6. Students can choose to participate by reading the chapter books independently. There are 10 nominees in this category. After the students read the chapter books, they rate the book on their reading log and take a 5 question quiz. We have many students participating, and they are enjoying this year’s nominees. The goal is that they read 7 out of the 10 nominees. Those students that read at least seven will be invited to a special celebration.

**Research Lessons**

Several grades have participated in a research activity that combines the media curriculum with the writing curriculum and a Science or Social Studies unit. The students visit the media center for multiple days, applying their research skills, and taking notes using different resources available to them. They are doing an amazing job!!

Second graders researched a community helper and presented facts to their classmates. Third graders researched an aquatic animal, focusing on the appearance, habitat, and diet of their animal. Fourth graders researched the Revolutionary War, and a specific topic of their choice related to the Revolutionary War. They are working on an in-depth writing assignment related to their research. Fifth grade and first grade will be starting their research soon. Fifth graders will be doing a multi-part research project related to their Colonial American studies. First graders will be learning about an amphibian or an insect, and working on informational writing, connecting their Organism science unit, writing and their research skills.