



LYONS MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PTA NEWS – OCTOBER 2020

President's Message:

Greetings Lyons Mill families! The PTA will host our next virtual meeting on....

October 21st
(third Wednesday of each month)
at 6:00 p.m.

Join us to discuss upcoming plans for our children.

Please bring your suggestions and ideas to help get our children through this school year!

Join us on Zoom
Meeting ID: 5499907598
Passcode: 7sEEvi

Calendar of Events:

Unfortunately, due to COVID we are unable to host our annual "Trunk or Treat" event, however with the support of our PTA friends and volunteers we have a special treat for our kids.

WITHOUT GETTING OUT OF YOUR CAR!!!

Parents please bring the children
October 30th at - 5:00 p.m. - until candy is gone!

CIRCLE THE LOOP

PLEASE enter using Ballard Green Dr.

If you would like to donate bags of individually wrapped candy, please let us know via email.

Any monetary donations can be made through our memberhub webpage.

FYI



Lyons Mill Elementary PTA
Contact us: lyonsmillpta@gmail.com
Membership: <https://lymielsc.new.memberhub.store/store>
Facebook: Lyons Mill PTA
Amazon smiles: Please list Lyons Mills (add the S) Elementary school PTA as your charity through Amazon and we will receive a portion of items purchased.

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Explorers gather your family (while social distancing) to participate in our first Pumpkin Carving Contest!

Catgories:
MOST CREATIVE * FUNNIEST
SCHOOL SPIRIT

Upload pictures to
Lyonsmillpta@gmail.com by October 23rd
**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED
OCTOBER 30th!**

SAVE THE DATE

October 23, 2020
6:00pm-7:00pm

YOGA & MEDITATION

During COVID it is important to be healthy physically, emotonally and mentally!

Join the PTA for a FREE virtual YOGA and MEDITATION class. We will learn relaxing techniques suitable for children and adults. Email us to receive link to class.



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PTA Literacy Corner – OCTOBER 2020

What is literacy?

The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) defines literacy as the ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate and compute, using printed and written materials associated with varying contexts. It involves reading, writing, listening and speaking. There are many ways that families can support the development of literacy at home.

Ways to support literacy at home

Reading: Expose your child to all different genres of books, including graphic novels! They may seem simple, but they can help reluctant or struggling readers strengthen vocabulary, build confidence and reading stamina.

Writing: Encourage your child to write. Be sure to remind them that writing is a process. No one creates a perfect piece on the first try!

(www.readingrockets.org)

What will students learn this month?

Kindergarten

Essential Question: How can we get along with new friends?

While reading stories about friendship, students will use illustrations to help tell the story. They will identify characters, settings and major events in the story.

1st Grade

Essential Question: What makes a story great?

Students will learn the difference between books that tell stories and books that give information. They will read and explore different fictional text to find out what makes a great story.

4th Grade

Essential Question: How can a challenges bring out our best?

Students will write narratives about real or imagined experiences using descriptive details and a clear sequence of events.

Fun Fact



If a child begins reading 20 minutes per day in kindergarten, by the time they reach 6th grade, they will have seen 1.8 million words each school year. (Nagy and Herman, 1987)

PTA Book Picks

Grades K-1

Parker Looks Up: An Extraordinary Moment by Jessica and Parker Curry
Festival of Colors by Kabir and Surishtha Sehgal

Grades 2-3

Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai
Salt in His Shoes by Deloris & Roslyn Jordan

Grades 4-5

Blended by Sharon Draper
Rules by Cynthia Lord

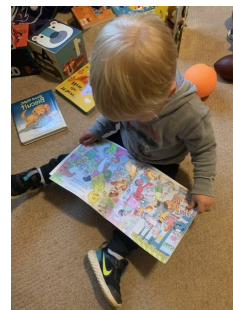
Staff Spotlight CHELSEA LEONARD Special Educator

Interesting Fact

I foster dogs for BARCS.

Favorite Children's Book

We're Different, We're the Same- My son, Levi, loves Sesame Street and this book uses his favorite characters to teach us that our insides—feelings, needs, desires—are the same for all of us, even if we look differently on the outside.



Levi reading Mrs. Leonard's favorite book

One thing I want families to know

Lyons Mill teachers are here to support you every step of the way!