



# LYONS MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## PTA Literacy Corner – DECEMBER 2020

### President's Message

Greetings Lyons Mill Families!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our first virtual family night! A very special thank you to Coach K for hosting this magnificent event.

Students and families, I commend you for your perseverance during this challenging year. Thank you to all of our teachers for your time and patience as well.

My condolences to anyone who has lost a loved one this year. If you feel your child needs someone to talk to please don't feel afraid or ashamed to reach out for help. Remember our school counselors, Mr. Menikheim and Ms. Arrington are also available if you need support.

Angela Hamm  
PTA President

### From our house to yours....

The P.T.A. wishes you and your family a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.



### FYI



**Lyons Mill Elementary PTA**

Contact us: [lyonsmillpta@gmail.com](mailto: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 as your charity  
through Amazon and we will receive  
a portion of the proceeds from items  
purchased.

### PTA Needs You



Do you enjoy managing finances, and creating colorful pie charts? If so, then you have what it takes to be our PTA Treasurer.

**We also need volunteers to chair the following committees:**

Diversity and Inclusion

Bylaws

Events

Community Building

Volunteer Recognition

Hospitality

Teacher Appreciation

Grants and Donations

Parliamentarian

Spirit Wear Coordinator

Fundraising

### Save the Date

January												
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The P.T.A. will have a membership drive that will run from January 4th until February 12th. We look forward to partnering with you. Stay tuned for more details.

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 6pm. Join us on Zoom!  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/.5499907598>  
Meeting ID: 549 990 7598



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### Why is diverse literature so important?

When choosing books for children it is important to select books that act as "mirrors and windows". "Mirrors" contain stories that allow children to see themselves in what they read. It helps children develop a sense of belonging. This type of text also reinforces the child's own cultural identity and allows them to better understand how society perceives their culture.

"Windows" on the other hand, are stories that help children learn about people and cultures that are different from their own. They also allow children to make connections between their culture and others..

Choosing diverse literature supports children with developing the global perspective needed to function in a culturally pluralistic society.

-The Association for Library Service to Children

### What will students learn this month?

#### 1st Grade

Students will learn about the various elements needed in order for a story to be considered a folktale. They will learn about and identify the problem and solution as well as the moral/lesson learned in the folktales they read.

#### 4th Grade

Students will be working on Short Focused research in order to write an informational essay. They will also work on comparing and contrasting the point of view of two different narrators in order to understand the difference between first person and third person narration.



### Fun Fact



Children learn 4,000-12,000 words per year through reading.  
-We Are Teachers

### PTA Book Picks

#### Grades K-1

My Papi Has a Motorcycle by Isabel Quintero  
We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom

#### Grades 2-3

Kamala Harris: Rooted in Justice by Nikki Grimes  
EllRay Jakes the Recess King by Sally Warner

#### Grades 4-5

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry  
I Survived the California Wildfires, 2018  
by Lauren Tarshis

### Did you know?

Looking for new and interesting books for your child? Check out Raz-Plus.

All LMES students have access to this wonderful online learning program that offers students the opportunity to choose from several genres of texts at various reading levels. Teachers can monitor student progress and assign books based on their knowledge of student learning. Students love it because they are rewarded for the progress they make in the program. If you have any questions, please be sure to contact your child's teacher.

**Raz-Plus**