



LYONS MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PTA Literacy Corner – JANUARY 2021

A Message from the P.T.A.

Greetings Lyons Mill Families!

Happy New Year! Thank you to all who participated in our events over the past few months. We look forward to more fun in 2021!

Do you know anyone who enjoys making a difference in the lives of others, networking, having fun and advocating for students? If so,

encourage them to join the P.T.A. during our membership drive.

Remember anyone can join and there are many benefits to being a member including discounts on travel, health & wellness and entertainment.

Events

Membership Drive Class Contest

Join the P.T.A. and help your child win a virtual prize for their class. We are hosting a membership drive that will run from January 4 through February 12. The class with the highest new memberships will win. Anyone can join; this includes parents, grandparents and other relatives, co-workers, friends, businesses, teachers and staff.

The cost is \$10.85 for the school year.

To join, visit our Member Hub using the site below.

<https://lymielsc.memberhub.com>



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 as your charity through Amazon and we will receive a portion of the proceeds from items purchased.

PTA Needs You



The Executive Board welcomes Sheena Ogee who will be our Treasurer for this year.

We also need volunteers to chair the following committees:

- Diversity and Inclusion
- Events
- Volunteer Recognition
- Teacher Appreciation
- Parliamentarian
- Fundraising
- Bylaws
- Community Building
- Hospitality
- Grants and Donations

Save the Date

January						
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

The P.T.A. is excited to announce that our Spirit Wear store will open on Monday, February 1st. There will be a wide variety of items available to purchase. Stay tuned for more information.

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6pm. Join us on Zoom!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/.5499907598>
Meeting ID: 549 990 7598



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A Look at Reading Comprehension

The RAND Report on Reading for Comprehension defines comprehension as "the process of simultaneously extracting and constructing meaning through interaction and involvement with written language.

In the classroom setting, teachers work on developing comprehension in all areas of curriculum throughout the school day. They assess a student's ability to decode (pronounce) words accurately & fluently, understand the meaning of words in context, and their ability to respond to questions which require them to refer to the text and/or make inferences.

You may be asking yourself: What do good readers do? Well, good readers are able to use their knowledge/experience to help them understand, self-monitor by checking their own understanding, form mental images as they read, and they are able to retell & summarize what they have read. Check out the "Questions for Comprehension" section for ways you can support reading comprehension at home.

Source: Reading Rockets

Questions for Comprehension

Building Understanding of the Meaning

*Retell the story using words such as first, next then & finally. (K-2nd grade)

*How does the main character change throughout the story? (3rd-5th grade)

Vocabulary and Text Structure

*How did the author help us understand what the word "—" means? (K-2nd grade)

*What does the word "—" mean in paragraph "—" ? Knowing the structure of the text (i.e. cause/effect or compare/contrast), what can we expect?

Source: www.watanabe.blogspot

Fun Fact



Children between the ages of 10 and 16 who read for pleasure made more progress in reading and vocabulary, as well as math than those who rarely read.

-Sullivan & Brown (2013)

PTA Book Picks

Grades K-1

Dreamers by Yuyi Moralse

National Geographic Kids: Seed to Plant
by Kristin Baird Rattini

Grades 2-3

Finding Winnie by Lindsay Mattick
Frida by Jonah Winter

Grades 4-5

A True Book-Extreme Science: Extreme Science
by Ann O. Squire
Time for Kids: Big Book of WHY

Staff Spotlight

Stephen Jasper

S.T.E.A.M. Teacher

Interesting Fact

I love all sports and music. I love teaching STEAM to all students. I enjoy learning and teaching environmental literacy.

Favorite Book

I enjoyed reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as a child I was always in awe with the clever rooms and technologies the story showcased.



One thing I want families to know

I would like to partner up with parents to make online and traditional learning work for everyone. I can assist with tech troubleshooting, organization, at home via written or printed schedules, provide additional resources, etc. Please reach out to me via email: sjasper@bcps.org.