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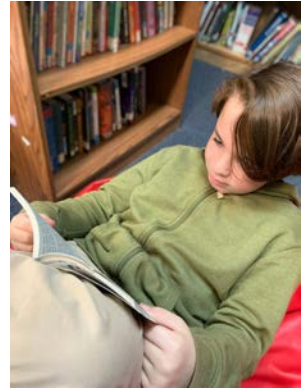
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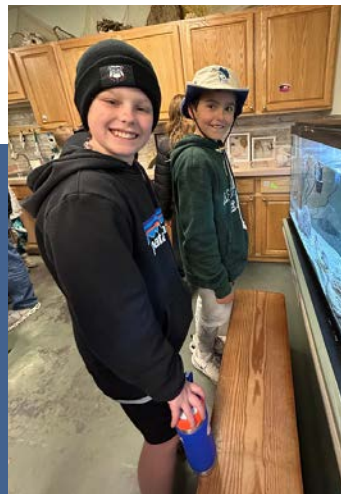
SCHOOL ROCKS!

BARRIER ISLAND FIELD TRIP 2024



A Field Trip to Remember

The Barrier Island field trip was a hit amongst the 5th and 6th graders. Albeit a little chilly, they made lasting memories. This is a marine science field trip offered by St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on Seabrook Island, South Carolina. They have a mile of beach front, and more than 200 acres of undeveloped maritime forest and salt marsh. Dolphins, migrating birds, sea turtles, crabs, shrimp, raccoons, and alligators are just a few of the creatures found here. It is the perfect place for learning about nature, playing in mud, and learning social skills with classmates.





Barrier Island 2024



IXL CHALLENGE SUMMARY: FEBRUARY 5TH – FEBRUARY 12TH

The recently concluded IXL Challenge, spanning from February 5th to February 12th, proved to be an exhilarating event for our students, showcasing their prowess in math skills. Participants engaged, striving to achieve proficiency across various mathematical concepts.



Individual Winners:

- 1st Place: Sailor Peterson, K5
- 2nd Place: Ollie Young, 3rd
- 3rd Place: Maddie Zechmann, 4th

Top Teams:

- 1st Place: 4th Grade (tie)
- 1st Place: Kindergarten (tie)
- 2nd Place: 1st Grade



Rewards: Winners have the privilege of selecting from the following rewards:

- Individuals (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place): Option to receive either a homework pass or a dress-down day.
- Grade Level Winners (Top 2 Classes): Option to choose between a night with no homework or a class-wide dress-down day.



This competition not only celebrated academic achievement but also fostered a sense of camaraderie and enthusiasm for learning among our students. Congratulations to all participants for their dedication and commendable performance during the IXL Challenge!



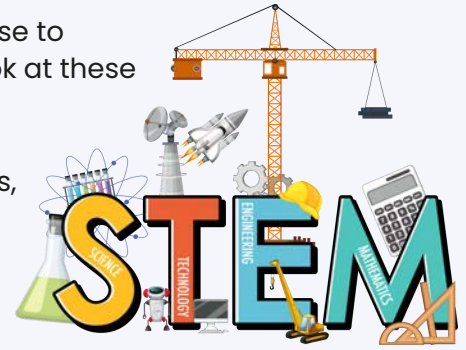
Star Performers

McKellar Blair Cromartie, a 5th grader at LPS, performed with Mr. Starlight Saturday, February 3rd, at Prince George Winyah Church Preschool Fundraiser in Georgetown. Great job MB!!!



ENHANCING LS LEARNING WITH STEM MATERIALS

The Lower School has received a range of exciting STEAM materials that promise to enrich the educational experience of our young learners. Let's take a closer look at these innovative resources:



1. Butterfly Habitat/Growing Kits:

- These kits provide an immersive experience in the life cycle of butterflies, offering students the opportunity to witness metamorphosis firsthand.
- Students can observe caterpillars transform into chrysalides and eventually emerge as beautiful butterflies, fostering an appreciation for nature and biology.

2. Magnetic Science Kits (33 STEM experiments):

- With a diverse array of experiments, these kits engage students in hands-on exploration of scientific principles using magnets.
- From understanding magnetic fields to exploring the properties of various materials, these kits encourage inquiry-based learning and experimentation.

3. Magnetic Marble Run STEM Kit:

- This kit combines creativity and engineering as students design and build intricate marble runs using magnetic components.
- Through trial and error, students refine their designs, honing their problem-solving skills and understanding of physics concepts such as gravity and momentum.

4. Microscopes (four units):

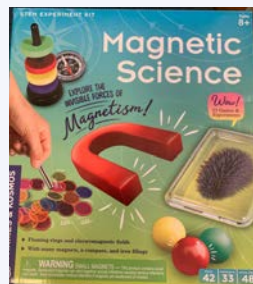
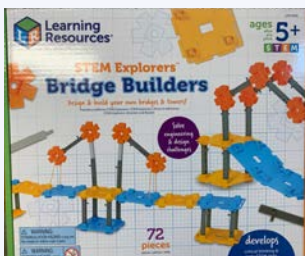
- Microscopes unlock a microscopic world invisible to the naked eye, allowing students to investigate the intricate structures of cells, microorganisms, and other specimens.
- By observing microscopic phenomena, students develop observation skills, critical thinking, and a deeper understanding of biological concepts.

5. Root Viewer Kits:

- This kit offers a window into the hidden world beneath the soil, enabling students to observe plant root systems as they grow.
- By witnessing root development firsthand, students gain insight into plant biology and ecological relationships, reinforcing concepts such as photosynthesis and nutrient uptake.

6. Bridge Builder Kits:

- Engineering challenges come to life with these kits, as students design and construct bridges using various materials.
- Through experimentation and iteration, students learn about structural integrity, load-bearing capacity, and the principles of bridge engineering.



Impact on Learning:

- These STEAM materials provide diverse opportunities for hands-on exploration, fostering a deeper understanding of scientific concepts and principles.
- By engaging in open-ended experimentation and design challenges, students develop problem-solving skills, creativity, and resilience in the face of challenges.
- The interdisciplinary nature of these materials encourages connections across subject areas, promoting a holistic approach to learning.
- Through collaborative projects and shared inquiry, students cultivate communication skills and teamwork, preparing them for success in future academic and professional endeavors.

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

Our school was a scene of pure joy and celebration this past Friday, February 9th, as we hosted our highly anticipated Valentine's Day Dance. From 5:30 to 7:00, our Lower School students, along with their parents, joined us for an evening filled with love, laughter, and lively dancing.

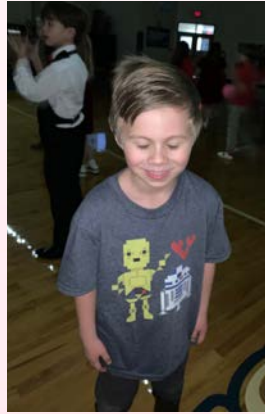


This festive occasion wouldn't have been complete without the musical talents of two of our very own Upper School students, Ben Hall and Mekhi Meyers, who took on the role of DJs for the event. Their energetic beats kept the dance floor alive and ensured that everyone had a fantastic time.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped make this event a success, from our dedicated organizers to the enthusiastic participants. Your contributions ensured that our Valentine's Day Dance was a memorable occasion for all involved. Here's to many more joyous celebrations in the future!



VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE



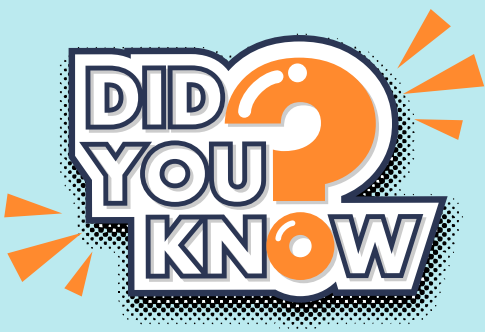
VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES



happy valentine's day

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES





PAST NEWSLETTERS & MARLIN MAIL

Did you miss out on a past newsletter or want to revisit the latest Marlin Mail? We've got you covered! You can now easily access copies of our previous newsletters and Marlin Mail editions on our school website. Simply head over to our website and click on the Families tab to find copies.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT MILANIA SINGH

Milania is one of Mrs. Ferguson's word study students from 1st grade. She is an amazing student who has truly flourished since September. Milania sets a great example for her peers when it comes to listening and following directions. Mrs. Ferguson is super proud of her accomplishments.



LPS SCIENCE FAIR – FEB 28TH & 29TH

Our annual LPS Science Fair is almost here. Students in grades 3-5 will present their projects to multiple judges on Wednesday, February 28th, 8-11am, while students in grades 6-8 will hold their presentations on Thursday, February 29th, from 8-11. It is an exciting time for our students, and we look forward to hearing all about their projects. We always need volunteer judges...if you are interested, please email Christie Jolly at cjolly@lowcountryprep.org.



Project drop-off for LS:

- Please bring your child's science fair project to school by Tuesday, February 27th. We will set projects up Tuesday afternoon in the gymnasium as the Science Fair starts promptly at 8:15am the next morning.
- If you are unable to deliver the project by Tuesday, February 27th, please deliver your child's project by 7:50am on Wednesday, February 28th. You will need to take your child into the gymnasium, locate their spot, and set up the project. Teachers will not be able to help if you bring in the project on Wednesday morning.

Project pickup:

- Students will take their projects home on Thursday, February 29th.
- All projects not collected by end of day Friday, March 1st, will be disposed of.

School Science Fair Awards Assembly: Thursday, 02/29/2023, starting at 2:00pm

April 11th - SCISA State Science Fair

Winners of our school science fair (1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners) and one of the two Honorable Mention will attend the SCISA Science Fair on April 11, 2024. The location of this event is usually Sumter County Civic Center (700 W Liberty St, Sumter, SC 29150). More information will be provided to our winners at a later date. Parents of the winners will be asked to transport their child to this event.

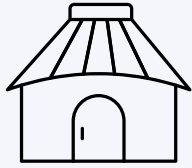
**Volunteers
needed**

We still need a couple of judges for 2/18 and 2/29. If you are able to help, please email Christie Jolly at cjolly@lowcountryprep.org. Thank you for your help...we couldn't do it without you.

SENORA BEARD...YOU DID WHAT?!?

NOW
THAT →
IS SERIOUSLY
EPIC

This May Yurt a Little



That was how my husband and I described a recent trip we took to Idaho.

The two of us along with some folks we call our Adventure Friends, took a 4-day adventure to an isolated yurt in Sun Valley, Idaho. The trip was to snowshoe and cross country ski through nature, spend time with friends and live simply. A different type of vacation to say the least.

First, we had to carry in all of our basic needs like food, clothes, sleeping gear and games. We brought in our supplies via DIY sleds and backpacks. Each packed sled weighed about 40lbs and we travelled 2 miles on foot through snow to reach the yurt. We did not have to carry water, luckily we could melt snow to make our drinking and

cooking water. However, we had to chop our own wood to create a fire for warmth. Temps got down into the 20's during the night inside the yurt, but our sleeping bags kept us somewhat comfortable until morning when we would start another fire.

Most people ask, "what was the worst part about living out in the wilderness", hands down it was the outhouse situation and having no running water. We filtered our water before use, gallons and gallons of it. Think about how often you use water throughout the day. Water for drinking, water for cooking, water for washing your hands, water for washing your face and brushing your teeth, water for washing dishes, and so on. Water is a beautiful thing often not appreciated; I am now more appreciative of turning on the tap and getting good clean water.

We spent our days outside. Snowshoeing through the beautiful mountain ranges of Sun Valley was a treat. Pristine snow where we cut our own trails and challenged ourselves to climb higher was lots of fun. We reached altitudes of 9000 feet. After several hours out outdoors, we would return to the yurt to prepare for dinner and the evening. Since there was no electric power in the yurt and only minimal solar power generated, we wore headlamps to read, play card games and safely move around in the night. Our beds were bunks with two-inch-thick mats. This is not your basic Holiday Inn.

After spending a few days connecting with nature and challenging myself physically, I can truly say I appreciate what pioneers from long ago faced on a daily basis. Having said that, I was happy to return home to all of our creature comforts. The best part was catching up with friends and sharing plenty of laughs.

Will I do it again? Probably. But I think I'd prefer a step up, and go glamping next time.



FINANCIAL AID – CLOSES 2/23/24 – APPLY NOW

- Online applications for financial aid will be accessible from February 1st through February 23rd.
- See steps in email sent out on 01/29/2024
- Application for financial aid does not guarantee financial aid.
- Office hours for assistance with financial aid applications are available by appointment. Please call Tina Flaherty at 843-979-0078 or contact her by email accounting@lowcountryprep.org to schedule an appointment.

STEPS

1. Complete the online financial aid application at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid> between February 1st and 23rd.
2. Upload all required financial documents to the online FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment portal, including: tax forms & supporting schedules from tax year 2022 and tax year 2023 (if/when available), W2s, and copies of two most recent pay stubs. If applicable, copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation and TANF can also be included.
3. Submit the application with a fee of \$40 (goes directly to FACTS, not LPS)
4. The Financial Aid Committee will meet in late February 2024 to review the completed applications and award financial aid. Prior to consideration, a financial aid application must be completed (Step 1) and financial documents uploaded (Step 2).
5. Families that have completed the application process by February 23rd, 2024, will receive written notification of the financial aid award on February 29th.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION – ONGOING

If you or any of our current families know of rising kindergarten students, we encourage you to refer them to Lowcountry Preparatory School. Additionally, we invite new families to join us for an Open House on February 27th from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. It's a wonderful opportunity to visit our campus, meet our faculty, and learn more about the exceptional education we offer.

Making application is quick and easy. Simply visit our website to begin the process. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to Tina Flaherty at accounting@lowcountryprep.org or call her at 843-979-0078. You can also schedule a Kindergarten Screening & Shadow Day through Mrs. Flaherty.

Kindergarten Screening & Shadow Dates:

- February 13th, 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
- February 16th, 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM
- March 5th, 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
- March 12th, 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM



RE-ENROLLMENT

The re-enrollment period for current families starts on March 1st and lasts until March 15th. Enrollment will be open to the public on March 16th, so please complete all necessary steps by March 15th to secure your child's spot. Re-enrollment information will be emailed out to current families by February 29th explaining the process.



INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

BASH 1920'S GREAT GATSBY

3/16

BASH is 4 weeks away! If you have an interesting item, service or experience that you are willing to share, please reach out to Robin Johnson at robinjohnson713@icloud.com.

Can't wait to see everyone at this memorable yearly event! !

Event Details:

- Theme: 1920s Great Gatsby
- Date: Saturday, March 16th, 6-10 pm
- Location: Litchfield Country Club

What to Expect:

- 🍴 Indulge in delicious food
- 🎉 Enjoy lively entertainment
- 👥 Connect with fellow parents, grandparents, alumni, staff, and friends

Contact Information: For questions, donations, or volunteering, please reach out to Robin Johnson at robinjohnson713@icloud.com.

Purpose Behind the Party: Proceeds from BASH help bridge the gap between school tuition and the actual costs of educating our children. Your participation directly supports educational initiatives, programs, and resources that enhance the learning experience for all students.

Ways You Can Contribute:

- 👉 Get Involved: Help the PTO with planning, collecting, or donating auction items.
- 👛 Sponsor: Highlight your business and benefit LPS. Sponsorships include reserved seating and recognition at BASH and on social media.
- 👉 Join Us: Attend the event to show your support for our school.



B.A.S.H.
LOWER SCHOOL
Theme Baskets

Lower School is donating grade level Theme Baskets to B.A.S.H. Make sure to place bids on these March 16th!

Lower School THEME BASKETS

- K5: Who's Your Caddy? Golf Basket
- 1st: Tourist In Your Own Town Basket
- 2nd: Food & Beverage Basket
- 3rd: Shuckin' Good Time Oyster Basket
- 4th: Grillmaster Paradise Basket
- 5th: Hooked on LPS (fishing themed basket)

BID ON ME!

Grillmaster Paradise

4th Grade B.A.S.H. Theme Basket

Items in the Basket:

- Kettle Grill 22"
- Lump Charcoal
- Charcoal Lighter
- Classic Steak Seasoning
- BBQ Sauce Bold/Tangy
- Ed's Famous Wing Sauce
- Seasoning Injector
- Meat Thermometer
- Burger Press
- 3 piece grilling set
- Grilling Skillet
- Aim N Flame XL Lighter
- Weber Tool Holder
- Spiral Grid Brush
- Gift Card

A Value of \$400!

WHO'S YOUR CADDY?

KINDERGARTEN BASH THEME BASKET

ITEMS IN THE BASKET

- Golf Bag Cooler: \$30.00
- Golf Tees: \$10.00
- Golf Balls: \$30.00
- California Round of Golf for 4 players: \$250.00
- True Blue Round of Golf for 4 players: \$200.00
- Shorebury Glen Golf for 4 players: \$400.00
- Shore Dresser Golf Lessons: \$50.00
- Legends Round of Golf for 4 players: \$400.00
- Golf Card to Legends Golf Course Restaurant: \$200.00

Total Value: \$1,445.00

BID ON ME!

Wow!

School Spirit

★ Hello Marlins! ★

Are you ready to show off your school pride like never before? Dive into our latest online spirit store and discover a sea of awesome gear that screams MARLIN SPIRIT!



🎉 Don't miss out! Click the link below to shop now and join the school spirit wave! 🎉

Click [HERE](#)



Literary Meet

March 1st

The following students headed to Calhoun Academy today for the Literary Meet! Thank you Mrs. Livingston for being our sponsor!

2nd grade: Johnathon Lursen

3rd grade: Delphia Schussler

5th grade: Paul Terenzi

5th grade: Kaelyn Green

RENT THE ROCK



Click the SignUp Genius link below to secure your dates!

Click [Here](#)

Don't forget that our own Ms. Fisher is available for commission to decorate the Spirit Rock. She can be reached at afisher@lowcountryprep.org

FIRE DRILL

We held another fire drill on 02/15/24. Students did an exceptional job!!!



FEELING UNDER THE WEATHER?



We are experiencing another round of sickness in our building. **PLEASE** be sure to keep your child home if they are experiencing fever (100 degrees or higher), diarrhea, vomiting, severe coughing, sore throat/trouble swallowing, unusual spots or rashes, infection present (nasal/eye discharge). Per school protocol, **students must be symptom free of any of these ailments for a full 24 hours**, without the aid of meds, before returning to school. Also, **PLEASE** let the teacher **AND** Mrs. Julie (jgalloway@lowcountryprep.org) know if your child will be out so that attendance is properly recorded in the event that the teacher is also absent. If texting is more convenient for you, please do so at 843-617-0034.



Calendar of Events

- 02/19 & 02/20: School Closed
- 02/23: Completed Financial Aid Applications due by this date
- 02/23: 3rd & 4th grade field trip to Wonderworks; bring bagged lunch
- 02/27: LPS Open House 9:00-10:30am
- 02/28: LS Science Fair 8:00-11:30am
- 02/29: MS Science Fair 8:00-11:30am
- 02/29: Science Fair Assembly, 2:00pm
- 02/29: Financial Aid Letters go out
- 03/01: Literary Meet
- 03/01: Read Across America//Dr. Seuss's Birthday
- 03/07: Diamond Dell Mobile Gem Mining On-Site Field Trip, K-5
- 03/08: School Closed
- 03/11: School Closed
- 03/12: Start of Quarter 3; Report cards emailed home
- 03/16: BASH, Litchfield Country Club, 6-10pm
- 03/18: Testing Window: Iowa K-8, CogAt 2, 4, 6
- 03/20: Math Meet
- 03/20: Last GNC meeting, 2:30-3:45pm
- 03/25: Lock Down Drill, #2
- 03/25: MS Teachers come speak with 5th graders
- 03/26: SCISA Spring Chess Tournament - Weldon
- 03/29: Good Friday, School Closed
- 04/01-04/05: School Closed, Spring Break
- 04/08: Middle School Students come speak with 5th graders
- 04/11: SCISA State Science Fair in Sumter
- 04/19: Spring Lower School Performance, 1:30-2:15pm
- 04/22: End of Year Star Assessment Window, K-5
- 04/25: 5th Graders Shadow in 6th grade for one period
- 05/21-05/23: 1/2 days, MS/US Final Exams; No Lunch or Aftercare
- 05/24: Last day of school / Lower School Awards 8:30-9:15; 5th grade graduation 9:15
- 05/25: Graduation (12th graders), 10:00am



enjoy your 4 day weekend