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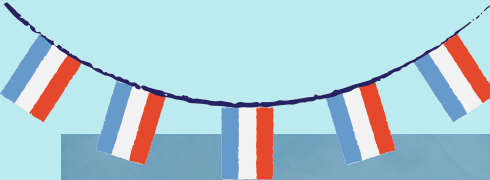
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# 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR





## Kelly Parnell

### French

This month we are highlighting our incredible French teacher, Madame Kelly Parnell! Her joyous attitude and enthusiastic nature makes her a one-of-a-kind educator and colleague. Mrs. Parnell has been teaching for over 25 years and has taught at Lowcountry Prep for 4 years. When asked what her favorite thing about being a teacher at Lowcountry is, she states, "I love the small class sizes. I am used to teaching in public schools, where I have had as many as 32 in a class! Kids and students benefit when class sizes are smaller." Madame Parnell is known for bringing French to life through her engaging lessons and language incorporation through music, movies, and hands on activities.

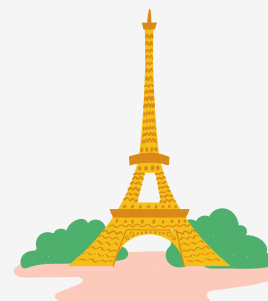
# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

She explains her inventive techniques as: "The concept we are using in foreign languages is learning through stories. This approach is called CI, or comprehensible input. Through the stories we read, we also talk about them in the target language, listen and respond in recordings, and write about the stories. When we first return from Christmas break, I like to do a culture lesson about a French artist. This year it was Henri Matisse. We learned about his life, paintings, style, and then created our own Matisse inspired art. We also celebrated La Fête des Rois on the 5th, marking the weekend of Epiphany. We all tasted the Galette des Rois, a yummy French cake filled with almond crème."

Outside of the classroom, Madame Parnell comments on her hobbies and interests. She remarks, "I love to travel! Mostly to France 😊 If I wasn't a teacher I would want to be a tour guide."

I enjoy gardening, reading, cooking, entertaining friends, and visiting my adult kids. I'm a life long language learner, so I do love watching Netflix shows in French, listening to French music, and learning about the French culture.

Being a grandma to my grandson Levi who is just turning 2 years old is also a big part of my life."



### DID YOU KNOW?

Madame Parnell has a phobia of car washes!





# Student Spotlight

## Brenna Ballard

6th Grade

Brenna Ballard's teachers selected her for this month's student spotlight. Not only does Brenna excel in the classroom, but she is also a gifted dancer and artist. Mr. Smith states, "I just wish I could adopt her; so sweet and perfect in every way."



Mrs. McCallister shares these sentiments when she comments. "She is always attentive in class, along with being thoughtful and kind; Brenna loves to learn and is conscientious and hard-working. She loves writing and often goes over and above on her grammar assignments."



## Keely Green

7th Grade

Mrs. Blomdahl states: "Keely Green is known for her diligence and hard work in the classroom. She is on an accelerated track and takes 8th English I and 8th Algebra I which requires discipline and attentiveness. She excels in English with her inquisitive nature and her insightfulness."

Mr. Smith exclaims: "Keely Green is awesome and so serious about doing her best at all times."

Mrs. McCallister remarks that, "Keely is a wonderful 7th grade student, who is always prepared for class and tests. She takes her schooling seriously and is a pleasure to teach! She is happy to participate and doesn't hesitate to ask a question if she needs to know more."



# Student Spotlight

## Ada O'Halloran 8th Grade

Mrs. Blomdahl comments that, "Ada is a gifted and talented student. She is determined to always give her best effort and produces incredible work. Ada also follows an accelerated track and takes 9th grade English and Math as well as a higher level language. She is exuberant and enthusiastic and always kind to her classmates and teachers."



Outside of the classroom, Ada serves as the 8th grade class representative in student council. She also represents the Marlins on the athletic field. She is a talented tennis and basketball player.



## Upper School Honor Roll, Quarter 2



### A Honor Roll

Shannon Hungerford  
Brenna Ballard  
Sarah Livingston  
Mary Grace Swift  
Stella Short  
Sophia Greene  
Henry Strong  
Nathan Robinson  
Michael Simmons  
Keely Green  
Evelyn Lewis  
Annabella Peacher-Holderied  
Miller Grace Hawley  
Londyn Roderick  
Dargan Hughes  
Daniel Lutz  
Wren Balco  
Ada O'Halloran  
Audrey Ludyjan  
Luisa Lee

Harrison Errico  
Anna Burrow  
Matthew Lance  
Kahlan Ludyjan  
Lawson Angner  
George Wingfield  
Khloee Holcomb  
Ben Sleggs  
Griffin Ballard  
Luke Burrow  
Lilly Anguelova  
Ryan Corcoran  
Hutton Balco  
Alex Hayes  
Elizabeth Joseph  
Chase Elliott  
Olivia Ostrander  
Jenny Musiol  
Emma Rusnak  
Sophie Moore  
Benjamin Hall

### A/B Honor Roll

Reagan Cox-Floyd  
Walker Weathers  
Mary Boyd McCarley  
Theo Peterson  
Ben Skvarka  
Ellison Barr  
Middleton Bell  
Eva Jolly  
Eric Solheim  
Thomas Yamashita  
Robert Peace  
Sophie Whitman  
Avery Sinclair  
Grant Putman  
Elle Moody  
Reece Bayernic  
Owen Bryan  
Aiden Alvarado  
Kendall Brady  
Mae Lewis

Carter Brundage  
Hanna Johnson  
Chandler Peace  
Andrew Hazelton  
Jacob Bardon  
Bronson Keithly  
Jack Francke  
Alex Mantell  
Elise Wahl  
Sophie Elliott  
Cooper Tully  
Rory Angner  
Harrison Horvath  
Mekhi Myers  
Liam Kissane





## La fête des rois

### 8th French I



Today we celebrated Epiphany, also known as King Day, in French class. The tradition begins with the youngest in the “family” handing out the galette cake. The youngest of the class calls out who gets which slice from under the table. If you are lucky enough to get the slice with the hidden favor inside you are the winner! The day concluded with singing French songs and discovering who was king or queen for the day. Congratulations, Queen Avery!

# CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

## Elements of Force Lab

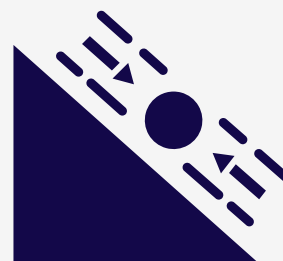
### 8th Physical Science

In Ms. Schroeder’s Physical Science class, students are studying the elements of force and its influence on the objects around it.

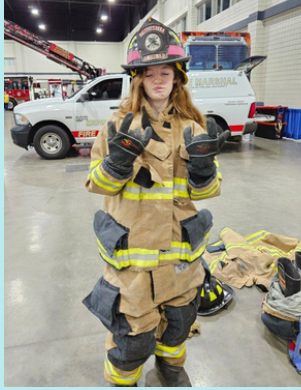
They spent time learning about different simple machines, like ramps. In this lab, students analyzed the ways that the force we exert pulling a book up a ramp changes with the steepness of the ramp!



# FORCE

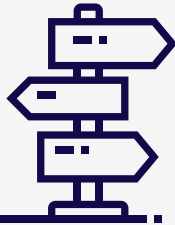






# FIELD TRIPS

On Wednesday, January 10th, our 8th grade class traveled to Myrtle Beach for an exciting Career Expo put on by the Pathways 2 Possibilities organization. The Frances P. Bunnelle foundation states that, "Pathways 2 Possibilities is an interactive experience designed to help 8th graders link their passions to a paycheck. Professionals from 19 career pathways (aligned with the national and state department of education) have created hands-on experiences that will allow the students to experience these various fields. They will share what life is like in their jobs and the training and education that is required." Our students enjoyed learning about several different careers including: governmental roles, engineering, health services, and more.



# Career Expo





# The Hunley Experience & The Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon

## 6th Grade-Charleston, SC

The 6th grade SC History class will venture to Charleston, SC and travel back in time to learn about the famous Hunley submarine and explore the origins of the Old Exchange Building. The Hunley offers “an exciting opportunity for students to learn about STEM-related history, archaeology, forensics, and preservation science.”

Then, students will explore the Old Exchange building and “will follow a period-dressed decent through all three floors of the building as they learn about the connections to the Revolutionary War, the Colonial era, Pirates, African American history, and more!”



When: Wednesday, January 24th

# UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

## Colonial Williamsburg

### 7th-8th Grade

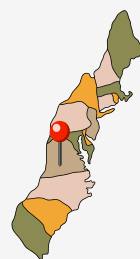
### Williamsburg, VA

When: Mon. April 22nd- Wed., April 24th

Our 7th and 8th grade students will embark on our anticipated annual overnight trip to Colonial Williamsburg. Students will stay at Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel & Suites which is centrally located next to the Visitor Center at Colonial Williamsburg.

The hotel features an outdoor heated pool, mini golf, shuffleboard, and volleyball. Within walking distance of the hotel is Colonial Williamsburg’s 301-acre Historic Area, the world’s largest outdoor living history museum, and Merchant’s Square, featuring over 40 restaurants and shops.

Students will experience an immersion into 18th Century Virginia as they walk cobblestone streets, take carriage tours, and hear live enactments while taking in the colonial architecture of the time!





## MS Science Fair

When: Thursday, February 29th  
Where: LPS Gymnasium

As in years past, we will be relying on members of our Marlin family and the wider community to act as judges.

Please reach out to [cjolly@lowcountryprep.org](mailto:cjolly@lowcountryprep.org) if you are interested in volunteering to judge this year.

## Open House January 30th at 9:00am

As a current Marlin family, your encouragement is the most influential marketing voice. If you have a friend or neighbor that might be interested in this informational session, encourage them attend and direct them to [our school website](#) where they can access the [Open House link](#) and register.

# Announcements

## IMPORTANT DATES

## Planning Ahead:

5th & 6th Barrier Island  
Trip-Feb. 5-7  
Literary Meet-March 2  
MS Spring Testing-March  
25-28

## BASH 2024 1920'S GREAT GATSBY

SAVE THE DATE FOR A FUN NIGHT OF FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP  
AT THE 2024 LOWCOUNTRY BASH!

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH, 6-10PM @ LITCHFIELD COUNTRY CLUB

BASH stands for Building a Scholastic Heritage and proceeds help fund the gap between school tuition and the actual costs of educating our children.

### How You can Help Make this Event a Smashing Success:

1. Get Involved... help the PTO with planning, collecting or donating auction items, set up and clean up.
2. Donate... we are looking for unique items, services and experiences to auction off.
3. Sponsors... Highlight your business and benefit LPS tool Sponsorships get you reserved seating, recognition at BASH and on social media.
4. Join us... Attend the event to support our school! Parents, grandparents, alumni, staff and friends are all welcome.

For questions, donations or volunteering please contact Robin Johnson at [robinjohnson715@icloud.com](mailto:robinjohnson715@icloud.com). Cheers!

## HOMEcomings SPIRIT WEEK

January 22-26

Monday: Dress as a  
Teacher Day

Dress up as the teacher of your choice!



Tuesday: USA  
Day

Show your patriotism by wearing red, white, and blue!



Wednesday: Barbie  
and Ken Day

Dress up as Barbie or Ken!



ANCIENT GREECE  
vs Greek Life

Dress like you are from ancient Greece or dress like you are a part of a sorority/fraternity



Friday: School  
Spirit Day

Show off your school spirit by wearing navy, white, and silver!

