

FYI: *For your information*



5.9.19

Upcoming Dates

- 5.14** - State of the District with Superintendent Copeland - 9:30 am, District Administrative Offices, room 264
- 5.21** - School Closed (In-service day)
- 5.23** - Instrumental Concert, 10 am & 7 pm
- 5.24** - Field Day, 9:30 & Half Day - 12:25 PM Dismissal, no PM K
- 6.5** - Spring Fair - 4:30-7pm

[More Dates](#)

Merion Elementary Spring Plant Sale - May 8th - 10th

Spring is finally here! It's time to beautify your garden. Come see the 2019 selection of flowers, plants, vegetables and herbs; just in time for Mothers Day!

What's growing: A great selection of perennials (including natives) for sun and shade, beautiful annuals in packs, pots and planters, and other specialty plants.

Volunteers: Help is needed during sale hours to assist children in selecting their plants.

[Volunteer Sign-up](#)

[Plant List](#)

[Class Visit Schedule](#)

The Spring Fair is Next Up

The Spring Fair is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 5, 4:30 - 7:00pm for another fun-filled Merion Spring Fair! Look for the flyer in the Thursday envelope to pre-order your wristbands and avoid the line at the Fair. Also stay tuned for volunteer opportunities at the Spring Fair.

Keep Bringing in Box Tops

The deadline for the spring classroom competition is Friday, May 17. The top three winning classes will earn prize tickets for the Spring Fair!

Please send the Box Tops in with your child in a ziploc bag with your classroom code (i.e., 4C) written on it. You can also drop them off yourself in the box at the HSA table just outside the Merion School Office. Thank you!

5B is out to an early lead with 156 Box Tops!

Box Top Tips:

Box Tops expire! Don't worry, we'll sort them in any case. But if you happen to spot expired Box Tops in your collection, it's okay to toss them.

If you have the time, we also really appreciate it when the Box Tops are neatly trimmed around the edges!

If you want to ensure that your child's classroom gets credit for the Box Tops you send in, please make sure to include the classroom code!

More GREEN Plastic Please!

Artists in Residence needs more hard green plastic to complete their Merion project. Donations should be clean and small enough to fit in the palm of your hand - legos welcome!



Dine Out & Give Back

When - Thursday, May 16, 5-8 pm

Where - Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza, Wynnewood

On Thursday, May 16th dine out to help raise money for Merion Elementary School!

20% of dine-in and carry out sales between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm will be donated.

Tell your server you are dining to support Merion!

[Learn More](#)

With Caviar - Dinner's only a click away

Overwhelmed with meal planning in the wake of all of the after school activities and sporting events that Spring heralds? Caviar has you covered!

Caviar, the delivery service that brings food from your favorite restaurants right to your front door, is offering special money saving codes for NEW and EXISTING diners:

-->\$5 off \$15 for NEW diners with code FLOWERS5

AD START DATE - MAY 1, 2019

AD EXPIRATION DATE - MAY 12, 2019

-->\$10 off \$40 for NEW diners and RETURN customers with code SUNSHINE19

AD START DATE - MAY 8, 2019

AD EXPIRATION DATE - MAY 26, 2019

Don't forget to use our [new storefront link](#). Ordering through this link will

ensure that percentage of your order comes back to Merion.

LMSD Summer Camps

Did you know that LMSD has a summer education program for students in K-5 who may have experienced difficulty in reading, writing or math? The SPIES program (Succeed, Progress, Improve and Enjoy YourSummer) will take place Mondays-Fridays from June 25-August 1 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Bala Cynwyd Middle School (510 Bryn Mawr Ave., Bala Cynwyd.)

And, new this year, Right At School will be offering a summer camp at Cynwyd Elementary School (101 W. Levering Mill Road, Bala Cynwyd) from June 25-August 16. The camp is full-day, with early and late care options, and there is also a half-day option for students attending SPIES, so they can spend the whole day learning and having fun! RAS staff will escort participating students between the programs.

As an added bonus, all students attending SPIES and/or RAS Summer Camp will be able to receive FREE LUNCHES, provided by Philabundance.

*There will be no school or camp on Thursday, July 4th

[Learn More about SPIES](#)

[Learn More about RAS](#)

A Candidates Forum for LMSD School Board Candidates

When - Thursday, May 9, 7-9 pm

Where - Merion Tribute House, 625 Hazelhurst Avenue

The forum, hosted by the Merion Civis Association, will showcase the candidates vying for five seats on the Lower Merion School District Board of Directors. This is an opportunity for the community to learn about the School Board candidates, their positions, and their qualifications in advance of the May 21 Primary election.

All balloted candidates have been invited and encouraged to attend. The balloted candidates are: Mary Brown, Rob Eckstein, Christina Fink, Shayna Kalish, Lucy Klain, Peter Lee, Shawn Mooring, Subha Robinson, Tannia Schrieber, Terry Spahr.

School Directors are elected at municipal elections on odd-numbered years to serve four-year terms beginning on the first Monday in December following their election. The Lower Merion School District has nine Directors who serve on the School Board.

What would you like to learn about the LMSD Board candidates? Submit your questions/topics through Friday, May 3 [here](#)

Information about the Merion Civic Association can be found at www.merioncivic.org.

The Committee for Special Education Spring Meeting

When - Thursday, May 9, 7:30 pm

Where - Common Space, 25 Rittenhouse Place, Ardmore

Attention parents of children with IEPs, GEIPs and 504s
Please come to our Spring meeting and social to meet your school representatives, learn more about the CSE and help us thank our outgoing Board members for their hard work!

CSE hosts general meetings on topics of interest to families, and helps families advocate for their children to obtain resources and services through training and parent/guardian supports.

Each Lower Merion school has volunteer "CSE Representatives" whom you can talk to and find out how to get connected and identify resources in and around the district.

In addition to the monthly education series, the CSE regularly represents our community on school district hiring committees, task forces and working groups.

Allowance & Spending for Youth Ages 6-9

When - Saturday, May 11, 2019, 11 am-12 pm

Where - Belmont Hills Library

Hey kids, not sure what to do with your allowance? Join us for a workshop on learning about spending, saving and giving and creating a budget or spending plan. Your parents will be so proud, maybe you'll get a raise!

Please register for this workshop at www.lmls.org under Events for Kids or call/email the library, but walk-ins welcome (only 20 spaces available).

[Learn More](#)

Family STEM Night

When - Monday, May 20, 6-8 PM

Where - Lower Merion High School (cafeteria and gym), 315 E. Montgomery Avenue, Ardmore

Elementary STEM Night is designed to provide students, families and

teachers with the opportunity to engage in hands-on STEM activities together in a fun way!

This event is open to LMSD families only. An adult is required to be present with student(s) at all times and are encouraged to participate in the activities with their children.

Schedule:

- 6:00-6:30- Robotics demonstration in gym lobby
- 6:30-8:00- Makerspace activities available in the gym
- 6:30-8:00- Design challenges in the cafeteria. Choice of 3 different challenges.
- 6:30-8:00- Quiet room available nearby
 - 6:30-6:50- Save the Mermaid:
The poor mermaid is hiding in her cave because her "ocean" is polluted. Can your family save her? Design a method to safely rescue the mermaid and get her into a clean "ocean".
 - 7:00-7:20- Marble Run Water Slide:
Everyone enjoys the thrill of a waterslide! Family groups will design a model waterslide (a/k/a marble run) that must safely transport its passenger (the marble) into the "ocean" below.
 - 7:30-7:50- Baby Turtle Rescue:
Family groups will design/devise a method to transport a baby turtle through the sea gull-infested beach safely to the ocean.

To maximize the experience for students, each design challenge session has a limited capacity. Please bring proof of registration to the event.

[*Register Here*](#)

2019 Alex's "Original" Lemonade Stand

When - Saturday, June 1, 10 am-3pm

Where - Penn Wynne Elementary School, 250 Haverford Road

Come to the stand that started it all! Join Alex's family, friends and community as we honor the tradition of her annual lemonade stand. Alex's "Original" Lemonade Stand is an uplifting, fun-filled, family-friendly day complete with food, games, crafts, face-painting, music, raffles and (of course) lemonade at the school Alex attended. Everyone also gathers for a beautiful butterfly release to commemorate and celebrate the lives of all children affected by cancer.

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) is a national fundraising movement that began from the front yard lemonade stand of Alexandra

"Alex" Scott (1996-2004) who was fighting cancer and wanted to raise money to fund cures. The Foundation has now raised more than \$150 million, funding nearly 1,000 research projects.

Alex's All Access Passes are available for \$25 which includes a limited edition Alex's "Original" t-shirt and covers donations for all activities, food and lemonade.

Are you a family of four or more? Family Packages are a great deal and start at just \$100 which includes t-shirts, raffle tickets, merchandise and more. Visit AlexsLemonade.org/AlexsOriginal for details on additional ways to get involved or email Danni D'Angio at D.Dangio@AlexsLemonade.org.

[*Learn More*](#)

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[*Current Lunch Menu*](#)

[*Fit Fest - May 19*](#)

[*LM Memorial Day Observance - May 27*](#)

[*Recreational Opportunities*](#)

[*Lower Merion Pool Registration*](#)

[*LM Spring Basketball Clinics*](#)

[*EFLM "Run for Our Schools" Fun Run - June 2*](#)

[*Harriton Rams Football Camp - June 24-28*](#)

[*Right at School Summer Camp*](#)
