



# LYONS MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## PTA NEWS – NOVEMBER 2020

### President's Message:

Greetings Lyons Mill families!

Thank you to everyone who donated and/or participated in our candy drive through. It was a huge success.

If you or anyone you know is in need of a Thanksgiving basket, please let the PTA know as soon as possible.

The PTA will host our next virtual meeting on November 18 at 6pm.

Join us on Zoom  
Meeting ID: 5499907598  
Passcode: 7sEEvi

### Calendar of Events:

#### Door Decorating Contest

Last month we had a pumpkin carving contest, and for the month of November, we will have a contest for the best decorative door. To participate, decorate a door in your home or your front door and send us pictures. Winners will be announced on November 20th and we will have gifts for all who participate.

#### What are you grateful for?

Email the PTA at [lyonsmillpta@gmail.com](mailto:lyonsmillpta@gmail.com) and tell us what you are grateful for. We will post the responses on our website and Facebook page.

### 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 PTA as your charity through Amazon and we will receive a portion of items purchased.

### PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST WINNERS

Thank you everyone for participating! Your pumpkins looked amazing. Congratulations to our winners:

**Most Creative:** Atharv Anup  
**Funniest:** Natalie Creel  
**School Spirit:** Kamryn Robinson

### \*SAVE THE DATE\*

November 20, 2020  
6:00pm

### "Let's Get Physical"

Join the LMES PTA family for an evening of physical activities, and meditation exercises with our very own Coach K. Email the PTA to sign up for this free event.



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## PTA Literacy Corner – NOVEMBER 2020

### Why does literacy matter?

Literacy affects the lives of children and adults in many ways. It impacts how we communicate and interact with one another and the world around us. According to the National Council of Teachers of English, there is a correlation between high levels of literacy and economic opportunity, better nutrition and environmental sustainability. In the school setting, students are expected to utilize literacy skills in every subject area including specials. Students who do not develop strong literacy skills struggle to grasp important concepts, can become frustrated and may exhibit inappropriate behaviors such as aggression or emotional outbursts.

#### Ways to support literacy at home

1. Offer opportunities for your child to explore diverse stories. This will help them gain an understanding about the cultures and experiences of others.
2. Use a recipe to make a meal or bake together. Not only do recipes offer opportunities for students to practice their reading skills, they also support math learning by developing or strengthening a child's understanding of measurement. You could incorporate writing by having your child write their own recipe or create a menu that includes some of their favorite foods, beverages and desserts.

### What will students learn this month?

#### 5th Grade

*Essential Question: What does it take to put a plan into action?*  
In reading, students will determine the theme of a story by analyzing the characters' words, thoughts and interactions in order to understand the author's message. They will also compare and contrast characters in a story by analyzing their interactions and reactions at different points in the story in order to understand how characters change. In writing, students will develop a topic by using main ideas and details in order to organize their ideas and explain points to the reader more clearly.

### Fun Fact



Reading for just 6 minutes  
each day can reduce stress  
by up to 68%  
(University of Sussex, 2009)



### PTA Book Picks

#### Grades K-1

Say Something by Peter Reynolds  
Maybe Something Beautiful by F. Isabel Campoy

#### Grades 2-3

The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi  
The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammed and S.K. Ali

#### Grades 4-5

Amina's Voice by Hena Khan  
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

### Staff Spotlight

#### **Coach K**

Physical Education Teacher

#### **Interesting Fact**

I enjoy cooking and spending time outside.

#### **Favorite Book**

The 48 Laws of Power  
by Robert Green

#### **One thing I want families to know**

I am an open book....literally.

