

“Pathways to Success”



Welcome to 2019-2020 Lee-Scott Lower School

School-wide Theme: “Pathways to Success”

This year our school theme will include PreK through 12th grade! The Lower School and Upper School are teaming up to capitalize on one of the traits that make Lee-Scott Academy unique in that we are blessed to be all on one campus. Our “Pathways to Success” will be highlighted with “What Great Teachers Do Differently” to make school successful for all children. We will encourage students in spiritual growth, goal setting, academic pursuits, collaboration with peers, communication and how they can be well rounded for long term success. We are all excited about 2019-2020!

Welcome New Families to Lee-Scott!

Welcome to your new LSA Warrior Family! We are looking forward to working with you! Please see some helpful information below just for you.

New Family Orientation for Lower School
Monday, August 5th at 5:00 P.M. in the cafeteria

New Families Coffee and Conversations
Tuesday, September 17 at 8:00 A.M.
in the atrium with Head of School, Dr. Stan Cox.



Meet the Teacher/School Supply Drop Off Lower School

Monday, August 5th 6:00-7:00

Parents and children in grades 1-6 come meet your child’s teacher and drop off school supplies if you did not order through the school.

Pre-Kindergarten Open House and Meet the Teacher

PreK, Open House: Thursday, August 8 from
5:30-6:30

Parents with students entering the pre-kindergarten program are invited for an everything you need to know about LSA Pre-Kindergarten session! This night is for Parents ONLY. Your child’s teacher will contact you about details. Teachers will be organizing individual times for each family to come and meet their new teacher from Wednesday, August 7th - Friday, August 9th. They will be in touch to schedule a time on one of these three days.

Kindergarten Meet the Teacher and Curriculum Night

Kindergarten teachers will be scheduling individual times for families to come to their own “Meet the Teacher” on either Wednesday, August 7th or Thursday, August 8th. Kindergarten Curriculum Night will be August 26th from 6:00-6:45. This will be a parent only information meeting.

Volunteering

There are plenty of ways to get involved and we can always use your talents and extra hands! Some suggestions might include joining our PTO, volunteering in the classroom, offering your talents or sharing your career with topics we are studying and assisting with set-up/clean up and/or planning varying events. Check with your child's teacher to see how you can partner with us.

Some New Additions to this School Year...

Pathways to Success Series

We will be hosting informational sessions for parents on a variety of topics of interest this year. These sessions will have varying presenters from our school and community to share areas of interest and expertise. Possible series will include:

- Understanding my child's ASPIRE Scores - what now?
- Cyber safety and preventative social media – what do I need to know as a parent?
- Survival: From Tweens to Teens

Safety and Check-In Reminders

Safety is a priority to LSA and we are excited about some of the new security features that were put in place over the summer! Our Gala contributions allowed us to install key fob entry into the building housing cafeteria, athletics, atrium, band, music, art, Spanish and 6th grade classrooms. Please make sure to check in at the administrative building when you visit LSA to get a sticker and fob to enter that building. Lower School stays locked during the day. Please check in at office and get your sticker and key.

Chapel



Dr. Cox is initiating schoolwide chapel for the Upper and Lower School to come together for chapel time each month. This is certain to grow our Lee-Scott family in a positive way! Stay tuned for great things with this addition.

Curriculum Night



Don't miss the opportunity to learn about the year ahead from your child's teacher. Please plan to attend this parent only meeting for you to have information to guide you and your child for 2019-2020. Remember this will not be an opportunity for individual parent/teacher conferences. Please schedule a time to speak privately if needed.

Tuesday, August 13th

- Grades 1-3 from 5:15-6:15
- Grades 4-6 from 6:15-7:15



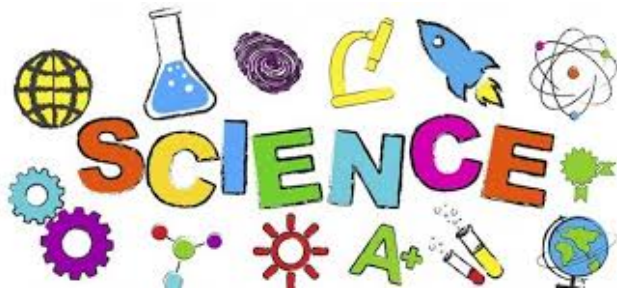
FIRST Day of School Grades 1-12

We are looking forward to starting the school year with our families on students first day:

Wednesday, August 7th

Remember that lower school will dismiss at 11:00

New Science Curriculum



We will be teaching from a brand new science curriculum! This will give our teachers the most current tools and resources based on current standards to teach children. We will be evaluating a new math curriculum to add to our resources next year.

Kids Involved in Community Kindness and Service = KICKS



Be Kind

We want to recognize our students' efforts to make our community better. We are implementing "Kids Involved in Community Kindness and Service" (KICKS) this year. The purpose is two fold: First, we will be creating monthly, schoolwide ways we can serve our community. Second, we want to recognize students who serve in their community outside of the school setting (i.e. volunteering at their place of worship, helping an elderly neighbor in the yard, serving at a food pantry, etc.)

Last School Year in Review



Thanks to each of you who welcomed me in my first year as principal at Lee-Scott! It was a fun-filled year of hard work, collaborating with outstanding teachers and meeting amazing families. Our LSA children kept me energized and excited about each day. I appreciate you sharing your family with us! Our LSA Lower School accomplished a great deal to enhance instruction, build communication and celebrate our uniqueness.

Here is a review of a few of the changes and additions from last year:

- 3R's - Relationships, Rigor and Relevance was the focus of our school theme "Oh the Places We Will Go"
- Collaboration with East Alabama Regional In-service Center (EARIC) to host numerous professional development sessions at our school
- Enhanced Professional Development – professional learning communities were established for vertical teaming with teachers, dyslexia training kicked off with simulation in September with advanced OG training for first cohort
- Collaborative Instructional Team (CIT) was developed to better assist students in targeted interventions, enrichment and behavior.
- Student Review Team (SRT) was established to determine best resources and academic setting for individual students
- Accreditation and review team visit was successful
- We teamed with Plains Reading Council with several teachers participating in their professional development and us hosting Saturday event.
- Moms' Event: "Poetry, Pottery, Prayers and Pastries"
- All Pro Dads
- Camp Read S'more
- P.E. Super Bowl
- Participation in Red Cross "kids Heart Heroes"
- STEM
- Engineering Night

ACT ASPIRE Scores

Spring ASPIRE scores are back. Copies can be picked up in the front office starting August 31st. Scores that are not picked up, will be sent home in the first week of school and discussed at parent conference day.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY



We will continue our dismissal procedures of loading two lines to expedite the process in a safe, efficient manner. Thank you for your patience in the first days of school as we settle back into the routine with our children.

Arrival – 7:30-8:00
(please do not drop off prior to 7:30)
Dismissal – 2:50

Safety is our priority!! Please refrain from using your cell phone when you are in the LSA Car Line. Children will only be little once and this time flies by quickly. We encourage you to use car time to intentionally communicate with your child about his/her day, enjoy car time together, allow the excitement of something special to take place that only your child can share.

We often ask one response questions that doesn't require details. Something as simple as changing the way you ask specifics is all you have to do.

Possible questions:

- What was your favorite subject today? Why was it your favorite?
- When did you use the Golden Rule or see someone else be kind?
- What was your favorite part of your day and why?
- What is a book you are reading at school?
- What math are you doing this week?



Spanish



Spanish is BACK!! Mrs. Drake is stepping back into the role of Lower School Spanish teacher! Students, PreK-6th grade will be served in Spanish each week. Mrs. Drake is known for using music, games and fun strategies to enhance student interest and understanding of their second language.

Supply Kits



If your family purchased supply kits in the spring, your child's kit will be in the classroom when you arrive for "Meet the Teacher." If you plan to purchase supplies, you can get to each grade's individual list by visiting the web page below:

<https://www.lee-scott.org/academics/lower-school/>



School Lunch and Birthday Celebrations for 2019-2020

We are looking forward to having you visit with your child during lunch! Feel free to enjoy time by purchasing a school lunch or bringing lunch in to have time with your child and friends. Remember that birthdays are celebrated through our PTO on one day of the month, normally the last Friday (make sure to check with your child's teacher if you have a question about the date). Students with birthdays during a given month will be recognized and honored with sweet treats (cookies, cupcakes, donuts, etc.) for themselves and their grade level. Students will be recognized individually in their room with us singing Happy Birthday to all in the cafeteria. Special thanks to PTO for this special time!

Check out our web page to find out more about Valley Foods and LSA School lunch.

<https://www.leescottacademy.valleyinc.cafe>

Teacher Information



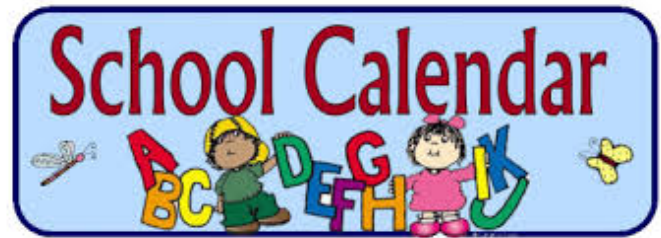
You will soon find out your child's teacher for this year. An email will be sent from our main office to share your child's teacher name through Power School on July 29th. We are hopeful this will allow everyone to find out quickly and efficiently if out of town or not receiving mail from the postal service in a timely manner. Social Media will prompt you to check your email. You will also get a text reminder to check your email. We are excited to welcome our students!

Please check the Lee-Scott web page, follow us on Instagram and other social media platforms for updates and news throughout the year.

<https://www.lee-scott.org>



SCHOOL CALENDAR Information 2019-2020



This year's school calendar can be accessed in several places. Our web page, reminders/communication from your child's teacher are opportunities to mark your calendar for our school events. Please also see the "refrigerator date page" at the end of this document to give you some important dates for this year.

We are hopeful early notice will allow you to make adjustments in arranging vacations and absences around the opportunities for your child(ren) to be in school.

www.lee-scott.org

Please see the enclosed calendar for some dates to start the year.



Reminders...



We want every minute to count during the school day. Instructional time and communication is a priority for us. A few reminders for a successful year are below:

- Teachers will send out reminders, emails, weekly folders, make phone calls, host conferences and communicate in numerous ways.
- You will access your child's grades with Power School. Teachers are required to post one time per week.
- Please limit absences and checkouts
- If you attempt to contact teachers during the day, we ask that you be patient in responses. Teachers will not be on their cell phone, social media or email while they are supervising and instructing your children. They will make every effort to respond during their planning periods and at respectful times before/after school. We appreciate your support as we utilize instructional time for giving your child our FULL attention and effort. In the case of an emergency, your teacher will call you.
- When students are absent from school, we will have work ready when he/she returns. If your child is going to be out more than three days, let your teacher know and she can get work together for you to pick up to do at home. Please give 24 hours for teachers to collect work. We want your child to have full advantage of recovery/absence when sick or out of school.
- If absence(s) prevents your child from participating in hands-on activities that can't be made up, your teacher may assign an alternate assignment.

Checklist Before First Day of School



___ Enjoy friends and family during the final days of summer to refresh for the year ahead!

___ Parents and children talk about what strengths and talents you have that make a difference and goals you want to accomplish at school this year. How will your child create a "Pathway of Success" this year? How will you help your child be successful?

___ Purchase supplies if you didn't purchase a kit

___ Make sure to put school dates on you calendar to be aware of special events. Tentative calendar of dates included in this mailing, but always check the web site for updates.

___ Attend Meet the Teacher Night and Open House

___ Make SURE we have all your correct mailing, email emergency contacts, and phone information.

___ Plan to attend your child's curriculum night to learn details about the year ahead

___ Label your child's clothing in case it ends up in lost and found

___ On August 6th, lay out clothes and backpack (Grades 1-6).

___ Pray for your school family

___ Make sure to get to bed early so you will be on time and ready for a GREAT first day on the school year!



LSA IMPORTANT: Dates to Remember

Always confirm with web page for most updated information. Dates below are tentative

Dates are tentative and may change. Please look for updates on the Lee-Scott web page. Your child’s teacher will have specific dates for the classroom.

August 2019	
August 7	Students First Day 1st-12th, Convocation for grades 1-12
August 8	PreK Open House 5:30-6:30
August 9	First Day Documents returned
August 12	First Day for PK4-K
August 13	Curriculum Night: Grades 1-3, 5:15-6:15 and Grades 4-6, 6:15-7:15
August 14	PTO Meeting 8:00 in Atrium
August 26	Kindergarten Curriculum Night 6:00-6:45
September 2019	
Sept. 2	Labor Day – No classes
Sept. 4	School-wide Chapel
Sept. 9-13	Fall Book Fair Week
Sept. 10	School Individual Pictures
Sept. 11	PTO Meeting in Atrium 8:00
Sept. 17	Coffee and Conversation with Dr. Cox 8:00 A.M.
Sept. 20	Fall Festival at LSA 3:00-6:00
Sept. 30-Nov.4	Camp Smore’
October 2019	
October 2	School-wide Chapel
October 7	Parent Conference Day – No Students
October 9	PTO Meeting in Atrium, Last day of first quarter
Oct. 14-15	Fall Break, No School
October 22	Make-Up Pictures
October 28	LSA Hosts Auburn First Responders Breakfast
November 2019	
November 1-4	Drama Production
November 6	Veterans Day Program
November 11	Veterans Day Holiday - no classes
November 13	PTO Meeting 8:00 a.m.
November 22	PreK/K Thanksgiving Feast
Nov. 25-29	Thanksgiving Holidays- no classes
December 3	White Christmas Program

December 2019

December 19	Lower School Christmas Parties
December 20	Grandparents' Day and Christmas Program, End 2 nd 9 Weeks
Dec. 23-Jan.7	Christmas and New Year Holidays

January 2020

January 8	Students return from holidays and School-wide Chapel
January 15	PTO Meeting in Atrium 8:00 a.m.
January 20	MLK Holiday (No classes)
January 21	State of the School Address presented by Dr. Cox 6:00 P.M.

February 2020

February 5	School-wide Chapel
February 7	Mother/Son Dance 7:00-8:30 in Cafeteria
February 8	Daddy/Daughter Dance 7:00-8:30 in Cafeteria
February 12	PTO Meeting in Atrium at 8:00
February 14	Valentines Parties
February 17	Presidents Day – No Classes
Feb. 24-28	Teacher Appreciation Week
Feb 27-March 5	Spring Book Fair

March 2020

March 9-13	Spring Break - No classes
March 18	PTO Meeting in Atrium at 8:00, End of 3rd 9 weeks
March 25	Elementary Class/Group Pictures

April 2020

April 1	School-wide Chapel
April 8	PTO Meeting in Atrium at 8:00
April 10	Good Friday - no classes
April 13	Easter Holiday – no class
April 27-May 1	TESTING: ACT Aspire (Grades 3-6)
April 30-May 3	Drama Production

May 2020

May 5	Mom's Day Event , Last names beginning with A-K 7:30-7:50 and Last names beginning with L-Z 8:00-8:20
May 5-7	6 th Grade Camp ASCA
May 11-13	5 th Grade 4-H Camp
May 12	Kindergarten Showcase
May 13	PTO Meeting in Atrium at 8:00
May 15	PreK/K End of Year Parties
May 18	5/20: Field Day 8:00-11:30 am – school dismisses right after field day
May 18-19	PreK End of Year Conferences
May 20	6 th Grade Graduation, DARE (5 th Grade) and Awards Day for grades 4-6 at 9:00
May 21	1 st -6 th End of Year Parties – students do not report to school. Go to grade level party destination.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your child(ren) at Lee-Scott Academy! Our faculty and staff are excited to forge a “Pathway to Success” with you and your family