Lee-Scott Academy Grandparents' Society (GPS)

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HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST

Lee-Scott continues to focus on our Bible verse "For me and my house, we will serve the Lord!" During the month of February, we have had several opportunities to share God's word with our community through action.

Our 4th graders visited Azalea Place to drop off Valentine goody bags to residents with a variety of goodies including cards, treats and activity books. Students were delighted to connect with the local residents!

Our school collected 5,495 canned goods and non-perishable items for the East Alabama Food Bank! The food bank serves many local residents with food insecurity.

KICKS Club (Kids Involved in Community Kindness and Service) hosted not only the food drive with US SGA, but also presented Esperanza House participants in Opelika with valentine's goody bags. The children in the program had bags that included a Bible verse, shiny new pencil, small toys and a candy treat.

Senior - First Grade Friends made Valentine cards for local assisted living residents and collected cans to kick off our drive for the local food bank.

Students are regularly recognized for their individual works in the community as well. We are always excited to live our school mission and serve others, giving God the glory!

CHAPEL

Our monthly chapel service allowed us to experience the message from local pastor, Eric Zellner of Christ Presbyterian Church, Auburn. He and his wife, Susan Zellner, shared in the message to be servants and help others in their mission work. Our Spanish students will be going on a mission trip next month to Panama. We have raised money across campus (PreK-12th grade) to purchase filters for families, giving them an opportunity for clear water while also hearing about the saving grace of Jesus Christ. The filters were a huge success! Lee-Scott students will be taking 100 filters and 100 New Testaments to Panama. In addition many students and families have sponsored individuals on the trip to help defray the cost. The filters will provide 10 years of clean water to families. Mrs. Zellner was able to demonstrate how the filters work in chapel and Mr. Zellner tied the lesson to Biblical principles.

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TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

What a blessing to have incredible teachers working with our students in all grade levels! We believe there is truly no better place to be a learner, academically, emotionally and spiritually.

This month we were able to honor the Upper and Lower School Teachers of the Year. The Teachers' of the Year are elected by their colleagues for their outstanding service as educators and the children we serve.

Our Lower School Teacher of the Year is Leslie Moore. Leslie's passion is reading and desires to promote creativity and learning through literature. Since coming to LSA, Leslie has initiated countless new events, ideas and programs to make us better. Everything she does grounds our student body (PreK - 12th grade) in Biblical principles. She makes us better in every way!

Our Upper School Teacher of the Year is Sra. Susan Zellner. She is loved and respected by her students and highly regarded by her peers for her devotion to the teaching profession. Her high expectations in the classroom paired with her genuine love for her students set the stage for the perfect learning environment. Her inspiring faith and commitment to reach and share the Gospel of Jesus will have her and her students embark on a mission trip to Panama with the Filter of Hope organization in the upcoming weeks.

ALL PRO DADS

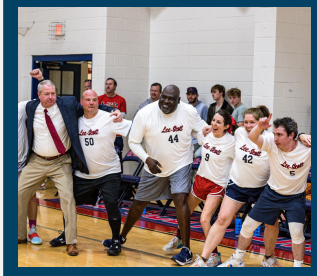
Our second semester All Pro Dads' event hosted almost 300 dads and children for chick-fil-A breakfast, a fun photo booth and a powerful message! The gym was packed to hear our guest speaker, Taylor Teel, Director of Camp Maranook. His message reminded us that words and actions are important. We carry these for a lifetime and it is important that we choose our words carefully with our children. His message gave examples and reminders to all who participated that intentional guidance and kindness sets our children up for positive, yet productive struggles.

Our All Pro Dad leader, Michael Moore, led the group in prayer and gave dads the opportunity to pray with their children before taking them to their classroom.

Lee-Scott Academy is a college preparatory school offering a quality education in an environment where students are protected, nurtured, and challenged with Biblical, Christ centered principles that promote the development of the total person. The pursuit of excellence in academics is the hallmark of the Academy, complemented by opportunities to participate in programs that encourage student success.

FACULTY/STUDENT BASKETBALL GAME

Our 4th-12th grade students were invited to our first faculty/student basketball game this month! The fund raiser allowed for teachers and Upper School students to have a fun-filled fundraiser to sponsor the junior/senior prom. You would have been impressed by the action packed game and teacher - student effort. The students won by one point! Although a heartbreaker of a loss for the teachers, they showed off their dance skills by swag surfing and the stamina by keeping up with the younger generation! We want to preserve this experience for our younger students, so they were not allowed to attend, but can look forward to this event when they enter 4th grade!



GAMING CLUB

Mrs. Drake sponsors the Board Game Warrior Club. Students learn and play board games, including classics and newer games that focuses on cooperative play, deductive reasoning, and decision-making skills. This is a fun face-to-face interaction with friends!

ART SHOW

If you haven't seen our students art...wow! It is something to brag about. Mrs. Bassgear, Upper School Visual Arts teacher and Mrs. Beard, Lower School Visual Arts teacher get the absolute best out of our creative students. These teachers work with an art curriculum, teaching art fundamentals and cater to student interests. They work collectively with colleagues to integrate the curriculum , ending the year with each student having a beautiful portfolio representing the work they've produced.
Our art show this year showed student work Prek-12th grade with piece representing a variety of mediums - clay, paint, drawing, 3D sculptures, collage and mixed media. Best of shows were awarded for each division, K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8 and 10-12. All 1st and 2nd place ribbons will advance to the district art show.

Lee-Scott Academy recognizes that each student has great worth and significance. The Academy thus offers a variety of athletic and extracurricular programs that afford students the opportunity for meaningful growth and fulfillment of their talents and gifts.

PTO EVENTS

Bingo

Our INCREDIBLE PTO hosted our second annual Mother-Son Saturday Bingo on February 4th! The cafeteria was packed with eager participants who enjoyed the morning with snacks, great prizes and moms participated in drawings for special prizes for just them.

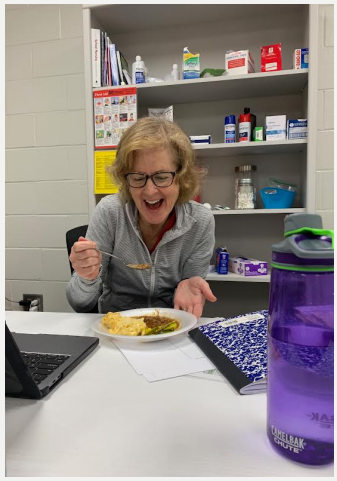
Daddy - Daughter Dance

The Daddy - Daughter Dance theme of Enchanted Forest would have melted your heart. Seeing the dads and daughters enjoy a fun-filled night of dancing, games and food never gets old. This event that is sponsored by PTO is a school favorite and something that our families in Lower School look forward to each year.

SPECIAL LUNCH!

Teachers were treated to Bow and Arrow on February 15th! Our teachers are consistently treated by the monthly lunches and our parent contributions, along with PTO sponsorship. Our Upper and Lower School teachers enjoyed this serial treat and our parents always make such an effort to make sure each and every member of faculty and staff participate.

Needless to say, we love our PTO and LSA parents!

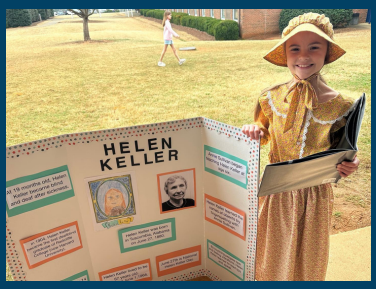


Lee-Scott Academy is committed to the pursuit of excellence in academics. Excellence in all of life is encouraged by helping each student develop purpose, Godly character, responsibility, leadership, respect for authority, and appreciation for our nation's heritage and our free enterprise system.

FAMOUS AMERICAN EVENT

This morning, we had MANY special guests on campus. From politicians to inventors to sports stars and everyone in between, there were so many famous Americans sharing their stories!

Our 3rd Grade students did a fabulous job researching, presenting and looking the part of their Famous American. It was truly impressive. Way to go, students!



UPPER SCHOOL SGA
CANNED FOOD DRIVE

SGA partnered with East Alabama Food Bank to collect non- perishable food items to benefit our community with hunger relief.
Our grand total of 6,056 items!
We are so blessed for all families that donated to such a worthy cause.

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BE KIND WEEK

Be Kind Week was held February 13th -17th. Each day there was a theme encouraging students to spread kindness. Some activities included, writing words of encouragement to each other on hearts that were displayed in the hallway, notes written from teachers that were words of affirmation as well as "table topics" to encourage students to talk to one another at lunch and have meaningful conversations with one another.

We ended the week with chapel and wearing our Be Kind t-shirts. the money raised from the sale of the shirts benefitted Pilots for Christ.

TOOTH FAIRY VISIT

Dr. Keri Miller's office was generous to share the tooth fairy to our classes. Students learned about proper dental care and the importance of a healthy dental lifestyle. It was such a pleasure having these special guests!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 27-March 3 Read Across America Week and Teacher Appreciation Week-sponsored by PTO
March 1- PTO Meeting in Cafeteria 8:15
March 6-10- Spring Break - No School
March 16- AR Celebration -3rd Quarter Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade - Field Trip to Gogue Center for "Barnyard Boogie"
March 17- 3rd Quarter Ends /Upper School Prom
March 20- LS Choir Performance in the Cafeteria
March 21- Cyber Security Session for US Parents and 6th Grade Parents-location TBA 5:30-7:00
March 20-24 Book Fair
March 27- Lower School Choir Performance in Cafeteria 6:00
March 28- Birthday Book Club in Media Center
March 30- Lower School Class Group Pictures
March 31- Report Cards Home/ Birthday Celebration in Cafeteria /Athletic Boosters Clay Shoot - Auburn Oaks