

# LEE-SCOTT ACADEMY GRANDPARENT SOCIETY (GPS) JANUARY 2024

## UPDATE ON MATTHEW HOOD

The Upper School has been saddened to hear about the horrific crash involving one of our students, Matthew Hood recently. Matthew is a junior and a member of the fishing team. He is currently in the ICU at UAB recovering from burns. After news of the accident was released, the students, faculty and families rallied around him to provide support. A Go Fund Me account has been established to help. A special delivery was made to the Hood family recently that was filled with snacks, gas and restaurant gift cards. Our students wrote Bible verses and messages of encouragement to Matthew to lift his spirits and to let him know we are supporting him. Most importantly, we are praying daily for God's grace to cover him and his family in his recovery.



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Lee-Scott Academy is excited to start 2024 with our students and families! We have so many things to be grateful for at our school. The children we teach are truly the highlight and we are thankful that their parents as their first teachers partner with us for academic success, spiritual growth, training to follow the golden rule and a desire to be leaders.

The students and teachers came back from Christmas break ready to take on the final semester of the school year. Many classes have been setting goals for the 2024 year ahead. As we end January, we once again celebrate being the hands and feet of Christ and how we can serve our family, school and community.

## CAMP READ S'MORE

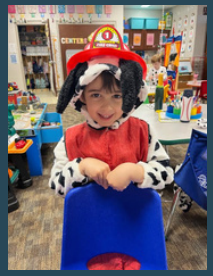
Our students were immersed in the joys of reading and writing in a purposeful, yet fun manner. Our reading specialist and precious parent volunteers transformed our media center into a woodland, camping experience. Students in PreK-6th grade rotated through centers to enhance their curriculum and encourage a love for reading!



It was a celebration of being 100 days smarter and 100 days kinder at LSA for our Kindergarten students!

# 100TH AND 101 DAYS OF SCHOOL!

K4 and 1st grade classes celebrated our 101st day of school in grand style!



# SIXTH GRADE CELEBRATING HISTORY AND THE ROARING 20'S!

It was a rip roaring time for sixth grade on 1920s Day!

The '20s fashion was on full display by students. They learned the dances of the decade and fun activities people did during that time. Sixth grade has been competing in their stock trading competition. They got some tips from LSA parent Mr. John Bright on his experience trading stocks and helping people grow their investments for their own competitions.

Thanks to all who made 1920s Day the "cat's meow" for sixth grade students!



# COUNSELING SPOTLIGHT

Our school counselor has been visiting Pre-K to 6th Grade classrooms biweekly to discuss topics including social skills, showing kindness/empathy, self-control, problem solving, mindfulness, conflict resolution, feelings, coping skills, and more. Our school counseling program follows the ASCA National Model to use research-based practices in teaching these skills. Research indicates comprehensive, data-driven school counseling programs improve a range of student learning and behavioral outcomes.

While academics are important, shaping our students' hearts to build their character is equally as important. At LSA, we get the opportunity to bring scripture and a spiritual emphasis into the counseling lessons. Through our Warrior Word of the Month, the lower school students are encouraged to learn and use a character word that will help them grow in Godly character. Words have included responsibility, self-control, gratefulness, generosity, contentment, kindness, humility, initiative, and diligence. A scripture verse is paired with each character word, and students are encouraged to learn and put into practice these words in their everyday lives. We encourage you to ask your grandchild about what they are learning through their school counseling lessons!



## PREK ADVENTURES

Our PREK students enjoyed dressing up as their future anticipated occupation! Students also enjoyed chicken day with the letter C!



# ANN HILYER SPEAKS AT JANUARY CHAPEL

Lee-Scott grandparent and leader of our teacher Bible study, Mrs. Ann Hilyer, kicked off 2024 as our first chapel speaker of the new year.

Mrs. Ann Hillyer, former Board of Trustees member, former Founders Board member, Alumni Parent, and current grandparent, shared with us an awesome message - God is talking to you; He wants you to hear Him, and He wants you to talk with Him. She presented God's word to remind us that God is waiting to listen and speak to us. Our students were engaged with applicable stories related to scripture and the importance of hearing God's voice in our daily life.



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Lee-Scott Lower School has a monthly celebration of students' birthday month in grades 1st-6th grades. Students participate during their lunch time with our School Resource Officer, Mr. Jon Young, recognizing students by name with fun-filled cheers from their peers in the cafeteria. The students with birthdays during that month come up on stage and the crowd sings happy birthday to all the students! It has become a highly anticipated tradition. Our Prek and Kindergarten students celebrate individual birthdays in their classrooms when they eat lunch.

## BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

Our Birthday Book Club is a huge success each month! Parents had the opportunity to donate money to our media center collection in the fall of the year. The money is used to purchase books for our school and participants have the treat of having a permanent label in the book that dedicates it to them. What a cool way to celebrate a birthday - leaving the legacy of a book in your school library! The students then gather together in the media center for a birthday celebration, sharing their book choices and pictures for social media. This event has dramatically added to our collection with almost every family participating. We are grateful!



## LEE-SCOTT CLUBS

The clubs in both the Upper and Lower School continue to be big hits with our students! Our teachers volunteer their time to host a variety of clubs during the school year. Our goals include students being able to find groups of students with similar interests and to try new activities under the direction of trusted LSA teachers.

Some of the clubs in Lower School are Baking Club, Baby Ruths, KICKS (Kids Involved in Community Kindness and Service) Leadership, Made to Create, LSA Bakes, Glory Girls Bible Club, LSA Bible Club, Drama Club, LSA Choir, Warrior Greetings, Technology Club, LSA Book Club, Equestrian Club, Wee Warrior Reading, Walk-Run-Move your Body, GiGi - Girls In God's Image, Building Buddies and Tiny Twirlers!



## Did you know?

Did you know we have a full time Resource Officer on Campus, Officer Jon Young?

Jonathon Young (Officer Jon) is in his 6th year serving as the School Resource Officer at Lee-Scott Academy and has worked for the Auburn Police Department for over 13 years. He is married to Uschi (pronounced OOSHIE), the two of them have known each other since they were 5 years old. They grew up going to the same church and highschool in Huntsville, Alabama and both are graduates of Auburn University. They have twin girls, Hannah and Reagan, who are 6th graders at Lee-Scott Academy. The family are members of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Auburn. Officer Jon loves being the School Resource Officer because he loves the opportunities to have a positive impact on the lives of children.

Did you know that LSA has been accepted into the Alabama High School Athletic Association beginning next fall?

This will open up many more sports and opportunities for our students to complete. We will still have PeeWee Programs that will also promote athletics and sportsmanship.

Did you know that we have chapel each month?

Our students gather in varying configurations to have chapel. Whether schoolwide with PreK, or dividing into the Upper and Lower School, our students come together to focus on God's word, sing songs, enjoy praise music and enjoy a message from guest speakers.

# VISITING AUTHOR JIMMY TIDMORE AND MISS ALABAMA AMERICA VISIT LSA

Jimmy Tidmore, an author and pastor from Huntsville, Alabama, visited the second and third-grade boys. Tidmore is known for his captivating book series centered around the theme of hunting. As an author, he brought a unique perspective to the world of literature, combining his passion for writing with his faith. Our boys were incredibly excited to hear about his stories and are eager to check out from the four sets of books he graciously donated to the LSA library.



Miss Alabama USA, Sophie Burzynski, a senior at Auburn University double majoring in nutrition science and business management, visited and spoke to our second and third grade girls. During her visit, she read "A Parable about the King" by Beth Moore discussing how the beauty the Lord has given us comes from within. She also answered tons of questions about the pageant process and her past year!



## IMPORTANT DATES

February 3 Mother Son Bingo 10:00-11:30

February 6 Mid Quarter #3

February 10 Daddy/Daughter Dance 5:30-7:00

February 12-16 Be Kind Week for LSA and LS Food Drive

February 14 Valentines Cards sent home

PTO Meeting in Cafeteria at 8:15

Senior/First Grade Friends Valentine Event

February 15 Chapel

February 19 Presidents Day – No Classes

February 20 Birthday Book Club in Media Center

February 21-22 LSA Art Show in Gym

February 23 3rd Grade Famous Americans

Birthday Celebrations in the Cafeteria during lunches

February 26 - March 1 Read Across America Week

Teacher Appreciation Week - sponsored by PTO

