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

#### **BE KIND WEEK**

Our annual "Be Kind Week" allowed us to remember the importance of acting as the hands and feet of Christ, not only this particular week, but 365 days per year. One person CAN make a difference. Students, classes and grade levels demonstrated acts of kindness and our school donated 5,495 total items to East Alabama Food Bank for those who may have food insecurity. Collectively, we also supported our own Mathew Hood, who was in a devastating car accident early this year, with the proceeds from our t-shirt sales.











#### **READ ACROSS AMERICA**

What a wonderful week to celebrate Read Across America at LSA! This special week was started in 1998 by the National **Education Association (NEA), Read Across America is the** nation's largest celebration of reading. The goal is to celebrate and emphasize literacy by motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources that are about everyone, for everyone. At LSA, our media specialist ,Leslie Moore, hosted varying event through the media center and our teachers planned purposeful, fun-filled expereinces for their classrooms. Students from the Lower School KICKS (Kids **Involved in Community Kindness** and Service) Club did read aloud in the primary classes.

























### **MOTHER/SON BINGO**

Mother/Son Bingo, sponsored by our PTO, hosted our largest crowd to date for this event!

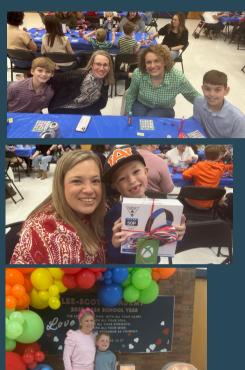
Moms and sons enjoyed a full morning of spirited fun and breakfast snacks! Making memories together with other LSA families is always time well spent!











#### **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

Our PTO rolled out the red carpet to honor Lee-Scott teachers for their annual appreciation week. What a wonderfully fun five days of celebration! Workrooms were filled with endless treats and decorated with glitz and glamour. Swag bags, take home treats and specialty days were over the top! We are so grateful to our PTO and those who chaired the committee, set up on the weekend, donated treats and worked so tirelessly to

















#### KINDERGARTEN CLUB

Jumpstart your heart is a fun club for our students. Members got their heart rates up and enjoyed a healthy snack of apples! These teachers are working with students on learning healthy habits and exercise to be life-long learners of healthy living.



### **ART SHOW**

It was another AMAZING year of art, showcased at our LSA Art Show! Our art teachers, Mrs. Beard - LS and Mrs. Basgier have taught our students PreK-12th grade through a variety of mediums, artists and techniques. Each child who participates in our visual arts programs had a piece displayed for students and parents to view. Our judges were impressed with what our students are learning and their immense capabilities!









### DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

DANCE
The annual LSA Daddy-Daughter
Dance brought out the boogie
woogie shoes as our LSA dads and
daughters danced the night away!
The theme this year was black light
and all the participants were simply
glowing with enthusiasm. The
festive event was complete with
amazing decorations, with pizza,
photo booth and DJ.



### PLAINS LITERACY COUNCIL

Lee-Scott was happy to host The Plains
Literacy Council on our campus earlier
this month. The mission of the Plains
Literacy Council is to empower
educators, to inspire students, and to
encourage leaders with the resources
they need to make literacy accessible to
all; our mission is to transform lives
through literacy.



The session was presented by AU professors, Mike Cook and Charlie Lesh, the codirectors of the Village Writing Project.

#### **FAMOUS AMERICANS**

Our third graders chose famous Americans to research and write about and showed off their presentation skills in full costume, including with visual aids. We are thankful to our teachers and parents for helping get these students ready for their big day!

### LEE-SCOTT ACADEMY 2023-2024

#### **TEACHERS OF THE YEAR**

LSA recently crowned our 23-24 Teachers of the Year during our monthly chapel. Congratulations to 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Callie Hanahan and Upper School English teacher, Mrs. Cindy Gaston for this year's recipients! This honor is elected by their teacher peers. These ladies represent us well with their dedication to children, innovation and work ethic.







#### 2nd GRADE PRESIDENT PROJECT ——

If you haven't seen our 2nd grade interpretation of presidents recycled from a plastic bottle, it is something to behold! This family project encourages families to learn more in depth about the president they choose and create a bottle look alike of the president! Look at these examples...







#### **ELLIE HOLCOMB**

Our students were blessed with a performance by Ellie Holcomb.

Mrs. Holcomb is a contemporary Christian folk rock songwriter and singer. She sang and inspired us with uplifting songs. She also visited with our freshman and senior girls before the concert. What a special occasion this was for our school!









#### TWIRLING CLUB







The Twirling Club is sponsored by Mrs. Bodine and Mrs. Stewart. Club members are learning basic twirling skills from current AU majorettes. It has been wonderful seeing their skills increase and the genuine fun they are having while accomplishing twirling techniques!

#### **LEGO CLUB**

Our second grade teachers sponsor the Lego Club. The main objective of this club is aimed at building a love for Christ. This club consist of a short Bible study and Lego building experience during each meeting.





#### **BAKING CLUB**

Move over Food Network! We have your young baking champions right here at LSA! Our students in Baking Club are learning how to measure, read recipes, use kitchen equipment and the language of baking! Thank you to our 4th grade teachers for volunteering their time to host this club.







### LEARN SOMETHING NEW IN THE NEW YEAR

**Teachers in the Lower School have been** exploring new learning that is fun and purposeful! Our first session was from our Strategic Communications Manager, Austin Scott. He taught teachers how to take better pictures with our iPhones and features that will improve our iPhone usage for photographs. Laurin Beard, our LS Art Teacher, did a session for ceramics. Teachers were taught the basics and created a piece that was fired in our school kiln to be used at home as a decorative item. In the days and months ahead teacher will be learning about Artificial Intelligence, Canva, Excercise fit for home, home decor and several other new explorations!









### LOWER SCHOOL STEM NIGHT

We had a full crowd at our Lower School STEM Night! Families participated in group challenges with STEM and learned from Auburn University guests such as S.C.O.R.E, TAPPI (Paper Industry), Makerspace, and the AURA - Rocketry Association at Auburn University. Our very own Upper School Robotics Club hosted a station for our students to explore! We definitely have future mathematicians and scientists in our school!







### SENIOR AND FIRST GRADE FRIENDS

Our seniors and first graders met for their quarterly mentor session to talk through kindness topics, create Valentine's cards for a local assisted living facility and celebrate with a cookie. These students would amaze you with their intentionality and



## UPPER SCHOOL PARENT MEETINGS

Mrs. Lloyd and our Upper School Counselors have been hosting parent meetings to share information for the year ahead and the next grade level. Parents have learned about course options, expectations and had question/answer sessions. Preparation for the year ahead is already underway!



### SPRING SPORTS ARE UNDERWAY!

If you are ever looking for a great way to spend your afternoon or evening, check out our athletics schedule for spring and come support our many teams. These student athletes train diligently throughout the year and LSA is competitive in every sport. Softball, baseball, golf, track, cross country, soccer, tennis...you name it and there will be a sport to peak your interest! We look forward to seeing you support our LSA teams!

Follow us on social media for reminders, updates and the latest information in sports.













#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LSA BASKETBALL TEAMS**

Our varsity boys basketball team won the state championship against Bessemer in a score 64-57! Head Coach, Coach William Johnson, lead the team to their first championship since 2016. Our girls team made it to the finals as well and experinced an incredibly successful season. The school sent the teams and their coaches off with a traditional warrior walk! We had great fan representation all year long and were proud of our supportive community.





### STUDENT VS FACULTY BASKETBALL GAME

A fun new tradition has become the student vs. faculty basketball game! Both groups come to win and bring their best game face.
Our student body, 4th-12th grades are invited to attend this spirited event.

This year's trophy went to the faculty once again!

### AUBURN UNIVERSITY EQUESTRIAN TEAM

We were honored to have our AU Equestrian team open car doors, participate in our school broadcast, WLSA and share information with students. These elite riders participate at the highest level of riding experience. Check out their schedule and plan to attend a meet. You will not be disappointed!





#### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER RECOGNITION

Students from Upper and Lower School honored our very own School Resource Officer, Jon Young, during SRO Week. He was celebrated with donuts, videos, gift cards and high fives from our students and teachers. We are thankful that he keeps us safe at LSA!







#### **SPELLING BEE**

of hosting the Lee County Spelling
Bee at Cornerstone Church today.
LSA 5th Grader Keegan Henry
represented Lee-Scott and made it
several rounds. Congratulations to all
that competed and prepared so well!











#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

March 4-8 Spring Break - No School

March 13 PTO Meeting in the cafeteria at 8:15

March 14 Chapel 8:10

**AR Celebration - 3rd Quarter** 

March 15 3rd Quarter Ends

**March 18 Online Warrior Auction opens** 

March 18-22 Spring Book Fair

March 22 Birthday Celebration in Cafeteria

**Upper School Prom** 

March 25-28 Holy Week

March 26 PreK Easter Egg Hunt

Birthday Book Club in Media Center

March 27 Easter Parties 1st-6th classrooms

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Kindergarten Easter Egg Hunt

**Easter Story Walk-Through** 

**March 28 Easter Programs** 

8:30-9:15 (PreK-3rd)

10:00-10:45 (4th-6th)

March 29 No School







