



# SPIKE SAYS . . .

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## Math with Mrs. Kelly

- We are in the final stages of covering the algebra strand of our SOLs. These concepts are extremely important because they provide the foundation of math knowledge for most of the high school math classes and beyond. Integer operation rules as well as writing and solving equations and inequalities are very important skills to master at this level. Our next area of focus will concentrate on the skills involving 4 quadrant graphs, functions, and transformations.
- Good job so far to the Honors class on their weekly brain teasers! Students have to not only solve them, but also clearly explain their solution process. Teasers are graded with a 4 point rubric; candy prizes and homework passes are awarded for every 25 points earned. Our Google Forms Survey Project went well for the first nine weeks as did the Scale Drawing Project we completed just before Christmas. Our next project involves creating their own Amusement Park PowerPoint from a collection of thrill rides from around the world focusing on the distance/time/rate formula equation.
- Just a reminder: I give homework (8 - 15 problems) every Monday through Thursday. If students are absent, they need to come to my CSI the next morning after checking in with their CSI teacher for make-up work.



## BoxTops for Education

Did you know that money for LMS is right on the packaging of many different products? Each BoxTop is worth a dime (!) for LMS. LMS can receive up to \$20,000 per school year for BoxTops that we redeem. Please clip your BoxTops and send them in to your child's CSI advisor. You can find more information at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). Earn even more cash to help your school get what it needs through the Box Tops for Education® Bonus App. Turn your everyday receipts into cash for your school. You can earn Bonus Box Tops in the Box Tops Bonus App in combination with the on-pack Box Tops clip and any other coupon, discount, store program or promotion. BoxTops provide a great way to easily fund programs and activities at LMS. We really appreciate your help with this on-going project!



## Business Electives with Mrs. Atwood

- ⇒ In *Make It Your Business*, students have been busy learning how challenging starting a business can be. Students have been researching competitors, suppliers, and target markets for their businesses while creating a logo and tagline, business card, and company letterhead for their business plan portfolio. Students will have the option to present their business plan and products to the student body during our annual career fair in April.
- ⇒ In *Computer Applications*, students have been continuing to improve their typing speed and accuracy using the online touch typing program, EduTyping Standard. The website is [www.edutyping.com](http://www.edutyping.com) and the license ID is luraym93. Students know their username and password! We have also been working in Microsoft Word on composing and formatting memos, business letters, tables, outlines, and reports. We will be moving onto our next unit soon, Microsoft Excel.
- ⇒ In *Keyboarding*, students from 1<sup>st</sup> semester made great strides in improving their typing speeds in the online touch typing program, EduTyping Jr. All students set a goal to increase their WPM by an additional 10 WPM—they all met that goal and most even surpassed it! Students were introduced to computer basics (using the desktop, browsers, networks, and flash drives), Google Docs, and Microsoft Word. We did several projects to showcase the students' knowledge about these concepts. Students in 2<sup>nd</sup> semester have just started in EduTyping Jr. This program can be accessed at home at [www.edutyping.com](http://www.edutyping.com). Students will need to click 'Access EduTyping Classic' and then Student to launch the login page. The license ID is luraym93. Students know their username and password! We will complete the same tasks as 1<sup>st</sup> semester students in EduTyping, Google Classroom, and Microsoft Word.

## Yearbook News

The LMS yearbook is on sale for \$33. (All yearbooks must be purchased in advance to ensure that your student receives a copy. We do order a few extra but they sell quickly and we cannot reorder once these are gone. If you would like to purchase space in the yearbook (to advertise your business or place a special "shout-out" to your favorite student), please contact Cathleen Grady at 843-2660 or [cgrady@pagecounty.k12.va.us](mailto:cgrady@pagecounty.k12.va.us) no later than March 15th.



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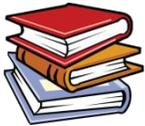
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## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade English with Mrs. Ehlers

We have finished the novel Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick. It is a story about friendship, compassion, and hope. Students wrote journals and participated in class discussions about stereotypes, family relationships, and the power of words. We are now reading The Cay by Theodore Taylor. This novel challenges students to think about the causes and effects of racism. In grammar, we have finished our units on capitalization, punctuation, and pronouns. We have written two essays and twenty journal topics.



## LMS Athletes

Luray Middle School has many talented athletes. This fall, a number of our students participated in a variety of sports for the Bulldogs. JV cheerleaders from LMS were Emilee



Beamish, Baylee Burrill, and Mady Fletcher. JV basketball players from LMS were Brynlee Burrill, Kaitlyn Doughty, Isa Janney, and Olivia Liscomb. Lauren Good, Olivia Good, Bailey Ancell, Trinity Belton, Emilee Weakley, Jaidyn McClung, Averie Alger, Brianna Seekford, Carmen Webb, Amber

Tharpe, Marina Grech, Lindsay Bly, Lizzie Chu, Imani Puller, Aidan Mayes, Noah Lawson, Jacob Smith, Brady Jenkins, Tylynn Lawson, Jacob Zitzer, Calder Liscomb, Bailey Graybeal, Lebron Payton, Jordan Jenkins, George Austin, J.D. Smith. Logan Keyser, Will Parlett, and Chet Morris were members of the Luray Middle School basketball teams. The LMS basketball teams were managed by Lele Warrick, Collin Thomas, Gaven Heglar, Kyle Sours, and Ryan Jones. Alexis Coy, Kayla Stewart, Kylee Addison, Katlyn Gray, Katlyn Keeler, Kaitlyn Knight, Emily Martin, Mercedes Guzy, Julianna Jackson, Madison Martin, and Maggie Price were members of the LMS cheerleading squad. We are very proud of these students. They showed tremendous dedication and represented our school well!



**Luray Middle School  
Valentine's Day Semi-Formal Dance  
Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>  
6pm-9pm**

**In advance: \$6 per person or \$10 per couple  
At the door: \$7 per person or \$12 per couple  
No jeans, sweats, t-shirts, or tennis shoes please.**