

LTMS Spotlights

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Curriculum & Instruction Spotlight

Welcome LTMS families! We are excited to bring you bi-monthly curriculum and instruction updates to keep you informed. Our spotlight is designed to showcase our classrooms, highlight our practices, and share our teaching successes. Each week will feature a “spotlight” that enhances the instructional process at LTMS.

All dedicated staff members have been trained in a method of reading and discussion known as Shared Inquiry. Teachers were introduced to this approach last year and the strategies were implemented school-wide. As a result, students are internalizing the habits of good readers, critical thinkers, and active learners. Specifically, students are expected to read closely, think deeply, write thoughtfully, and to listen and respond to their classmates.

Most importantly, research has shown that regular use of Shared Inquiry improves reading comprehension and critical thinking for students from a wide range of demographic backgrounds and achievement levels. Ask your student to tell you about shared inquiry TODAY! Here are some questions you might want to ask about the essential elements of critical thinking:

1. How do you develop and clarify ideas about the text?
2. How do you support your ideas with evidence when responding?
3. What does it mean to listen to and consider the ideas of others?

Athletic Spotlight

My name is Haley Summers. I graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in May 2018 with a middle school education degree. This is my second year teaching and my second year here at LTMS. I taught 7th grade math in the 2018-2019 school year and am currently teaching 6th grade math. I love getting to know these awesome kiddos and push them to be their very best every day!

I am so excited to be coaching the LTMS 2019 Volleyball team this year! I have previously coached club volleyball at Lexington United Volleyball Club. I have coached the 14's age group for 2 years at the national level. I have also coached a couple of years at the high school level including Madison Southern High School and Dunbar High School. I love coaching this sport and seeing beginners grow to love it as well. Looking forward to a great year! GO BLACKCATS!

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Co-Curricular Spotlight

The LTMS Art squad club is a great opportunity for students who do not get art in their academic schedule due to other curriculum needs. This club gives LTMS students a creative outlet, a sense of belonging, and teaches them about the importance of community art projects and giving back.

Safety Spotlight

It is our duty and pleasure to update you all on Lexington Traditional Magnet School's progress in regards to Superintendent Caulk's 10-point safety plan from the district. As to point one, additional law enforcement is proposed to maintain teams at the high school level and placing one officer in every elementary and middle school. We are pleased to report that we now have a full time officer in our building daily. Donta Chinn has been in our building previously and continues to provide support in our building for this year.