



LAW AUGUST 2026 Newsletter

What's Happening in LAW?

WELCOME BACK: LAW is excited to embark on our 26th year as a Richland 2 magnet program. Started in 2000, the Leadership Academy at Wright was developed to engage exceptional students in a study of Leadership skills and a rigorous Core Knowledge curriculum. As we have grown, we have received numerous awards, most recently becoming a Magnet School of America Certified Demonstration School and Top School of Merit.



Welcome the new LAW teachers:



LAW is excited to welcome new and a surprise returning teacher for the 2026-27 school year. **Ms. Erica McCord** joins the EL Wright Leadership Academy family with 22 years of educational experience and a passion for student success. She holds degrees from Claflin and Lesley universities and is pursuing a doctorate in Educational Administration and Leadership. Her career spans four school districts and grade levels from First Steps through eighth grade. Ms. McCord has held numerous leadership and coaching roles, fostering student

leadership and supporting fellow educators. She is the proud mother of two sons and an energetic fur baby, and she actively participates in several professional, educational, alumni, and service organizations. Throughout her career, Ms. McCord has served students and families in Calhoun County School District, Lexington School District Two, Fairfield County School District, and Richland School District Two. Her teaching experience spans First Steps through eighth grade, providing her with a well-rounded understanding of student development across multiple grade levels.

Ms. Jubilee Smith is an educator with 11 years of experience dedicated to fostering student achievement, leadership, and academic excellence. Originally from Greenwood, South Carolina, she is passionate about creating engaging learning environments that inspire curiosity, critical thinking, and lifelong learning.

Jubilee earned a Bachelor of Social Work with a Pre-Law concentration from Coker University, a Master of Education from Francis Marion



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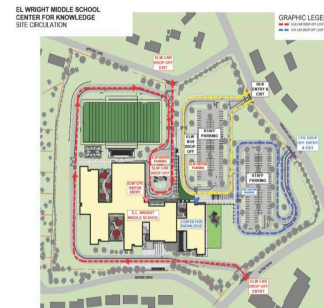
University, and a Juris Master in American Legal Studies from Liberty University. She is currently pursuing an Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) in Administration and Supervision at Liberty University. Ms Smith's leadership and instructional experience centers on student success, collaboration, and innovative teaching. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling, reading, music, and spending time with loved ones. She is committed to lifelong learning and making a positive impact on students and communities.

Car Rider Drop Off and Pick Up: Car riders should enter from Alpine Road and form two lines around the school. At the front pickup loop, merge into one line using the zipper method—alternating right, then left. Follow the red car-line route on the map.

Expect traffic delays during the first few weeks, especially at afternoon pickup.

Here are a few tips to help:

- ☐ When exiting onto Appleby Road, turn left into the neighborhood and continue to Alpine Road or Windsor Lake Boulevard to help reduce congestion.
- ☐ Families zoned for E.L. Wright may [register for school bus service](#).
- ☐ Consider carpooling with other LAW families. Complete the [LAW Carpool Interest Form](#) to connect with interested families.
- ☐ Allow extra travel time, especially during the first weeks of school.
- ☐ Have students ready to enter or exit quickly, and follow staff directions to keep traffic moving safely.
- ☐ Avoid using cellphones while the car line is moving.



Bell Schedule for 2026-2027:



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[Bell Schedule](#)

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EXTENDED TUESDAY LISTS: Please understand that oftentimes changes must be made due to circumstances beyond the staff's control. When changes are made, messages will be sent via email and parent square. Additionally the extended Tuesday documents and website will be updated to reflect the alteration.

[6th Grade](#)

[Cost of 6th](#)

[Parent Part. 6th](#)

[7th Grade](#)

[Cost of 7th](#)

[Parent Part. 7th](#)

[8th Grade](#)

[Cost of 8th](#)

[Parent Part. 8th](#)

LAW Takes Over DC and Williamsburg: In our extended year rotation, LAW will travel to Washington DC and Williamsburg, VA. Kelly Tours has planned out a wonderful trip for your children. All fees are paid directly to Kelly Tours - <https://www.kellytours.com/> or scan the far right QR code in the image. Students can register for a quad or triple room, but before doing so, make sure that you have discussed roommate options with your friends. Students had an absolute blast in New York a year ago and this trip looks like it will be a special experience as well. Concluding with an awesome day at the beautiful Busch Gardens Williamsburg.

Yes, a parent can also attend if desired. Parents only have a single room option.

LAW: DC/Williamsburg June 1-6, 2027

We will have a virtual meeting at 6:00 PM on Monday August 24th! [Virtual Meeting Link](#)

Robotics Team: Are you interested in robotics and engineering? Our award winning team is looking for its news members. If interested complete this form - [ELW Robotics Team](#)

Did You Know! Octopi have three hearts, blue blood, and nine “brains”—one central brain and a nerve center in each arm!

E.L. WRIGHT
MIDDLE SCHOOL TO
WASHINGTON, D.C.

TRIP #30732
JUNE 1 - 6, 2027

BOOK NOW

This is a 6-day trip traveling to Washington, D.C. Highlights include the National Museum of Natural History, the U.S. Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, Colonial Williamsburg, and much more! The following will provide more information:

PACKAGE PRICE
Based on a minimum of 40 paid per bus:

Student Ticket:
Quad: \$1,948.00 per person
Triple: \$2,069.00 per person

Adult Ticket:
Single: \$3,039.00 per person

Deposit Payment:
\$250.00 per person
Due October 30, 2026
(Non-refundable)

2nd Payment:
\$566.00 per person
Due November 15, 2026

3rd Payment:
\$566.00 per person
Due December 15, 2026

Final Payment:
Balance per person
Due April 30, 2027

INCLUDES: Roundtrip Motorcoach, Transportation, hotel accommodations, overnight hotel security, meals as listed, programs and activities, 1-10 telephone, exclusive use, full-time bus driver, snack and drink, travel arrangements, all permits and fees.

June 1: Early morning departure from E.L. Wright Middle School as your adventure to Washington, D.C. begins with an included lunch en route. Arrive in the nation's capital to explore the National Museum of Natural History and the National Museum of American History. After checking into the hotel to refresh, enjoy an included dinner before embarking on an illuminated monuments tour featuring many of the city's most iconic memorials. Return to the hotel for the evening. Overnight security is included throughout the trip.

June 2: After breakfast at the hotel, continue your exploration to the National Archives, followed by a guided tour of the United States Capitol. Enjoy an included lunch at the Capitol Café before spending the afternoon at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and visiting the Jefferson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Washington Memorials. After returning to the hotel to refresh, enjoy an included dinner followed by an evening of bowling before heading back to the hotel.

June 3: Enjoy breakfast before checking out of the hotel and beginning the day at Arlington National Cemetery. Experience a narrated tram tour and take part in a meaningful wreath laying ceremony. Continue to George Washington's Mount Vernon, where an included lunch is followed by a guided tour. Later, travel to Williamsburg, check into the hotel, and enjoy an included dinner before an evening of miniature golf and fun with friends.

June 4: After breakfast, step back in time with a guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg. Enjoy an included lunch before spending free time exploring Merchant's Square and the streets of Colonial Williamsburg. After refreshing at the hotel, enjoy dinner at a Colonial Tavern before ending the evening with a lantern-lit ghost tour.

June 5: Following breakfast, spend the entire day at Busch Gardens Williamsburg. Lunch and dinner vouchers are included. Afterward, return to the hotel for the evening.

June 6: After breakfast and hotel check-out, conclude your journey with visits to Historic Jamestown and the Jamestown Glasshouse. Enjoy an included lunch at the Jamestown Settlement Café before boarding the scenic York River Ferry for a memorable crossing. Begin the journey home and arrive back at E.L. Wright Middle School after an unforgettable trip through Washington, D.C. and Colonial Williamsburg!

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Scholarship Donations: Equal access for all students for the field studies that LAW offers is an important component of what we do. We strive to give all students access to experiences to enhance their learning and make memories. However, those events have a cost, but scholarships allow students that may not be able to afford them the opportunity to attend. So LAW will be accepting TAX DEDUCTIBLE scholarship donations. If you would like to make a donation, just notify Mr. Reeves with your intent. Send the money via Check and a receipt will be returned. Any amount helps!

Scholarship Awards: Families in need of financial assistance may apply for a scholarship for our extended year trips. Only 1 scholarship will be awarded to any 1 student during their time in LAW. For example, if you are awarded a half or full scholarship in 6th grade for Disney you may not apply for a scholarship in 7th or 8th. Scholarships are based on money available from donations, student academic and disciplinary records, teacher recommendations, and financial need. **The Scholarship WILL NOT cover the entire cost of the trip!** Link: [LAW Scholarship Application](#)



Homework Website: Check out [LAW's Homework site](#) to stay up to date on useful information about assignments.

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- Hoods cannot be worn on the head inside the building.
- Slippers, bedroom or house shoes cannot be worn.
- Complete Dress Code can be found by clicking [HERE](#)



Cellular phones and Devices- South Carolina's Free to Focus laws, prohibit students from using cell phones and other devices from Bell to Bell of the school day. Phones and devices should be off and in bookbags through the school day. Consequences of failure to secure devices properly escalate from an initial warning and putting the device away, to confiscation for the day, confiscation return to parent, and finally referral for refusing to obey. All teachers have phones in their rooms and if for some reason you need to get a message to your child, please call the school and we will get that message to them. **Don't text or call**

their cell phone.

LAW Parent Policy Handbook and Forms: The following information will be sent home in hard copy form (once the printers are working) and also digitally through email and iParent Square. If you haven't completed the forms or something was missing expect to hear from Mr. Reeves in early September as the forms are mandatory.

[LAW PARENT POLICY HANDBOOK](#)

[LEY DE PADRES MANUEL DE POLÍTICAS](#)

NEWS and NOTES

Important Dates and Reminders:

Aug. 18, 2026 - Picture day
Aug. 18, 2026 - Open House 5PM
Aug. 24, 2026 - Virtual Washington Williamsburg Extended Year FS Meeting
Aug. 25, 2026 - MAP Reading/ELA
Aug. 26, 2026 - MAP Math
Sept. 1, 2026 - Extended Tuesday *6th and 7th Grade only*
Sept. 7, 2026 - Labor Day Holiday (No School)
Sept. 15, 2026 - Extended Tuesday *all grade levels*
Sept. 29, 2026 - Extended Tuesday *all grade levels*
Oct. 6, 2026 - Extended Tuesday *6th and 7th grade only - OFF CAMPUS*
Oct. 27, 2026 - Extended Tuesday *6th and 7th Grade only*
Oct. 30, 2026 - Payment for Extended Tuesday local field studies due.
Oct. 30, 2026 - Extended Year DC/Williamsburg deposit is due.
Oct. 30, 2026 - LAW Scholarship Applications Due

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Website and Social Media: Important information can be found in multiple place including

LAW's Website: <https://sites.google.com/richland2.org/law/home>

LAW's Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/E-L-Wright-LAW-Magnet-236853276710311/>

LAW's Twitter Feed: <https://twitter.com/AcademyWright>

Please take some time to like, follow, post, or just scroll through these resources.

We're looking for you! Are you or your business interested in becoming a LAW partner? The Leadership Academy at Wright is looking for community members that are willing to give their time, resources, and/or financial donations to help our young leaders. There is no commitment needed, just fill out and return the [Google Doc](#) or complete this [Google Form](#) to express your interest and we will be in touch. We plan to announce every partner in our Newsletter, Website, and Social Media Outlets. [Business Partnership Interest](#)



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