



## **FRIDAY FLIER (12/19/08)**


- 1) School will be closed from **12/22 to 1/2** and will **reopen on Monday, 1/5**. We hope everyone enjoys the Winter Break. From all of us at LCCS – **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!**
- 2) **EARLY CLOSING:** Please use the sources indicated at the end of the Friday Flier to determine school closings in the morning. We seldom close early, regardless of the Jersey City District's early closings, but if it starts to snow after school has started and you wish to pick up your child early you may do so. You do not need to call the school.
- 3) **ANSWERS TO FAQs** letter (frequently asked questions) from Susan Grierson about the LCCS move to Caritas Academy is available at the website. Go to [www.lccsnj.org](http://www.lccsnj.org) – Parents – Friday Fliers. It is at the end of the 12/12/08 Friday Flier. Copies are also available at the front desk.
- 4) **THE 2009 LCCS ART CALENDARS** will be available starting the week of **12/29**. We are very sorry for the delay. The calendar features beautiful art by LCCS students, and is available for the very reasonable price of \$10. If you have already given cash or check made out to LCCS at the front desk, Ms. Kreutz will contact you with some pick up times at LCCS over the holidays.
- 5) **SARAH WESTLEY**, LCCS 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, and her husband Fabio Simao, had a beautiful baby girl, Madison Acadia on **12/6** at 11:38 am. She weighed in at 6lbs. 15oz. The family is doing well!
- 6) **B. DALTON'S ANNUAL BOOK DRIVE** is on through the holidays. The new LCCS building has a LIBRARY. We need books to fill it! Anyone may buy books for LCCS at the B. Dalton's Bookstore in the Newport Centre Mall. The books will be presented to LCCS by B. Dalton's at the end of the drive.
- 7) **HUGE SUCCESS! THE PENNY DRIVE** raised **\$4,561.55!** The 8<sup>th</sup> grade raised the most money but every class was outstanding. Thanks to all the students and their families for breaking our penny drive fundraising record!! Thanks especially to 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Emily Litman for great organization, rallying of students and many trips to the bank to deposit. Check out [www.playpumps.org](http://www.playpumps.org) to learn more about this great organization.
- 8) The **FALL WINE TASTING** at the Lorentz/Spilman home raised **\$1,661** from ticket buyers and the sale of some of the excellent bottles of wine. Thanks to the gracious hosts and guests for a lovely evening of chat and fun information.
- 9) **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS:** Please return any of the books you have borrowed from Mary Downing's library after the holidays!!!
- 10) **SAVE THE DATE:** Martin Luther King Day, Monday **1/19**. Join other LCCS families at Pershing Field for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual **ICE-SKATING PARTY** from noon – 2pm. Adults - \$10, Children \$5, \$25 maximum per family. Look for flier after the vacation.
- 11) The **SECOND SCHOOL-WIDE PARENT MEETING** will be on Thursday, **1/22** at 6:30 pm. Principal Susan Grierson will have updates about the LCCS move to its new home on JFK Boulevard at 6:30 and will answer questions parents may have. There is a **QUESTION BOX** at the front desk. Please submit questions for Ms. Grierson that you would like answered at the meeting (please provide your name). Childcare will be available. If you plan to bring your children call Ms. Kreutz at x303.
- 12) There is a **PTO MEETING** on Wednesday, **1/28** at 6:30 pm at LCCS.

13) **APPLICATIONS for NEW STUDENTS** and Kindergarten-aged siblings of current students are being accepted now for the **2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR**. Applications must be returned by Friday, 1/9 to be included in the lottery on 1/13. The final **OPEN HOUSE** is 1/9 from 10 – noon. Children entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. **Prospective Kindergarteners who are younger siblings of current students are automatically accepted, but must fill out applications.** Applications are available at the website: [www.lccsnj.org](http://www.lccsnj.org), and the front desk.

#### 14) **THANK YOU**

- To all the generous parents and families for the glorious holiday food and gifts sent to LCCS teachers and staff. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.
  - Parents who attended the Kindergarten publishing parties and Bakery.
  - Parents who helped out and visited the 1<sup>st</sup> grade Pancake Palace and Happy Bagels this week. Special thanks to Linda and Joe Reagan for doing the shopping!
  - Parents who came and contributed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade International Food Celebration.
  - Parents who attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Habitat Museum.
  - Parents who watched the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Colonial Dances and attended the Museum.
- To the Williams family for board games for use during the winter recesses and THINK TANK.
- To the great audience at our festive Winter Concert.
- For all the donations for our crossing guard, Mamie Brown, and the THINK TANK staff.

15) **ART ROOM SUPPLIES** are needed for a recycled materials art project. Egg cartons, paper towel tubes, bubble wrap, and soda cans that are rinsed thoroughly would be greatly appreciated.

16) **STOP PARENTS** : You have read the Friday Flier, and we need to know that! If you have **ALREADY REPLIED**, no need to do it again. We'd like to see if there are some who missed this note the first time around but may catch it this time.....

Please reply to this emailing, in the subject line, with the following code plus the name of your child: **READIT Gloria**. If you receive a hard copy instead, please call Ms. Bleakley or Ms. Kreutz and leave a message that you have read it. We are trying to determine how many people are not only getting the Friday Flier via email, but are reading it too!!! Thanks for your help.

#### 17) **SUPPORT LCCS WHILE DOING YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING AND ALL YEAR LONG!**

What follows is a list of simple and fun ways to raise money for LCCS while you shop, without digging into your own pockets! Please read carefully and start shopping the LCCS way.

- **TARGET REDcards**: Every time you use a TARGET REDcard charge card, TARGET will donate to LCCS 1% of all purchases made at TARGET stores and 1/2 % at other retailers. To register at [www.target.com](http://www.target.com), click the redcard link at top of homepage, then "Take Charge of Education" in the left column and select "Learning Community Charter" ID#121405.
- **BOXTOPS 4 EDUCATION**: Clip Box Top coupons from products including General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker cake mixes, Yoplait Gogurts, Kleenex Facial Tissues, etc. (remind friends & family too!). To see all the products and the companies that participate and to shop online, go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). LCCS receives up to 8% of each qualifying purchase when you shop online. *A box is located at the LCCS front desk for coupon deposit.*
- **GOODSEARCH.COM**: LCCS is listed as an LCCS donation recipient with [goodsearch.com](http://goodsearch.com), a great search engine. Use it for your online searches instead of your usual choices and every time you click - LCCS gets a penny!
- Double your contribution if your workplace has an **EMPLOYER MATCHING FUND** program.

In case of possible **SCHOOL CLOSINGS** due to snow storms, etc., LCCS follows the Jersey City Public School District, i.e., if Jersey City Public Schools are closed in the morning so are we! We do not always follow District School closings if they close after the school day has started.

So tune into radio (e.g. WINS – 1010, WOR -710) or TV (e.g. Channel 5, News 12 NJ) stations for listings of school district closings. We try to put a message on the LCCS voice-mail if we are closed.