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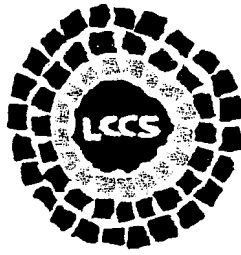
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FRIDAY FLIER (1/16/09)

- 1) **ICE-SKATING PARTY:** Dr. Martin Luther King Day, Monday **1/19**. Join other LCCS families at Pershing Field for our 4th annual Ice-skating fundraiser, from 11am – 1pm. The Rink is located in the Heights between Summit and Central Aves. above the Reservoir. Cost at the door is kids-\$5 (no charge for non-skating children), adults-\$10 (non-skating adults too), maximum \$25-family. Skate rentals are available for \$2. The Concession Stand will be open. Have fun while helping your school!!
- 2) **INAUGURATION VIEWING:** We are working out the details so all LCCS students will be able to watch President-elect Obama's inauguration on Tuesday **1/20** at noon.
- 3) The **SECOND SCHOOL-WIDE PARENT MEETING** will be on Thursday, **1/22** at 6:30 pm. Principal Susan Grierson will have important updates about the LCCS move to its new home on JFK Boulevard and will answer questions parents may have. **ANSWERS TO FAQs** letter (frequently asked questions) from Susan Grierson about the LCCS move is again *attached to this Friday Flier*. If you have additional questions there is a **QUESTION BOX** at the front desk. Please submit questions for Ms. Grierson that you would like answered ahead of time so she can provide complete answers. You may also email your questions (to be answered at the meeting) to Ms. Grierson at susan-grierson@lccsnj.org. Childcare will be available. If you plan to bring your children, call Ms. Kreutz at x303.
- 4) The **MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION** for 4th graders on Tuesday **1/20** is postponed. It will be rescheduled.
- 5) **NY BLOOD CENTER** is sponsoring a **BLOOD DRIVE** at the Boys and Girls Club on Sat. **1/24** from 10 am–3 pm. Walk-ins are welcome. Make sure to eat something substantial before you go.
- 6) **PTO MEETING** on Wednesday, **1/28** at 6:30 pm at LCCS. There will be a guest speaker at 7 pm discussing life insurance options for families. *Flier is attached.*
- 7) **THANK YOU** to parents Zheng Han, Roxanne Alexander, Robin Cooley, Sharon Gayle, and Peg Pisani for help with the water project in Ms. Smith's 2nd grade class.
- 8) Weather is unpredictable and children go **OUTSIDE FOR RECESS** throughout the school year.
 - Please send children to school with **HATS AND GLOVES**
 - Be sure to **PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN HIS / HER JACKET**

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 so are we! 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 will also try to put a message on the LCCS voice-mail if we are closed.

Please try to use the sources mentioned above to determine school closings. 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.



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December 12, 2008

Dear LCCS School Community,

Here are some FAQ's (frequently asked questions) and responses regarding our impending move to Caritas Academy. A parent meeting is scheduled for January 22nd at 6:30pm.

Comparison of 1 Canal Street vs. 2495 Kennedy Blvd.

1. *Why is the school moving?* Learning Community Charter School leases space in the Boys and Girls Club, and we pay rent. We have always wanted our own space, and many charter schools have bought their own buildings successfully. We have also looked for a building that would better suit our needs.
2. *What does the new school have that LCCS doesn't have now?* The new building has an auditorium that will allow the school community to organize as one, a gym that will be available for after-school programs, a library, science labs, storage areas and a lunch room. The new building also has adequate space for the increased enrollment, and we will not have classrooms in trailers.
3. *Did you ever look at other sites before you decided to move to Caritas?* A team of Board of Trustee members and community members have explored many other sites for several years, including the possibility of expanding our current location. Caritas has the right amount of space to allow us to expand enrollment and fits our educational program.
4. *How will the move affect my child's educational experience?* The educational program will remain the same, and the teachers are planning how to utilize the space to benefit instruction as well as how to accommodate the additional enrollment. New staff will be hired in a timely way for a smooth start to the school year.

Enrollment

5. *How many new classes will there be next year?* There will be an additional class per grade next year in Kindergarten through Grade 4. We have applied for three PreK classes for 4 year olds. If the State approves these PreK classes, this will make a total of 8 new classes. In the following year, there will be 3 fifth grade classes when the fourth grade moves up and so on. By year 5, LCCS will have three classes per grade, PreK – Eight. All PreK students will automatically be accepted for Kindergarten. Since PreK classes have 15 in a class, there will be room for siblings to attend Kindergarten who do not attend PreK.
6. *Will class size change next year?* No, class size will remain at approximately 18 students per class.
7. *What will the total enrollment be when the school fully expands?* 531 students

8. *How will the PreK lottery work?* We will let you know when applications become available. The lottery will work similarly to the current lottery as it is now: siblings have a preference and if there are more applications than the number of spots available, a wait list will be generated.
9. *Are you accepting applications for the additional K-4 classes?* Yes, however acceptance is contingent upon the final acquisition of the building. The additional 18 students will be considered wait listed until that time.

Logistics of the Space

10. *Is there outside space?* Yes, on the Lincoln Park side of the school, there is outdoor space for recess.
11. *Will the school provide bussing?* The school cannot provide bussing (as mandated by the State); however, we will help interested families organize bussing. As always, families that live two or more miles from the school will be eligible to receive bus tickets.
12. *Is there parking?* Yes, there is limited street parking available. Part of the street will be blocked off for pick up and drop off of students. There is a parking lot for staff.
13. *Kennedy Blvd. is a busy street; how will the students enter and leave the building safely?* We will block off the front or one side of the building for pick up and drop off. These details will be worked out and directions will be disseminated; safety is always a primary concern.
14. *Will we still have an after school program?* Yes, and it will be enhanced by the availability of a gym and auditorium.
15. *Will there be an early morning drop off next year?* Yes, if parents express that there is a need.
16. *What transportation is near the new school?* The closest PATH station is Journal Square. There are bus stops on Kennedy Blvd., Montgomery Avenue and West Side Avenue. Please visit www.NJTransit.com for bus information.

Next Steps

17. *When will we know when we are definitely moving?* As soon as we finalize the financing (projected date is mid – February); we will announce the move via letter.
18. *How will the school organize the move?* We will hire professional movers.
19. *When can I see the space?* Once the deal is finalized, we will organize an Open House.
20. *How can I help?* There are many committees that will be formed to help make the transition smooth. Please come to the meeting on January 22nd for more information!
21. *What if I have more questions?* There will be a question box at the front desk. Questions will be answered at the January meeting.

We hope many of your questions have been answered. Please remember to attend the January 22nd Parent Meeting for more information.

Sincerely,


Susan Grierson, Principal

**The LCCS Parent Teacher Organization
(LCCS PTO)**

presents

its next monthly speakers series on

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

General Meeting at 6:30

Guest Speaker at 7:00

in the LCCS 1st floor Kindergarten Room

Q & A Session on Life Insurance for Families

from the

**Allstate Insurance Company,
The Good Hands People**



The Williamson Agency will host a session featuring

Mr. Herb Katzaff

A professional in the insurance fields for over 25 years.

***The Williamson Agency has recently celebrated
its 20th year affiliation with Allstate Insurance Co.***