



**learning community charter school**

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## **FRIDAY FLIER (5/8/09)**

- 1) **STATEWIDE & STANDARDIZED TESTS** start Monday, 5/11 for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades (mornings only).  
▶ Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep, eats breakfast, and gets here on time!
- 2) **IMPORTANT TRANSPORTATION MEETING UPDATE:** If you are interested in bus transportation for your child(ren) but did not attend the 5/6 meeting you should contact Jayne Freeman at [jaynefalcon@gmail.com](mailto:jaynefalcon@gmail.com). Because pricing and bus routes are determined largely by how many people are interested in this service, it is **IMPERATIVE** that you respond ASAP. You must do this even if you have already expressed interest in the committee! If we do not hear from you by 5/22 we will assume that you are no longer interested in bus service for your child(ren).
- 3) Please join us for the **MAY 15<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION OF READING!** Friday's events will begin with a rooftop breakfast reception at 8:30 am followed by the awards ceremony in the back courtyard with awards for guests of honor and prizes to our winning students. We would like to invite parents, friends and grandparents to read to a class for 10 or 15 minutes (preferably not their own child's) after the awards ceremony. Please email Charlotte Kreutz at [charlotte-kreutz@lccsnj.org](mailto:charlotte-kreutz@lccsnj.org) if you can help out with the many "day of" tasks or if you would like to read to a class.
- 4) **H1N1 (SWINE FLU) UPDATE:** Attached is a letter from the NJ State Dept. of Health & Senior Services.
- 5) **TOUR NEW SCHOOL BUILDING** Sunday, 5/17 at 11 am. Committee meetings and WORK PARTY to follow tour at noon, after a light lunch. See the 5/1 Friday Flier for details.  
**Contact Brittin Bleakley at [Brittin-bleakley@lccsnj.org](mailto:Brittin-bleakley@lccsnj.org)** if you will be attending and indicate the number of children needing childcare. For those who can't attend, there will be a second tour on Saturday, 5/30.

The Family Matching Challenge from the Simon Foundation has raised over **\$11K!** But we have a long way to go and there is **ONE WEEK** left!

**A FEW TICKETS ARE LEFT for these MATCHING GRANT EVENTS!**

**Let's make them SELL-OUTS!**

**SCRUMPTIOUS SPRING WINE TASTING** at Madame Claude Café, Monday, 5/11 at 6:30 pm. Enjoy delicious appetizers, dinner, and dessert from our friends at Madame Claude while being informed about a sampling of fine wines by expert sommelier, John McClement. \$90 per person/ \$170 for two. Sign up at front desk or email Dana Winfield at [danawinfield@verizon.net](mailto:danawinfield@verizon.net).

**PUB QUIZ** at Lucky Seven Tavern on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. between Jersey Ave. and Coles St.; Monday 5/18, 7-9 pm. Teams can pre-register for \$40 or register at the door for \$50. Individuals may register at the door for \$10 at the door and join a team. \$100 CASH prize for the winning team!! **Register your team at the front desk or contact hostess of the event, Liz Brown, at [msemorrison@gmail.com](mailto:msemorrison@gmail.com).**

- 6) **THE CINCO DE MAYO FUNDRAISER** for Kindergarten parents raised over **\$5,000** for the Simon Matching Grant! Great thanks to super organizers Alison Navarro, Jennifer Hughes, and Wendy Tom for making it happen and Toby Dowling for hosting.
- 7) **JUNE-A-PALOOZA SHOUT OUT!**
- We are looking for a mobile freezer from which to sell ices.
  - Tents are needed to protect musicians, flea market, face painters, etc. The sturdier the better, but we'll take anything! (Ask your friends in the 'burbs, they might have the)
  - A lot of you have signed up already, but we still need more **VOLUNTEERS** and sponsor solicitors!
  - Email Wendy Tom at [WENDYJAMES@aol.com](mailto:WENDYJAMES@aol.com) if you can help with items or time.
- 8) **LCCS PTO:** The LCCS Parent Teacher Organization sponsors its first 2009 PTO Grownup Fun Event: Fundraiser at LITM (Restaurant Lounge Gallery at 140 Newark Avenue, JC, 201-536-5557): Friday, **5/15**, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., \$15.00 per person, includes hors d'oeuvres (cash bar), Happy Hour 7:00 – 8:00. This is a fundraiser for the PTO. Flier is attached.
- 9) **LCCS PTO IMPORTANT MEETING:** Thursday, **5/28** at 6:30 PM in the LCCS Kindergarten Classroom: **ELECTION** of OFFICERS for 2009 – 2010, President, Co-Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer. Put your hat in the ring! More details to follow...
- 10) **MAY/JUNE EVENTS at LCCS:**
- **NEW BUILDING TOUR:** Sunday, 5/17 – 11 – 2pm
  - **SECOND BUILDING TOUR** Saturday, 5/30 for those unable to attend first (no childcare):
  - **K-4 SPRING CONCERT:** Friday, 6/5 - 9 to 10 am
  - **GRADES 6-8 DANCE:** Friday, 6/5 7:30-9:30 pm
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENT TALENT SHOW:** Thursday, 6/11
  - **EXIT DAY:** celebrating graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders: Friday, 6/12
  - **PAVEMENT PARTY:** end-of-year family & staff potluck celebration: Friday, 6/12 – 6 pm
  - **LCCS GRADUATION:** Monday, 6/22 – 5 to 7 pm at St. Peter's College
- 11) **FUNDRAISING EVENTS/SALES** for LCCS and Simon Matching Grant:
- **WINE TASTING – MADAME CLAUDE CAFÉ** – Monday, 5/11
  - **PUB QUIZ – LUCKY SEVEN TAVERN:** Monday, 5/18
  - **LCCS ONLINE STORE: T-shirts, HOODIES, SWEAT SHIRTS,** with Logo at <http://www.cafepress.com/lccsnj>.
  - **MADAME CLAUDE CAFÉ** dinner for 4 raffle at LCCS front desk, drawing: 5/22.
- 12) **TOWELS AND TREATS DELIVERED.** Thanks to everyone that donated towels and treats to the Liberty Humane Society! The LCCS Student Council brought the goodies to them last week. We had over 15 bags of towels and treats to give to the dogs and cats!
- 13) **CONGRATULATIONS LCCS STAFF:** Brittin Bleakley, James Laster, Linda Silvestri, Marie Salle, Lauren Rogers, and Karen Robergeau! They bicycled 42 miles on Sunday on the five-borough bike tour in the rain! Way to go LCCS!
- 14) **THANK YOU** to:
- Lily and Sam Rivo, Molly Dowling for raising \$100 for Simon Matching grant from their bake sale/lemonade stand.
  - Chocolate Bar Sellers: Wilma Orogas, Brittin Bleakley, Jason Renker, Denyse Williamson, Shelley Skinner, Deborah Podolla, Dana Winfield. Marie Spears, Malvette Thomas, Mary

Cartegena, Sylvia Speaks, Angela Garcia, Phil Rivo, Janine Reed, Felicia Mickens, Toni Walker, Jolandra Thomas, Joe Santella, Lee McMillan, Hunter Seymour, Erika Pacheco. **If you have not turned in the profits yet, please do so by Friday, 5/15 to make sure we meet the matching deadline!!**

- The fabulous Scholastic Book Fair volunteers: Lisa New, Gabriella Maisto, Melissa McCarthy, Corinne Melrenan, Ashima Kadyan, Regina Joskow, Katerina Romanenko, Toby Dowling, Sharon Gayle, Ling Wong, Peg Pisani, Andrea Mason, Jen Hughes; and the great pinch hitter, Kim Aycox who filled in whenever needed! Thanks to all.
- Families who attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair. It was awesome.
- Mothers and Grandmothers who came and sipped tea at the 1<sup>st</sup> grade Mother's Day Tea Party.
- Parents who chaperoned on the Kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trips.
- Parents who are chaperoning students to the music studio recordings.

15) **LCCS BOARD OF TRUSTEES** meets on Tuesday, 5/12 at 6 pm. Meetings are open to the public.

16) We hope to see everyone back in September, but if your child is not returning to LCCS next year, please contact Sheila Bratton at x338 so we can make the space available to another child.

### **- HEALTH NEWS from Nurse Monya –**

#### **Annual Scoliosis Screenings for Grades 5-8**

As mandated by the State of New Jersey, screenings for scoliosis are done by the school nurse each spring. This exam is included with other annual screenings for height, weight, blood pressure, vision and hearing. The groups examined for scoliosis are students ages 10 and up. Individual privacy is maintained for all student screenings.

Scoliosis is a condition in which the spine may curve to the left or right. It most commonly occurs during the period of rapid skeletal growth during early adolescence and may progress if not treated. The procedure for screening is a simple one: Each student's posture is examined from the front, back and side while standing and then bending forward. If scoliosis is suspected, the student will be referred to their doctor for further evaluation.

A student may be excused from this examination if a written request is submitted by the student's parent or guardian. We request documentation of the scoliosis screening if it is performed by the student's MD during annual physicals. Parents and guardians are welcome to be present for this screening. If you would like to be present or have any questions, please call 201 332-0900 x306.