



learning community charter school

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FRIDAY FLIER (09/11/09)

- 1) **WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!** A special welcome to our new students, families and staff members. Thanks to many families for all the help this week. We couldn't have opened without the help of the wonderful parent and student community of LCCS.
- 2) **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**
 - **FULL-DAY** Kindergarten and **THINK TANK** begin on Monday, **9/14**.
 - Parents **MUST** check in at the front desk at all times when visiting the school. Do not go directly to your child's classroom.
 - If a child arrives after 8:30 am, they must come to the main office for a late pass.
 - **New policy:** The main office will close at 3:30 pm starting Monday, **9/14**. The Kensington Street entrance will be available for **THINK TANK** pick-up but no school business or paperwork drop off may be done there except for **THINK TANK**.
- 3) **HEALTH NEWS** from Nurse Monya: Please see the box at the end of the Friday Flier for important information about what LCCS is doing about the H1N1 (swine flu) virus.
- 4) **K-8 THINK TANK AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM** begins this Monday, **9/14**. Registration forms were sent home in the LCCS HOME PACKET. Extras are available at the front desk. Registration forms must be returned with payment or your child cannot stay after school. Though clubs may be full, there is always room in Homework Helpers.
 - The auditorium at the Kensington Street entrance will be used for **THINK TANK** pick-up.
 - There will be a sign-out sheet and proper I.D will be required.
 - **Please Note:** You must enter the building to get your child. We will no longer be able to send students out by phone call request.
 - If you need to speak to the **THINK TANK** director after 3 pm, you may call the school and leave a message at **ext. 29**. Messages will be picked up frequently throughout the afternoon.
 - Kindergartners – 4th grade will be escorted to their homerooms or clubs by staff.
 - Individual calls will not be made to inform students of club enrollments. If needed, please call Charlotte at the school on Sunday **9/13**, from 1pm – 5pm for that information.
- 5) **LEARNING COMMUNITY RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION:** Please join us this Tuesday, **9/15** at 10 am to celebrate the opening of our new school building. We need volunteers to set up, clean up and greet guests. **All students should wear LCCS T-shirts if they have one, or white shirts and jeans** on Tuesday to show our school spirit! And it will look really good in the photo!
- 6) **VOUNTEERS NEEDED** for many ongoing school tasks:
 - **CLASS PARENTS:** Class parents are a critical link for communication with the LCCS parent community. Class parents make phone calls to fellow parents to make them aware of upcoming events, issues (advocacy, fundraising). They assist the teachers in organizing special class projects class events, and general help in the classroom. A class parent is the designated point person between the school administration & the teachers and the other parents in your class. If

you have marked the volunteer form already, no need to get in touch. If you did not, but would like to volunteer, please contact Charlotte Kreutz at x29 or charlotte-kreutz@lccsnj.org.

- **BREAKFAST:** 7 am – 8 am- help distribute breakfast to the before-care students.
- **MORNING BUS HELP:** 8 am - help students get off the bus and into class lineup.
- **LUNCH DUTY:** 10:30AM-12:30PM- distribute school lunches and escort students to recess.

7) **INTERNATIONAL BOOK CLUB** needs international parents! If your native language is not English, please consider reading and discussing a favorite children's book written in your native language to the THINK TANK K - 2nd grade book club. The club meets on Mondays from 3:15 – 4:15. 1st grade parent Ozgun Tasmemir will be your host and help you share a unique reading experience with the students. Please contact Ozgun at ozgun@tourcom.com if you are interested in presenting a book.

8) The **INNISBROOK WRAPS GIFT CATALOGUE LCCS** fundraiser starts Friday **9/18**. Look for the large white envelope in your child's backpack next Friday. The fundraiser ends on Friday **10/9**. In addition to the satisfaction of helping raise lots of money for LCCS, everyone has a chance to earn prizes and enter a sweepstakes (see insert in envelope). Get those Kwanza, Christmas, and Hanukkah gifts early! Along with the main catalog from Innisbrook Wraps (including magazine subscriptions), enjoy an additional catalogue from Helen Grace Chocolates. Your friends and family may order from the catalogues online at www.innisbrook.com. (**THE SCHOOL CODE is #104638**) Just select Parents EZ at the website. More complete instructions come with the catalogue. Buy early! Buy lots! Make checks out to "LCCS." If you have questions, call Charlotte at **x29**.

9) **INTERESTED GARDENERS: We Need You!**

We have the use of two sizeable gardening plots on the south side of the school next to the two gazebos. The THINK TANK Gardening Club meets on Fridays starting **9/18** and will involve multiple grades. But as all gardeners know, there is a lot of work that needs to be done to prepare a garden and keep it going. Any gardening equipment, gloves, mulch, etc. also appreciated!!! Please email Charlotte at charlotte-kreutz@lccsnj.org to volunteer.

10) **THANK YOU TO:**

- Ashima Kadyam for organizing donation of three refrigerators and two microwaves!
- Our fabulous lunch room volunteers who shall be named next week!!

**-HEALTH NEWS from Nurse Monya -
Swine Flu Alert**

Here's what LCCS is doing about swine flu (now known as H1N1):

- **Students with fever must remain home until the fever has been gone for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication like Tylenol or Motrin. There will be no exceptions.**
- Ill students and staff are separated from others at school. Sick persons are provided with a simple surgical mask to keep any respiratory illness from spreading while they're within the building.
- Students and staff are urged to wash their hands often and thoroughly. Ask your child to show you how he/she washes his/her hands. You may be disappointed by the method you see...
- Tissues are in all classes and everyone is urged to cover their coughs and sneezes – and then throw the tissue away.
- Some people should seek medical care as soon as they become ill. People at high risk include those who are pregnant, who have asthma or diabetes, have compromised immune systems, or have neuromuscular diseases.
- Custodial staff is routinely cleaning surfaces in classrooms and common areas.

