



FRIDAY FLIER (10/16/09)

- 1) **PLEASE READ** the entire Friday Flier every week. There is always important information. Save your self from having to make unnecessary phone calls to the school for information already listed. The Friday Flier is also posted at the website at the “For Parents” link. There is a very late October calendar attached to this Friday Flier. This will also be posted with the Friday Fliers.
- 2) **RESPECT OUR NEIGHBORS!** Please do not park or pause in people’s driveways at dismissal time. Find a space a little farther away if necessary, and walk to the Kensington Ave. entrance. LCCS has introduced a large number of new people into this area all at once. We would like to maintain good relations with our neighbors since we plan to be here for a long time!
- 3) **ALL-SCHOOL PICNIC CANCELLED** due to predicted bad weather. There will be no rain date.
- 4) **IMPORTANT HEALTH NEWS** about the H1N1 virus from Nurse Monya at the end of Friday Flier!
- 5) The **FIRST SCHOOL-WIDE PARENT MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **10/20** at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. Enter on Kensington. Principal Janet Ciarrocca will discuss her plans for the future of LCCS and will answer any questions parents may have. Also on the agenda will be information on how parents can get more involved at the school through volunteering and fundraising. Childcare and pizza will be available for a \$3 per child donation. If you plan to bring your children, call Charlotte Kreutz at x29. *See attached flier.*
- 6) **NOTE: DATE CHANGE!!**
TABLE TENNIS for ADULTS! Don’t let the kids have all the fun. Join Phil Rivo and others in friendly competition on Tuesday evenings starting on 10/27 at 7:30 pm in the LCCS Auditorium. For a small donation of \$5 enjoy a little evening exercise playing this olympic sport! SPACE IS LIMITED so contact Phil Rivo at phil@jerseycityliving.com or 201-725-6193 to reserve your spot.
- 7) **TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS and MORE:** As many of you know, despite its academic success, LCCS finds itself in a difficult financial position as a result of statewide cuts in funding. We are currently funded at less than half of the amount given to Jersey City Public Schools per child. To bridge this gap, we are calling on all of our fundraising resources - including straight-up, old-fashioned check writing:
 - To help families contribute to LCCS while getting the most tax advantage, we are hosting a informal seminar with financial advisors from the Element Financial Group on **Tuesday, 10/27 at 7pm at an LCCS family residence at 660 Jersey Ave.**
 - The folks from Element will discuss different short-term and long-term gifting plans that will enable you to reap tax benefits, while supporting the school. They will also be able to answer any questions you might have.
 - If you think you may have any room at all in your budget this year for tax-deductible donations, please join us. Please RSVP to shelley-skinner@lccsnj.org by Friday, **10/23**.
- 8) **RECESS** is sometimes indoors. **DONATIONS** of new or gently used board games, playing cards, colored markers, new coloring books, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

9) **LATE ORDERS** for the **INNISBROOK GIFT CATALOG Fundraiser** may be turned in on Monday at the latest to be included in the first delivery of catalog items.

- **NOTE:** If you are unable to order online, you may turn in the worksheet as an order sheet with your payment attached (checks made out to LCCS).
- Your friends and family may order from the catalogs online at www.Innisbrook.com. **(THE SCHOOL CODE is #104638)** Just follow the instructions on the website, www.innisbrook.com. Select **Parents EZ** at the website. See flier with catalogue for more instructions. Questions, email Charlotte Kreutz at charlotte-kreutz@lccsnj.org or call x 29.

10) The **HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISERS** are coming in two weeks! *Forms available on the Community Bulletin Board and at the Friday Flier link at the website.*

- The Little Gym, located in Pathmark Shopping Center, will be offering two parties for different age groups to accommodate all the little monsters and princesses:
 - Friday **10/30** for 2nd & 3rd graders from 6 – 8 pm.
 - Saturday **10/31** for Kindergarten – 1st graders from 4 – 6 pm.
- **NEW LOCATION** for 3rd – 8th grade Halloween Party!
Your hair will stand on end at **TERROR THEATER!** All will be revealed at the LCCS auditorium on Kensington Avenue on Friday **10/30** from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.
- **NOTE:** Third graders may attend either The Little Gym or the Terror Theater.

11) **MAKE MONEY FOR LCCS ALL YEAR!!** (Copy and paste links to access websites)

If every family participates we could make over \$10,000 this year for LCCS!

- **TARGET REDcards:** When 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, 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, Gold Medal Flour, etc. Each coupon is worth ten cents. To see all the products and to shop online, go to www.boxtops4education.com. LCCS receives up to 8% of each qualifying purchase when you shop online.
- **LCCS ONLINE SCHOOL STORE:** \$10 of every sale goes to LCCS. Parent Jeff Spangler has created a line of hoodies, T-shirts, tanktops, and sweatshirts, – all with the LCCS logo, and imprints like, **LCCS ROCKS**, and **LCCS in sign language**. *Visit the website to order at <http://www.cafepress.com/lccsnj>*
- **GOODSEARCH.COM:** LCCS is listed as an LCCS donation recipient with goodsearch.com which operates through the YAHOO search engine. Select or type in “Learning Community Charter” after going to goodsearch.com and every time you click LCCS gets a penny!
- **SCHOOLPOP:** Shop online at: www.schoolpop.com by going to the website and registering. LCCS ID #0113258. Order items from many retailers and up to 10% will be donated to LCCS. Ex: Oriental Trading–2.5%, Land’s End–5%, Barnes & Noble–3.5%.
- **GREENRAISING.COM:** Greenraising offers a wide variety of interesting and unusual eco-friendly and fair trade items that will help your family to reduce, reuse, and recycle and make a positive impact on the world. LCCS will get **25%** of all purchases made at www.greenraising.com/?AFID=239.

12) The temperature is dropping. Please **DRESS CHILDREN WARMLY**. Children go **OUTSIDE FOR RECESS** and during **THINK TANK** throughout the school year. Dress children neatly and appropriately. Children are active learners at LCCS, running around in the gym and outside at recess,

sometimes “getting messy” in art and other activities. Short skirts, tight clothing, non-sneaker type shoes, etc. keep children from fully participating in school activities.

13) **LUNCH VOLUNTEERS** still needed from **10:30 am – 12:30 pm** every day. Please come to the main office; no need to call ahead.

14) **THANK YOU:**

- For many donations of magazines for art room (keep them coming!), knitting wool, board games, fabric, and books for the library.
- To the lunchroom volunteers! Keep on coming. All are welcome!
- Parents who chaperoned the 4th grade trip to the Museum of Early Trade and Crafts.
- Anand Sumaithangi for painting the LCCS signs on Kensington Ave.
- Joe Santella for putting up coat hooks for Kimberley Smith’s 2nd grade.

- HEALTH NEWS from Nurse Monya -

Please watch the Friday Flier for updates on immunization for H1N1 (previously known as swine flu) to be offered to students at LCCS. A pamphlet from the CDC is attached to the Friday Flier. As we expected, there are steady reports of students with flu-like symptoms. Here are a few things you can do to help:

- **Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours *after* they no longer have fever or do not have signs of fever, without using fever-reducing drugs.** Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people who may get infected.
- **Do not send children to school if they are sick.** Any children who are determined to be sick while at school *will be sent home*.
- **Teach your children to wash their hands** often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub. You can set a good example by doing this yourself.
- **Teach your children not to share personal items** like drinks, food or unwashed utensils, and to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues. Covering up their coughs or sneezes using the elbow, arm or sleeve instead of the hand when a tissue is unavailable.
- **Know the signs and symptoms of the flu.** Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit, 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.

! IMPORTANT !

Let us know you’ve read all the way to the end of the Friday Flier by answering this trivia question! There will be a new one every week. Write you or your child’s answer and your child’s name and grade on a piece of paper and put it in the box at front desk. The child’s name drawn with the correct answer next Friday, **10/23** gets to have **lunch with Jamie Rice, the Assistant Principal!**

1. What are the three largest cities in New Jersey?