



learning community charter school

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FRIDAY FLIER (12/11/09)

- 1) In case of possible **SCHOOL CLOSINGS** due to snow storms, etc., LCCS follows the Jersey City Public School District. So if Jersey City Public Schools are closed so are we! Tune into **radio** (e.g. WINS – 1010, WOR -710) or **TV** (e.g. Channel 5, News 12 NJ) or go **online** at www.1010WINS.com for listings of school district closings. We will try to put a message on 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 your child up early you may do so. You do not need to call the school.

- 2) **DRESS CHILDREN WARMLY!** If the temperature is below **30°**, morning drop off will be inside. If it is warmer than **30°** the Principal will determine whether recess is inside or outside.
- 3) Please join families and friends for the **K-4: WINTER CONCERT:** Thursday, **12/17**. Come and celebrate the holiday season in the auditorium room from 9:00 – 10:00 am. Families and friends **PLEASE ENTER** and **EXIT** via the auditorium entrance on Kensington Ave. If you have business at the school please come around to use the main entrance on Kennedy Blvd.
- 4) Wednesday, **12/23** is the last day of school before Winter Vacation. It is a **HALF-DAY** with dismissal at 12:20. **NO THINK TANK.** School will be closed from **12/24** to **1/1** and reopens on Monday, **1/4**.

HEALTH NEWS:

- The H1N1 vaccine program ran smoothly! The **second dose for students ages 9 and younger** (unless your child has already received 2 doses) will likely happen in January 2010. Stay tuned for firm date. **No permission form needed for the second dose but please notify the School Nurse of changes in your child's status:** monya-mccarty@lccsnj.org or 201 332-0900 x17.
- Strep throat and pinkeye still here! If you take your child to the MD, tell him/her that there is a significant amount of strep throat and pinkeye at school; your child may have been exposed. If your child is diagnosed with a contagious condition, ask for an MD note to re-admit him/her to school.
- Medication policy: if your child is prescribed to take medication at school, a note from your MD is a must. **THIS IS STATE LAW.** Nurses may not give medication without an MD's instruction.
- When should you keep a child home?
 - If they've had a fever over 100.0 degrees in the last 24 hours.
 - If they've vomited within the last 8 hours before school.
 - If they can't stop coughing.
 - The first 24 hours of antibiotic treatment.
 - When in doubt, call the School Nurse at x17.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

1. **SIMON FOUNDATION EXTENSION!** The Simon Foundation is giving us one more year to match \$200,000. This is very generous of them and we want to take full advantage. Put the

thinking caps back on and let's raise some serious money for LCCS! Contact Shelley Skinner at Shelley-skinner@lccsnj.org or x25 with any fundraising ideas you have.

2. **SAVE THE DATE:** Martin Luther King Day, Monday 1/18. Join other LCCS families at Pershing Field for our 5th annual **ICE-SKATING PARTY** midday on Monday. Adults - \$10, Children \$5, \$25 maximum per family. Look for flier after the vacation.
3. **FOUR SEATS LEFT! Dinner at Madame Claude Café and Wine Tasting on Monday, 12/14.** Enjoy a delicious four course meal, wine instruction from an expert and win a chance for a private wine tasting in your home. \$80 for one person or \$150 for two. For more information or to reserve a seat, please call Yeon Benkovitz at 201-988-3076. **ACT NOW!**
4. **RAFFLE DRAWING for DINNER FOR TWO in ONE WEEK!** Buy a raffle ticket for \$10 and win a dinner for two AT MADAME CLAUDE CAFÉ. Dinner will also include a lovely gift basket of wine, cheese and more. **Valued at \$250**, tickets are available at the front desk or at Madame Claude Café. The drawing will be on **12/21**.
5. **SHOPPING FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS?** Check out the ways you can shop online **AND** make money for LCCS. See the several ways to do this at the end of this Friday Flier. For example: Get a Target RedCard! Every dollar you spend when you use the Target RedCard credit card gets up to 1% of the purchase price for LCCS at no cost to you!!! Or promote LCCS with snazzy T-Shirts and bags. See examples at the website at the Friday Flier link or you can copy and paste this web address into your browser, www.cafepress.com/lccsnj, and see over 40 products with the LCCS logo.
6. **LAST WEEK for the PENNY DRIVE!** We hit **\$3000** mid-week! The **1st grade** shot into the lead last week! The **5th grade** raised a lot of money with profits from their bake sale. The race is tight. Stay tuned. Every penny (nickel, quarter, dollar) counts – save them and send them in! This year we are raising funds for the food pantry at St. Aloysius Church, our neighbor on West Side Avenue. The drive will end next week on Friday, **12/18**.

THINK TANK NEWS:

1. **THINK TANK WINTER SESSION** starts on Monday. If you have not registered your child or sent in payment they may not be able to stay on Monday. Please call x29 or email Charlotte at charlotte-kreutz@lccsnj.org on Monday if you need to discuss any THINK TANK issues.
2. **PING PONG TOURNAMENT RESULTS:** Winner of the 3rd grade division was Sammy Rivo, the 4th grade, Lukas Niemann, 5th grade: Beau Reed. With a final score of 22-20, Bruno Gavilanes narrowly defeated Nalisha Mickens, his fellow 6th grader. Congratulations to all the participants!
3. **THANKS** to parents for attending the Magic Shows on Tuesday and congratulations to all the magical magicians who performed all the conjuring tricks!

LCCS NEWS and NOTES:

1. **LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS:** Help us get our library into shape. On a weekly basis we need volunteers to assist with sorting, shelving, and labeling books. It would be great if a team of parents could spare an hour or two a week to keep the stacks in order and make more books accessible to teachers and students. Contact Yeon Benkovitz at @ 201-988-3076 or email charlotte-kreutz@lccsnj.org if you can donate some time!
2. Please contribute to a **HOLIDAY DONATION** for our Crossing Guard. **DONATIONS** are also welcome for our hard-working THINK TANK Staff. Please send donations to the front desk in an envelope marked Crossing Guard or THINK TANK staff.
3. ► **NOTE:** We are also collecting donations for the QUEST bus drivers and aides. Please send in donations in an envelope marked bus donation and "Brittin".

4. **MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for LUNCH AND RECESS!** Just an hour of your time once or twice a week would be of great help! The lunch and recess for 1st – 4th grades is from 11:00am to 12:00pm and Kindergarten is from 12:20 to 1:30pm. For more information and to find out which days need the most help call Yeon Benkovitz @ 201-988-3076.
5. There will be a meeting of the **LCCS BOARD OF TRUSTEES** on Tuesday, 1/12 at 6 pm.
6. **APPLICATIONS for NEW STUDENTS** and Kindergarten-aged siblings of current students are available for the **2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR** from 9am – 2:30pm. Applications must be returned by **Friday, 1/8 at 3pm** to be included in the lottery. We strongly urge all prospective families to visit the school during one of the **OPEN HOUSES** – the next one is Monday evening, 12/21 at 6 pm. Children entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old by 10/1, 2010. The lottery is Tuesday, 1/12.
 - **PLEASE NOTE:** Prospective Kindergarteners who are younger siblings of current students are automatically accepted, but must fill out applications to reserve a space. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you do this as soon as possible so we know how many Kindergarten spaces will be needed for siblings.
7. **THE LOST AND FOUND** in the corner of the auditorium is growing. All clothes and accessories will be donated to charity on Friday 12/18. Please check it out. Items with children's names written on them will not be donated, but they will not be delivered personally to the student.
8. **THANK YOU** to parents and families:
 - Michael Pilgram and Jennifer Hughes for help during the H1N1 vaccination process.
 - To Richard Williams for installing new handles on bathroom doors.
 - To parents who attended Ms. Smith's 2nd grade water experiments.
 - To families for the many donations of books for the library. They will be put on the shelves as soon as possible!

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.