



## learning community charter school

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### FRIDAY FLIER (1/8/10)

**1) LIBRARY WORK DAY** – Tomorrow - 1/9 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Join us to help get our library in shape (and other spaces too). All are welcome, whether you've signed up ahead of time or not!

- We will be reorganizing the books, labeling them, labeling shelves, etc.
- We will also be sprucing up the look by putting up decorations. (Principal Ciarrocca has a large number of posters she brought from her old library to be displayed). If you have a creative knack and would like to do some additional decorating/signage, great!
- We are also looking for items for cozy reading areas: pillows, rocking chairs, bean bag chairs, a children's table and chair set (only in good shape please), etc. Please let us know if you have something to donate before you bring it in!

**2) H1N1 SECOND SHOT:** Next week on Wednesday, 1/13. **DETAILS** are at the end of Friday Flier.

**3) PTO UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Wednesday, 1/13 -- PTO Board Meeting
- Wednesday, 1/20 -- PTO general meeting, 7 pm at LCCS. **All LCCS parents are welcome!**
  - **There will also be a meeting of Cabin Fever Festival volunteers.** (You do not need to be a PTO member to attend the Cabin Fever meeting).
- Sunday, 1/24 - **Cabin Fever Festival**, 1- 4 pm at LCCS. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
(see flier at end of FF for more information)

**4) CHECK DEPOSITS** and other financial information:

Please assume that all checks made payable to LCCS will be deposited immediately. This includes School Lunch Payments, Think Tank Payments, Before School Care Payments, Fundraising Activities, Donations, etc. If a check is deposited by LCCS that bounces due to insufficient funds, LCCS will charge a fee of \$25.00 per check bounced.

\*\*\*NOTE: LCCS is now accepting Credit Card payments from Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover card.

\*\*\*NOTE: You may be able to setup automatic withdrawal from your bank account on a specific day every month, up to twice a month. Please contact Michael Steinmetz in the Business office at [michael-steinmetz@lccsnj.org](mailto:michael-steinmetz@lccsnj.org) or x30 to make such arrangements.

## FUNDRAISING NEWS

- 1. ICE-SKATING PARTY:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday 1/18: **11am – 1 pm.** Join other LCCS families at Pershing Field for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Ice Skating event. Adults - \$10, Children \$5, \$25 maximum per family. Bring your own skates or rent at the rink for \$2/pair. Supplies of certain sizes go quickly so get there early. *Flier is attached.*
- 2. CABIN FEVER FESTIVAL:** Sunday, 1/24 from 1- 4 pm at LCCS. Admittance free. Small fees for activities and food. Bring the whole family for live music, games, cake walks and more. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** (see flier at end of FF for more information)
- 3. CONGRATULATIONS** to the Sayre family. They won the dinner for two at Madame Claude Café. The raffle raised over **\$400** for LCCS. Thank you Alice Troietto and Matthias Gustaffson for donating this delicious prize!

4. **THE PENNY DRIVE** raised \$4310.97 for the food pantry at St. Aloysius' Church!!! 1<sup>st</sup> grade raised the most with \$886.13, followed by 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Thanks to all the students and families for participating with such enthusiasm!! And to teachers Emily Litman and Melissa Megaro for their hard work organizing and counting!

## LCCS NEWS and NOTES:

1. Meeting of the **LCCS BOARD OF TRUSTEES** on Thursday, 1/14 at 6 pm (note date change).
2. **THE LCCS LOTTERY** for the 2010-11 academic year will be held on Tuesday, 1/12 at 6pm. The lottery is open to the public. **NOTE:** Applications received after 3pm on Friday 1/8 will not be included in the 1/12 lottery. **Prospective Kindergarteners who are younger siblings of current students are automatically accepted, but must fill out applications to reserve a space. Please do so ASAP if you have not done so already!**
3. 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.

4. **THANK YOU** to parents and families:
  - Prinka Shukla, Wendy Tom and Yeon Benkowitz for helping with the mailing just before Winter vacation.
  - Jen Hughes for taking away and donating the massive Lost and Found items.
  - To all the generous parents and families for the glorious holiday food and gifts sent to LCCS teachers and staff. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

### HEALTH NEWS

**2<sup>nd</sup> H1N1 Shot scheduled for Wednesday, 1/13.** Most students ages 9 and younger who received the first shot at LCCS on 12/8/09 are scheduled to receive the second dose. We will start around 9:30 AM with 4<sup>th</sup> graders and continue through the lower grades, finishing with Kindergarteners. If you have any questions regarding this vaccine, call or email the School Nurse at monya-mccarty@lccsnj.org or 210 332-0900 x17.

#### **Strep throat and other illness at LCCS:**

- Strep throat – LCCS has had a lot of it, 51 cases confirmed by test since 10/9. **This strep throat does not always seem like strep.** Ex: low grade fever with just a small amount of throat redness, a headache and/or nausea and vomiting, or NO white spots on the tonsils. A fine, red rash (it feels like sandpaper and appears mostly on the trunk) can indicate strep. If your child has any of these symptoms, tell your MD that your child has been exposed to strep. **THE CHILD SHOULD BE TESTED.** If the quick test is negative, ask for a 3-day culture because the quick test can give a FALSE negative. If your child has strep, boil or replace the entire family's toothbrushes to avoid spreading to other family members and/or re-infection to the child.
- We've had reports of Flu. Since last spring, flu is NOT firmly identified as H1N1 or seasonal when it's diagnosed at the doctor's office. What is often done at the MD office is a nasal swab for influenza that can show + for A or B flu strains – or both. The MD should and will look at the patient's symptoms as much as the test results. If he suspects H1N1 even if test is not positive, it is managed **IN THE SAME WAY** at this time: isolation, rest, lots of clear fluids, Tylenol or Motrin for aches, and monitoring for any complications.
- I cannot over-emphasize the importance of hand washing. Most children are not concerned with hand cleanliness unless their hands are obviously dirty. Every student that visits my office now gets a personal lesson on hand washing. Please reinforce frequent – and *thorough* – hand washing at home.

**LCCS 4th Annual  
All School Skating Party  
and Fundraiser  
on Dr. Martin Luther King Day!**

**Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 11:00 noon to 1:00PM  
Pershing Field Ice Rink**

Summit Ave. & Pershing Pl. - **Directions on back of flier**  
Jersey City, NJ - 201-547-4392

ALL FUNDS raised will go towards purchase of library and technology equipment.

Join the LCCS Community for a day of skating and fun with Family and Friends.

- All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Payment is required for non-skating adults (non-skating children are free).
- Protective gear is recommended.
- Skate rentals are available at the rink but **they go fast!!**
- Skate rental is not included in the ticket price.
- The Concession Stand will be open.

Return form below by **Friday 1/15** with payment (checks payable to LCCS) to your child's teacher or front desk. There will be limited admittance at the door.

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Adults = \$10.00    Children = \$5.00    Maximum \$25.00 per family

Child \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_(Child will be chaperoned by another attending family)

List all people attending:

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Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

## [Pershing Field Ice Rink](#)

### Directions

Pershing Field Ice Rink is in Pershing Park in The “Heights” between Summit and Central Aves and Manhattan Ave. and the Reservoir. You can park on Summit Ave., or if you want to park in the Park's parking lot, you need to go around the park to Central Ave. At Central, turn right and go 1/8 mile to the Park entrance (Pershing Plaza, between the Reservoir and the Park). Go right at Pershing Plaza. The Rink is straight ahead on the right, just before Summit Ave.

**From I-78 Eastbound:** East on I-78 to US-1/US-9 North exit 58B (from either express or local lanes, follow signs to US-1/US-9 North). North on US-1/US-9 (Pulaski Skyway) about 5.7 miles to Tonnele Ave./North US-1/US-9 (Jersey City) exit. Follow US-1/US-9 north about ½ mile to Manhattan Ave. Right on Manhattan Ave. ½ mile (4 blocks) to Summit Ave. Right on Summit Ave. about 1/8 mile and Pershing Field Ice Rink is on the left in Pershing Park. You can Park on Summit Ave., or if you want to park in the Park's parking lot, you need to continue straight across Summit Ave. while on Manhattan to Central Ave. At Central, turn right and go 1/8 mile to the Park entrance (Pershing Plaza). Go right. The Rink is straight ahead on the right, just before Summit Ave.

**From Holland Tunnel/NYC/Rt-139 Westbound:** Rt-139 to US-1/US-9 North exit. North on US-1/US-9 about 1/2 mile to Manhattan Ave. Right on Manhattan Ave. ½ mile to Summit Ave. Right on Summit Ave. about 1/8 mile and Pershing Field Ice Rink is on the left in Pershing Park. You can park on Summit Ave., or if you want to park in the Park's parking lot, you need to continue straight across Summit while on Manhattan to Central Ave. At Central, turn right and go 1/8 mile to the Park entrance (Pershing Plaza). Go right. The Rink is straight ahead on the right, just before Summit.

# **PTO's First Annual LCCS CABIN FEVER FESTIVAL**

*with activities for all ages.*

*Kick off the New Year with some wholesome family fun!*

***Sunday, January 24th from 1pm to 4pm.***

*Cabin Fever will take place in our auditorium.*

*Planned activities are face painting, cake walks, ring toss,  
various crafts and other fun activities.*

*We will also have some great entertainment - magic show, live music, and Tae  
Kwon Do demonstration by JC Taekwondo.*

*Pizza, juice and water will be sold.*

**Admission to the festival is free with a small fee for each activity.**

*All proceeds will benefit the school's general operating budget.*

*If you have questions about this event, or would like to volunteer to help,  
please call Yeon Benkovitz (PTO Board member) at 201-988-3076.*



## **Volunteers needed for:**

ticket sales, food service, and game/craft tables. We also need,  
beautifully decorated...and delicious cakes for our cake walk.

<p><b>Cabin Fever volunteer meeting at LCCS on <u>Wed. 1/20 at 7pm at LCCS.</u></b></p>
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