



## learning community charter school

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### FRIDAY FLIER (1/15/10)

- 1) **SCHOOL IS CLOSED** on Monday 1/18 for Dr. Martin Luther King Day observance.
- 2) **ICE-SKATING PARTY:** Dr. Martin Luther King Day, Monday 1/18. Join other LCCS families at Pershing Field for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Ice-skating fundraiser, from **11am – 1pm**. The Rink is located in the Heights between Summit and Central Aves. above the Reservoir.
  - You may pay at the door.
  - Kids-\$5 (no charge for non-skating children), adults-\$10 (all adults, whether skating or not), maximum \$25-family.
  - Skate rentals are available for \$2. The Concession Stand will be open.
- 3) **CONGRATULATIONS** to LCCS teachers and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. McNair Academic High School has accepted **18 graduating students** for the year 2010-11 and two students are on the waiting list. We are proud of you!
- 4) **PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK** on Kennedy Boulevard when picking up your children during school hours or from THINK TANK. It is illegal and dangerous. You and friends and relatives who may be picking up your children may soon start being ticketed if they double park.
- 5) **HELP FOR HAITI:** Two ways LCCS students and families can help:
  - **BAKE SALE :** 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades will be holding a bake sale on Wednesday, 1/20 to raise money to help Haiti. Students should bring in change to buy baked goods at lunch and after school.
  - **MATCHING DONATIONS:** If LCCS staff and students raise \$1,000, the company employing LCCS teacher Kimberley Smith's husband will match that amount and contribute \$2,000 to one of these relief organizations: Red Cross, Hope for Haiti, or Save the Children. Please send all donations to your child's teacher – marked "**Haiti Relief matching money**".
- 6) **HEALTH NEWS FROM NURSE MONYA** at end of Friday Flier: Information about **Free Dental Care** for children 12 and under. Also, important instruction on fighting illness!
- 7) **6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE:** Friday 1/22, 7:30 – 9:30 pm in the auditorium. Permission slips must be returned by Thursday 1/21. Only LCCS students may attend.

### FUNDRAISING NEWS

1. **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!** Contact Yeon Benkovitz 201-988-3076 for information.
2. **ROCKET TO THE TOP!** Check out the thermometer in the front hall! We are at \$130,000 now. We need to get to \$250,000 by 12/31, 2010. LCCS families should contact Shelley Skinner about fundraising ideas. No idea is too small or too big!!

### LCCS NEWS and NOTES:

1. **THE FIRST LIBRARY WORK DAY** was a big success. Thank you so much to the **21 volunteers** who came to help organize and beautify on Saturday. A few dedicated souls came during this past week as well!
  - The library is a work in progress. Anyone is welcome to come during this coming week,

1/19 – 22, to finish labeling books. Sign in at main office, no need to call ahead.

- Saturday, 1/23 will probably be another work day. Stay tuned.

## 2. PTO UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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)

## 3. CHESS SETS NEEDED!

Not the boards, but the pieces. If you have any chess set pieces (even incomplete sets are welcome) please bring to main office. *Send to Charlotte's attention.*

## 4. 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](http://www.1010WINS.com) for listings of school district closings. We unlikely to have a message on LCCS voice-mail if we are closed.

## 5. THANK YOU to parents and families:

- Tom Osterling for donating lots of office supplies.

### - HEALTH NEWS FROM NURSE MONYA -

- **Second H1N1 shots given!** All went smoothly but if you know anyone who's still seeking the vaccine, the Jersey City Dept. of Health has plenty of **VACCINES AT NO COST** at the 201 Cornelison Ave site. Call 201 547-5258 for appt.
- **Free Dental Care for ages 12 and younger!** On Friday 2/5, there will be 4 sites in Hudson Co. offering **free dental care to kids ages 12 and younger**. Visit <http://www.njda.org/gkas/index.cfm?content=Parents> for info and permission form or call/email Nurse Monya at [monya-mccarty@lccsnj.org](mailto:monya-mccarty@lccsnj.org), 201 332-0900x17. **IMPORTANT: Although the program is free, you must make an appt. at a participating site.**
- **Die, Germs, Die!** Students and staff are no longer permitted to refill their personal water bottles from the water fountains at school. We think this practice may be a source of continued strep throat and other illnesses at school. Please speak to your child about avoiding mouth-to-spout contact at the water fountains.
- Students will also again receive classroom instruction about hand washing and hand sanitizer use. **PLEASE REINFORCE HAND WASHING AND SANITIZER USE AT HOME.** Both the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization say that **frequent and thorough hand washing is the single most important step in preventing the spread of disease. But they mean if it's done right!** Try this: wash your hands with your child and watch what they do. Many kids are the Quickest Wash in the West! Show them how to slow down, make a lather, and wash thoroughly.
- LCCS uses Clorox Wipes and hand sanitizer liberally in the classroom, and soap and paper towels are always provided in the restrooms. We now use a bleach solution on the water fountains. If you'd like a cheap, germ-killing bleach solution for home, add ¼ Cup of household bleach to 1 gallon of cool water. Change the water after 2 hours because the bleach evaporates. Don't add ammonia!
- **JEWELRY IN KID'S MOUTHS – a harmful habit!** Walmart and Claire's are recalling kids' jewelry made in China. Cadmium is now replacing lead and exceeding safe limits. See <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/01/12/health/main6087982.shtml>

# **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.

Cabin Fever volunteer meeting at LCCS  
on Wed. 1/20 at 7pm at LCCS.