



## learning community charter school

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# FRIDAY FLIER (1/22/10)

## LCCS UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1) **LIBRARY WORK DAY #2** – Tomorrow, Saturday, **1/23** from 9 am to 4 pm.  
Join us on Saturday to help get our library in shape (and other spaces too).
  - We will be organizing the books, labeling them, labeling shelves, etc.
  - We are still 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!
  - **NO NEED TO RSVP** – just show up!!!!
- 2) **CABIN FEVER FESTIVAL:** Sunday, **1/24** from 1- 4 pm at LCCS. Admittance free. Small fees for activities and food. The LCCS class with the most students who attend will receive a pizza party from the PTO! Bring the whole family for live music, games, cake walks and more.
- 3) **WINGSPAN SHOWCASES** – All families are invited to attend. Enter and exit the auditorium on Kensington Ave.
  - **Monday, 1/25:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade performances and Visual Arts display at 10 am.
  - **Thursday, 1/28:** 5th grade performances and Visual Arts display at 10:15 am.
- 4) **HELP FOR HAITI:** Two ways LCCS students and families can help:
  - **HOPE FOR HAITI BUTTONS:** On Sunday, **1/24**, at Cabin Fever and Monday, **1/25**, at lunch and after school, donate \$5 and get an LCCS student designed and produced button to wear and show support. Cotton Candy will be sold for \$2 after school only. All proceeds donated to relief charities.
  - **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**".
- 5) **HEALTH NEWS FROM NURSE MONYA** at end of Friday Flier.

## FUNDRAISING NEWS

1. **ICE-SKATING FUNDRAISER WAS BIG SUCCESS:** We made **\$2,030** for LCCS from the Ice-Skating Fundraiser. What a fun day! Looked like half the school turned out!
2. **SAVE THE DATE - 3/21:** The PTO is sponsoring the LCCS 1st Annual Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser for **Grades K - 4!** Date: Sunday, **3/21**, Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Place: Hudson Lanes, 1 Garfield Ave, Jersey City
3. **ROCKET TO THE TOP!** 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. **PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK** on Kennedy Boulevard or Kensington Ave. Though you may be pausing for a only a few seconds, so is everyone else. Neighbors' driveways get blocked and traffic is held up. Please park on **BELMONT** (or double park, BUT only on Belmont –) and

walk your child or send them on their own to where they're going. Staff is posted around school to monitor students outside. *See Principal's letter at the end of Friday Flier.*

2. **PING PONG TABLES NEED FIXING!** Our Ping Pong tables are falling apart. If any handyman or woman could come in tomorrow during the library work hours, or next week on Monday or Tuesday, it would be great. Contact Charlotte 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. **ART ROOM NEEDS NEWSPAPERS:** Art teacher Jill Schifter needs newspapers. **ONLY** large size like NY Times or Wall Street Journal (Please, no NY Post or Jersey Reporter size).
5. **THANK YOU** to parents and families:
  - Stephanie Megaro for T.V. set.
  - Anand Sumaithangi for the chess pieces.

**- HEALTH NEWS FROM NURSE MONYA -**

- **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!

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of you who have stopped dropping your students off on Kensington Avenue. Please continue to use Belmont Ave. as your main drop off point and remember to let children off on the side of the car by the sidewalk, **NOT** on the traffic side of your car!! We continue to try to be good neighbors in our drop off and pick up procedures.

Wonderful things are happening in your children's classrooms daily. We are so lucky to have such gifted and dedicated teachers here at LCCS. This past Tuesday, all grades participated in a Day of Service to honor Martin Luther King, Jr., with each grade performing a different service project. In addition, fundraising activities are ongoing to support the citizens of Haiti. We are really raising students who care about and are invested in their community and the world outside. Thank you for helping us do that.

Regards,

Janet Ciarrocca  
Principal

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