



FRIDAY FLIER (1/29/10)

LCCS UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. **LCCS BOARD OF TRUSTEES** meets on Tuesday, **2/9** at 6:30 pm.
2. **LCCS WILL BE CLOSED** for mid-winter break from **2/15 – 19**.
3. The **SECOND SCHOOL-WIDE PARENT MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **2/23** at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. A **PTO MEETING** for involved and interested parents will follow. Please enter on Kensington. *Look for flier next week.*
 - On the agenda: Use of outside space, school discipline, and spring fundraising events.
 - Childcare and pizza will be available for a **\$5** donation per child (pizza not guaranteed unless you RSVP!). If you plan to bring your children, call Charlotte Kreutz at x29.
4. **PICTURE DAY** is Wednesday **2/24**. In addition to picture packages, “smile safe” laminated ID cards will be offered for sale. *Order forms will be sent home week of 2/8.*

FUNDRAISING NEWS:

1. **Help for Haiti: VALENTINE’S DAY CHOCOLATE HEARTS** will be sold every day next week **2/1 - 5**, from **3 pm – 3:20 pm** in the auditorium. All proceeds will be donated to Haiti relief charities. *See flier at end of FF.*
2. **Jersey City TAE KWON DO** is offering all LCCS students a 15% discount on all memberships. **Plus**, JC Tae Kwon Do will donate **\$100** to LCCS for each and every student that enrolls. JC Tae Kwon Do is located at 150 Newark Ave. They can be reached at www.jctkd.com or 201-333-1006.
3. **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
4. **ROCKET TO THE TOP!** We need to get to **\$250,000** by **12/31, 2010**. We are only half way. We need to raise another **\$125,000 ASAP!** LCCS families should contact Shelley Skinner about fundraising ideas. No idea is too small or too big!!

LCCS NEWS and NOTES:

1. **CONGRATUALTIONS** to 6th grader Krish Anand for winning **1st prize overall** at the Hudson County Chess Assoc. Tournament in Secaucus on Saturday, **1/23**.
2. **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).
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. **We seldom close early**, regardless of the Jersey City District’s early closings.

HEALTH NEWS FROM MONYA:

1. **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, 201 332-0900x17. **IMPORTANT: Although the program is free, you must make an appt. at a participating site.**

THANK YOU to parents, families, staff:

For all their fabulous work at the Cabin Fever Festival: Head Honcho – Yeon Benkovitz; Bill and Jennifer Hughes, Juli Metri, Jennie Jonson, Melissa Bohannon, Vernetta Mboya, Mary Cartagena, Barbara Eisen, Magne Larssen, Anne Marusic, Mayumi Lane, Ilse Sigmund, Parul Gupta, Ozgun Tasdemir, Jayne Freeman, Melissa McCarthy, Souja Algharib, Sonia Schulman, Jeana Sager, Keely Richardson, Roy Wright, Gaby Creery, Spencer Malmad, Mia Malmad, Teresa Cartagena, Mona Lowenthal-Maharaj, Wendy Tom, James Yuen, Wendy Schor-Haim, Yasmin Meah, Patricia and Joseph Idrissi, Iris and Phil Rivo, Denyse Williamson, Brittin Bleakley, Linda Reagan, and the PTO Board Members. Thanks to Steve Gelsi, Carol Lester, and Orlando Rodrigez- Cuevas for great entertainment and many parents for the delicious cake walk donations. And thanks to any helpers whose names may have been mistakenly left off!!!

- James Han for fixing the PING PONG tables.
- Families who attended the Wingspan performances and the Segunda Quimbamba assembly.
- Library helpers on Saturday, 1/23. The library is up and running!!!
- For contributions to the Haiti Relief Matching Fund. We collected over **\$1,000** which will be matched by the Lexis-Nexis, thanks to Ms. K. Smith's husband, John Goodlow.

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are ending the first month of 2010 already. January really flew by. As of today, we have already completed 90 days of school- officially half way through the school year. One thing I have noticed this year is that we have a great number of unexcused absences and a very large number of tardies every day at LCCS. This is something I would like all families to work on.

When I was in elementary school, I had 100% attendance in 4th grade and was awarded a special certificate. It was quite an accomplishment at the time. Sports stars like baseball player, Cal Ripken, Jr., and quarterback, Brett Favre, are honored for their records of not missing any games. It seems like the emphasis on attending school, however, has lost its importance. Let's try to get back our focus on valuing a good attendance record.

Attendance at school is so important to a child's success in school. Much goes on during the day that cannot be made up just by completing written work. The interaction between a quality teacher and the other students in the class can make all the difference in whether a child grasps a new concept or doesn't. Teachers work hard to present information in ways that work with students' different learning styles. Our active way of learning at Learning Community is not something that can be missed!

Please remember that school begins at 8:20 every day and we begin writing tardy notes at 8:30. If lateness is a problem in your house, try to set a good example for your child and start the day just a few minutes earlier and try to help your child prepare their things for school the night before.

Vacations also seem to be an issue with attendance. We have three one week vacations and plenty of 3 or 4 day vacations built into our annual calendar. The summer vacation is over 2 months long. This really is plenty of time to plan a family trip that does not take your child out of school. The state calculates each school's AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) with a very complicated formula that includes our state tests. One additional indicator is unexcused absences. The more unexcused absences your child has, the more it hurts your child, our school, and our funding. Please think long and hard before you add a few days to a school vacation. If you are planning any long distance family visits, please plan those over the summer. It really does impact your child's learning to miss multiple days of school.

Have a wonderful weekend with your family!

Regards,
Janet Ciarrocca
Principal



FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

HEARTS FOR HAITI

Valentine's Day Chocolate Heart Treats

- Send a Valentine's greeting to a member of the LCCS community!
- Have us deliver Chocolate Heart Lollipops to your child's classroom!
 - Give a bouquet to your boss!

Come to the auditorium

3:00-3:20 every day: February 1 -5

to purchase the lollipops and fill out your message.

\$2 per lollipop!

LCCS will be selling chocolate heart lollipops to be delivered in time for Valentine's Day! Each heart will be \$2, and proceeds will go to help the victims of the earthquake.

Your lollipop can be delivered to any student or staff member, or can be picked up on Friday, February 12th in the auditorium.

Please contact emily-litman@lccsnj.org or stephanie-megaro@lccsnj.org if you have any questions.