

E-Newsletter



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Greetings! From the desk of Mr. Leonardos

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Welcome to our first parent newsletter! We hope to be able to send out a newsletter several times a year to give all parents a sense of the goings on at LCCPS from across the span of grades. We have so much going on-it's a challenge to keep up with it all, but we hope you find this enjoyable, helpful and connects you to the school in new ways.

Strategic Plan

Our strategic plan goals have focused on school culture for our students. Our teachers have started a monthly Leadership Recognition program - to nominate leaders from our student body from every grade and celebrate their impact on our school. We are also doing a Leadership and Growth Mindset Poster contest, where the winning posters will be put on display in our hallways. For our middle school students we are starting an "Artist in Residence" team to brighten our school with positive messages in a number of spots in the school. We continue to reward students through the marble jar approach to promote positive group environment and working together.

Another aspect of our school culture work involves our teachers. We recently completed a teacher survey that provided us with great feedback from our teachers about areas where we can improve our school. We will be revising our student and parent surveys this year as well in an effort to ensure your voices are heard every year.

Wellington Grant

We were thrilled to hear good news from the Wellington Foundation. They have awarded us a 25K grant this year to support our literacy programs, and the grant could end up being extended to a 50K grant each year for 6 years! This would help us in our efforts to provide a world class education for our students and support our teachers toward that goal.

Win-Win Discipline

This year marks the first year we have adopted Win-Win Discipline. We are already seeing some improvements in our ability to understand our students' point of view, and be able to take a "Same Side" approach as much as possible so that all students see our faculty as supportive. This training has involved our entire faculty, and we are looking forward to continue to work on this together to make sure our students have the best opportunity to learn and grow.

Parent Coffees

Our first few parent coffees are scheduled - all from 7:30-8:30am
Kindergarten and K1 was on January 25
Grade 1 and 2 are February 15th
Grade 3 and 4 are on March 22nd

Building updates

Repairs have been made to the bricks in the play area, and we continue to move forward in getting our building's brickwork repaired. We are hoping to work with the condo associations and the owner of Mill 5 to get this job done quickly.

Lockdown Training

Our staff had a refresher training on our hard lockdown procedures from Lt. David Peaslee from the Lowell Police Dept. A more detailed letter will be going out to parents this week. Our next lockdown drill will be on February 13th in the afternoon.



Attendance Really Matters!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLEPKH2Izvg>

Early Release Wednesdays

February 6th
February 27

All student must be picked up by 11:45 am to avoid the \$1.00 per minute late fee.

EVERY day
counts
attendance matters

February Friendship Fundraiser

Kindergarten is sponsoring a Friendship fundraiser!

Students, staff members, and friends of LCCPS are invited to order from a selection of products below to spread kindness to others through the month!. You can choose from flowers, pencils & erasers, teddy bears, or a combination of them all! Each purchase will be delivered on the date ordered with a gift tag for the giver to fill out! Spread love, kindness and gratitude through our school by purchasing these beautiful gifts!



Orders will be collected from
February 4th – February 14th
All items will be
delivered by or on
February 14th

Friendship Order Form

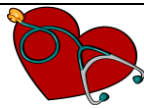
Full Name: _____ Teacher: _____

_____ # Carnation Flowers	x	\$1.00 each
_____ # stuffed animal	x	\$3.00 each
_____ # Pencils & Eraser Toppers	x	\$1.00 each
_____ # of combos (all of the above items)		\$5.00 each

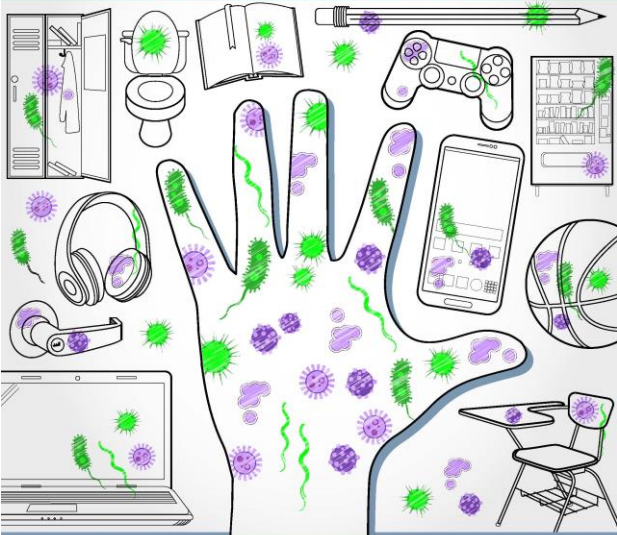
*Please send money & order form together

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Nurse's Note



GERMS
are all around you.



Stay healthy.
Wash your hands.

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www.cdc.gov/handwashing



Theme Day Thursday 2/14



Academic News

MCAS 2.0 TESTING!

MCAS, MCAS
MCAS Oh...

MCAS is around the corner! As a school, we take great pride in the performance of our school and the tremendous effort our students put into showcasing what they have learned. MCAS 2.0 is online for all students in grades 3-8.

Subject	Grade Levels	Number of Sessions	Dates
English Language Arts	3 rd – 8 th grade	2 sessions	April 1 - 12
Mathematics	3 rd – 8 th grade	2 sessions	May 6- May 17
Science	5 th and 8 th grade	2 sessions	May 20-23

It is important that students take their time and do not rush through the test. They need to go back into the passage and find evidence for their answers. Students are asked to write an extended response that asks them to explain their thinking in writing. Assessments, like the MCAS tests, measure how well your child has learned the MA standards. The results of these assessments are used to evaluate the school as well as guide school improvement efforts.

Grade Level Highlights

Leader in Me!

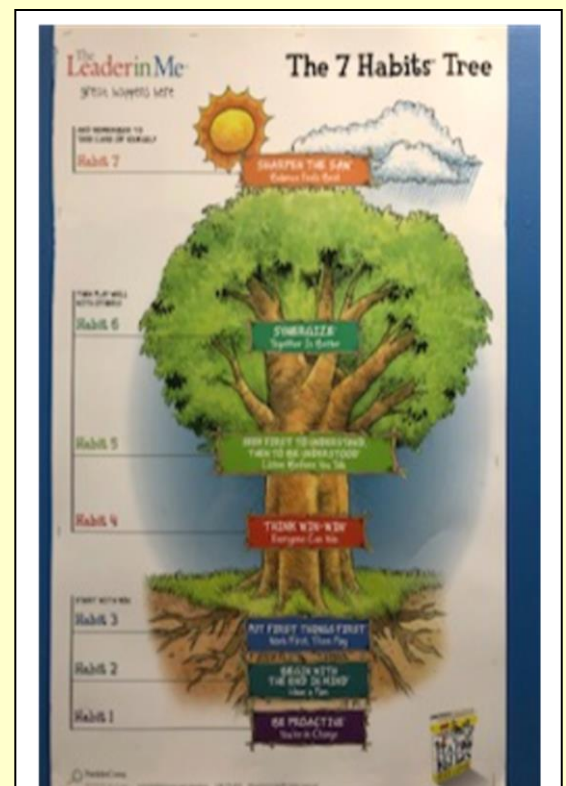
Mirror, mirror on the wall, there are leaders in our hall. Each month two students are selected as **Leader of the Month**. These students display leadership skills and traits of the Seven Habits. Some of the students selected have shown they were proactive by completing their work without being asked. Others think win-win and help classmates so that the entire group is successful. We see the leaders in halls each and every day.

K1-8th January Leaders

Christopher Mwaniki	Tiago Rocha
Jocelyn Acero-Buscan	Nehemiah Musiime
Daniel Torres	Natalie Say
Katelyn Huoth	Nyleme Sum
Luna Quinde	Rachael Mwanicki
Lewis Kibuuka	Joshua Njuna
Sarah Dias Mello	Eric Phonesoukseum
Derek Acheampong	Kyle Mayanja
Amy Sripai	Joel Rodriguez
Jocelyn Rogers	Chelsey Khe

Specials Leaders

Kenneth Chap	Katheryn Belli
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First Grade



Ms. Kyi's class is learning about the rainforest. One of our favorite is The Great Kapok Tree. We learned and discussed, as a class, how a habitat (rainforest) is important and what it gives to these animals, plants and people who live there. We also discussed the importance of saving the rainforest. Afterwards, students chose an animal from the story to illustrate and wrote a sentence from the animal's perspective about why the man from the story shouldn't cut down the Kapok tree.

Third Grade

SAVE THE DATE!
FEBRUARY 28, 2019

Third grade will be going on a field trip to the New England Aquarium! Third grade parents who would like to be chaperones need to have a current CORI on file. You will be receiving more information soon so look out for it.



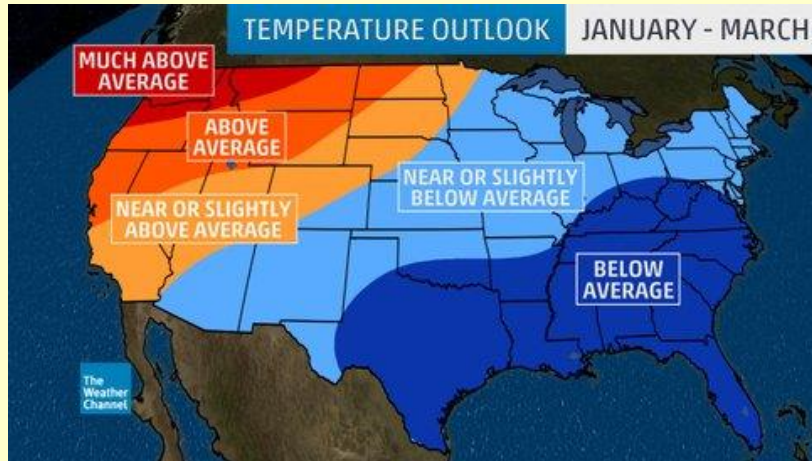
Sixth Grade



The sixth grade has started a Lunch Games Club in Ms. Dreisbach's room. It meets on Wednesdays and Friday. Kids play board games like Monopoly and chess and also put together jigsaw puzzles. The fifteen slots fill quickly during morning sign-up. Kids have had surprise visits from other teachers, who dropped by to see the action. The Games Club gives students a place to socialize while also having fun and challenging their brains. One student described it as, "It's a fun and unique way to play with people."

Eighth Grade

In December we finished our Unit on Earth Science. We learned about Weather and Climates around the world. We learned how to read a weather map, studied patterns and forecasted the weather in Lowell. We learned about cloud types and the storms they could bring. The student s investigated the human impact on our environment and solutions to stop the negative impact of our existence on the world.



8th Grade Graduation
Friday, June 14, 2019
6:00PM – 8:00PM
Lowell High School
Cyrus Irish Hall
50 Father Morrisett Blvd.

8th Grade Students Applying to High Schools

Currently some of our students are applying to high schools that have deadlines during this time of year. They are preparing for their next steps after LCCPS!

Students transitioning to Lowell High School will receive more information about the registration process in a few months, so look for more information coming soon.

Important to know, you will need your child's birth certificate, up-to-date immunization records and a physical. Start getting those things together because the time will come pretty quickly.

Please encourage your 8th grader to stay on top of their school work and show up to school every day. It is very important for them to finish of their last year strong! As always, we thank you for your support.

SPECIALS – Art

Mr. Feintuck's 3rd grade class learned about masks of different cultures and created their own magical animal masks.

Ms. Davidson's 5th grade class created three dimensional sculptures of characters they created for a comic book project. They used a pinch pot as the base for the sculptures and used slip and score and texture tools to make their characters come to life.



SPECIALS - Library



1. Student learning the basics of how to find out what country they came from.
2. Students in the library using their Chromebooks to learn all about the basics of computer programming with a program called SCRATCH with Mr. Leif and Mrs. Hughes.
3. Future Harry Potter stars
4. Fireplace made from books!



Parent Information

School Parent Alliance (SPA) Meeting Dates

SPA meetings will be held on Thursday evenings this year. This year's dates are as follows:

- ❖ February 28th
- ❖ March 28th
- ❖ April 25th
- ❖ May 30
- ❖ June 7th - Annual BBQ Block Party

February 2019						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

Green – Early Release Days

Yellow – School Vacation Week

Orange – No After School Programming

Grade Level Parent Coffees

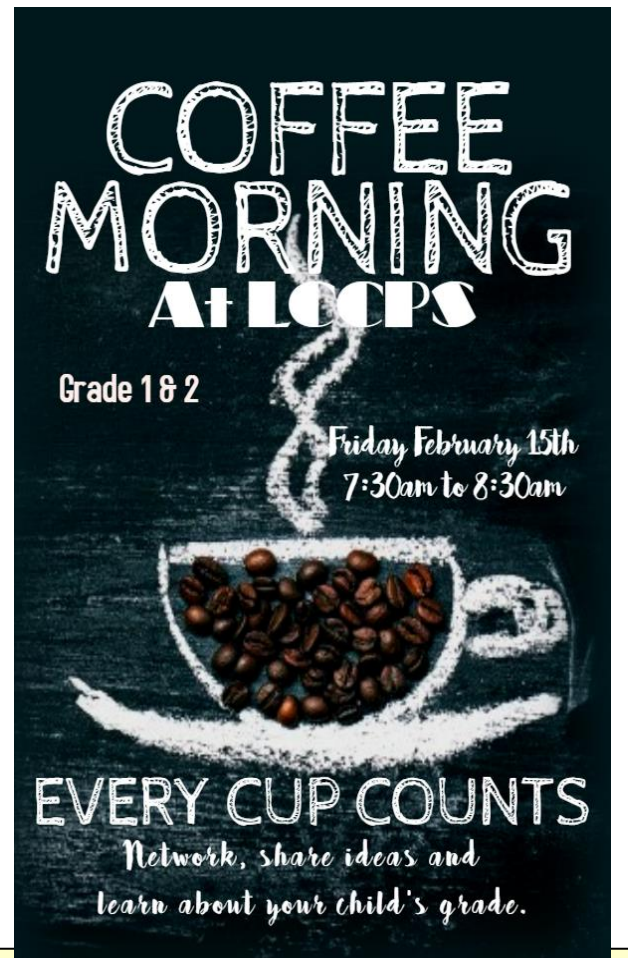
Friday, February 15th - Grades 1 & 2

Friday, March 22nd – Grades 3 & 4

Friday, April TBA – Grades 5 & 6

Friday, May 17th – Grades 7 & 8

Please check the lost and found for your child's coats, sweaters and hats.



Friends of LCCPS

We had a GREAT first Friends meeting on January 31st. We are looking forward to planning some fun events that build community and raise money for our grade level field trips. Our new board includes our new President, Ama Ambaah, Treasurer, Dan Pare, and Clerk, Nicolette Pinnock, and our dedicated Directors! Our next meeting is March 7th at 6pm in the Library - please let me know if you are planning to attend. We have a growing number of parents, community members and staff who bring such a great energy to making our school the best it can be! For more information contact Nick Leonardos at nleonardos@lccps.org.

PROCEDURE FOR DELAY/CANCELLATION DUE TO WEATHER CONDITION

If LCCPS has a late start, please note that students can start to get dropped off at 9:15AM.

In most circumstances, LCCPS will follow the Lowell public school decision on the delay or cancellation when the weather conditions dictate a change in the normal opening of the school.

A phone call will be made to alert all LCCPS families and staff of decisions about school cancellations, delays or early dismissals.

If school is delayed, we will **NOT** run our before school program. If we have an early dismissal, we will **NOT** run our after school programs.

LCCPS will notify you about any weather-related schedule changes (cancellation or delay) through the following methods methods:

- 1) Robo calls
- 2) Facebook
- 3) Our website: www.lccps.org
- 4) Local TV stations: WBZ, WHDH, Fox 25, WCVB (Channel 4, 5, 7 and 25)

To keep lines clear for emergencies, the Police and Fire Department have asked that students and parents refrain from calling them to make inquiries as to the status of school.

Lowell Public School District Hotline numbers for Inquiries about school opening:

978-937-2860 (English)
978-937-2861 (Spanish)
978-441-3756 (Khmer)
978-446-7075 (Portuguese)

IF THERE IS NO SCHOOL FOR LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOL, THERE IS NO SCHOOL FOR LCCPS.

