



## Our Monthly Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

🍏 **Special Fridays March 4 & 11 Visual & Performing Arts.** Please let us know if you are able to facilitate an arts activity

🍏 **Wednesday, March 16, 5-7:00 pm: International Day.** Please join us at LCICS for a celebration of international countries and cultures – exhibitions, art, a scavenger hunt, raffles and more!!

🍏 **March 25, Whole School Field Trip to Mammoth Follies** at Wells Fargo Center for the Arts. Please be sure to submit \$8 for tickets. **Drivers needed.** Departing to SR at 8:15 am.

🍏 **PTC Meeting: Fri. March 25, 2:30pm at school.** Please join us; *your presence is our present!*

🍏 **Charter Council Meetings Mon., March 14 and 28, 3:30 pm**  
We are seeking a new Council member. Pls. contact Valerie ~ Valerie@lcics.org.

🍏 **Garden Committee Meeting March 3 at 3 pm, in K/1 classroom** (1<sup>st</sup> Thurs.) Please contact Ms. Bandsma Darla@lcics.org or call 987-3063

### Announcements

**The LCICS Community Skills and Services Directory will be online soon!** Please submit current email to the office or your child's teacher. Invitations to participate will be emailed soon!

**School Photos wanted!** Please submit photos to photos.lcics@gmail.com or submit a disc to Star or Nadene Becker.

**Star** could still use help in the office! Please contact her if you can assist.

**Volunteers needed for our school-wide Great Sunflower Project.** Please contact Ms. Bandsma.

### Thank you!

For classroom and campus support, cleanup and beautification: to Chris & Bobbie, Michelle, Leah, Gwendolyn, Vickie & Ivan, Nadene, Tasha, Karen, Deidre, Janet, Star, Jessica & Martha.

Ms. K. & students grades 5/6 thank Kelly McGonagel for a wonderful class basket for the Spaghetti Feast raffle.

**Needs:** *Grades 2-4:* dry erase markers and art supplies; *Grades 5/6:* scissors, lined paper, colored markers, glue and fun board games.

### 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders on Demonstrating Empathy and Responsibility

Some ways I show empathy are when my friends are in pain, I understand. If one of my parents is injured, I remember all the things they have been through and know that they'll be okay. These are some of the ways I show empathy. – Levi Raymer

I take out the trash. I take my dog, Molly outside to go potty. I also do my homework. I recycle some of my trash. These are some of the ways that I show that I am responsible. Written by Sean Gross, dedicated to Bill Gross.

I show empathy. I do that by saying something like, "I know how you feel!" Also, sometimes, I feel empathy for people who have maybe had the same conflict side as me. Sometimes, I think I have empathy for them because I have had the same injury as them. – Ami Verhey

A responsible person is someone who takes on responsibilities, but doesn't get overwhelmed. For example, if you were a single child and you had to feed the animals. do your laundry and clean up your room everyday but you were fine with it then you would be a responsible person. Some ways that I can be more responsible are to do more work around the house, take care of my own problems and fight less with Owen. – Anthony Reynolds

How I have empathy is by listening to people when they need help or if they're crying or having a hard time, I try to help them. How I am a responsible person is by taking responsibility for my own actions. I am conscious of the animals we have. I also do my dishes and laundry. In these ways I show empathy and am responsible. – Catie O'Brien

### Special Friday Trimester #3 Update

During the final trimester of this school year, our focus will be *How We Express Ourselves* in the Visual and Performing Arts. Activities will include dance, visual arts, drama, poetry, music and crafts. We look forward to our students' explorations in these expressive modalities!

We welcome parent involvement, either as an expert in a particular art or through helping when these activities occur. The dates for Special Fridays are March 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> as well as April 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> on campus with a whole school field trip to the Wells Fargo Performing Arts Center on March 25<sup>th</sup> and a local field trip on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Needs:** Reuseable objects and recycled items to create musical instruments (please give to Pamela Kirkpatrick); Donations of materials of funds for art supplies including colored markers, construction paper, (particularly white, black and red) glue sticks, wet glue, and fresh water color sets would also be great! Additional pairs of scissors are much needed as well.

**Thanks for all of your support and help!**

### A Message From Our Charter Council and Council President, Chai Foux

We are finally starting to make a noticeable change in our attendance numbers! With your help, we have raised our average daily attendance from 93% (last year) to around 96%. This is equivalent to almost \$10,000! That is a huge chunk of change that otherwise would simply be lost to us, so Hooray to all of us who made this possible!

I believe we can do even better and get ourselves to 98%. Not only will this earn an additional \$10,000 in federal funds for LCICS, but it also speaks loud and clear as to the kind of school we are and the level of support the school is getting from our families and the community.

I'm sure you have all heard time and again how important the attendance of each and every child is. Since the government pays us based on attendance and not on enrollment, each day your child is absent costs us nearly \$30 of budgeted funds we will not receive.

As parents, all we need to do is keep asking for Independent Study packets whenever our children miss school, have the kids complete them and remember to turn them back in.

*Together we can greatly increase the amount of federal funding that our school receives! This money can then be reinvested in areas that directly affect the quality of education we offer our children such as new computers, more play equipment for the yard, the arts, Spanish, etc.*

**Thank you for your participation and contribution to the fiscal health of our school!**

**Did you know? Every little bit counts!** LCICS families raised nearly \$7500 during a period of 1 month from donations ranging from \$5 to \$1000 following State budget cuts in early 2010. Please contribute to our Annual Campaign in any way you are able! **Thank you!**

# LCICS 2011 SPAGHETTI FEAST

*Thank you for attending and for your help in making it  
a fun evening and successful fundraising event! We raised nearly \$1000!*

## *Special thanks to:*

**The Middletown Methodist Church**

**Blue Verhey for donating 50% of sales of his new CD *The Ridding of Nouns* to LCICS**

**Don Coffin, Sheamus Kennedy, Malcom & Miles Kerr Darling, Gina Kerr, and Ami Verhey for music**

**Ramon McLane ~ Our Raffle MC**

## *Donations:*

Natural Value ~ organic spaghetti

Earth Goods (formerly Moontide) of Middletown ~ various organic ingredients

Nadene Becker & Butch Stafford ~ meat for meatballs

Deirdre Davis & Neil Nelson ~ salad

Sunshine Foods, St. Helena ~ bread, veggies and bread crumbs

Mugshots ~ coffee

Place for Peace ~ tea

Chic Le Chef ~ use of warming trays for serving

Harbin Hot Springs ~ color printing of event flyers and use of tables and chairs

*To all parents who baked items for the Bake Sale and donated items for the Raffle!*

*These bring in substantial funds, and we appreciate the time and care you put into them!!!!*

## *Parent Volunteers:*

Sariah Reeser ~ Chef: marinara sauce

Dan Moberg ~ Chef: meatballs, garlic bread, pasta

Ivan Calvin, Michelle Cox ~ Sous Chefs

Deirdre Davis ~ Chef: salad

Serving Line ~ Deirdre Davis, Neil Nelson,

Michelle Cox, Valerie Moberg

Donation Procurement ~ Nadene Becker, Lisa Kaplan

Press Liaison ~ Tasha Haston

Event Coordination ~ Valerie Moberg

Graphics ~ Janet Gleason and Lisa Kaplan

Flyer Distribution ~ Jessica Khoury, Bobbi Sanchez,

Deirdre Davis, Leah Harper, Janet Gleason, Mango Toney

Set-up and Clean-up ~ Nadene Becker, Michelle Cox,

Jessica Khoury, Gwendolyn & Dan Maupin-Ahern

Leah Harper, Sarah Young, Karen Gallo, Butch Stafford

Vickie Auerbach, Janet Gleason, Star Laurence,

Deidre Davis, Neil Nelson, Lisa Kaplan, Dan Moberg

Ticket & Bake Sale Tables ~ Leah Harper, Jessica Khoury

