



### Upcoming Events

🍌 **April 1: 9:00am whole school assembly. Please Join us!**

🍌 **April 5: 4:00pm Charter Council Meeting**

🍌 **April 6: Minimum Day 12:30 release**

🍌 **April 6: 2:00pm, Kindergarten Roundup.** *Please invite prospective families to come.*

🍌 **April 7: No School.** Staff attending statewide International Baccalaureate Educator's Roundtable

🍌 **Special Fridays April 1 & April 8 Visual & Performing Arts.** Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to facilitate an arts activity.

🍌 **April 14: Garden Committee Meeting.** Generally 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 3pm in the K/1 classroom.

🍌 **April 16, Earth Day Celebration! 10am-3pm at Calpine Visitor's Center.** LCICS will have 2 booths at the Earth Day Celebration in Middletown. You can give us a hand at the booths or just come on down and celebrate the earth with community (see PTC on page 2).

🍌 **April 16-24: Spring Break!** Have a great week!

🍌 **April 29: Whole school field trip to Anderson Marsh.** Please let your child's teacher know if you can drive.

🍌 **April 29 PTC Meeting, 2:30pm:** Please join us at school after the fieldtrip. *Your presence is our present!*

🍌 **April 30: 11am, Kindergarten Roundup.** *Please invite prospective families to come.*

🍌 **May 21 and 22 10am-4pm: The Great Rummage/Plant/Bake Sale** at school. Please see PTC Corner for details on donations and volunteering.

🍌 **Charter Council News: Meetings are now 1<sup>st</sup> & 3rd Tuesdays at 4:00pm at school.** *A warm welcome to Bobbie Sanchez our newest Council member!*

The Council will be seeking nominations for Council members in late April and will hold elections in May. Please consider joining the Council and participating in the governance of our school. Join us at our meeting on 4/5 or 5/3 to assess whether you are a good fit for this important role in our school community.

🍌 **Our School-wide art project** is underway! Check out our progress at [www.LCICS.org](http://www.LCICS.org).

### Some Interesting Facts We Learned About Other Countries

In Jordan, they sing a lot of fun songs and they like a lot of food. – Jason

I learned that the population of Ireland is 6.2 million and the capital is Dublin. – Mikayla

In Greece, there are 2-3 foot lobsters and there is no J in the Greek alphabet. – Sara Jo

I learned that in South Africa they have elephants and leopards. – August

They speak two languages in Belize and they have giant grasshoppers. – Anthony

They make really good cheese in France and very nice castles. – Aedin

The average Italian eats 27 kilograms (60 lbs) of pasta a year. Italy became a republic in 1946. – Stav

In Brazil they have a big party (Carnival) that celebrates life and I learned that Tucans eat other bird's eggs. – Leland

I learned that in Pakistan, they have a flag and they have people who have to wear different costumes. – Javed

What I learned about Poland is that they have a funny language. – Catie

In Hawaii the coconut crab can get as big as a trash can. – Jonah

In France, sometimes when the Eiffel tower is lit up at night people park their cars next to it – Jack

In France they celebrate Joleux Noel which is when 3,000 Warriors were baptized. – Kaitlyn

I learned that there are panda bears, monkeys, tigers and rabbits in China and the cool thing is that they wear costumes for special parties. – Spencer

Ireland is an island country. I learned that from the Gaelic language we get the word eire or Emerald Isle. – Benjamin

I learned that the Queen of England is important but she is not in charge. –Sophia H.

It is fun and interesting that ladies dance in Hawaii. – Maggie

I learned that pandas are in Vietnam and China and in Vietnam there is a bill that has 500,000 on it. – Aries.

I think it is interesting that Australia is a country, a continent and an island. It also has snow, beaches, desert and modern cities. – Ami

I learned that my dad grew up in Kenya. – Mutata

I learned that the Swedes came to Sweden a long time ago and that they recycle. – Ruby

I like the pyramids because they are made out of limestone and the mummies in Egypt are cool because they were buried and their hearts were taken out. – Sophia A.

People in Russia speak over 100 languages. – Gleb

I learned that the capital of Australia is Canberra. – Delaney

I learned that New Zealand has a population of about 4 million people and that they have no native mammals. – Steven

One thing that I found interesting about Japan was that there are many active volcanoes. – Mitchell

I learned that one third of the world's children who are living in poverty are in India. I also learned that India has the second biggest population in the world even though its only one third the size of the United States. – Orianna

The flag of Costa Rica has three colors, red, white and blue. The mouse opossum lives in Costa Rica. – Keona

I like the maple leaf on the Canadian flag and I was surprised at the low population of Canada. –Tatiana

**Did you know?** Special Elections in June, specifically extensions of Props 1A and 1B will significantly effect funding to public schools. Be sure to keep informed and add your voice to the democratic process by voting.

## Thank you!

**Special Thanks:** Big Thanks to Chris Brown for helping out in K/1 and on campus in general! To Bobbie Sanchez for joining the Charter Council. Thank you to all parents who made our fieldtrip to Santa Rosa happen by driving. A big thank you to all of our parents who have provided cleaning support and been present on Special Fridays. Thanks to Shannon for Zumba! Thanks to the Charter Council for their dedication and hard work. Special Thanks to Valerie for spearheading our fundraising and PR events and to Gwendolyn for tireless hours spent in the office. Thanks to Tasha for helping get word out about the Kindergarten Roundup. Thanks to Lisa and Emily for their work on the school-wide art project. Thank you Deirdre and Janet for helping out in the office!

Thank you to: Nadene and Tasha for filing, to Karen for correcting papers and to Michelle for teaching the kids how to make clay eggs. Mr Kennedy would also like to thank Pamela and Darla for being the best coworkers a guy could hope for!

Thanks to Janet Gleason for coffee and kind words. Thank you Jessica for 5/6 grade outreach and to Michelle for K/1 parent outreach. Thanks to Emily for her help organizing and help writing the International Day Scavenger Hunt. Thanks to Jennifer and Jason for a cool game donation for International Day.

To all of the parents who have stopped by to help at school in any way not mentioned above! **Thank You Much!**

## Requests

☛ **Star:** Help re-filling tri-fold paper towels in yellow house bathrooms (key hanging on bulletin board in office). Donations of anti-bacterial wipes for cleaning desk-tops. Help with cleaning & organizing classrooms & office.

☛ **Mr. Kennedy:** Media, materials, stories, songs and artifacts pertaining to Westward expansion and early California history.

☛ **Ms. Kirkpatrick:** Elmer's glue, electric cord for CD player, scissors & markers.

☛ **Ms. Bandsma:** Grds. 5/6 please bring 1 gallon pots to plant sunflowers **Fri. 4/1.**

☛ **Please make sure to pick-up an Independent Study packet** when your child is absent. Your child's attendance is critical to our school's fiscal health. Please contact Star or your child's teacher for further information if your child is absent.

☛ **School Photos wanted!** Please email to [photos.lcics@gmail.com](mailto:photos.lcics@gmail.com) or submit a disc to Star or Nadene Becker.

Please visit us at [www.lcics.org](http://www.lcics.org)

## News from the Garden and The Great Sunflower Project!

Many studies have been done on our agricultural bee populations and in recent times the commercial beekeepers have experienced colony collapse. What scientists had not studied on a large scale was how the wild bees were doing and what effect that has on pollination of garden plants, crops and wild plants. In 2008, we started this project as a way to gather information about our urban, suburban and rural bee populations. We wanted to enlist people all over the US and Canada to observe their bees and be citizen scientists. We asked them to plant sunflowers in their gardens so we could standardize study of bee activity and provide more resources for bees. Sunflowers are relatively easy to grow and are wildly attractive to bees. – [www.greatsunflower.org](http://www.greatsunflower.org)

### **Our Great Sunflower Project needs your support!**

**Why:** To learn, protect and maintain healthy ecosystems for bees

**How:** Children will plant sunflowers and record data regarding flowers and bees. This is part of a study initiated by staff from The Department of Biology at San Francisco State University.

**Volunteers needed to help with class garden activities and enter data to the project website as follows:** Grades 2-4 - Tuesdays, 1:30-2:00; Grades K/1 - Wednesdays 1:00-2:00; Grades 5/6 - Thursdays 1:30-2:00 (data can be entered weekly at your convenience).

Thank you to those who have brought their pots to plant their sunflower. Watering can donations are greatly needed for this and other school garden projects.

Please contact Ms. Bandsma if you are interested in supporting this project ([Darla@lcics.org](mailto:Darla@lcics.org))

☛ With everyone's support we can keep the plants in our garden alive this summer! Please commit to water plants at least 2 times in a week. A calendar-signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in front of Mr. Kennedy's classroom. Thank you!

**The LCICS Community Skills and Services Directory is now online!** This is an excellent opportunity for LCICS families to share information and support one another's businesses and skills. A resource page has also been posted so we can share or request information and recommendations from one another, post 'wanted' items, post items we have for sale, and network in other ways. If you have not received an email inviting you to participate, please make sure that Star has your up-to-date email address or email Lisa at [lkaplan@lcics.org](mailto:lkaplan@lcics.org).

## February's Distinguished Students:

Javed Calvin – K, Student of the Month and Most Improved Reader

Felix Sorci – 1st grade, Most Improved Mathematician

August Curtis - 1st grade, for being Principled and Knowledgeable

Mitchell Noble – 1st grade, for being Caring and Knowledgeable

Christopher Russ – 2nd grade, for being a Risk Taker

Ami Verhey – 5th grade, for Excellence in all Academic Areas & Overall Awesome Attitude

Corinne Slavens – 5th grade, for Commitment to Academics and being a Caring person

Ruby Nunn-Curtis – 6th grade, for Successfully Striving to Increase Her Stupendous Skills;

Steven Cates – 6th grade, for Being Fair and an Enthusiastic Leader

## Parent Teacher Council (PTC)

**Earth Day:** Parent volunteers are needed for LCICS' 2 booths at the Earth Day celebration at Calpine in Middletown on Sat., April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm - a food booth selling quesadillas & an information/art booth with a fun & easy community art project. These are excellent opportunities to take care of your volunteer hours & celebrate Earth Day! Or you might like to donate paper cups or plates, lemonade, or other ingredients for quesadillas in lieu of time. To volunteer for a shift at one of our booths or to donate goods please email Valerie at [valerie@lcics.org](mailto:valerie@lcics.org) or call the school.

**For our crafts booth at the Earthday Celebration:** We would appreciate donations of the following: A gallon of Elmer's Glue, beans, grains, seeds, and pastas of any and many shapes sizes and colors! Please contact Pamela or Darla. Thanks!

**The Great Rummage/Plant/Bake Sale:** Mark your calendars! On the weekend of May 21 and 22 from 10am-4pm: we will hold a rummage/plant/bake sale at school. Please contact Deirdre ([PTC@lcics.org](mailto:PTC@lcics.org)) or call the school if you have items to contribute for the rummage sale, can provide baked goods, have room to store items and/or are available to help out at the school that weekend. Please plan to stop by, and tell your friends, neighbors, and family to come down and buy plants, yummys and other items of interest to help support our school. Thanks!

Please join us at our next Parent Teacher Council (PTC) meeting!