



# LCICS PHOENIX

## Our Monthly Newsletter

May 2011

### Upcoming Events

- 🍌 **May 10 – 20: Charter Council Nominations.** Please come into the office to submit your nomination.
- 🍌 **May 12: Class Photos**
- 🍌 **May 13 and 20: Special Fridays**
- 🍌 **May 16-May 31: Our collaborative nest** will be on site and available for you to add materials to.
- 🍌 **May 17: Puberty Education** Grd. 4-6
- 🍌 **May 17: 4:00 pm: Charter Council Meeting**
- 🍌 **May 21 and 22 10am-4pm: The Great Plant/Rummage/Bake Sale.** Please join us at school. Please see PTC Corner (p-2) for details.
- 🍌 **May 25: Charter Council Election Ballots sent home.** *Pls. return by 6/1.*
- 🍌 **May 27: School Field Trip**
- 🍌 **June 1: PYP Exhibition.** *Please join us in a celebration of learning!* Time TBA
- 🍌 **June 15: 6<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation.** *All school event. Time TBA*
- 🍌 **June 16: Last day of School! All School Field Day and Celebration 8:30-12:30:** at Hartmann Park (Hidden Valley). Please join us!

### Announcements

- 🍌 **Charter Council meetings are now 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 4:00pm at school.** The Council is seeking nominations for Council members. Please consider joining the Council and participating in the governance of our school. Come to one of our meetings to assess whether you are a good fit for this key role in our school community.
- 🍌 **Nest/Egg Project:** If you have materials to contribute for pit firing of the children's clay eggs, please be sure to submit to your child's teacher or to Michelle Cox by Friday 5/13. Materials are as follows: Sawdust, kindling wood, lumber; seaweed, table salt, eggshells, dried fruit peels (esp. banana or melon).
- 🍌 **Check out School-wide photo-art project progress** at [www.LCICS.org](http://www.LCICS.org)!

### The Arts on Campus and in the Community!

This month there is a lot of activity around the arts at school from Special Fridays to the various Eco Arts projects the children and parents are participating in.

Last month we told you about a school-wide art project that will feature photos of our students to be installed at the school and at Eco Arts. We are also installing a "nest" that the children have made eggs for at the Eco Arts Sculpture Walk. We invite parents to collaborate in building this nest. To this end a variety of materials will be available on campus as of May 16 through the end of the month. You can also bring your own materials to weave into our nest! Thanks to Michelle Cox and Gwendolyn Maupin-Ahern for facilitating this project. Please see the *Announcements* section for more information.

As part of our photo project, inspired by artist JR's TED Prize, One Wish to Change the World ([www.insideoutproject.net](http://www.insideoutproject.net) or TED.com), our children engaged in writing their own wishes for the world. Here are some of their wishes:

"I want the world to be clean and peaceful"-Ashley

"What I wish for the world is that there will be peace and no more pollution because it is bad for the sea and all of the animals in the sea"-Sophia

"To stop Global Warming"-Levi

"Peace Love and plant more trees"-Chloe

"Stop World Hunger"-Brianna

"No more Pollution"-Anthony

"I wish for no more animal cruelty and freedom of religion."-Kaitlyn

"I wish for America to get out of this recession we're in"-Jackson

"No animal torture"-Sarah

"I want the world to have peace. I wish that the world will be clean. I want the world to be happy. We are all connected, try to be responsible and help."-Keona

"I wish for everyone to just get along and no more racism"-Lyndsy

"My wish for the world is no war and less hunger"-Stav

"Unity and peace among all people"-Ruby

"I wish for world peace. It means less destruction and more construction"-Robbie

"I wish that one day they would stop cutting down rainforest trees"-Jessica F

"I hope the world will have flying cars and robots that clean, and the war would stop in its tracks"-Nicholas

"I hope the world is going to be nice and peaceful when I am old"-Jayden

"I wish for more peace"-Aries

"I want to make inventions for the world, this world will have no war"-Aedin

"My wish is to have peace, harmony and love"-Jessica

"I wish for no more wars"-Ami

"My wish for the world is no more violence, more love and more peace"-Meirra

Thanks to Emily Slavens, Gwendolyn Maupin-Ahern, Lisa Kaplan, and the children for their work on this project. *The intention of this project is to remind us of children's crucial role as stewards of our planet and the future so that we consider them in every decision we make.* In addition installation at our schoolhouse and Eco Arts of Lake County, the images will participate in the Middletown Days Parade!

*Did you Know? LCICS was founded to provide an educational program that emphasizes academic excellence and artistic expression; respect and appreciation of diversity; personal, social, and environmental responsibility. Although budget cuts have changed the format of our arts and environmental education programs, thanks to our teachers and parent volunteers we are able to continue to offer a rich variety of artistic and environmental learning experiences.*

## Thank you!

Thanks to Chris, Emily, Lisa, Michelle Gwendolyn, Vickie as well as students Nicholas and Orianna and to our wonderful staff: Rosa, Gina, Pamela, Darla & Sheamus for helping with our Earth Day booths. Big thanks to Valerie for spearheading this! Tremendous thanks to our "resident" technical genius Dan M. for updating, troubleshooting & configuring our computers in the office and classrooms. Big thanks to the Laurence Family for various and sundry improvements to our buildings and play ground. To Dr. Norman (Star's Mom), for observing and providing constructive feedback to our teachers. Thanks to Chai and to Patrice Conklin for electrical work and repair of our well! Big Thanks to Falynn and Laura for volunteering on campus above & beyond working hours; to Chris Brown for continuing to help in K/1 and on campus in general! Thanks to Leah for overseeing and organizing our participation in Middletown Days. A big thank you to our parents who have provided cleaning support! Thanks to all of the parents who joined us on our fieldtrip to Anderson Marsh! Great gratitude to Shannon for Zumba! Thanks to Gwendolyn for hours in the office and on campus. Thanks to Jessica and Lisa for work on the newsletter. Thanks to Tasha for PR in local publications about the Kindergarten Roundup and other LCICS events. Thank you Darla, Gwendolyn and Rosa for hosting the K-Roundup. Thank you Janet, Nadene, Michelle, Leah, Star and Mr. Camarillo for working on the WASC Self-study. Thank you Deirdre & Janet for helping out in the office. Thanks to Nadene and Tasha for filing, to Karen for correcting papers, to Janet for cookies and key chains, and to Val for minty gum. Big thanks to Deirdre for all of the wonderful plants & work in the garden! Thanks to our wonderful teachers for their caring and commitment above and beyond the call of duty! To all of the parents who have stopped by school to help in any way not mentioned above! **Thank You!**

## Announcements

**Volunteers requested** for LCICS information booth for the dates below. Each event promises to be fun for the family.

☛ **Fri. 5/13 5-8:00pm: Hidden Valley Farmers Market/Concerts on the Range** (behind Greenvw. Restaurant). Set up at 4:30.

☛ **Sat. 6/11 10am-6:00pm: Power to the Youth** Austin Park, Clear Lake

☛ **Sun. 6/12 11am-3pm: Eco Arts Sculpture Walk** opening reception the Middletown County Trailside Park

☛ **Sat. 6/18 10am-5pm: Middletown Days.** Parade (10-11am) Calistoga Rd. (Rt 29) and Fair (11-5) Central Park

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

- ☛ Mr. Kennedy's class has the best looking sunflowers. They get the caring award!
- ☛ Our K/1 class made a garden salad with school greens for grade 2-6. AND we were able to make \$17.00 in donations selling them!
- ☛ Please sign up for watering the garden weekends in May or days during summer to keep our garden alive. We greatly appreciate your support!

**A Very Special Thanks:** Throughout the six-year history of LCICS, many people have given their energy, time, compassion and financial support. One family needs to be heralded and celebrated in this moment as they transition to another of life's adventures. Jennifer, Jason, Ruby and August Nunn-Curtis have been a tremendous support and inspiration to many. Their generosity, commitment, love, humor and creative inspiration have helped nurture the school's vision, and support and care for the children and staff of LCICS. Thank you!

### March Distinguished Students:

Maggie Brown and Isabelle Moberg – K/1 Students of the Month  
Matata Mulanda – K for being Principled  
Owen Reynolds – 1st grade, for being a Risk Taker  
Jayden Stafford – Grade 2, for being Knowledgeable  
Justin Urbina – Grade 2, for being Caring  
Benjamin Noble – Grade 3, for being Principled  
Ashley Slavens – Grade 3, for being a Risk Taker  
Sean Gross – Grade 6, for increased participation and attendance  
Catie O'Brien – Grade 6 for being a Committed, Enthusiastic learner

### April Distinguished Students:

Jason Key and Jonah San Nicholas – K/1 Students of the Month  
Sienna Key – K for being Well Balanced  
Felix Sorci – 1st grade, for being a Thinker  
Leland Kirkpatrick – Grade 2, for being a Mathematical Risk Taker  
Jack Gleason – Grade 3, for being Open Minded  
Robbie Hay – Grade 3, for being Knowledgeable  
Meirra Nelson – Grade 3, for being Knowledgeable  
Orianna Maupin-Ahern – Grade 4, for being Respectful and Principled  
*Sam Gleason – Grade 5 for being a Meticulous, Careful and Conscientious Student*  
*Chloe Khoury – Grade 5 for Increased Effort and Participation*  
*Kaitlyn Boorn – Grade 6 for being a Positive, Enthusiastic and Cooperative Participant*  
*Emmet Toney – Grade 6 for Increased Effort on Activities and Sharing Interesting Insights*

*A Warm Welcome to Laura Schneiter and Gina Kerr for stepping into the part-time Classroom Aide positions. This position is a significant component of our educational community!*

## Parent Teacher Council (PTC)

**The Great Plant/ Rummage/Bake Sale:** May 21 and 22 from 10am-4pm. This is a great opportunity to make cash for the kids, so clean out those closets, unclutter those garages, warm up your ovens and gardens. We need your help! Donations can be dropped at the back of the school under the tarps. Baked goods can be delivered to school on Friday 5/20 or on Saturday morning. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please call Deirdre at 987-8511. Please tell your friends and neighbors about it. Hope to see you there!

**Local community events provide LCICS with outreach opportunities and presence.** Please consider representing our school at a booth at one or more of these events in May and June. Please see the *Announcements* section for details and sign up for any amount of time you are able to volunteer for on the bulletin board or contact Gwendolyn for more information. Your participation is important and very much appreciated!

**June 15 is our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation. This is a whole-school event.** All LCICS students will be recognized with a focus on our 6th graders. Please plan to join us! Volunteers needed to help with this event.

**Next PTC Meeting TBA**