

October 31, 2011



LAKE COUNTY INTERNATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL

# The Rising Phoenix

## Director's Corner:



I would like to express my deep appreciation for the opportunity to participate in this LCICS Community in an even more profound way this school year. It is an honor to work with such fine teachers and dedicated staff members and to be involved in your children's and families lives. This year we have implemented some changes, made some refinements, and sharpened some rough edges. We are lucky to have attracted Melissa Lambert to act as an Education Consultant for our school. She brings with her new insights and offers professional development opportunities to our wonderful teachers. As a result of team discussions, LCICS is now utilizing an individual learning plan model for each of our

students. This allows us to address each child's specific learning style and need. Our children are encouraged to take ownership of their education, actively tracking their own progress by assessing their work on a weekly basis and choosing items that reflect their growth for their portfolios. We are practicing Positive Discipline in the classroom and helping each-other to be respectful and caring, thus allowing our school community to feel safe and flourish. We have been utilizing Peer Mediation and thanks to Mr. Kennedy, we will begin the process of training new mediators in the coming weeks. In addition, our aftercare program has evolved into a homework club and more impressively, thanks to Ms.

Laura, into a full-fledged *Arts in the Afternoon Program*! There are so many exciting things happening here at LCICS and I believe that our school garden, both real and figuratively, is truly beginning to blossom. Thanks to all members of our school community and may we all continue to grow together.

Welcome New LCICS Community Members: Cristina Chiarappa, Katie Barriga, Kim Dixon. Thanks for all you do (and will do!).

## Up Coming Events

**October 31, 12:00** Halloween party: bring a potluck item to share and join us in costume and fun.

**November 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:30** Martial Arts class begins

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>** are minimum days.

**November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6pm** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Live & Give Fundraiser at the Moore Winery

**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 4pm** Council Meeting

**November 11<sup>th</sup>**, No School: Veteran's Day

**November 15<sup>th</sup>**, Picture Make ups

**November 16<sup>th</sup>**, Back to school Potluck

**November 18<sup>th</sup>**, End of 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester

**November 21-25** Thanksgiving Vacation

**December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Student conferences/early release days (12:30)

**LCICS Council Members:** Leah Harper (Treasurer), Nadene Becker (Secretary) and Kris Khoury.

**Student Council Officers:** Amida Verhey (President), Sean MacDonell (Vice-President), Treeanna Brownfield (Treasurer), Orianna Maupin-Ahern (Secretary).

**Class Representatives:** Teddy Michael, Delaney Maupin-Ahern, Jayden Stafford, Matata Mulanda, Spencer Cox.

***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. Thanks to our teachers and parent volunteers we are able to continue to offer a rich variety of artistic and environmental learning experiences.*

**\*\*Zumba is back!** We would like to extend a heart-felt "thank you" to Shannon and Amythest for keeping our kids in shape through dance! We are so excited that you have been willing to offer this to our school each Wednesday and Friday again this year. **\*\*Garden & Chicken Committee** meets each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 2:45pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this fun and educational activity, remember, many hands make for light work!

# Teacher's Block

## Mr. Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy's class would like to thank Michelle Cox for working with them to create a clay relief map of California.

They are currently studying forms of government and are learning under an oligarchy of the caring. Power to the peaceful!

Please volunteer an hour or two in the mornings to help facilitate learning centers.

Please Help:  
School's to-do List:

- \*Fix front gate so it doesn't drag .
- \*One more dump run (rocks and misc.)
- \*Finish trimming hedges, especially bamboo and tall shrubs to the right of the school.
- \*Move & refill small garden boxes.
- \*Remove tree stumps in the three sisters garden area.
- \*Replace windows in the back room near 4/5/6 bathroom.
- \*Finish installing trim in office.
- \*Cover ceiling hole in 2/3/4 class.
- \*Finish painting/texturing wall in 2/3/4 class.
- \*Organize green house so it is usable.
- \*Need another load of woodchips and spread them around dome.

## Ms. Kirkpatrick

Thank you to the drivers & chaperones on class field trips! Our walnut harvest was a success! We still need items for our class themed Live & Give art basket. A big Thank you to Karen Pawelczyk for her assistance with the basket.

## Ms. Chiarappa

The garden is growing beautifully as well as the chickens. We do need more people to join the Garden Club to help. Please see or e-mail Ms. Chiarappa for more information.

Cristina@lcics.org



**Child Care is available for the Live & Give. The cost is \$ 10 per child for 5 hours. Bring a sleeping bag, we will be having snacks and watching movies. The hours are from: 5:30pm—10:30 pm here at the school. Please sign up in the office to reserve your spot!**



### Independent Study:

Many of our children have recently been hit with the flu. If your child is not going to be able to attend class, please be sure to pick up an independent study packet from their teacher and return within the allotted two week period. This way your child avoids falling behind and will still be included in our perfect attendance award and prize drawing each month.

### Perfect attendance:

Each month at our assemblies we will have awards for our students with perfect attendance. If your child has been absent, but has completed an independent study packet for the missed day, they will still be entered in the drawing. Each child with perfect attendance will have their name entered into a drawing and one child will receive a prize (choice between 3 options). Each third month, the students who have maintained perfect attendance will be entered into a drawing for an MP3 player! Don't miss out on these great prizes!

**\*\*Please don't forget to let the office know when your child is not at school.\*\***

## Student Artwork



*"We must act as if our institutions are ours to create, our learning is ours to define, our leadership we seek is ours to become."*

*-Peter Block, Philosopher*

## Library Days:

Mr. Kennedy's class, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month  
 Ms. Kirkpatrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month  
 Ms. Chiarappa's, November 8<sup>th</sup> and thereafter the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month