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Where Children Love to Learn!

Our mission is to educate students in grades K-8 to be literate, knowledgeable, principled, local, national, and global citizens. Students participate in an enriched and nurturing learning environment that honors the whole child: intellectually, emotionally, creatively, physically, socially and culturally. LCICS students become competent and self-motivated individuals with a commitment to life-long learning that enables them to reach their full potentials.

Thank You Corner

We thank the following people for their generosity.

From Andrew Vance: Thank you to Michelle Miller and Lynn Green.

From Pamela Kirkpatrick: Thanks to Karen Woodd for helping in class! Thanks to Gwendolyn Maupin-Ahern for the lined paper. Thanks to Karl for his extra hard work.

From Sheamus Kennedy: A BIG thank you to Jennifer Nunn Curtis for doing a detailed cleaning of my classroom over the Holiday break. Thanks also to Lori Bateman-Gonzalez for correcting and organizing papers.

Stephanie Buttlet: I would like to thank all of the parents who have worked so hard to make my transition a success. I would like to invite all the parents to participate in the classroom as much as they are able. It really makes a great difference for the kids.

From Claudia Heuser: Thanks to those who baked and supported

us during the Christmas in Middletown fundraiser. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you to all the parents who assist in the classroom. Special thanks to Vanessa Hajje, Renee Willis, Angelina Giannecchini, Hollie Davis, Star Laurance, Christian Noble and Julie Hendrix for their hours of volunteering in the classroom.

From the Charter Council:

To Barbara Thornton for her dedication and hard work.

To Aaron Transue for helping to set up the inauguration video presentation.

To Mike & Laurie McCollian for the LCICS sign.

To Don Raymer for fixing the fences at the Langtry House.

To Martha Santana and Herminia Navarro for helping to keep our campus beautiful.



Wish Lists

Please deliver any items that you can donate directly to that teacher's classroom. Thanks!

Claudia Heuser (K/1st)

- 2-Pocket folders
- Glue sticks & thick Crayola markers
- Ziplock bags (all sizes)
- Paper plates (the smallest ones)
- Paper towels, Kleenex & brown bags

Stephanie Buttlet (1st/2nd)

- Tempera & watercolor paints
- Blank newsprint and watercolor paper
- 1.5 inch buttons
- Laminated pouches
- Glue Sticks

Sheamus Kennedy (3rd/4th)

- Spring Break classroom cleaning
- A turtle
- Foam for under the green carpet
- Books
- Boxes for our ukuleles

Pamela Kirkpatrick (5th/6th)

- TV
- Glue Sticks

Andrew Vance (7th/8th)

- Auction items for 7th-8th grade class's economy system



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Wed., Feb. 4th, 1:30pm-2pm - Dance Journeys Winter Performance (more info on pg. 2)
- Mon., Feb. 9th - Lincoln's Birthday, No Classes
- Tues., Feb. 10th, 6:30 pm - Parent Education "IB Learner Profile"
- Wed., Feb. 11th, Thurs., Feb. 12th and Fri., Feb. 13th - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Minimum Days
- Mon., Feb. 16th - Presidents Day, No Classes
- Fri., March 20th, 6:30pm - International Day & Student Presentations

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Surviving Tough Times

From Karl Reichman

During a down economy, many people pursue new directions that will help sharpen their skills and remain competitive in the marketplace. LCICS is preparing our children today to be current now and into the future, no-matter which direction the economy goes.

As we reach the midway point in our year, I would like to take this opportunity to bring you up-to-date on a number of important new initiatives and programs that have occurred within the past few months. The LCICS learning community has maintained a strong and impressive momentum in a wide range of areas, including approximately 78% parent participation, fascinating lectures, cultural events, and upgrades to our technological and physical environment.

While we have had an

encouraging start to the academic year, LCICS is facing extraordinary challenges in regard to the turbulent national, state and local economies. At LCICS, our students and their families are confronting increasing pressure on their financial resources. We are taking immediate steps to build revenue, control expenses, and satisfy our financial obligations while at the same time maintaining quality educational programs.

At the direction of our Charter Council, I am working to reduce operating expenses without eroding our commitment to our core mission. We will continue efforts to recruit new students, ensure the safety and security of our campus community, and maintain the functional operations of our campus. At this critical time, we need the energy and

creativity of all faculty and staff as we seek to increase revenue through innovative initiatives.

We are working with faculty to develop greater integration of life skills and experiential learning into the curriculum. In addition to new academic initiatives, we also are proceeding with long-planned capital improvements such as refinancing the Langtry property, and the possibility of purchasing the 'Dojo' facility in the future, which in turn will have the positive effect of reducing our interest rates and ultimately our monthly expenditures.

I want to express my appreciation to everyone for collaborating with me and the Charter Council on creative and cost-effective ways to positively address the difficult economic climate. I welcome your thoughts and ideas as we make our way together through this challenging time. I can be reached at 987.3063 or at kreichman@lcics.org.

What Is ADA?

ADA stands for many things, but what we want you to know about is **Average Daily Attendance**. This is a number that is used by the state to calculate how much money we will receive per student each year.

It is important for small schools that our ADA is as high as possible. You can help us with that by scheduling your child's appointments after school or later in the

day so they are at school when attendance is taken. If you are taking your child out for a family trip or special occasion, please talk to his/her teacher and set up an Independent Study program.

Of course, if your child has a fever or a contagious cold, please keep them at home to rest. But keep ADA in mind when deciding if your child will be at school. Even a small increase in our ADA helps us to provide your child with a quality education!

Volunteer Opportunities

- Organize and manage the Wal-Mart Plastic Bag Recycling Program.

- Manage the web-based donation programs (Amazon.com, iGive.com, and eScrip.com) and/or the Box Tops program.

- Prepare the gardening beds for Spring planting and lay out the drip irrigation systems. .

Classes Offered in the Afternoons at LCICS

Dance Journeys' Winter 2009 Performance

When: Wednesday, February 4th from 1:30-2pm
Where: LCICS Dojo Room

Come observe our very talented dancers from K-6 as they dance to the beats of hip-hop, Irish, and modern dance music!

Questions? Call Suraya at (510) 841-0888 or email surayasusana@hotmail.com.

Theater Games & Clowning

Instructed by Suraya Keating
1pm - 2pm, For Grades K - 6th

5 Wednesdays, Jan. 7th - Feb. 4th

Cost: \$25-\$45 for entire program
 (sliding scale)

Join us for a fun-filled five week exploration of the basic skills of improvisation, physical theatre, character development and clowning.

Contact Suraya at 510.841.0888,
surayasusana@yahoo.com or
www.suraya.org.

Music With Don

Instructed by Don Coffin
30 minute classes from 2pm - 5pm on
Wednesdays, For Grades K - 8th

Instruction offered in Guitar,
Mandolin and Violin

(Students to supply their instrument)

\$10 per student payable in blocks of 4 lessons

Classes will focus on note reading and technical skills. No more than 3 students per class. (Private lessons offered in Lower Lake.)

Contact Don Coffin at 995.0658, 477.0458 or
drcoffin@att.net.

Puppet Theater with Sophie

Instructed by Sophie Lauterborn, 1pm - 3pm, For Grades K - 8th

Dates: Wednesdays, Jan. 14th - April 4th

Cost: \$16 for 2 hours, \$12 for 1.5 hours

Students will create paper-mache puppets, design costumes, write a scenario, and build a puppet theater.

Performance to be held Saturday, April 4th.

Spatial Dynamics with Shine

Instructed by Shine Sutcliffe
Thursdays, 4pm - 5pm, For Grades K - 8th

\$7-\$10 per student per day (sliding scale available)

A Physical Education class that incorporates hand-eye coordination, closed eye awareness, endurance & strength training, game playing, yoga and breathing techniques. Shine has 40 years experience in instructing children in all age groups. More info - 707.292.9966

Advertise in the LCICS Chronicle

We are now offering the opportunity to advertise in our newsletter! Every issue reaches approximately 75 LCICS families and approximately 100 other community members with both an email and/or a paper version.

Ads in the main pages of the newsletter will be in color and will be \$30 per issue. An insert will be added to the newsletter for black and white, business card-sized ads at a rate of \$15 per issue. Please contact valerie@lcics.org or 217-0150 if you are interested in this opportunity to reach hundreds of customers every month!

Community Announcements

If you have an announcement please contact Valerie Moberg by emailing valerie@lcics.org or calling 217.0150.

32" TV for Sale:

Sony XBR, 13 years old but still works well, very heavy so it needs a strong stand, \$100, Call Val at 987-0833.

We Need You!

We're looking for a few good people to help with our fundraising efforts!

Grants - If you can research, proofread or write grants please contact kreichman@lcics.org. Grants are an essential way for our school to fill in our budget, and we would love to have your help!

Live & Give Event -

We are already well into the planning of this year's Live & Give event on Friday, May 29th. If you can help with planning or requests for auction donations, please email valerie@lcics.org.

Yoga Classes at LCICS



Be more flexible and support LCICS!!

Stretching with Stacey
 Wednesdays, 8:35am – 9:45am

Or

Yoga with Hani
 Fridays, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

\$7 per class, or \$6/class if you purchase multiple classes with a punch-card. (\$30 for a 5-class card or \$60 for a 10- class card.)

100% of the proceeds go to the school!



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It' so simple to help LCICS!!

At **Amazon.com** you will find great books, clothing, electronics and many other products (please use the link on the LCICS website to access Amazon.com and complete orders within 24 hours).

Register at **iGive.com** and **eScrip.com** to access many great online stores!

Simply visit **LCICS.org** for links to all of these websites on the lower right side of our home page.

Remember that you can also sign up your **Safeway Club** card for a portion of your regular purchases to be donated to LCICS, give our school ID# (70211484) at **Office Depot** every time you make a purchase, and collect **Ray's** receipts and **Box Tops**.

Every contribution helps!

Focus on... 1st/2nd Grade Teacher - Stephanie Buttle



1) How long have you lived in the area, and how did you come to be here?

I came here approximately 3 1/2 years ago to marry a long-time resident of Middletown. I was able to combine work with pleasure by

completely my teaching credential at Sonoma State University. Once I completed my studies I went to work teaching in Vallejo, but found the commute difficult. In September I decided to work as a substitute teacher in Lake County until a position came available.

2) What do you like most about the area?

The thing I like most about this area is the close community that a small town offers.

3) Why did you want to join the LCICS community?

I chose to join the LCICS

community because the school's core philosophy and mine have a lot in common. I like the way this school teaches everyone as an equal partner. The school is also very positive place to be, which is important to me.

4) What do you have planned for the year, and what are you excited about accomplishing?

As far as plans for the rest of the year, I look forward to teaching my students to think, not just do. I also have plans to take the class on several field trips so that they can have hands-on experience with what they are learning in the classroom.