

Long Lake Central School Newsletter

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Dear District Residents,

It appears winter may finally be on its way. This is a good time to review with your children the importance of being safe while riding the school bus. Our drivers do a great job of transporting our students on a daily basis and in extreme weather they need to be able to give their full concentration to their driving responsibility. Students are to remain seated and to follow all directions given by our drivers. Please reinforce this at home.

In an effort to make the daily transportation to and from school more organized, I will be directing the drivers to seat the youngest students in the front of the bus and older students to the rear of the bus. If at anytime there is a concern with transportation or student behavior on the bus please make Mrs. Snide or I aware of the issue as soon as possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

You have received directions in the mail on how to use our Edline program. This is the program that will allow you to go to the school web page and access your child's classwork and student information. Keep in mind, this is just one more tool to help in the communication between home and school and does not eliminate phone calls, notes, personal conferences or any other preferred means of communication to keep up on your student's achievements & activities.

The Adult Education classes for Spring will begin in February and a mailing will be sent to you once we have established what classes will be offered. If you have any ideas or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact us at 624 - 2221.

The school play will be on March 10th @ 7:00 p.m. and March 11th @ 3:00 p.m.. The play this year is "Romeo and Juliet, Together Again" It is a romantic comedy and promises to be a real crowd pleaser. Be sure to mark your calendar. We'll see you there!

Sincerely,

Kevin O. Crampton
Superintendent

**DON'T MISS
THE ADIRONDACK MUSEUM'S
2007 CABIN FEVER SUNDAYS!**

Cabin Fever Sundays are held at 1:30 p.m. at both the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake and at the Lake Placid Center for the Arts. The programs are FREE to Museum members and children (elementary age or younger) and just \$3 for Non-Members.

The Glenn and the Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation; dedicated to improving the quality of life for year-round residents of the Adirondack Park, www.pearsallfoundation.org sponsor Cabin Fever Sundays.

Jan 21, 2007 at Blue Mt. Lake
Jan 28, 2007 at Lake Placid Center for the Arts
Film: A special screening of Al Gore's award winning film on global warming.

Feb 18, 2007 at Blue Mt. Lake
Feb 25, 2007 at LPCA
"Traditional Songs of New York State"
Sing along with Dave Ruch to your favorite Adirondack ballads and hear new songs about the Empire State.

“CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR A SUCCESS”. MR. FINCH & SENIOR CLASS THANK YOU’S

Mr. Finch and the senior class would like to thank everyone who participated in the Christmas Craft Fair Saturday, December 2, 2006. In particular we would like to thank all the vendors who attended and purchased a table. We would also like to give a big thanks to the custodians for assisting us in breaking down and cleaning up

immediately following the event. Without your help we would’ve had a long and tiresome afternoon.

Mr. Pine also showed up toward the end of the fair and voluntarily helped with the cleaning. Thank you so much Mr. Pine, you were a great encouragement. Lastly we would like to thank the community for supporting and shopping locally. Ultimately without your business we would not have the opportunity to host such a fundraiser.

GUIDANCE NEWS

Senior College Plans –
Alexandria Holton has been accepted and is planning on attending St. Lawrence University. Chelsey Wallace has been accepted and is planning on attending SUNY Canton. Kodee Olbert has been accepted and is planning on attending Oklahoma State University. Seniors attending college are now working on financial aid forms and scholarship applications. They have been great about getting things done and following up where they need to!

Juniors planning on college are going on college visits over the spring breaks and will be taking SAT I and ACT exams in the next few months. All juniors will have an opportunity to participate in a job shadow day in a career of their choice in the Glens Falls area in March. This annual event is sponsored by the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce and has been a valuable experience in the past for many of our students.

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The Spring Adirondack Community College Fair will be held in the gymnasium the evening of April 6th. This is a great opportunity for parents and students in grades 9-11 to check out many colleges at once and talk to admissions representatives.

Long Lake Graduates – If you are planning to attend college in 2007-2008, don't forget to call the guidance office (624-5330) and request your Klue Scholarship Application for this year. This scholarship must be applied for annually and must be received by May 1st with a copy of the transcript from your most recent semester in college.

Annual Notification of Rights under FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records.

Parents and eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. A written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect should be submitted to the school principal. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. Parents and eligible students have the right to request the amendment of the student's educational records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the school to amend a record should write the

principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing. Parents and eligible students have the right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted as its agent to provide a service instead of using its own employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

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Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which the student seeks or intends to enroll. Parents and eligible students have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Long Lake Central School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance
Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-5920

TECH. CLUB UPDATE

Mr. Finch and nearly a dozen, LLCS 6th, 7th, and 8th graders have formed a "Tech Club." The members elected to give their club the name: Long Lake Techies. These students will be actively designing, building, and troubleshooting activities that encourage their abilities to problem solve. Our club meetings usually take place on Wednesdays immediately after school and run until 3:30. We would like to thank the Board of Education and Mr. Crampton for giving us this opportunity.

The club members have already competed amongst themselves by researching and creating paper airplanes intended to stay aloft the longest time possible. Our current endeavor involves working in teams of two to design and create a wheeled vehicle that is powered by a standard mousetrap. The objective is to develop a "Mouse Trap Car" that can travel the greatest distance. Mr.

Finch is pleased to see the many different designs already taking shape and is hopeful that each team will be successful.

COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS NIGHT FAMILY 'U' Feb. 9, 2007

The Health and Wellness Committee at Long Lake Central School invites the Long Lake Community to come to the annual Family 'U' Night at the Long Lake Central School gym on Friday, February 9, 2007 starting at 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Karl's grand lasagna dinner in the cafeteria will start serving at 5:00 p.m. until 6:10 p.m. Beginning at 6:10 p.m., two 1-hour workshop tracks will follow each with a choice of sessions.

Workshops are targeted for community, parents, teachers, and high school students. This year's topics will include:

- Badminton for Fun & Health – Dave Olbert offers badminton from 5 p.m. throughout the evening. Just stop by the gym or challenge someone to a match and join in anytime during the evening.
- Physical Therapy - Lisa Muscatello, certified athletic, strength trainer returns with two sessions; Session one for beginners on improving balance through exercise to reduce falls and Session two for the more advanced on whole body circuit training.

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- Reiki – Susan McDermott This holistic, alternative, healing modality helps the body recharge, realign, & rebalance. Effectively complements traditional medical treatments. Learn all about this alternative treatment and enjoy hands on instruction offered sessions one & two.
- ID Theft and Internet Safety- Warren County Sheriff, Chris Hatin will present 2 sessions. One on general risks of certain Internet sites and Internet safety awareness and another on how ID theft occurs and how to prevent it.
- OTC Drugs- Potential for abuse? Can you or your kids possibly harm themselves with over the counter medicine or household products? Offered session two with Mike & Camille Nerney.
- Tentative yoga topic offered session one.
- Adirondack Wellness Center- Get a wellness evaluation for free or a cholesterol and glucose screening for \$17.80. On the stage from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

All topics are subject to change. A Family U brochure listing all workshops with detailed workshop descriptions and how to register for dinner and workshops will be mailed to the community in January. Pre-registration is required so we know how many to expect for dinner and childcare.

Get together with neighbors, enjoy a meal, checkout the school and learn something new! No cooking or clean up! What a great way to beat cabin fever! Look for your Family U brochure or call the school at 624-2221 to request a brochure to be mailed to you or to sign up! We look forward to you joining us on February 9th!

LIBRARY NEWS

By Sharon Waagner

Now that the holiday wrappings are gone and the decorations put away until next year, it is time to look forward to a year full of good things. The library has a couple of major events planned during the month of March that are sure to excite young readers.

PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS:

Our annual Parents As Reading Partners program will kick off on March 5. This year's theme will be baseball. Packets with complete information as well as parent-child contracts will be sent home by February 28. Parents should review the packets with their child and both will need to sign the attached contract. Contracts will have to be returned by March 5. The contract will call for the child to read at least 15 minutes a day for at least 5 days of each week. There will be a page for each week in the booklet. When the reading is completed each day, the parent is required to sign the booklet next to that date. The booklets are then brought to Mrs. Waagner the following Monday. The number of minutes that have been read are entered into a log and weekly incentive prizes are awarded for completing the prior week.

PARP will run through April 2. Prizes will be awarded to each child who has successfully completed the four-week reading challenge.

The special dates to be noted on family calendars in addition to the four weeks of PARP should include the annual Family Fun Night on Friday, March 23, and the celebratory Ice Cream Social on April 18.

Family Fun Night begins with an after-school program for all children who are actively participating in PARP. It will include snacks, games and several sustained silent reading times. Supper, based on a day at a baseball game, will be served between 5 and 6 and parents are invited to join us. The evening will include additional games and reading times and will conclude with the awarding of prizes for participation in this special event. The ice cream social takes place at 2 in the afternoon in the cafeteria and all children who participated in PARP will be invited. Prizes for completing PARP and special recognition will be awarded at that time.

PARP is a special time for parents and children as it helps them set aside at least 15 minutes a day for at least 5 days each week to share reading time. Parents, siblings, or babysitters may read to the child, read their own material while sitting with the child, or have the child read to them. It is a time that can greatly enhance the reading experience and also provides time to discuss books and how books and other reading materials are so important in our daily lives.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – SPRING EDITION!

On Friday, March 23, the Book Fair returns in its full glory just in time for PARP! The Fair will be open on the stage from 9:30 in the morning until 2:30 in the afternoon. We will also have the Fair open that evening from 5 to 7 p.m. to give parents and students additional time to browse. The Fair will continue the following week and will be open each day from 9:30 to 2:30. It is a great time to stock up on new books for PARP. Books also make great additions

to Easter baskets and to tuck into suitcases or tote bags for those long trips – whether the trip is to go shopping or to visit another area during spring break. We have some great new titles debuting in March.

OTHER LIBRARY NEWS

Our library collections continue to expand as we add new titles each month. Special theme collections are often on display such as multicultural literature, black history, winter, women in history, dinosaurs, and much more. New books are always exciting to our young readers and borrowing continues to boost our circulation. We also are very active in the interlibrary loan program in our BOCES region. We participate with five BOCES regions and our lenders include all school, public, academic, and special libraries. The program has been very beneficial to our high school students as they complete research for senior papers with materials borrowed from Plattsburgh, Potsdam, and St. Lawrence universities. In addition, our collection continues to circulate outside our walls with many requests for titles held in LLCS libraries.

Our fourth and fifth grade students are currently creating new books as a gift for Kindergarten. In the fall, the kindergarten students completed a study of forest animals. The older students then researched animals living in the Adirondack forest, prepared posters, and shared their findings with the younger students.

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They are now in the process of creating books about each of these animals. When completed the books will be donated to the kindergarten classroom library.

LONG LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 14, 2006 REGULAR MEETING

- ✓ Approval of November 9, 2006 meeting minutes.
- ✓ Next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- ✓ Ms. Shannon Germain presented the Grades 8-12 math curriculum. Changes in math curriculum and math textbooks were also discussed.
- ✓ Approval of the October 2006 and November 2006 Treasurer Reports.
- ✓ Approval of Warrants #10 and #11.
- ✓ Comprehensive Revenue and Budget Status Reports and Budget Transfers were reviewed.
- ✓ A review of budget assumptions for 2007-2008 school year was presented.
- ✓ Representatives from Newcomb CSD, Indian Lake CSD, Johnsburg CSD, Minerva CSD, and Long Lake CSD met to discuss distance learning college course offerings from North Country Community College.
- ✓ Approval of the continuation of adult education Badminton class once per week from December through February.
- ✓ Approval of James Piraino as Elementary Basketball Coach for the 06-07 school year.
- ✓ Approval of Michael Farrell as faculty mentor.

- ✓ Approval of permanent status for Eric Hample, custodian/bus driver effective December 19, 2006.
- ✓ Approval of permanent status for Stacey Howe, food service helper/cleaner, effective December 19, 2006.
- ✓ Approval of the purchase of the Administrative Policy Package from Erie 1 BOCES.
- ✓ Board members who attended the School Board member training in Syracuse reviewed the training and some changes are needed in our procedures.
- ✓ Mr. Crampton stated that he has not heard about any changes to our BOCES configuration.

Official Board Minutes are available in the Long Lake Central School Business Office during normal Business hours.

MUSICAL NOTES

This year's play is entitled "Romeo and Juliet, Together (and Alive!) At Last" by Sandra Fenichel Asher. It is a comedy about a school play gone horribly wrong. This year, Dave Andrews, Lydia Wilson, and Andy Snide will play leads. There is also an excellent cast of supporting actors who will be played by Alex Holton, Thom Ross, Beth Conkey, Felicia Cortis, Erik Arsenault, Sierra Olbert, Colleen Nerney, Hannah Lamos, Ben Austin, Alex Smith, Liz Hamdan, Tyler Peter, and Zach Ruland.

For this play we are looking for an odd assortment of costumes. Any help would be appreciated in locating the following costumes: a modern nurse's uniform, a gorilla suit, a statue of liberty costume, a ladies swim cap (pink), and an American flag T-shirt. We could also use volunteers to help with hair and makeup as well as costumes.

Congratulations to Andy Snide, Dave Andrews, Chelsey Wallace, Colleen Nerney, Hannah Lamos, and Lyndsey Skerrett for being accepted into the CASMA Sr. All-County Band. The following students made it into the CASMA Jr. All-County Band: Sierra Olbert, Liz Hamdan, Tyler Peter, Meg Smith, Melissa Clark, and Emily Waters.

We are planning a CoffeeHouse this year. Students grades 7-12 will perform solos, duets, and/or small ensembles both vocal and instrumental. There will be an intermission for desserts. After intermission will be a performance by the Jazz Band along with an open invitation for community members to "jam" along. If you have an instrument, bring it and play along with the Jazz Band or take a solo or two!

Music Events Calendar

January – Jazz Band performs at the Chocolate Festival at 7p.m in the Town Hall
January – CASMA Sr. All-County Band Rehearsal in Warrensburg from 3:30-5:30p.m.
February 3rd – Coffee House at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym
February 10th – CASMA Winter Festival in Warrensburg with a concert at 4 p.m.
March 8th – Essex Sr. All-County Festival with a concert at 7 p.m.
March 30th or 31st (TBA) – NYSSMA Solo-Fest in Potsdam

Thank you for coming out to the Christmas Concert.

INTRODUCING THE HOME- RUN PROGRAM

Long Lake Central School, in a collaborative effort with Hamilton Co. Social Services and Indian Lake Central School is pleased to announce the start of the Home- Run Program.

The Homerun program is a K-12 preventative program that is designed to reach students and their families from grades K -12. The program is a school based and a home based program. The County has contracted with Berkshire Farms to provide this much-needed service. Berkshire Farms is recognized as a leader in child development and behavior. Berkshire Farm will provide a family specialist that has experience with students at risk and will keep them up to date on issues in the field.

Kami Farr from Long Lake has been hired as the family specialist for this exciting new program and her background in social work qualifies her to be the liaison between home and school. Kami will split her time between LLCSD and ILCSD.

Welcome Kami!

LLCS DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE 1/4/07 MTG

- ✓ Mrs. Debbie Austin is introduced as the committee's Member at large.
- ✓ The group is brought up to speed on the previous discussion on Foundation for excellent schools.
- ✓ Mr. Crampton will investigate further as to whether there is money available for the Foundation for excellent schools.
- ✓ If funds are available and there is an opening, a committee needs to be formed and discussion will take place as to what we want to see

happen for our students. Designate what activities we will do to benefit our school children.

- ✓ Updated policy requirements for DPC must be revised this year. We still need an Elementary Teacher on the committee.
- ✓ The weekly activity schedule has been online consistently.
- ✓ Opening Day Committee has been established and Debbie Austin volunteered to join.
- ✓ Discussion on Family U night and it's progress.
- ✓ Drug & Alcohol Education was discussed and what forum should it be presented in .
- ✓ Next meeting date is 2/8/07 @ 7:00 a.m.
- ✓ Items to be discussed-DPC Plan revamp look at changes that need to be made.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE PTSA!!!!

The art department would like to express our sincere thank you to the PTSA for their purchase of a pottery wheel for the art room. Along with the new kiln we received last year, our art program is able to offer our students opportunities not always available to smaller districts.

It is great to know Long Lake cares and supports the Arts! Thank you PTSA for donating your time and the wonderful work you do throughout the year.

PTSA NEWS

On March 2, 2007 the PTSA will be sponsoring Radio Disney at the school gym. More details and flyers will follow. Save the date!