

Long Lake Central School Newsletter

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Dear District Residents:

Recently the Board of Education was asked what is offered all students that may be gifted or talented. This question was also brought to the District Planning Committee at our February meeting.

In our district we offer Pre-K and Kindergarten. Did you know that Kindergarten is not mandatory in NYS? The compulsory school age in NYS is 6 years of age, on or before December 1 of any given year. Most parents elect to start their children's education at age 5. We automatically provide speech improvement for each of these age groups and will continue to as long as needed, not just until kids "either have it or they don't" as some districts do.

As we move through the elementary years our students receive gym, art and music 5 times per week. Starting in 4th grade students select an instrument to learn that is provided by the school. This is for practice and can be used at home, free of charge. We provide numerous field trips that are tied to the curriculum and the NYS Learning Standards. Often these trips include other schools and/or other age groups to give a wider experience academically and socially.

In high school most of our students compete on one, if not all three, sports teams. They also do band and chorus along with participating in the school play. French is taught for 5 years and intertwined with art and music. Students 9-12 are allowed to take AP courses online and courses of interest online, with board approval. Some of these classes will give students college credit.

Teachers routinely recommend students for accelerated workshops in their area of expertise and interest across all subjects. We also provide different clubs such as technology and crafts. Our students travel extensively with their parents inside and outside of the United States and as a school, we support these valuable experiences. Seniors have a trip that incorporates character education values along with community service, research and a pre and post trip presentation to the Board of Education. Our students graduate being extremely well rounded and ready to pursue their career choice with confidence. I am proud of all that the Long Lake CSD has to offer and pleased to be a part of such a fine staff.

A listing of what our school has to offer is in this newsletter. As always, I welcome your questions and comments.

REMINDER: The School Play is March 10 & 11 (See article in this newsletter for more info.)
Sign Up for Adult Education now by calling 624 -2221

Sincerely,

Kevin O. Crampton

ENGLISH NEWS

Congratulations to Beth Conkey for being accepted to the Pen in Hand Central New York Writers Conference to be held on March 2 and 3 in Little Falls. Beth, a junior, will have an opportunity to work with other student writers and with professional authors in sharing and producing creative poetry and prose. Her attendance is sponsored by LLCS's ACE enrichment fund.

GIRLS BASKETBALL CLOSSES HISTORIC SEASON

The LLCS girls varsity basketball team finished its season in early February. The record certainly wasn't impressive (0-10 in the MVAC South and 2-15 overall), but anybody who watched them play admired their scrappy grit on defense and their teamwork on offense. Shorter than any team they played, the girls were at a constant disadvantage in rebounding, often playing outstanding half court defense only to have the opposing team get four or five offensive rebounds that eventually resulted in scores. On offense, the girls rarely got more than one shot at the basket (because of their diminutive size) and that, plus turnovers and poor shooting, prevented them from scoring enough to win.

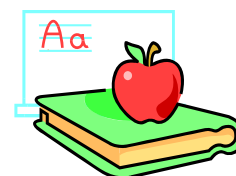
With the graduation of Alex Holton, Leah Lamos, and Chelsey Wallace, only five players (Elizabeth Hamdan, Colleen Nerney, Sierra Olbert, Felicia Cortis, and Hannah Lamos) will return for next year's team. That, coupled with the likelihood that no seventh or eighth graders will qualify to play at the varsity level, means that this year's edition may well be the school's last. In that event,

the girls would combine to play with Indian Lake (as they did this past soccer season). Regardless of what happens, Mr. Farrell is proud of how hard this year's group played and the heart they showed in never giving up. They were a pleasure to coach.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR ARRIVES MARCH 23!

Our annual spring Book Fair will open on the stage on Friday, March 23 and run through Friday, March 30. The hours will run from 9:30 to 2:30. We will also be open during Family Night on March 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. We invite you to visit the Fair and to consider purchasing books to support our reading incentive programs. It is a great time to gather some birthday presents or a special book to tuck into an Easter basket or into a suitcase if going on a trip. We also invite you to consider purchasing a book for your son or daughter's classroom wish list. Complete information will be sent home with your child before the Book Fair arrives.



MARCH IS PARP MONTH!

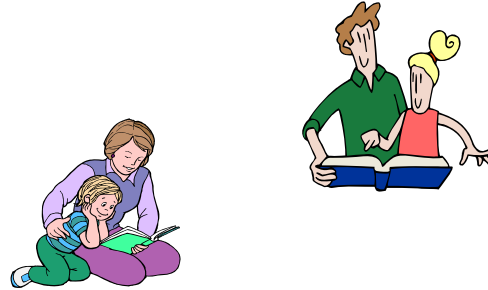
Attention, parents, grandparents, and babysitters! The Long Lake Central School Library is happy to announce the beginning of PARP 2007. This Parents As Reading Partners Program has been operating at LLCS from over 25 years. It is a fairly easy program to follow with great rewards for all participants. For children, it is an opportunity to share reading with their parents while ever increasing their reading ability and awareness of the importance of reading. For parents, it is an opportunity to share quality time with their child.

Information booklets have been sent home with all children in grades Kindergarten through 6. The basic requirement is to set aside at least 15 minutes per day for at least 5 days each week. Sharing books at bedtime or while supper is being prepared are good times but any time during the day works well. You do not need to read to older children. One idea is to sit down while each of you is reading your own material. You will then need to write down in the booklet the amount of time that is read for each day.

On Monday of the following week, children are to bring their booklets to Mrs. Waagner in order to have their times recorded. They are given a reward if booklets are in on time. Booklets are returned as soon as the information is noted. We will do this for the four weeks in March. We will also be having our annual fun party and family night on Friday, March 23. Complete information is in the booklet and we ask that you please review the booklet with your child, sign the contract inside the booklet, and indicate on the family night

permission slip if you plan to attend those festivities. The fun day is only for those children who are participating in PARP. Parents and siblings may join us for supper as well as evening activities.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Waagner.



ELEMENTARY LIBRARY READING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

It is great to report that children in grades 1 through 6 are actively involved in our reading incentive program. Each child turns in a book report to Mrs. Waagner upon completing a book. The program is based on the State Education Department's recommendation that each child in those grades read at least 25 books per year. To encourage children to continue reading, prizes are awarded when each child reads 10, 18 and 25 books. Mrs. Waagner keeps a chart on the wall in the library so that readers may check their progress as well as that of their peers. Children in grades 1 through 3 are also building trains as their book report forms are train cars. By this time of year, some of those trains are getting very long! We already have one child who has read 35 books! All book reports are recorded and teachers are kept informed of each child's progress.

WILL GEIGER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In August of 2003, the Class of 2008 established a basketball camp scholarship in memory of their classmate, Will Geiger, who passed away that August 3. The fund was actually begun with monies that Will had contributed to their senior class trip account.

Each spring, students who will be completing 6th, 7th, or 8th grade are eligible to apply for a scholarship for summer basketball camp. Two students are selected each year and are awarded \$250 toward their tuition. The criteria also include that students be motivated to participate in team sports and who wish to improve their skills at a summer camp. First priority is given to those who wish to attend basketball camp since this was Will's first love. Students are required to write a short essay explaining their reasons for attending camp. If there are no applicants for basketball camp, applicants who are planning to attend camps for other sports including hockey, baseball and others, will be considered.

Applications are usually handed out in early April. Payment of the \$250 is done through the school office when proof of enrollment in an approved summer program is provided. Applications must be returned by May 15.

Thanks to the effort of Coach Olbert and the Long Lake PTSA and their operation of Geiger ball at games, our fund will be able to offer this scholarship for years to come. Please encourage your son or daughter to consider applying.

“HUNTING FOR A NAME” ESSAY CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE ADIRONDACK MUSEUM

As part of the Adirondack Museum's 50th Anniversary in 2007, we are sponsoring an essay contest for grades 4-6, to name the Museum's newly updated logo. The new name created for our guide should be based on research, family history and community history. Please encourage your children to enter the contest to practice research and writing skills, and to win a \$200 savings bond and prizes for themselves and their class! The contest deadline is April 20, 2007. Please see your teacher or librarian for more information, or contact Christine Campeau at the Adirondack Museum at (518) 352-7311.

LONG LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 11, 2007 REGULAR MEETING

- ✓ Approval of December 14, 2006 meeting minutes.
- ✓ Next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- ✓ Students participating in the senior trip to Florida in March provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Finch will be their chaperones.
- ✓ Approval of Warrants 12 & 13.
- ✓ Budget transfers, Comprehensive Revenue and Budget Status Reports were reviewed.
- ✓ Budget information worksheets for the 2007-2008 school year were presented and reviewed.
- ✓ The Board will have a meeting on April 23, 2007 at 7 a.m. to vote on the BOCES board members and to

vote on the BOCES administrative budget.

- ✓ A business class will be offered through Distance Learning with North Country Community College at Newcomb Central School at a cost of \$480 for the three credit course.
- ✓ Approval of a bi-monthly craft club, for the K-6 age group.
- ✓ Approval of a merger with Indian Lake Central School for baseball and softball for the Spring 2007 season.
- ✓ Approval of the Audit Committee Charter for Long Lake Central School.
- ✓ This Spring the school play will be "Romeo and Juliet, Together and Alive at Last".
- ✓ The Food Service Establishment Inspection Report from December 5, 2006 was presented.
- ✓ Items to be discussed in Executive session are employment of a particular person, collective bargaining negotiations, and a CSE student.

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

MUSIC/DRAMA DEPARTMENT NEWS

Thank you everyone who attended our Coffee House. The students performed well and really enjoyed themselves.

The students who attended the CASMA All-County performed in an excellent concert on Saturday the 10th. Our next All-County event is the Essex Sr. All-County festival. The following students will be playing in the Essex Sr. Band: Sierra Olbert, Colleen Nerney,

Chelsey Wallace, Dave Andrews, Liz Hamdan, Lyndsey Skerrett, and Hannah Lamos. Leah Lamos and Alex Holton will be singing in the Essex Women's Chorus and Beth Conkey, Felicia Cortis, Alex Smith, Michael Hart, Lydia Wilson and Kaylie Miller will be singing in the Essex Mixed Chorus. Andy Snide will be playing in the Essex Jazz Band.

Our play, "Romeo and Juliet, Together (and Alive!) at Last" will have two showings: one on Saturday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 3:00 p.m. The play is a comedy about two students that like each other. However, they're too shy to look at, much less talk to, one another. Their friends decide to put on Romeo and Juliet, casting them as Romeo and Juliet. However, the students only have two weeks to prepare, so the play doesn't go as smoothly as planned. Tickets will be \$3 for students and senior citizens and \$5 for adults. We hope to see you there!

Music Calander

March 8th: Essex Sr. All-County Festival in Willsboro (Students leave from school at 7am, concert at 7pm)

March 10th: Play Performance at 7:00pm

March 11th: Play Performance at 3:00pm

March 30th or 31st: NYSSMA Solo-Festival in Potsdam (date and time still TBA)



**LONG LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 8, 2007

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Room 316

Members Present: Cindy Austin, Hallie Bond, Sue Virostek, Kevin Crampton, Jim Pine, Julie Helms, Krista Sparks, Debbie Austin, Gail Seaman, Kristen Lance

Members Absent: Lorrie Hosley, Tyler Peter, Alex Holton

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 a.m.

- ✓ Mrs. Krista Sparks has joined the DPC as our Elementary teacher representative.
- ✓ Is there legislative funding available for LLCS to join FES? The answer is yes and we still need details. The question remains will there be an opening for us to join?
- ✓ At the end of March there are 7th & 8th grade FES group college visits to Castleton & Skidmore, our Board has been invited to go & see the process @ work.
- ✓ Opening Day Committee needs to plan a meeting.
- ✓ There were roughly 50 people in attendance at the February 3rd Coffee House. It is suggested that earlier advertisement could bring more people to attend events such as the Coffee House and Family U night.
- ✓ A parent has asked about gifted and talented enrichment program opportunities . The group discussed Johns Hopkins and Odyssey of the Mind as examples of such programs. Parents and Students can inquire online (www.jhu.edu. www.odysseyofthemind.com) or perhaps within the schools guidance office. Advanced Placement courses are available in LLCS High School to grades 10-12.
- ✓ The Technology Club is a good start to enrichment programs within our school as well as the upcoming craft class.
- ✓ The annual St. Lawrence trip has been confirmed for Saturday 3/3/2007.
- ✓ Jim Pine looked at the School Law book and the existing policy can just be re-approved if no changes are eminent.
- ✓ Policy updating will be discussed at the next meeting.
- ✓ The next DPC meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2007 at 7:00 a.m. in room 316.



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A Big Christmas Craft Fair Thank You

Mr. Finch and the classes of 2007 and 2008 would like to extend a specific thank you to an individual whose selfless efforts made the Christmas craft fair possible. This special person was very instrumental in all of the following instances and many more:

- **Setting us up with vendors**
- **Letting us borrow tables from the town of Long Lake**
- **Arranging for the transportation of our trees and wreaths from Glens Falls**
- **Having the signs posted at the edges of town**
- **Countless phone calls**
- **Countless details that have to be taken care of to ensure the success of an event like this.**

This special person is Theresa Taylor, thank you very much Theresa.



Long Lake Central School – At a Glance

Standardized testing will return with the 2007–2008 school year.

DIBELS assessment – a method of evaluating Literacy Skills began this year and will continue next year and beyond.

- Math: 5–8 has a new text this year that provides a test to measure skills each year and provides teachers with specific information on each student
Calculus for advanced students
Option to take Regents exams early
- Music Prog.: Younger students are invited to join Senior Band
Competition include All County, North East Competition, Area All State and Jazz Band
Instruments are provided free of charge
Individual lessons weekly at school
- Library: Reading Incentive Programs
Parents As Reading Partners
Research and Advancement of Topics using the inter-library loan system and OPALS in contract with FEH BOCES
High School students have option to assist in PARP and assist in planning
Elementary and High School students are selected to be Library Aides
- 9-12: Electives in Art, Family and Consumer Science and Music
ACC online courses/Distance Learning
AP courses with college credit
Independent Study with instructor approval
- French: Art History
Annual French field trip
French, Art and Music combine for Montreal trip
- Science: River Watch
Envirothon
Students can double in Science or accelerate
Physics Class – includes lesson at Great Escape
5-6 participates in Hamilton County Conservation field day
- Elementary: DIBELS program – Assessment of all students' literacy skills
Pre-K–3: uses of centers and combined instruction/sharing of classes to provide differentiated instruction and ability level learning
Resource Teacher, Speech Teacher, Librarian and Guidance work closely with each class
Gr. 4 – Areas of Interest Centers for students completing assigned tasks
Science, Math and Writing centers and seasonal topics
Students self direct choice of centers
Puzzles and higher level games are provided to challenge the inquiring mind
STAR LAB is here every year
Outside reading is encouraged and recognized
- K-6: Daily Physical Education, Art and Music
Computer Lab Technology Club and Craft Club
Elementary Education Guidance
Elementary Sports – after school soccer, basketball, community baseball
Elementary Library

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Driver Ed.: Provided for eligible students DURING the school year

Differentiated Daily Instruction: This method is used by teachers to challenge students vertically and horizontally. Students are absorbed in their own work and often don't realize classmates are on a different question/level of instruction

Arts in Ed.: K-3 combine on trips to the Lake Placid Center for the Arts
4-12 participate in and out of school on fine arts programs
Artist in Residence program

English: Various young writers competitions/seminars/conferences
Crandall Library
Various Plays and Workshops
Writings on display
Guest Authors
Outside Reading and Writing
Presidential Classroom/Young Leaders

Art: Student work on exhibit at ALCA and LPCA
Kiln and Pottery Wheel

Career Fair in Glens Falls

Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference for Sophomores

7-9 Hamilton County Youth Summit

Annual Trip to St. Lawrence University

Movie Night supported by Student Council

9-12 College Fairs

Accelerated math and Science

Russell Sage Conference – Law Careers for Women

Family University Night

Foreign Exchange Program

Foundation for Excellent Scholars

Combined Senior year and Freshman year in College

Early Graduation option

Local Scholarship support for all students

Outside Presenters

2.5 years of foreign language by end of grade 9 – most schools have 1 year at end of grade 9

7/8 trip to Boston/Washington

Senior Trip

This is a comprehensive list of the things our school does on a routine basis. On the surface the extra activities appear to be enrichment opportunities and in a way support our unwritten teaching philosophy of “enrichment for all”. Any student at Long Lake can certainly opt to do more, however, the impetus has to be student directed.

Studies indicate the truly gifted student is a very small percentage of the population. The NYS Department of Education does provide guidelines for gifted and talented that are rather vague. In the coming months we will be reviewing this topic as a staff and with the Board of Education. Should we conclude a need for identification of gifted students, we will develop a policy and put it in place. In the meantime, I, as well as our teaching staff, welcome your input.

