A Message From Dr. Zahedi & Ms. Smith

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Since this is our November/December newsletter, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

At the conclusion of the first marking period, all students should be well adjusted to their new grade levels, coursework, and teacher expectations. If your child is having academic difficulty, we encourage you to discuss organizational and/or study strategies with his/her teachers and guidance counselor.

As the winter season approaches, please remember to send your child to school with appropriate layers of clothing so that he/she is able to participate in outdoor recess when it is not raining.

On Wednesday, November 6th we will have a Community Tea. You can stop into the principal’s office any time between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. to chat with us or each other about any ideas or concerns you may have with the middle school. We are looking for ways to increase contact and communication with home and hope that many of you will be able to join us.

We will send out an automated email message as a reminder.

It is our pleasure working with your child. With idealism and enthusiasm, we are taking a stand for making Linden Avenue the best school it can be! Please call teachers, counselors or administrators for any help that we can offer in the academic and social/emotional support of your children.

Seventh Grade Physical Forms and Medications

Please send your child’s completed 7th grade physical form in to the Health Office as soon as possible. If your child has a physical scheduled with his/her physician, please call the Health Office and notify us of the scheduled date of the physical.

The school physician will do a health appraisal in January on any 7th grade student who has not returned a 7th grade physical.

Please make sure your child’s asthma medication and any other emergency medications are brought to the Health Office along with the appropriate doctor’s orders. Parents must bring in the medications—students are never allowed to carry medication to school on the bus for safety reasons.

The 7th grade screening of vision, hearing and girls’ scoliosis has begun in the Health Office. Parents will receive a referral letter by mail if any part of the screening needs further evaluation by a physician. Please remind your child to bring their eyeglasses to school if they should be wearing them.

Winter Dance

The Winter Dance will be held at Linden Avenue Middle School on Friday, December 6th (snow date—December 13th) from 7 to 9 p.m.
LAMS Eighth Grade Trip was a Wonderful Success!

LAMS 8th grade class traveled to Washington, D.C. on October 2nd and returned on October 4th. The Washington D.C. trip was a 3-day, 2-night excursion to our nation’s capital. During our stay, we had the opportunity to visit some of the greatest museums and most historic locations in our country. Visiting the Holocaust Museum and watching the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier captivated our students in a powerful way. We also went to the Capitol where we had a private tour guide.

This trip was a wonderful, educational and exciting experience for our 8th grade students.

Saw Kill Education Day for our Eighth Graders

In September our eighth graders experienced, first hand, the work of environmental scientists and conservationists through a day-long field trip to the Saw Kill at the Recreation Park in Red Hook. Saw Kill Education Day was the result of collaboration between Bard Water Lab, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and teachers Larra Agate (LAMS) and Stephen Hart (Mill Road 3-5) throughout the summer months. Students visited five stations along the Saw Kill to learn about physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of the stream, native and invasive species, and the effects of human interaction with the ecosystem. They learned how to determine the health of the Saw Kill and the effects of human behavior on any body of water, including our local stream. Additionally, our students learned how to use the tools of environmental scientists such as kick nets, seine nets, dichotomous keys, and Vernier probes. The culminating activity for students was the development of a public service announcement entitled “Speaking for the Saw Kill”. Several students presented their PSAs to members of the Saw Kill Watershed Community and other interested Red Hook residents at a SKWC meeting in October.
A Message From the Physical Education Staff

Please remind your children to have an extra set of PE clothes in their locker for class and also to have their notebook in the PE lockers. Please remind them to always keep their lockers locked.

Coach White’s classes have been working out in the wellness center and learning their muscles. Coach Stutz’s classes are concluding their fitness assessments and starting the team handball unit.

5th Annual Fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House

The 6th grade class will be holding the 5th annual fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House of Albany. The Ronald McDonald House is a home away from home for families of seriously ill children, allowing parents to be close to their children during hospitalization. Beginning November 1st, our sixth graders will be reading for the month of November to help raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. Donations can be made payable to RMHC and given to any 6th grader or 6th grade teacher. All donations will be due by Wednesday, December 4th. Please see Michelle Kaiser with any questions.

After School Hours and Student Pick Up During the Day

A number of students stay after school with their teachers for extra help or for clubs. After they are finished with their sessions or club activities, they report to room 263 to wait for the late bus. Please remind your child that they may only stay in the school after school hours if they are with a teacher or coach. Some students have stayed after school without supervision. Please note that this is not allowed. They may not stay after to wait for sports competitions or other activities in the late afternoon. For safety, please be sure that your child is not making after school plans that have not been discussed with you beforehand.

If you are here to pick up your child during the day, please sign in at the Main Office where you will be directed to go to Student Services/Attendance Office.

Daylight Savings Time Reminder

It’s that time again: Across most of the United States, daylight savings time (DST) will end at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 3rd.

Welcome to ELL—Healthy and Important Expectations

BE PROMPT AND PREPARED
BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT
BE RESPECTFUL OF PEOPLE AND PROPERTY
BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF AND OTHERS
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS

KNOW HOW AND WHEN TO BE ASSERTIVE
USE COMMON SENSE WHEN MAKING DECISIONS
EXERCISE SELF CONTROL
BE KIND TO OTHERS
MAINTAIN A POSITIVE ATTITUDE
IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR NEW CELL PHONE POLICY

We are very pleased with the implementation of our new cell phone policy. We see the positive impact it is having on students here at Linden Avenue Middle School. Thank you to the faculty, staff, students, and parents for your support. This united effort on behalf of students social and emotional development is so important.

KEEP ELECTRONICS IN CHECK

Encourage face-to-face interaction by putting away devices (including yours) at set times, such as during meals, family outings, or game night. If you’re using a device and your child interrupts, switch your attention to him. You’ll help him see that the person in front of him is more important than what’s on the screen.

LAM’S Winter Concert Dates

December 13th—School Assembly—8:00 a.m.
   (1 hr. delay schedule)
December 17th—Linden Avenue 7-8 Concert—7:30 p.m.
December 18th—Linden Avenue 6-7 Concert—7:30 p.m.

Student Council Hosts a Middle Level Conference

State Leadership Conference

Student council members have been invited to attend the New York Council on Leadership and Student Activities Annual Conference. This year’s conference is being held in Lake Placid, New York from November 24-26, 2019. Students will attend workshops, network in roundtable discussions, enjoy meals with leaders from across the state, and participate in a service project.

Students participate in collections Nourish Our Neighbors

All students are asked to participate in collection of non-perishable food or personal care items to benefit our community. These items can be turned into homeroom teachers. With regard to non-perishable food items, please focus on the healthy food options. Food and personal care items (soaps, shampoo...) are being collected through December 7th. Homerooms will be counting donations from November 4-21, 2019. The homeroom that collects the most items will be the winner of this year’s Student Council Turkey Trophy.

Collection will continue through the 7th of December and the grade level that collects the most will win a special treat at lunch.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Attention parents of 8th graders currently taking Home and Career Skills: The Arts Cafe will take place on Thursday, January 9th during all lunch periods with a snow date of Friday, January 10th. We look forward to seeing you there so mark your calendar!

Breakfast Program at LAMS

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. If your child is in the lunch program as free or reduced, your child is also entitled to a free or reduced breakfast.

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