



Friday, January 14th

Upcoming Calendar Events:

Friday, January 21st Family Game Night

Tuesday, January 25th District String Festival 7 p.m. RHS

Wednesday, January 26th "Race to Nowhere" Documentary Screening RHS 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 27th Marking Period 2 Ends

Wednesday, February 2nd "It's 21 For a Reason" 7 p.m. RHS

Friday, February 11th Sweetheart Dance 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming School Events:

Thursday, January 13th LCS PRIDE club 8 a.m. Cafeteria

Friday, January 14th Spirit Day "What I Want to Be"

Monday, January 17th-Grade 2 Character Ed Assembly

Wednesday, January 19th Grade 3 Strings Concert-all school- 2p.m.

Trial of the Big Bad Wolf-Third Grade Enrichment

Annually, LCS Third Graders have participated in a project called the Trial of the Big Bad Wolf. Essentially, it is a chance for them to get exposed to the law, the trial process, and learn how to present an argument with information from various sources. It also strengthens their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills, while making sure they still have fun and dress up in costumes. It is a great learning experience for the kids. The introduction to the program will take place during an in school assembly on Thursday, January 13th. There will be in school (during recess) and after school meetings for the participants throughout January and early February, with the trial to be held during classes on February 17th.

The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf is voluntary. If your child wishes to participate, please complete the permission slip by Monday, January 17th. Hardcopies of the permission slip will be sent home with the kids this week. It can also be found online in this Friday Folder and on the LCS PTO website.

From the Principal's Desk

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful, rejuvenating holiday and break- time to share with and enjoy friends and family. The children returned to us ready to work and get started for the New Year. Teachers were amazed at how energized the children were and how ready they were to get back to "work."

We began the New Year with an excellent Band and Chorus concert on January 4. The children's effort and progress in both programs were showcased as we were treated to a wonderful repertoire of music

and vocal selections. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents, friends and siblings in attendance to celebrate all the hard work. Since we have over 200 students (almost 40% of our entire student population) involved in these music programs, the children played and sang to a full house at the Ridge High PAC. Special thanks to Mrs. Beadle and Mr. Van Wageninge for their hard work and planning for this concert. A number of teachers attended both the morning rehearsal and the concert to help supervise the children and provide support for their colleagues. We thank Mr. Peluso, Mrs. Len, Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Alfieri, Ms. Kalfus, Ms. Legvari and Ms. Bynoe for their above and beyond dedication to making the concert a huge success.

As you are aware, we lost a very special colleague on December 22. Mrs. Kathy Bubser, Speech Therapist, was a very special and important member of our faculty who is sadly missed by all of us. She was a role model and hero to us as she fought cancer with dignity and determination never losing focus or commitment to her students. A number of parents have asked about how they can acknowledge her passing and express sympathy. Cards can be sent to school, 61 Church Street, Liberty Corner, NJ 07938 and we will be sure Mrs. Bubser's family receive them. Additionally, donations in her name can be sent to Holy Name Home Care and Hospice, 718 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666 or Ovarian Cancer Research Fund (www.ocrf.org) 14 Pennsylvania Plaza, Suite 1400, New York, NY 10122.

Music Update from Mrs. Beadle

Liberty Corner students will be learning about Glenn Miller as their Musician of the Month. They will be learning about swing music and its time period. Also, since the PE teachers are focusing on dance, we will also incorporate swing dancing and other types of dance into this month's curriculum. In addition, the younger grades will be learning about the instruments of the orchestra while the older grades will be focusing on how to read the staff to prepare for recorders. The winter concert was also this month, and all of the students in chorus did an outstanding job on their performance. Thank you to the parents and "bravo" to the students!

Kindergarten Initiative Update

The Bernards Township Public School Initiative is a newly formed entity that endeavors to preserve Full Day Kindergarten in Bernards Township. A mid-January deadline will determine if a full day program can be in place for the upcoming 2011-12 school year. Please visit their website to learn more: www.brfulldayk.org

The PTO News goes out every week through the Board of Ed's Friday Folder. To submit items to the PTO News, please send them to Heather Whyte-Kattas at heather.whyte-kattas@lexisnexis.com Items must be received by Friday for the following week's PTO News.

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