

# LINDEN HILL HAPPENINGS

Deborah M. Brady, Principal

## Principal's Message

Fall is upon us as is the end of the first marking period of school. Your children have been diligently engaged in learning since August! Much has transpired in the first marking period. In addition to content learning, we have practiced bus safety, walked to raise funds, enjoyed a "Happy Meal" together AND our entire community celebrated literacy as we donned attire representative of book characters for Storybook Character Day!

## ***Parent Volunteer Training***

Thank you to the many families who participated in our Parent Volunteer training on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Both a morning and evening opportunity was provided for parties interested in finding out the particulars involved in being a classroom volunteer.

We are in the process of compiling a master list of all volunteers to give to teachers. If you took the training in a previous year and would like to work in the classroom, please return the confidentiality form that was sent home.

If you were unable to attend one of these sessions and would like to participate in your child's school experience, there are many opportunities outside the classroom that may be of interest to you. Field trips, school parties, and PTA volunteer are just a few examples of ways in which you could be of assistance.

## ***Conference Days***

In October and December, the district specifically devotes days for family/teacher discourse about child progress.

We have always valued this opportunity to meet with each and every parent/guardian of every Linden Hill student during these conference

days. It is our chance to share with you the progress of your child, the "grading" policy of the district and our staff, and to provide you with an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about your child's school experience. We ask that you please make every effort to attend a conference, as we believe that it is important to keep the lines of communication continually open as well as to demonstrate to your child your interest in his/her school life.

## ***A Special Honor***

Mrs. Janet Huckleberry was honored on October 12<sup>th</sup> by the district at a dinner at Christiana Hilton as Linden Hill's 2011 Teacher of the Year. The Teacher of the Year is selected by colleagues. Mrs. Huckleberry is well deserving of this honor.

## ***Arrival/Dismissal***

When accessing Linden Hill during **arrival/dismissal**, please be aware that our neighbors on New Kent Road need to access and exit their homes. This can be difficult with the formation of our queue lines at these times of day. Your courtesy towards these folks with whom we share this space is appreciated. Please revisit the designated route for arrival/dismissal that was sent home and please know that the side roads are **NOT** part of the car line.

Additionally in order for the car line to operate efficiently, please follow these guidelines:

- Have the green placard visible from the passenger side front window
- In the morning, have your child ready to disembark from the car.
- Please do not stay to watch him/ her enter the building.
- Please pull all the way around the circle so that we may get the maximum amount of families in the circle.

### **Choice**

Choice applications for 2012-2013 will be available online and at every Red Clay school and the district office starting November 1, 2011. The Choice open period will be from November 1, 2011- January 11, 2012  
At this time, Linden Hill is closed to choice.

### **Mashed Potatoes**

We will be having a mashed potato food drive in November.

We will be collecting mashed potato items from Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming home.

### **A Time for Giving Thanks**

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. I cherish the time spent with family and the traditions that we share. I cherish the time to reflect upon all that I am thankful for.

We at Linden Hill would like to express our sincere thanks to all of the families that make up our Linden Hill Community, for your commitment to children, your commitment to education, and your continued support as we work in partnership to provide a safe, nurturing, learning environment for all who come to us.

Educationally Speaking,

**Deborah M. Brady**, Principal  
**Nathan Palkovitz**, Assistant Principal

### **Contact Information:**

<b>Deborah Brady</b> , Principal	454-3406
<b>Nathan Palkovitz</b> , Asst. Principal	454-3406
<b>Red Clay Transportation</b>	322-0251

### **2010-2011 PTA Officers**

<b>Jackie Schaus</b> , Co-President	892-9639
<b>Kim Fetrow</b> , Co-President	994-3211
<b>Grace Logemann</b> , Vice President	235-2033
<b>Melanie Kenney</b> , Vice President	234-2927
<b>Laura Beth Taylor</b> , Vice President	234-7828
<b>Renee Paoli</b> , Treasurer	995-0808
<b>Shannon Marroni</b> , Secretary	737-4608

## Dates to Remember:

Nov 1 (Tues)	Walnut Street Theater – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades
Nov 2 (Wed)	Walnut Street Theater – 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades
Nov 3 (Thurs)	Walnut Street Theater – K & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grades
<b>Nov 3 (Thurs)</b>	<b>PTA General Meeting – 7PM</b>
Nov 4 (Fri)	Pride Day
<b>Nov 4 (Fri)</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance</b>
<b>Nov 11 (Fri)</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Nov 14 - Nov 18 (Mon-Fri)</b>	<b>Book Fair</b>
<b>Nov 15 (Tues)</b>	<b>Book Fair Family Night - 4:30P – 6PM</b>
Nov 15 (Tues)	Picture Re-Take Day
Nov 16 (Wed)	Staff Appreciation Lunch
Nov 16 (Wed)	School Board Meeting – 7PM
<b>Nov 17 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Book Fair Family Night - 4:30P – 6PM</b>
<b>Nov 23 (Wed)</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Nov 24 &amp; Nov 25 (Thurs &amp; Fri)</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Nov 28 (Mon)	School Resumes
Dec 1 (Thurs)	PTA General Meeting – 7PM
Dec 2 (Fri)	Pride Day

### **2011-12 PTA Meeting Dates:**

We generally meet on the first Thursday of each month – the exceptions are noted below with an asterisk. The meetings take place at 7pm in the Linden Hill library – and usually last no longer than 1 to 1 ½ hours. Hope to see you there!

November 3, 2011	December 1, 2011
January 5, 2012	February 2, 2012
March 1, 2012	<b>April 19, 2012*</b>
May 17, 2012*	

**Reminder.....Reminder....Reminder**

**NO SCHOOL!**

Wed., Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Teacher In-Service Day

Thurs., Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Break

Fri., Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Break

## Visitors and Volunteers:

For safety and security reasons, please sign in at the office before going to a classroom, library, lunch room, etc. Our School Safety Plan requires that we know of EVERY person on our campus, no matter how frequently they visit. In case of any emergency, we need to account for everyone's whereabouts.



All visitors and volunteers are asked to sign in on the computer in the office and to obtain and wear a visitor's pass. Anyone in the building without a pass will be asked to return to the office or leave the building. Thanks for your cooperation!

---

## **Red Clay Consolidated School District Choice Open House Dates for Middle School:**

- A. I. Middle School –  
Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)
- Brandywine Springs School –  
Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)
- Cab Calloway –  
Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)
- Conrad –  
Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> (6-8pm) &  
Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)
- H. B. Middle School –  
Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)
- Skyline Middle School –  
Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)
- Stanton Middle School –  
Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)

---

## **Time to “Fall Back” as Daylight Saving Time Ends**

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 6, 2011. Also, this is a great time to check / change the batteries in your in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.



## Book Fair

The whole school is excited about our upcoming Book Fair on *November 14th thru November 18th*.

An amazing selection of books is headed our way!

At the Book Fair you will find the latest and finest titles for kids, as well as books of interest to parents. On Tuesday,



Nov. 15, we will be receiving a shipment of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Cabin Fever!* Mark your calendar where the whole family can join in the fun at our Family Events on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 4:30 p.m. thru 6 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 17 at 4:30 p.m. thru 6:30 p.m.

Families will also be able to contribute books to your child's classroom library.

Anyone interested in volunteering, please call Fidelia Portillo at 368-4234 or email at [portilloxon@aol.com](mailto:portilloxon@aol.com).

If you want more information on our Book Fair, you may go to our own link at:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/lindenhill>

The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading. See you there!

### **Your Book Fair Committee**

## **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

The Linden Hill PTA will be conducting a food drive in March, and we are in need of a co-coordinator. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Jackie Schaus** at [jschaus4@comcast.net](mailto:jschaus4@comcast.net). Thank you!

# 5th Grade Social

“5th Grade Rocks at LHE!!!”

Friday, November 4, 2011  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
Linden Hill Multi-Purpose Room  
Cost: \$3.00 per student  
Music – Food – Games  
Permission slips must be turned in to attend!

Thank you!  
**5th Grade Activities Committee**



We are collecting 300 boxes

## INSTANT POTATOES

We will donate our collection to the  
Basket Brigade of Delaware  
Volunteers will deliver boxes of  
Food and a Turkey to families in time for  
Thanksgiving  
All donations should be in by **Monday  
November, 14<sup>th</sup>**

For more information, please visit  
[www.basketbrigadeofde.org](http://www.basketbrigadeofde.org)

## School Pictures

A big thank you to our great volunteers on  
**School Picture Day**-Kelly Adelman and Melanie  
Kenney.

If you missed the original date, or are unhappy  
with your photos when you receive them, don't  
worry. Please make arrangements to have your  
child's picture taken on November 15th between  
9 a.m. and 11 a.m. For those unsatisfied with  
their original pictures, you **MUST** send in your  
original picture package you received. **DO NOT**  
send the class group picture; that picture you  
may keep. Any questions or concern, you may  
reach either **Harolyn** @  
[harolyntemeng@aol.com](mailto:harolyntemeng@aol.com) or **Fidelia** @  
[portilloxon@aol.com](mailto:portilloxon@aol.com)

## Red Clay Consolidated School District 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Resource Fair



Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>  
10:00AM – 1:00PM  
John Dickinson High School



The family resource fair is a free event for the  
whole family where parents can hear about  
learning strategies and collect resources to help  
to improve student achievement. It also offers  
fun activities for kids. Red Clay schools and  
administrative staff, along with representatives  
from local community agencies, provide exhibits  
and information regarding family educational  
resources along with kid friendly activities. The  
goal of the event is to make education a family  
project.



## The 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Delaware PTA Convention! Saturday, November 12, 2011 9AM

Join the Delaware PTA and parent leaders from  
across the state to celebrate 100 years of the  
Delaware PTA and for the opportunity to learn  
more about topics such as:

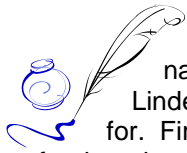
- Insight into National Initiatives
  - Common Core State Standards
  - Family/School Partnerships
- Recognition of DTPA history and  
Accomplishments

This is a great opportunity to network and hear  
from local and national speakers on topics that  
are important to parents in Delaware.

Location: The New Delaware School for the  
Deaf – Newark, DE

For more information, contact Delaware PTA  
Office (302) 838-8770 or email at  
[de\\_office@pta.org](mailto:de_office@pta.org)

## From the President's Pen



During this time of year, it is only natural to pause and reflect. Here at Linden Hill we have much to be thankful for. First and foremost we can be grateful for the talented Linden Hill staff and supportive administration, all of whom make our children's education and safety the top priority. It is a blessing to be able to send our children into a warm, welcoming environment, where they are given all the tools to be successful in their learning.

The Linden Hill PTA also has much to be thankful for. We are fortunate to have a strong partnership with the staff and administration. We are privileged to have strong financial support from our families, enabling us to provide programs and materials to support our children's educations. And we are lucky to have you, our volunteers and our membership. Thank you for all that you do to support the PTA. Together we can make a difference.

Happy Thanksgiving to every one of you!

**Jackie Schaus and Kim Fetrow,**  
Co-Presidents

## Special Thanks To...

- Harolyn Temeng and Fidelia Portillo for organizing and running a successful school picture day! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to bring on the smiles!
- Barbra Creswell and Grace Logemann for a fantastically fun Walk-a-thon! The children were walking on sunshine while raising money for a great cause!
- The many volunteers who helped out at the Walk-a-thon...we couldn't do it without you! We are also grateful to all of the families who supported the Walk-a-thon with donations. You make it possible for the PTA to provide great programs and staff support!
- Tammy Jackson and Theresa Barbato for bringing the school store to the LH

Lions. The students love shopping during their lunch breaks!

- Stephanie Barry for inviting the Walnut Street Theater to Linden Hill in the beginning of November! The students are looking forward to what is sure to be a great show!

---

## Membership

The PTA Membership Goal for 2011/2012 school year is 350 members and as of October 6<sup>th</sup>, we are 177 members strong! The LH PTA would like to thank our returning members for their continued support and extend a warm welcome and thank you to our new members! The

November PTA Membership Contest is in full swing and we have had a fantastic response! Have your child look on the "tree wall" to see if their name is listed on their grade tree. The homeroom with highest number of enrollments will receive a yummy classroom party. The winning class will be announced the first week on December. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shannon Marroni, [smarroni@msn.com](mailto:smarroni@msn.com). Remember, it's never too late to join – Thank you and good luck!



**Shannon Marroni**



## PTA Website Committee

Did you misplace an important PTA form? Are you unsure of the calendar events at Linden Hill? Do you have a question or feedback for the PTA? Want to get the Linden Hill Happenings Newsletter before it is off the press? Then come visit us at [www.lindenhillpta.org](http://www.lindenhillpta.org)!!!! You'll be amazed at all the great information available at your fingertips.

Emails submitted through the website are viewed daily and will be replied to within 24 hrs. Come visit us click on the "Contact Us" menu item and let us know what you think!

**Silvana Pineda**  
Website Committee Chair

# FALL into the ARTS Night

Wednesday, November 9th

6:15 PM - 8:15 PM

**MUSIC.....LIBRARY.....ART.....**

**TAG.....TECHNOLOGY.....GYM**

All kindergarten through second grade students are invited to bring one adult to EXPERIENCE the arts programs at Linden Hill Elementary. Hands on activities in the classrooms will help the adult become familiar with the teacher and subject matter while having fun working and experiencing school with their child. Each set of parent/child will be given a rotation map so they can visit 4 of 6 specialty areas of instruction. A reservation is required and is based on a first come first serve basis. Check your child's take home folder for more detailed information and the reservation slip.

**REMINDER-** A reservation slip on a first come first serve basis is required for attendance. Thanks from **the " Team"**

---

## From the Nurse's Office



Vision and hearing screenings on KN, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades and Postural screening (formerly scoliosis screening) on 5<sup>th</sup> grade will take place in the next few weeks.

Thank you!

**Mrs. Muffley RN, MSN**

---

## School Spirit Wear Committee

Spirit wear orders have been pouring in and I have been running out a lot of items this year and it has taken me a bit longer to fill some of the orders than I would have liked. So I thank you all very much for your patience! And, thank you all for supporting our Lions and ordering your LHE gear! We have decided to bring back our LHE Car magnets – and we currently have them in stock. Price will be \$5.00/each. Order forms for Spirit Wear are available on the LHE PTA Website – [www.lindenhillpta.org](http://www.lindenhillpta.org) under "Spirit Wear". Don't forget Pride Day is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month. **Kim Fetrow**



## Notes from the Music Room

The music department and Mrs. Murphy are off to a very busy start this year! At Linden Hill we have 30 Music classes and 170 students enrolled in band/instrumental music. This is the largest band we have ever had! A concert will be held in the spring which will include all band members. Where and when to be announced soon! At this time we are working to see how we can fit chorus into this packed schedule. When a time has been arranged, sign up letters will be sent home with your child. These slips will be sent home during music class or band class. Band and Chorus performing groups are for fourth and fifth grade students only. K-3 music classes are busy singing, dancing, chanting, clapping, playing a variety of percussion instruments and learning all of the basic skills needed to one day be a part of a performing group and/or to become a wonderful musical audience! All third grade students in Red Clay have a wonderful opportunity provided by our district. They will be attending a performance of Peter and the Wolf by the Delaware Symphony at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington. This trip will take place in November. Third grade families should look for permission slips to come home sometime in October. Third grade students are being prepared in music class and in classrooms for this experience.



Donations to the music and band classes would be very much appreciated. These would include paper towels, small treats such as dum-dum lollipops, Hershey kisses, etc. for our music star contest, small stickers and stars for our band and music class charts, pencils and any old band instruments you may have laying around not being used! Thank you to everyone, especially parents and Mrs. Brady and Mr. Palkovitz for your continued support of our music programs at Linden Hill.

**Mrs. Murphy**

## Recycling Effort Needs Your Help!

**We appreciate your help from home!** Please consider contributing your paper recyclables (you can even send in some with your student to put into the recycle bin in the classroom!) – Items that Abitibi accepts:



- Newspapers/TV guides
- Magazines/shopping catalogs
- Office/school papers/folders/poster paper spiral notebooks(no need to remove the spiral but please remove front and back hardcover/theme books (white paper, construction paper, etc)
- Junk/other mail/weekly advertisement circulars (envelopes with “windows” are accepted too!) – no need to remove the staples!

**(Please - NO cardboard, phonebooks, plastic, glass, metals, or trash – also, if the bin is full, please do not leave contributions until the bin has been emptied...we don't want to litter the neighborhood!)**



## **Lost and Found....Lost and Found...Lost and Hopefully Found!**

Each year our lost and found is overflowing with coats, jackets, sweatshirts, gloves and hats as well as lunch boxes. If you would please write your child's name on these items more of our extensive lost items can be Found!



Thank you!

.....  
• Don't forget **Target's "Take Charge for Education" incentive program!** This program offers our school a percentage of Target credit card sales when you designate Linden Hill as a recipient.  
.....

## Product Incentives

Please continue to support our product incentives program by sending in your General Mill's boxtops, Campbell's labels, Zingo's receipts, and by participating in Target's "Take Charge for Education" & "My Coke Rewards" programs. A collection bag for boxtops, labels and receipts has been sent home. Donations can be sent in with your child or dropped off at the office. If you need a new bag or did not receive one, please email Shannon Marroni, at [smarroni@msn.com](mailto:smarroni@msn.com). Thank you for your participation!



**Shannon Marroni**

Don't forget to go onto the **"My Coke Rewards"** website and enter your codes from your participating coke products to earn our school new supplies for many classrooms.

## Staff Appreciation

As this newsletter goes to press plans are underway for our **Spooky Spectacular** luncheon hosted by our 2nd grade families. No doubt it will be a success and thank you to those that contributed. No contribution is too small and our staff is always greatly appreciative! November 16th will be a Thanksgiving luncheon hosted by our 4th grade families.



Sincerely,  
The Staff Appreciation Committee  
**Angie Mellasecca, Karen Brakeley, Marisa Livaditis & Kristin Armstrong**

Linden Hill Happenings is a monthly publication of the Linden Hill Elementary School Parent Teacher Association. Editor: Claire Jose; LHE Webmaster: Yanaka Bernal; PTA Webmaster: Silvana Pineda

## School Beautification



Fall has arrived! Thanks to Ann Brubaker and her Mom, Shirley, (Olivia and Elizabeth's grandmother) the mums and front bed look fantastic! If anyone has any large flags they would like to

donate for the front entrances, please contact **Eileen Bernart** at [eileen\\_bernart@yahoo.com](mailto:eileen_bernart@yahoo.com)  
Thank you!

## Kindergarten Orientation Committee

The Kindergarten Orientation committee is looking for a next year's committee chair! Parents of the current 2011/2012 kindergarten class who wish to volunteer should feel free to contact Silvana Pineda via email at [pineda.silvana@gmail.com](mailto:pineda.silvana@gmail.com) or send an email through the Linden Hill PTA website at [www.lindenhillpta.org](http://www.lindenhillpta.org)

**Silvana Pineda**  
KO Committee Chair



## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Lion's Pride Walk-a-Thon

What a beautiful day we had for our Walk-a-Thon this year. We truly were "Walking on Sunshine".



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who made a donation, the many volunteers who made this day possible, our fabulous DJ, Mr. Fleetwood, and thank you to our wonderful

LH staff for your ongoing support. We were still counting the many generous donations when this newsletter went to print. Watch for the next month's newsletter to see if we made it to our goal!

Thanks again,  
Fundraising Committee  
**Barbra Creswell & Grace Logemann**

## You've Got Mail .....

Wednesdays are exciting days here at Linden Hill because Wednesday is Lion's Pride Post Office Day! Third Grade volunteers work to collect, sort, stamp and deliver the mail throughout the school during their recess. The students are so excited to receive a letter from an old friend, teacher or even a family member! We are happy to encourage creative writing in a fun way! *Family members* – please feel free to stop in the school lobby and drop a note in the Lion's Pride mailbox and surprise your student! The Lion's Pride Post Office will be up and running by Noember 1<sup>st</sup>! Parents, if you would like to volunteer on a Wednesday to help out, please contact one of us.



Thank you!  
**Angie Melasecca and Barbra Creswell**  
Lion's Pride Post Office Committee

## *Save the Date for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Adult Silent Auction Night!!*

Saturday, March 10, 2012  
7:00-11:00 pm  
Hartefeld National

Basket Raffles - Silent Auction - 50/50 – Games-  
Hors d'oeuvres – Desserts - Cash Bar – Music –  
Dancing

If you would like to join our committee or if you own a business or know of a business willing to donate an item or service (tax deductible!) for the silent auction, please contact:

**Grace Logemann** ([gelogemann@verizon.net](mailto:gelogemann@verizon.net))  
or **Barbra Creswell** ([blcreswell@comcast.net](mailto:blcreswell@comcast.net))

Thank you!  
The Fundraising Committee