

LINDEN HILL HAPPENINGS

Mary E. Bradley, Ed.D., Principal

Principals' Message

February is behind us and hopefully the snow has subsided.

Thank you all for your patience and flexibility with transportation and pick-up and drop-off procedures as we altered things to navigate icy patches in the parking lot or to accommodate a play area for children. As we move forward with the school year, we have had to make some concessions in the wake of the winter weather.

Snow Make Up Days

Although additional information will be announced at a later date about the "last" school day for students, at this time the Superintendent has announced that March 21st will be a school day for children. This date, previously designated as an Inservice day, will be a snow make up day.

School tours

Due to the winter weather, Linden Hill's Open House for Attendance Zone Families was cancelled. In order to provide our prospective families with an opportunity to visit Linden Hill, we will be offering school tours. If you know of any Attendance Zone family who would be interested in a school tour, please encourage them to call the office and make an appointment.

K-3 Report Card Glitch

We have recently been made aware that there has been an ongoing report card glitch for Marking Periods 1 and 2 as it relates to technology grades for our K-3 students. Technology is an ungraded related arts class, yet the computer assigned students grades. We have worked with data service center to rectify this by deleting the grades that were given. This will be reflected on the Marking Period 3 report card.

Car Rider Line Reminders

If you are accessing our car rider line for the first time you may find the information on pages 21-24 of the Linden Hill parent handbook helpful. You will also need a blue car tag which you may get from the office.

A few safety tips for all those using the car rider line:

- *Refrain from cell phone use while in the school area
- *Pull all the way around to the front of the circle
- *Have children exit the car on the curb side
- *When accessing the car line, please follow the speed limit and car line procedures

SCHOOL NEWS

Linden Hill Teacher of the Year

A special congratulations goes to Ms. Janet Huckleberry! She was recently chosen by the faculty to represent Linden Hill as teacher of the year. Ms. Huckleberry provides instruction in our Talented and Gifted program as well as instructional support classes. She facilitates many extra curricular offerings for students at Linden Hill and is well deserving of this honor.

Odyssey of the Mind: We will have several teams representing Linden Hill on Saturday, April 16 at the Odyssey of the Mind competition. Thank you, Mrs. Huckleberry, and the many parent volunteers who are coaching the Odyssey of the Mind Teams.

Science Olympiad Linden Hill had 2 Science Olympiad Teams, representing 4th grade and 5th grade. The teams competed at St. Marks High School on February 12. Thank you Mrs. Lim and Mrs. Huckleberry who co-coached this project and to the many parents that have helped students prepare for these events.

Math 24 Math Club started in October as a Math Enrichment club for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. Students alternate playing the 24 Game and Numerix (on the computer). There will be a Numbers Bee Competition on April 30th at AI High School in Greenville. Thank you to the many parent volunteers who come in early and help each week to facilitate this Math Club.

Field Day 2010 is scheduled for Friday, May 27. As in the past we will need many adult volunteers to help with this event. Ms. Cox and her committee will be sending home more detailed information about this in the near future.

Girls on the Run: Girls in grades 3-5 are invited to participate in this program. Staff members, Kelly Horowitz, Meghan Brady, Kristie Ridgley and Katie Shenoy will facilitate this program which is "dedicated to educating and preparing girls for a lifetime of self respect and healthy living." The culmination of this program is a 5K run on June 4. Space in this program is limited and information was sent home with all girls in these grades in February. You can access more information about the program at www.girlsontherunde.org.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to Jackie Schaus and her band of volunteers who helped to make the 2011 Linden Carnival a success! Many families came together for a day of fun, food, and festivities on February 5th.

An additional thanks to Laurie Goodwin-Phillips' and her team who transformed the halls of Linden Hill into a "Candy Land" adventure.

Classes for the 2011/2012 school year

Homeroom assignments are made during the summer months. Please know that at Linden Hill we do not accept requests for specific teachers. If, however, you have information about the learning style of your child, a teaching style that you feel is beneficial to your child, and/or information relative to social interactions with others, you may submit that information in writing to the office by the end of May. We do look at all information on children before making any classroom assignments.

Educationally Speaking,

Mary E. Bradley, Ed.D., Principal

Deborah Brady, Assistant Principal



Dates to Remember

March 3rd (Thurs)	PTA General Meeting – 7PM Library
March 4th (Fri)	Pride Day
March 16 th (Wed)	Staff Appreciation Luncheon – Hosted by 1 st Grade
March 16 th (Wed)	School Board Meeting – Brandywine Springs – 7PM
March 21st (Mon)	School in Session (changed from in-service)
April 1 st (Fri)	Pride Day
April 7th (Thur)	PTA General Meeting – 7PM Library

Contact Information

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2010-2011 PTA Officers

Jackie Schaus, Vice President	892-9639
Kim Fetrow, Vice President	994-3211
Laura Beth Taylor, Vice President	234-7828
Renee Paoli, Treasurer	995-0808
Nikki Graham, Secretary	633-1509

Special Thanks To:

- **Jackie Schaus, Jen Teal, Jane Yan McMullen, Shannon Maroni** – for organizing and executing yet another terrific school carnival! The families had such a great time!
- **Michelle Hughes and Harolyn Temeng** – for compiling all of our LH families data and putting out the School Directory – great job ladies!
- **Tara Volk** – for organizing the Box Top Blitz contest as well as clipping, counting and mailing off all of those Box Tops. Can't wait to see which class turned in the most!
- **Mrs. Phillips** - for turning Linden Hill into a magical Candyland
- **Carnival co-chairs:** Sheri Aukamp, Silvana Pineda, Kelly Adelman, Janet Gantert, Ilze Jooste, Nikki Graham, Kristin Armstrong, Kim Winward, Shannon Marroni, and Jane Yan-McMullen for hard work in putting together a great carnival!
- To Renee Paoli and Melanie Kenney for gathering and counting all the carnival money!
- To all the children who helped to set-up, run activities and clean-up the carnival, even through some nasty weather. You really showed us what Linden Hill is all about!

School Store

The Cub City School Store will be open in April for one more round of shopping this school year. Order forms will be sent home with students the Monday prior to their scheduled shopping day. As the students shop during their lunch period, having the forms filled out prior to shopping is a big help. We look forward to seeing everyone again this Spring! If you have any questions feel free to contact us at tjackst@gmail.com or 463-6288.

Happy Shopping!
Tammy Jackson and
Theresa Barbato
Cub City School Store Chairs



Library

If you are interested in volunteering for Library please contact Nikki Graham at nikgraham@mac.com. There are plenty of opportunities still available to help out. Look out for the Six Flags Reading Incentive from your student. Happy volunteering & reading!



Lego League

Congratulations to the 2010-2011 participants of Lego League! We had an exciting season and a fun and interesting "Body Forward" challenge. Linden Hill had four junior Lego League teams and one First Lego League robotics team competing this season. Some of the trophies won by our teams were Most Creative, Most Colorful and Best Presentation. We hope everyone had a great season and a fun time at their expo. Thank you to our sponsors, B.D. Abel Engineering, Inc. and Kuratle Contracting, Inc. Their contributions help make Lego League possible for Linden Hill.



For anyone interested in Lego League for next season, we will be holding a meeting in May to discuss changes to Lego League and the registration process. We will be making key changes that all current and interested families will need to be aware of. Meeting info will be forthcoming in the Linden Hill Happenings so stay tuned.

Product Incentives:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the January Box Tops Contest. We have a great number of boxtops, and as we go to press we are still busy cutting and counting! Be on the lookout for the announcement of our class winner!

We will continue to collect boxtops and Zingo's receipts throughout the remainder of the year. Boxtops need to be trimmed before we submit them to General Mills, so it is really helpful if you can trim each boxtop and check the expiration date before sending them in. Thank you!

Mark your calendars!

Field Day 2011
Friday, May 27th
(Sorry NO rain date)

Theme: "C.A.T.C.H. Me if You Can"



[More information and a volunteer registration form in the April newsletter.](#)

THANK YOU to Ms. Lynne and Ms. Debbie,



our administrative professionals and office superstars, for all you do each and every day! We are so grateful to have such helpful and happy faces to greet us at Linden Hill!

Classroom Craft Raffle

A special THANK YOU to all the classroom volunteers, homeroom teachers and the students for creating unique and inspiring crafts for the classroom craft raffle. Way to go!

Carnival

Thank you to the following businesses for supporting Linden Hill at our Family Fun Carnival. Please remember them for your future needs!

Everyday Artists, paint your own pottery...Hockessin
Bella Vista Trattoria and Pizzeria...Wilmington
Dunkin Donuts...Linden Hill

Thank you to all the families who came out to support our Family Fun Carnival! We had a great day in Candyland! Thank you to all the children and adult volunteers who helped to set-up, run activities and clean-up the carnival. It takes many, many hands and we couldn't do it without you! We would also like to thank all the teachers who volunteered their time and who came out to enjoy the carnival with their families. See you next year!

Speed Stacking Cups for Sale

Official Speed Stacking cups. Cost is \$20 (Includes 12 cups/holder/DVD)

Orders will only be taken until March 15th. If you miss the order, you can also order cups online by Googling Speed Stacking Cups

Colors Available: Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, Black, White, Purple, Glow-in-the-Dark, Pink, Aqua

Speed Stack Order Form

Name (First and last name)

Room Number

e-mail address

Quantity (how many)

Color

Checks Payable: LH PTA



For more information contact Ms. Cheryl Cox

Cheryl.Cox@redclay.k12.de.us



National TV Turnoff Week kicks off April 18th

The challenge of spending a week minus the entertainment of television or video games awaits us all. Why accept the challenge?

It seems that many of us are not enjoying the outdoors or have forgotten how to spend time being creative. **TV turnoff week** is intended to remind us that our lives can be interesting without our TVs and video games.

Linden Hill students will once again be encouraged to participate in TV turnoff week and track their efforts daily. Please help your children fill in their progress sheet and enjoy the challenge. The PTA will host a **BINGO night on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m.** for some guaranteed good old-fashioned fun. Please join us and encourage everyone in your house to take a break, flip the switch to off and watch what happens!

Submitted by: Kelly Longoria

TV Turnoff Committee

From the Nurse's Office

Check out the website for information about district policies related to health. It is a great parental reference. You can find the link under the faculty tab on the LHE website.

Mrs. Muffley, jodi.muffley@redclay.k12.de.us

RED CLAY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 4th ANNUAL ART EXHIBIT

DELAWARE ART MUSEUM

MARCH 3RD

FREE and open to all Linden Hill families and friends on MARCH 3rd from 5-7PM

Come see samples of art projects by students throughout the district in grades k-12. Drawings, paintings collage, and 3-D sculptures. Visit the exhibits and the special showing of FRED COMEGYS photography. Admire realistic pirate illustrations, walk the sculpture garden or meditate in the walking labyrinth outside. Enjoy a snack in the museum cafe or buy a treat in the art gift shop.

2010-11 PTA Meeting Dates:

We generally meet on the first Thursday of each month – the exception is 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!

March 3, 2011

April 7, 2011

***May 19, 2011**

Lost and Found....Lost and Found....Lost and Found....Lost and Found



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

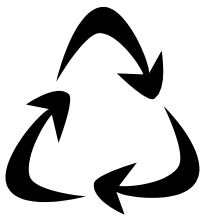


OUR COLLECTION OF LOST AND FOUND ITEMS IS ENORMOUS!

Recycling Effort Needs Your Help!

The recycling effort at Linden Hill needs your help. Help us fill our Paper Retriever bin out back- we must collect at least **2 tons of paper recyclables each month**. Our students have been working hard to make the paper recycling effort work at school – **we could use 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!)

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. Sign in on the computer in the office 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!



School Spirit Wear Committee

Thank you to all the families who stopped by and purchased Spirit Wear at the Family Fun Carnival! What a great time we had and we hope all of our LHE families had a wonderful time at the carnival! We sold out of a lot of items but I will be placing a stock order and will be ready to go to gear the kids up for warmer weather in no time. Don't forget, we now have Youth Baseball Hats & Youth Visors for just \$11 each. Order forms for Spirit Wear are available on the LHE PTA Website – www.lindenhillpta.org under "Spirit Wear". You can also find the form on the Linden Hill Elementary School website - <http://tunaruna.com/LindenEvents/> under "Need Links? – Document Library – PTA Documents". Don't forget Pride Day is the 1st Friday of the Month.

Kim Fetrow, Spirit Wear Committee

Reminder.....Reminder....Reminder....

Monday, March 21

School in Session!!

This was changed from the earlier schedule

Time to "Spring Forward" as Daylight Savings Time Begins



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 13, 2011. Also, this is the perfect time to check / change those batteries in your smoke detectors and

carbon monoxide detectors.

Thank You!

On behalf of the entire LH PTA I would just like to send out a HUGE thank you to the entire Carnival Committee, Dr. Bradley, Mrs. Brady, Linden Hill staff and all of the wonderful parent and children volunteers who helped from set-up, to working stations to clean-up. Thanks to all of you the Family Fun Carnival of 2011 was a HUGE success! The kids and parents had a fantastic time

Staff Appreciation

Once a month, the staff appreciation committee provides a full luncheon to the entire staff of Linden Hill. Given the fact that the staff consists of over 50 people, this takes a lot of help from our LH families! Without the support of our Linden Hill families, we fear we may not be able to continue this wonderful tradition. Don't feel as though you need to be a gourmet chef or a top notch baker to contribute! We need everything from beverages to cups, rolls to condiments, main dishes, side dishes, desserts and cash to fill in the gaps! The next time a staff appreciation donation flyer comes home with your child, think about how lucky we are at Linden Hill to have the fantastic staff we have and send a contribution in. No contribution is too small and everything is greatly appreciated!

In January the third grade families treated the Linden Hill staff to a "souper bowl" luncheon. They did a fantastic job and everyone enjoyed soups, subs and other goodies! On February 16th the 2nd grade families provided an "Italian style lunch". Appleton Catering generously donated a pasta bar and families donated sides, salads, rolls and desserts to accompany the pasta. Be on the lookout for donation flyers when you child's grade is sponsoring the luncheon!

Staff Appreciation Committee

Kristin Armstrong, Karen Brakeley, Amy Malick & Angie Melasecca,

Basket Raffle Family Preview Night

Children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Basket Raffle Preview in Linden Hill Elementary Gym

Friday, March 11, 2011

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Basket Raffle Tickets

Golden Tickets

Pizza Party in Linden Hill Elementary Cafeteria

- Allow students time to socialize with others
- Socialize with other LHE families
- Enjoy a break from Cooking

***Only pizza and drinks ordered
and Pre-paid will be available.

Keep an eye out for flyers /pizza order forms!

Adult Silent Auction Night!!

Saturday, March 12, 2011

7:00-11:00 pm

Hartefeld National

Contact Barbra Creswell for information
creswell918@comcast.net



**Basket Raffles - Silent Auction - 50/50 – Teacher / Staff
Surprise Donations**

PTA Board & Committee Vacancies 2011 / 2012 School Year Shadowing Opportunities

Calling all parents! Have you ever said to yourself, “I would really like to help out more with PTA but all the committees are full”. Well, here’s your opportunity! Currently we have the following committees that will be vacant in the 2011/2012 school year:

Book Fair	5 th Grade Activities
Playground	Theater
Kindergarten Orientation	Newsletter
Family Activities	School Pictures
Website	Welcome Social
TV Turn-Off	Product Incentives
Carnival Sub-Committees	Post Office

This is the perfect opportunity to check out these committees and see if you would be interested in helping out with one of them next year. You would shadow the current committee chair to learn all the wonderful things the committee does. If you find it is something you would enjoy doing next year you can inform the current chair or one of the board members. If you would like more information about any of the above committees; please contact Jackie Schaus, Kim Fetrow or Laura Beth Taylor and we will be happy to put you in touch with the current committee chair.

We also have a few board positions that will be vacant – President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary. If you would like more information regarding the open board positions, please contact Jackie Schaus, Kim Fetrow or Laura Beth Taylor and we will be happy to provide you with information regarding the duties for the position.

Each committee is a vital and integral part of our PTA, without them our children would not have and be able to enjoy the wonderful programs we have here at Linden Hill. And we welcome all of you to join us!