

Life *at Linden Grove School for students, parents, staff and supporters*



Kiely Boone lends a hand to Avery Schonberg at the Da Vinci exhibit at the Cincinnati Museum Center.



Sheldon Eads tests his catapult design for a unit on simple machines.

Friendships Valued Most among LGS Grads

Twelve incredible young people will soon graduate from Linden Grove School and move on to the next chapter of their lives. Many will attend high school at The Children's Home of Cincinnati. Others will attend their local public high school or a parochial high school.

No matter where they're headed, all have set exciting goals to achieve academically and make new friends in high school.

Friends are the thing all grads will miss most about LGS: the students they spent time with in class, on field trips, and at social events on and off campus. When asked about their favorite memories from LGS they answered with a mixture of activities including field trips to local museums and Siekman's farm, extra-curricular activities such as Taekwondo and LGS's semi-annual dances, and class projects ranging from potato cannons to catapults. ●



Daniel Mills will miss his LGS friends but looks forward to making new friends in high school.



Alexis Gerver shows off her costume at the 6-8 team Halloween Party.

Alum Spends Spring Break Giving Back to LGS

Collin Leonard (class of 2011) spent time at LGS while on spring break from Marshall University, sharing college experiences and offering tips like "reach out to teachers for help" and "create a schedule for yourself." He also spent time helping out in LGS robotics classes. Thank you, Collin, for giving back! ●



Collin Leonard '11 works with Bennett Grady on a robotics project.

Event Supporters Celebrate the Uniqueness of Each Student



RSVP Event Center in Loveland, the location for the 2017 Signature Event, was decorated with painted puzzle pieces reflecting this year's event theme: Linden Grove School celebrates the uniqueness of each individual student.

In partnership with parents, our challenge and our joy is to piece together carefully selected academic programs, social-emotional learning opportunities and specialized therapies to help each student reach his or her potential.

The 2017 Signature Event and Raffle raised \$67,000 for school programs and services benefitting LGS students and families. Thank you to our many supporters! ●



LGS celebrates the uniqueness of each individual student including (clockwise from top left): Alex Heter, Amiah White, Ethan Theisens, Jackson Ramsey and Maddie Szawaluk.

Beloved Board Member Leaves Imprint

By Kristin Tennyson, Head of School



Dr. Tom Monaco

Nearly 10 years ago, Dr. Tom Monaco walked into Linden Grove School and started a journey that will forever leave a mark on the entire community.

Tom served LGS in many ways: Education Committee member, Strategic Planning facilitator, Board of Trustees and more. But it was Tom's energy, empathy, encouragement, stewardship and passion that impacted LGS. Whether to student or board member, teacher or principal, Tom gave his time freely and nurtured growth in all. He asked thought-provoking questions, pushing us to look at and address the exact things that held us back. He drove us to be a better school by being a driving force for strategic planning based on mission-driven work. Quite simply, he helped us move from good to great.

Though Tom has been gone only a short time, many of us have turned to each other and said, "What would Tom say in this situation?" He will forever leave an imprint on our lives.

Tom Monaco Fund Established

To celebrate his commitment and generosity towards Linden Grove School, and recognizing his passion for professional development, the Board of Trustees established the Tom Monaco Fund for Staff Development. ●

Integrated Therapies Increase Potential for Learning



An LGS parent recently remarked on her son Alex's change in behavior: "Tuesday and Wednesday he was emotionally volatile and prone to upset. Today he was really sweet and affectionate." Why the change?

Alex struggled with controlling his emotions and behaviors in class, so occupational therapist Abby McKenzie recommended therapeutic listening. Alex's mom and LGS staff noticed a difference almost immediately.

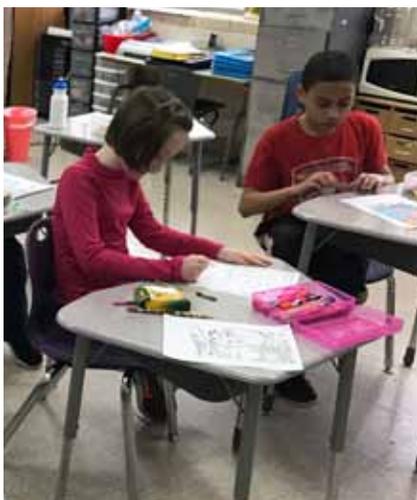
Occupational and speech therapists work with all LGS students each week, individually or in small groups. The goal of these sessions is to increase student potential for learning. Additionally, therapists are integrated into classroom activities.



Abby McKenzie, speech-language pathologist Laura Detzel, and K-2 team staff recently worked together on a "Dining Out" experience

for students. Students took turns donning an apron and chef's hat to play the role of waiter asking "Please, can I take your order?" Student "customers" ordered from a prepared menu of pretzels, goldfish and marshmallows. The activity encouraged student use of complete sentences when taking or placing orders, and the development of gross and fine motor skills in balancing trays and serving food. 🍀

Top left: Gavin Duryea takes his turn at donning an apron and chef's hat. Right: Nathan Titzer waits to be served by Ryan Ballard, assisted by Laura Detzel. Bottom left: Quentin Crockett is just one LGS student utilizing therapeutic listening to help him stay calm and focused during school.



2-4 Students Join #TeamFiona

In celebration of "Send a Card to a Friend Day" 2-4 team students wrote get well wishes to Fiona, the new baby hippo at the Cincinnati Zoo who was born six weeks premature.

As a reward for their thoughtfulness, students received "Fiona cookies" from Buskens. 🍀

Maggie Wesley and Isaiah Cooper working on get well letters to Fiona.



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Save the Date! A new family-friendly event is coming to LGS in October!



Cheers! We're the Charity of the Month!

Cheers to Art has designated Linden Grove School as its Charity of the Month for May. All month long, 100 percent of sales of instructor paintings goes to LGS. (\$20 cash, \$22 if paying by credit card) Stop by the location near you!

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