

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

Fun and Festivities Mark End to Unusual School Year



End-of-year field trips are particularly engaging this year. Youngest students will enjoy We Rock the Spectrum indoor play gym. Older students will enjoy a visit from Cool Critters animal outreach or entertaining science experiences courtesy of Mad Science. Middle School students will solve problems in the fictional city of STEMville through a visiting program from Cincinnati Museum Center.

Field Day, this year, will be inside the LGS Main building and newly installed Middle School Building to avoid distractions from Brood X cicadas. Students will participate in games ranging from a sensory room obstacle course to a penny-stacking competition. And all will enjoy a post-competition snow cone from Mr. Snowie!



At LGS annual awards ceremonies, every student receives a Certificate of Recognition personalized according to their greatest accomplishments and strengths. Sample recognitions include: Super Storyteller, Energetic Learner, Most Improved in Handwriting and Vocabulary Guru. Awards ceremonies include students, staff, and immediate family members and are filled with wild applause, whoops and hollers, and a few teary eyes.

The most anticipated end of year event is, of course, graduation! Class of 2021 members will receive their diplomas and accolades inside, and then enjoy an outdoor procession down an aisle formed by cheering LGS staff. ●

Caption: Maddie Szawaluk enjoys a visit from Cool Critters; Mason Williams practices for a penny-stacking competition; Aiden Petredis enjoys a past visit from Mr. Snowie—the highly anticipated end to Field Day fun!

LGS Parent Appreciation for Staff Peaks in Early May

Parents and other family members show support and appreciation for LGS staff all year long through kind words, special treats, and more. But for Staff Appreciation Week, the first full week of May, parents go all out to express their gratitude. This year, staff were treated to jars filled with candy, doughnuts, gift cards, special notes and drawings from students, a root beer float bar, and lunch from Chef's Choice Catering.



Caption: LGS parents appreciate the personalized attention and supports by LGS staff. Shown, left to right: Mrs. Toney with Mason Freund; Mrs. Hoffman with Greyson Carlton; Braelynn Conlon with Mrs. Naveh.

Parent-Staff Partnerships Resilient amid COVID-19

When parents and teachers work as partners, children do better in school and at home: children's work habits and attitudes about school improve, and they demonstrate better social skills and fewer behavior problems.

Faced with the challenges created by COVID-19, Linden Grove School is grateful for the efforts of parents and staff not only to support student learning, but also to maintain the school's sense of community. Together they helped students stay connected through online classrooms and communications, and maintained school traditions including Trunk-or-Treat and monthly spirit days.



Clockwise from top left: Nima Yousefian enjoying Trunk-or-Treat; Ethan Theisens showing enthusiasm for the Cyclones on Fan Gear Day; Ryan Ballard showing off his favorite shirt on Superhero Day; Noah Adams at the LGS parent-hosted Pumpkin Patch



Encouraging Understanding and Empathy through History



Exploring history from multiple perspectives helps students connect with the past, and helps them understand current issues. It also encourages students to consider multiple sources when considering any event, and to empathize with different perspectives in their own world, helping to create a kinder, more inclusive community.

Most recently, middle school students studied the western expansion in the U.S. during the first half of the 19th century. They considered this important period in our country's history from the perspective of the pioneers who sought land, religious freedom, or gold; and that of the American Indians whose lives were impacted by the Indian Removal Act and how white settlers made it increasingly difficult to find food.

Earlier this year, 4-8 grade students also expanded their knowledge of the American Civil War and Underground Railroad. Middle school students read the story of Sadako Sasaki, a student whose life was cut short by leukemia, an aftereffect of the atom bomb that fell on her hometown of Hiroshima.



Top: Harriet Tubman escaped from slavery and then led about 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 other slaves using the network of antislavery activists and safe houses known as the Underground Railroad.

Left: A wagon train travels across the US plains during the western expansion.

Right: Sadako Sasaki's life was cut short by aftereffects of the bomb dropped on Hiroshima. The book Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes tells her story.



2021 Signature Event Week Surpasses Expectations

Linden Grove School's 2021 Signature Event surpassed fundraising expectations, generating nearly \$50,000 for general operating needs and more than \$25,000 for the school's Tuition Assistance Fund. The event offered new virtual opportunities such as Classic Cocktails with Molly Wellmann and Sipping Under the Stars with Mary Horn, as well as supporter favorites including an online auction, wine pull, and Vacation Raffle.

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Help plan the 2022 Signature Event—a larger, more exciting event to celebrate being together again! To get started, contact Christina Waddle at 513-426-7105 or cwaddle@lindengroveschool.org.





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