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LACJ Newsletter

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New Year Wishes

WISHING YOU A BRIGHT,
PROSPEROUS AND
GLORIOUS NEW YEAR
AHEAD...



HAPPY
LACJ ADMINISTRATION

Parent Association President

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As the New Year begins, let me take this opportunity to welcome and invite you to join us as we work together to become active participants in our children's' success.

When families and schools work together, student achievement and communication improves.

We need your support and involvement to achieve this goal,

Ms. W. Kellman
PA President

"Intelligence plus character- that is the goal of true education."
— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther

Shout Out.....



- To the following students who have received college acceptance letters: Tashelle Thompson, Tyree Etheridge, Caroline Morera, & Tailaya Tomer
- To these Sophomores who were accepted as new members of the D.R.E.A.M Program: Zoe Antoine Paul, Jevhoy Bailey-Gordon, Jason Pilco, Kyron Purdy, Kimberly Salas, Hamyatou Kabba, Shirley Meza and Alia Salomon
- To Caroline Morera who received a scholarship.

School Valedictorian 2014



In order for me to be the valedictorian of this cohort, I gave up my social life. I stopped going to parties. I would go home, do homework, eat, do homework again and sleep. I am currently taking AP courses and my GPA is 95%. At LACJ, you can accumulate credits from John Jay every trimester. Professors from John Jay come to our school every day during 3rd period. Throughout my four years in the school, I had the support of great staff. Ms. Luta Fernandez is my confidant. Ms. Fryer is amazing, from the first day she treated us as college students, she helped me become a much more successful student. Our principal, Ms. Conwell, who I prefer to call "Doreen," is great too. Ms. Yamaguchi, thank you for being my mentor. You are a great NYU alumnus. I hope to stay in the City and attend NYU.

APES Class Organized an Open House...

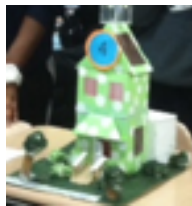


"Over the winter break the AP Environmental Class under Ms. Sarmiento had to construct a solar house. This house simply wasn't for show. We had to ensure that it would retain heat in the winter and expel heat during the summer. The house also had to demonstrate innovations and be aesthetically pleasing. At a glance it sounds pretty easy, but one has to consider insulation, absorption, and it had to be within the specified budget. We spent the winter break designing and building the houses, which was a lot of difficult work. Some of us along the way had to tweak the designs to suit the economical restrictions and effectiveness of the house. Then came the easy part....."

It always seems impossible
until its done.
-Nelson Mandela

Once we returned to school we had to test our houses, the blizzard notwithstanding. We could not help but hold our breath as we waited for the results. Did our house need to be adjusted, or did the structure work? We all hoped for the latter. Some of us had to alter our designs to increase efficiency. Finally the big day had arrived.... Open house and the buyers in the market !!! The Assistant Principals, Ms. Luta-Fernandez, Ms. P. Mota, and previous APES student KC, Juana and Naomi came to evaluate our project. On the outside we held our ground, but on the inside we were all worried our houses wouldn't make the cut...Once again we are holding our breath awaiting the results. Wish us luck!"-

Seana Jean, Senior @ LACJ and APES student



Shakespeare by Ms. Gionti's English Class

Students in Ms. Gionti's English 11 class recently completed their study of Shakespeare's play, Macbeth. As part of a partnership with Lincoln Center Theatre, students got to see a performance of Macbeth on Broadway in December and even got to meet with lead actor, Ethan Hawke after the performance. For the unit's culminating project, students created a Body Biography of one of the play's major characters, conducting a close reading of the text while using their art skills to reinforce their critical thinking. Pictured are students in Ms. Gionti's first period class completing their Body Biography on the

Guidance

Ms. Flete Ms. Leston

Attendance

Mr. Bonilla

Programmer/Testing Coordinator

Ms. Bradford

Administrative Staff

Ms. Rivera Ms. Sanchez

Parent Coordinator

Ms. Reyes

Resources

www.careerzone.ny.gov

www.labor.ny.gov

pupilpath.skedula.com

More Info:

School Leadership Team

Minutes from the most recent SLT meeting will be reviewed at the next SLT on Monday, January 13.

Parent Association (PA)

The next PA meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2013 at 6:00pm. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Reyes, our parent coordinator.

Lunch Forms

If you have not yet turned in your lunch form for the current school year please pick up a copy and return your form to the school immediately.

Weather Conditions

Dear parents, we encourage you to have your children dress appropriately for the weather. Please make sure your child wears a coat, hat, gloves, scarf and a heavy sweater.

Transportation

Dear students, please have an alternate way of getting to school in case your subway line is suspended. You can check subway routes using Google Maps, Embark or HopStop.

D.R.E.A.M Program & Financial Literacy

A program dedicated to teaching high school students the fundamentals of finance. Run by Wall Street Professionals.

College & Career Readiness

All our seniors should fill out the the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after January 1st as possible. Filing the FAFSA generates applications for the following federal financial aid programs: Pell Grant, College Work Study, the Perkins Loan, the Stafford Loans, and the Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant. We are offering a FAFSA workshop on February 1, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. and another one on February 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Translation will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Bradford in room 440 or via email at mbradford@schools.nyc.gov

Coat and Food Drive

Our coat and food drive is going on until January 24. Please feel free to make donations to support those in need. Let's make 2014 a year for giving. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Ms. McNamee.

Regent Exams Week

Encourage your children to go to bed early the night before their exams; anything less than a full night's sleep will inhibit their ability to perform well. Additionally, we advise that students do not leave all of their studying for the night before the exam, cramming is not an effective strategy for retaining information. Finally, on the day of the exam, students must arrive on time. If for any reason they are late, they will not be admitted.

Metro Cards

Students will receive their Spring Semester MetroCards starting January 22nd-January 24th in the South Cafeteria.

Important Dates:

Wednesday, January 15
End of First Marking Period/
Trimester 2

Monday, January 20
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Wednesday, January 22
Parent Association Meeting

Wednesday, January 22
CCNY Kids' Sport Day

Monday, January 27-Thursday,
January 30
Regents' Exams

Friday, January 31
No School for Students

Saturday, February 1
FAFSA Completion Workshop

Monday, February 3
Staff Professional Development
(No School for Students)

Wednesday, February 5
Half Day for Students/PD Day

Friday, February 7
Senior Trip

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