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Vaccines for 5–11 Year Olds Released!

by August Passafiume

The vaccines for 5–11 year olds are here! The vaccines for 5–11 year olds have been released everywhere! This has been anticipated for a very long time! Many people have been waiting for this vaccine since the beginning of Covid-19. The Covid vaccines for 5–11 year olds are proven to be completely safe. The vaccine for 5–11 year olds will make the person who received the shot 90.7% immune to Covid-19. Over 900,000 5–11 year olds have been vaccinated. There have been studies in over 3,100 children aged 5 through 11 who received the vaccine and had no serious side effects. Some of the common side effects included sore arm, muscle pain, fever, decreased appetite, and chills.

Since the first vaccine only gives 90.7% immunity to Covid-19, you or your child should get the first *and* second vaccine. Getting vaccinated (having only the
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Vaccines

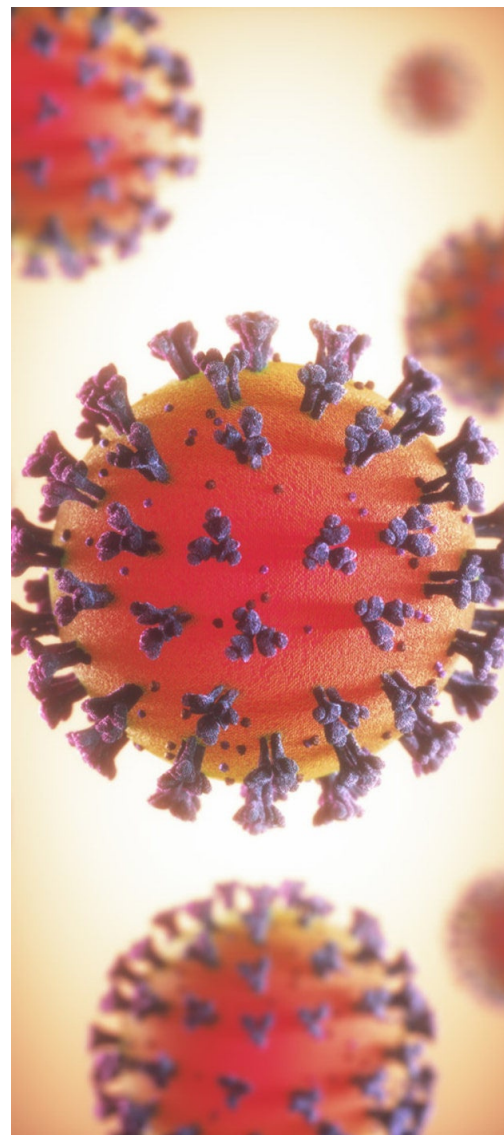
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first shot, or being fully vaccinated) makes seeing your relatives a lot safer. If you have any plans that concern Covid-19, getting your vaccine, or getting your child vaccinated would eliminate a lot of the risk when those plans happen. The Covid vaccine for 5-11 year olds is also just something great for your child to have. (Or if you're a 5-11 year old reading this, the 5-11 Covid vaccine is a great vaccine to get.) It is a great vaccine for (you) or your child to get even if you do not have plans.

It will simply protect your child from Covid-19 so they can do things that would be a risk because of Covid. (You) or your child will be able to do activities such as playing in arcades, seeing movies, visiting relatives, or just being inside with friends. All these activities will be available without the risk of (you) or your child getting Covid. On the CDC website "COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens," they say "COVID-19 Vaccines Are Safe for Children and Teens Before recommending COVID-19 vaccination for children, scientists conducted clinical trials. The FDA gave the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine emergency authorization to use in children ages 5-15 years old and full approval to use in people ages 16 years and older."

The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) is responsible for controlling the introduction and spread of infectious diseases, and they approved the Covid-19 vaccine for 5-11 year olds, so you can guarantee it's safe. Also, if 5-11 year olds don't get vaccinated, everyone could go back into lockdown because kids will be spreading Covid-19 like wildfire. Many European countries including Austria have gone into a full lockdown because of Covid-19. Latvia is also in a lockdown. There are a few other countries that will also go into lockdown if

the Covid-19 cases don't decrease. These countries include Italy, Germany, Belgium, Czech Republic, and Slovakia. I don't know anyone who wants to go back into lockdown, so a good reason to get your child or children vaccinated is to stop everyone from going into lockdown. Anyway, I hope you have a great rest of your week, and thank you for reading! ☺



Murphy Wins Reelection

by Tanay Tabhane

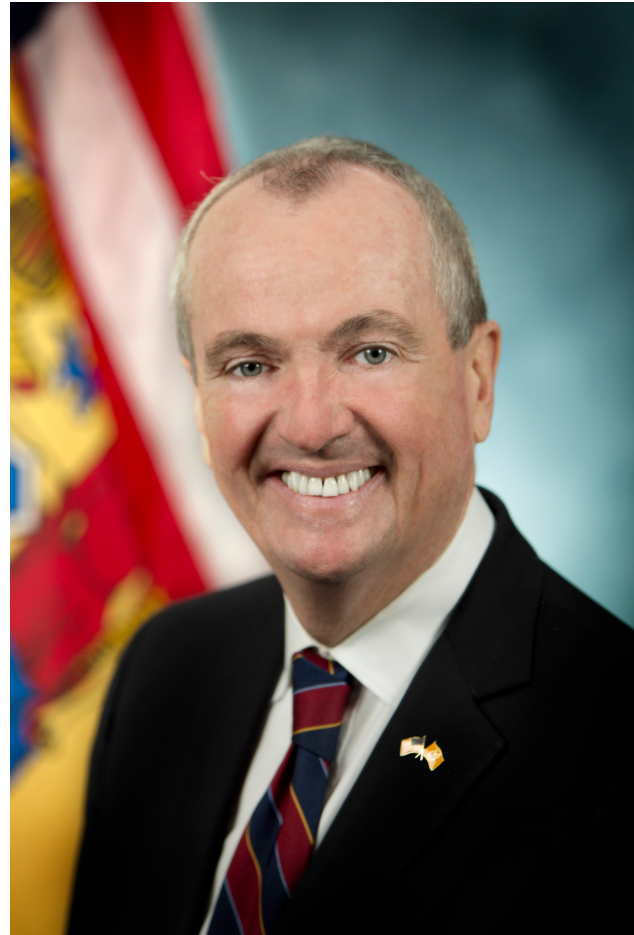
Governor Murphy got reelected, defeating Republican Jack Ciattarelli in November.

Even though Ciattarelli ran in the primary for governor in 2017, he was not widely known across the state. Republican counties of Ocean and Monmouth counties—and now Morris—as well as suburbs across the state supported the Republican.

Registered Democrats outnumber Republicans by about a million; however, the state has more independent voters than those of either party, and that silent majority spoke in November. Democrat Phil Murphy joins ranks with U.S. Senator Robert Menendez and Senator Cory Booker, who are both Democrats.

New Jersey has the highest property taxes in the nation, an issue that has toppled previous Democratic governors, despite taxes rising just as much under Republican governors.

Ciattarelli focused on this issue and hit Murphy in commercials and two debates over a video of Murphy saying “if taxes are your issue, then New Jersey probably isn’t your state.” Murphy said that quote was taken out of context, that he was speaking to a business group explaining that New Jersey will never be able to compete with low-tax states for business, but the highly educated workforce, the close proximity to New York City and Philadelphia, and the state’s mass



transit system were major draws for businesses to operate in New Jersey.

Phil Murphy was born in 1957 and raised in Needham, Mass. His mother was a secretary and his father held a series of low-paying jobs. He attended Harvard University and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He rose quickly through the ranks at Goldman Sachs, became very wealthy, retired young, and raised money for the 2004 campaign for President Barack Obama. He then served as ambassador to Germany from 2009-2013 before defeating Lieutenant Kim Guadagno to succeed outgoing New Jersey Governor Chris Christie in 2018. Murphy is the first Democratic governor to win reelection since Brenden Byrne in 1977. ☰



Fulop Wins Reelection

by Gavin Perez

Mayor Steven Fulop won the reelection for mayor of Jersey City. He was up against Lewis Spears but won quite easily. As you know, you should never rub it in, but it was a good election.

Mayor Fulop has been the mayor in this city for about seven years, since 2013. This is Mayor Fulop's third term. I think Jersey City really trusted him to be mayor because that's a lot of terms. Mayor Fulop could not do it without his team members. They really helped him win the reelection in 2021. Despite Spears, who started campaigning during July, the mayor did it before so he was well on his way. Without Mayor Fulop we would not be a good society and he really does make a difference.

Mayor Fulop is a father with two children, Jaxon and Stasha, and his wife is named Jaclyn. He lives in Jersey City and has helped the community a lot. We look to him to be a kind mayor and to always help Jersey City. ☰

Fall-a-Palooza

by Jeevanshi Singh

additional reporting by Gavin Perez

Fall-a-Palooza, a type of fundraiser, is a family carnival with crafts and games including Toss the Rings, Bean Bag Toss, Lollipop Game, Knock the Cans Down, and much more. Some of the activities were sand art, pumpkin painting, and scratch art bookmarks. Fall-a-Palooza took place in Lincoln Park, on October 2, 2021.

“Why would they bring Fall-a-Palooza to Lincoln Park”, you ask? It was made to support the school and to bring families and communities together. There were 100 volunteers for helping kids with games and crafts to set up and clean up.

“How much money was raised?” About \$4,000 dollars in total!

So you're probably wondering, “Wait who started Fall-a-Palooza”? It was a LCCS parent about 16 years ago. At the time LCCS was by Van Vorst Park. In 2019 before the pandemic, 500 people came to participate in the games. This year we had 250 people. ☰





Meet Ms. Baer

by Gisella Pena and Penelope Pena

We interviewed new LCCS third grade teacher, Ms. Baer.

Why did you want to be a third grade teacher? I like teaching 3rd grade because I think it's a fun age when students are exploring and learning many new things and topics.

Why did you want to work at the school LCCS? I wanted to work at LCCS because it seemed like a great community of educators, students, and families; and I loved how diverse the community is.

Do you think you have been improving in teaching? Yes, I think I'm improving in teaching or I hope I am!

Where did you teach before you taught in LCCS? Before LCCS I taught in the Bronx, NY and Manhattan, NY.

Welcome to LCCS, Ms. Baer! ☺

How Did You Celebrate?

by Emilia Tuazon

We asked Students at LCCS how they celebrated the holidays:

Camila Suarez, 4th grade, had a movie night on Christmas and enjoyed it, of course! went to her cousin's house for New Years. She and her family waited for the New Years Ball to drop, and they then celebrated with some snacks and drinks.

Frankie Dimartino, 4th grade, went to LA for Christmas. She enjoys Christmas because her family's there. She watched the New Year's Eve countdown for New Years and enjoys it because she gets to see her family and friends!

Miki Holgado, 5th grade, had a movie marathon with her family for Christmas. She loves to eat popcorn, play in the snow, and open presents for Christmas! She would then pray for 30 minutes straight as a tradition. She celebrated New Years by playing games and watching the ball drop!

Giselle Pena, 3rd grade, celebrated Christmas with her cousins. She loves to open her presents, and she enjoys it because she spends time with family. She celebrated New Years by spending time with her family! She watched the ball drop like others! She says she honestly does not enjoy it—she thinks it's a bit boring. ☹



All About Builder's Space

by Anahita Aggarwal

If you've been up to the third floor, you've probably noticed there is a brand new space with futuristic looking chairs and balance boards in the middle school. We asked Mr. Hogan all about it.

What is Builder's Space? Builder's Space is a place for middle school classes that are working on projects. This is a place for teachers and students to meet in an environment that is very collaborative.

How did you decide on the furniture? There are special seats and even tables that students can write on. We wanted this space to be a lot like the spaces that exist at companies like Google to allow for creative ideas and really interesting partnerships.

How did you fund the new Builder's Space? We made and got enough money to build Builder's Space by LCCS supporters during

the Hudson Gives Fundraising Drive in the spring of 2021.

Who helped bring Builder's Space to LCCS?

Mr. Hogan, Ms. Kiss, Ms. Rexer, and Ms. Hughes helped make Builder's space. Ms. Hughes worked hard to raise money to make this project happen. Ms. Kiss came up with the design for the space and worked with everyone from architects to painters to make this incredible space. She even picked and ordered all the furniture there. Ms. Rexer and Mr. Hogan tested out every chair. Some friends of LCCS gave ongoing support about how special Builder's Space is.

Why did you make Builder's Space in the middle school?

We made this because of the middle school locker room. It was falling apart and unsafe. This area was a great space but a wasted one.

When did you build Builder's Space?

We decided to make Builder's Space here while all the students were gone to make it a very special place for meetings, projects, and group work.

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Indigenous Peoples Day

by Gavin Perez

Indigenous Peoples Day was recognized on the same day as Christopher Columbus Day, October 11, 2021. Christopher Columbus Day is a day that celebrates parts of the world he apparently discovered. In fact, the Natives, who were the first people on this land, were the first to discover the “new world.” Today Indigenous People’s Day is celebrated nationally. You, too, can contribute to recognize this important holiday.

Remembering the origins of our land, we can create items that the Natives use or that are part of their culture. They made arrowheads and axes made out of sticks to hunt deer. Dream catchers were a significant part of their culture—they captured bad dreams. Usually made out of rope from the tree bark and sticks, they would traditionally be placed over your bed so that bad dreams would go into the catcher and not reach you.

I recently printed out an image of a dreamcatcher, colored it with my favorite colors, cut it out, and hung it over my bed. Even though Indigenous People’s Day was in October, you could make one as a nice card for birthdays, holidays, or even just some cool artwork for your room. ☰



Remember

by Marcus Su

Remember the earth that gave you birth
 Remember the cool water and salmon swimming through
 Remember the song of life, the chorus of you
 Remember that life is one
 Remember the soft dirt that comforts you
 Remember the fresh air that washes through
 With each breath, know others are with you
 Remember the space of others -
 Their life, history, and culture
 Remember, you are not alone
 You share this world with others
 A gift to mankind as life is an intricate dance

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What Comes After Eighth Grade? High School!

by *Emilia Tuazon and Ritheesha Jakkannavar*

Eighth grade students have been hard at work all year preparing for high school. Between preparing for the rigorous entrance exams, taking the exams, writing essays, and doing well in eighth grade, students have been thinking about what they hope to accomplish in high school and beyond. We asked several eighth grade students what they look forward to most.

Grian Rafferty says high school may be very complicated, but is looking forward to graphic technology and would like to be a waterslide tester in the future.

Maxine Uy is looking forward to high school. When high school comes, she is looking forward to dancing. Since Maxine likes ELA, she is looking forward to it as well as dancing. Maxine would like to be a therapist in the future.

Zuriel Sweeny is looking forward to high school. He is looking forward to math and would like to get amazing grades. Zuriel wants to be a mechanic in the future.

Beckett Cornell is looking forward to high school to get even more education. Beckett likes science and would like to take classes on robotic engineering because it will further his education and he would like to be a robotic engineer in the future.

Kaily Angeles is also looking forward to high school - including the environment in the high school building and its garden. Kailey wants to be a surgery nurse in her future.

Neal Puri is looking forward to high school including the people and the soccer team. Neal wants to be a soccer player in his future.

Nesrine Kaddourbey is looking forward to high school as well as others. Nesserine is looking forward to the experiments and the new people in high school. She wants to be a doctor in her future.

Miles Agle, too, is looking forward to high school as he is looking forward to having more freedom and responsibility. Miles does not know what he wants to be in the future yet.

Doah Lillic is looking forward to high school to meet new people and set higher standards in high school. Doah wants to be a real estate agent in his future.

Desiy Ferrara is looking forward to high school and going home for lunch next year. He wants to be a lawyer in his future.

Nicolas Leonardo is looking forward to high school and the different classes it will offer. Nicolas wants to be robotics or a coding engineer in the future.

Good luck to all our LCCS eighth graders in their quest for the perfect high school! ☺



Spooky Story Night

by Emery Dornbos

A Spooky Story Night took place on Zoom this year for the Pre-K to fifth graders. There were stories and lots more. 106 people came and they all had a great time. Students were allowed to wear PJs and snacks and juice or anything else. Teachers and Student Council helped out with picking out stories to read.

The third to fifth graders read a book called Hey, That's My Monster! about a little boy who had a monster named Gabe under his bed. Gabe knew that the little boy had a little sister Emma who never wanted to sleep. Gabe had a little sister of his own. One night Gabe had forgotten his lunch so his little sister came to give it to him. Before that Gabe had said to the little boy, "I'll give you 3 chances to get Emma in bed." The little boy tried and tried but did not succeed and that's when Gabe's little sister came in. Emma was so scared she jumped into bed. They then realized that Gabe's little sister was a perfect match for Emma. Gabe then went back to the little boy's room and they all lived happily.

Spooky Scary Night was a lot of fun, and everyone is looking forward to it next year! ☰

Back to School

by Skylah Sanichara

On September 9, 2021 we came back into the building after being remote for about two years. I interviewed some people about how they feel about being back to in-person learning.

Tanvi Ramadugu, 4th grade

Ramadugu is glad to be back in the building. She says, "It feels different to be back in school." She is also glad to see her friends in person!

Ms. Betancourt, Spanish teacher

Ms. Betancourt enjoys being in the building. She says she gets to interact more with her students and create better relationships with them!

Sydney Reynolds, 5th grader

She was excited and nervous on her first day back in the building. She enjoys being back in school because she gets to see her friends again and learn new things every day. ☰



Snow Day Crafts: Paper Snowman

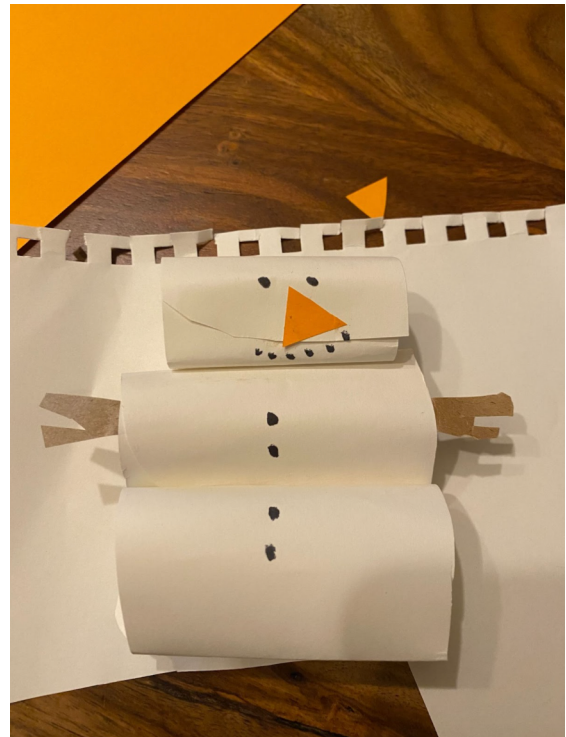
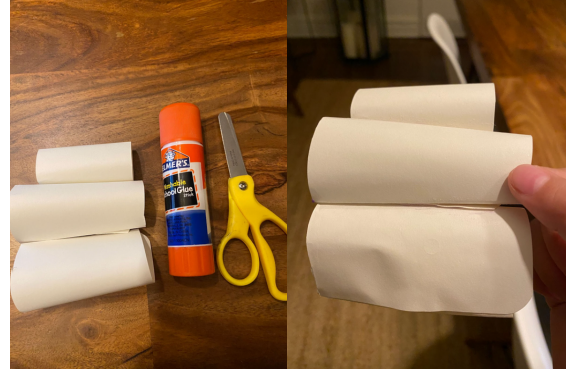
by Camila Suarez

Supplies:

- paper (white, brown, and orange)
- scissors
- glue
- black marker

Steps:

- Cut 3 strips of your white paper (2 the same size 1 smaller and thinner).
- Roll them up into rolls and glue them.
- Stick them together (the smallest one on the top and the large ones on the bottom).
- Cut out a small triangle from your orange paper for nose.
- Cut out 2 Y-looking shapes from your brown paper for the arms.
- Glue the nose on the top white paper.
- Glue the 2 arms inside the middle roll.
- On the top paper, draw a face with the black marker, and on the 2nd and 3rd rolls draw buttons. ☺



Fall Crafts: Paper Pumpkin

by Skylah Sanichara

Supplies:

- paper (orange and green—if you don't have any you can just color a blank piece of paper)
- tape
- scissors

Steps:

- First, cut your orange paper into strips.
- Then, tape them together end by end, do this twice.
- After that, cut out a small strip out of your green paper.
- Last, stick it on top, and done! ☺





Sixth Graders Host Bake Sale for Afghanistan Refugees

by Yoselyn Norwell

Sixth graders Molly Agle and Estelle Rozenberg hosted a bake sale this fall and sent money to Afghanistan. Let me tell you the story of how it was all decided to make the bake sale.

One day when Molly's mom was watching the news, Molly heard that Afghanistan was having a hard time and that's when the bake sale started. She went to Estelle and told her what happened and they thought of a special idea—to have a bake sale in Lincoln Park.

First, they had to start on the baking. They had to make the dough, shape the cookies, and finally, decorate the cookies and the pastries.

Once they had finished baking, (the pastries took a long time to bake) they had a problem. How were they going to get the cookies and all the pastries to the park? They thought and thought and finally, they had to package the cookies. They then had to make a stand and paint it so people would come to buy the cookies. They brought everything to Lincoln Park once they were done. They set up everything and put everything in the right place (and I mean everything), and they even put the pastries with nuts in a different spot than the ones without nuts.

To their surprise, a lot of people came to their bake sale! A man even gave them a twenty dollar bill! Once they sold everything, they counted their money and found they raised \$457! After their bake sale, they played in the park a little bit and then went home. When they both got to their own houses, they were both so tired that they went to bed right away! After that, they sent all the money that they earned to a business that will send their money to Afghanistan and they didn't even keep a cent. I believe that the money they sent helped Afghanistan a lot.

Seasonal Recipes

by Emilia Tuazon and Ritheesha Jakkannavar

Winter Recipe:

Shortbread Christmas Cookies

3 cups of all purpose flour
¾ cup of white sugar
¼ teaspoon of salt
1 ½ cups of cold butter
½ teaspoon of rum extract
½ teaspoon of almond extract
2 tablespoons of cold water
2 cups of confectioners' sugar
2 tablespoons of milk
2 teaspoons of Milk
1 drop of food coloring, or to desired shade
(Optional)
1 tablespoon colored edible glitter, or as desired



Whisk together flour, sugar, and salt in a large bowl; with a pastry cutter, chop in the butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir the rum extract and almond extract into the water in a small bowl. Mix into the dry ingredients, a little bit at a time, until the mixture holds together in a ball when you squeeze it.

Place the dough onto a floured work surface, and sprinkle with flour; roll out into a sheet ¼ inch thick. Cut into shapes with floured cookie cutters, and place 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets. Cover with a layer of plastic wrap, and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).

Bake the cookies just until the edges are lightly browned, 15 to 18 minutes. Allow to cool on sheets for 2 minutes before removing to wire racks to finish cooling. Cool completely before decorating.

For frosting, whisk the confectioners' sugar and milk in a bowl until smooth. If desired, divide frosting into small bowls, and tint each bowl a desired shade with food coloring. Frost fully cooled cookies, and sprinkle with edible glitter before the frosting sets.

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Fall Recipe:
Cream Cheese Pumpkin Roll

3 eggs
1 cup of white sugar
 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup pumpkin puree
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup all purpose flour
2 teaspoons of ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon of baking powder
1 teaspoon of ground nutmeg
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of salt

Filling of Cream Cheese Pumpkin Roll:

1 (8 ounce) package of cream cheese,
softened
1 cup of confectioners sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of butter, softened
1 tablespoon of pumpkin puree
1 teaspoon of vanilla extract



Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease a 10x15-inch jelly roll pan and line with wax paper.

Beat eggs and white sugar in a large bowl until well blended; stir in $\frac{2}{3}$ cup pumpkin puree.

Combine flour, cinnamon, baking powder, ginger, nutmeg, and salt in another bowl; stir into egg mixture until just blended. Pour mixture into prepared jelly roll pan.

Bake in a preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 15 minutes. Cool in the pans for 10 minutes, then turn the cake out onto a clean towel. Remove and discard wax paper. Roll the cake up into the towel, starting with the short end. Cool.

Beat cream cheese, confectioners' sugar, butter, 1 tablespoon pumpkin puree, and vanilla extract in another bowl until smooth.

Spread a large sheet of plastic wrap on a work surface. Place and unroll cake over plastic and spread with prepared filling. Re-roll cake and wrap with plastic. Refrigerate, seam-side down, until chilled, about 2 hours.

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Spring Recipe: Easter Nests Cupcakes

1 (15.25 ounce) package chocolate cake mix
1 ¼ cups of water
½ cup of vegetable oil
3 eggs
1 (10 ounce) package sweetened flaked coconut
1 (16 ounce) can prepared chocolate Frosting
1 cup egg-shaped chocolate candies (such as peanut M&Ms), or as needed



Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Line 24 cupcake cups with paper liners.

Beat cake mix, water, vegetable oil, and eggs in a mixing bowl using an electric mixer, on low speed until mixture is moistened, 30 seconds. Increase speed to medium and beat until batter is smooth, 2 more minutes. Fill prepared cupcake cups about 2/3 full with batter.

Bake cupcakes in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into a cupcake comes out clean, 18 to 23 minutes. Remove cupcakes from the oven and turn the oven heat up to 400 degrees F (205 degrees C). Let cupcakes cool.

Spread coconut into a large, shallow baking pan or onto a baking sheet; toast in the hot oven until coconut is golden brown, about 7 minutes. Cool.

Cut a piece out of the top of each cupcake to leave a hollow depression about 1/2 inch deep and 1 1/2 inches across. Discard cut-out portions. Frost cupcakes with chocolate frosting and cover frosting with toasted coconut. Place 3 egg-shaped candies in the small depression on top of each cupcake. ☰



The Review Corner: **Cool Runnings (1993)**

by August Passafiume

A comedy movie based off an inspirational story

Rating: PG for mild language and brief violence

My personal rating: 9.4/10

Cool Runnings is a 1993 sport comedy that is based on a true story of the first Jamaican bobsled team. Disney did a wonderful job of recreating the original story by adding in a heap of comedy to make a one-of-a-kind movie night for the whole family. The movie Cool Runnings is about Irving Blitzer, a bobsled double gold medalist who got disqualified for cheating by putting weights on his team's bobsled to make it go faster. Feeling defeated and embarrassed, Irving retires to Jamaica.

Irving then gets convinced by a Jamaican top 100m runner named Derice Bannock to start a bobsled team. Derice does this because he failed to qualify for the 1988 Summer Olympics when another opponent, Junior Bevil, accidentally tripped, making himself and Derice fall. Derice realized he could participate in the 1988 Winter Olympics by forming a bobsled team. (The question of why Derice wants to be in the Olympics so badly is open for discussion.) Derice then forms a team with his friend Sanka Coffie. Derice also then gets Junior Bevil involved. Derice also gets a runner named Yul Brenner to participate because Yul Brenner also fell when Junior Bevil tripped.

I personally love this movie because it has comedy, depth, and some great character development, all while having the suspense of all the problems with having a Jamaican bobsled team. The way that Cool Runnings uses character development and plot is single handedly incredible. For example, the way many characters change throughout the movie is convincing and works well for the story. The movie isn't very dated, and it is very entertaining to watch. The way the characters act is not only hilarious, but it's pretty heartwarming. It is very easy to get sucked into Cool Runnings in all the best ways. I highly recommend Cool Runnings to anyone who wants to have a laugh and get invested in a movie great for the whole family. ☰



Into the Woods Jr.

by Sydney Reynolds

Who do you think is going to be the next group of talented actors? Well, LCCS created a musical so good that it will knock off your socks! The musical is called *Into the Woods* but since they are doing their own spin on the musical it is called *Into the Woods Jr.*

Into the Woods is a musical twist of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales including stories like *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Rapunzel*, and *Cinderella*. It follows the life of a baker and his wife.

Who are the actors in *Into the Woods Jr.*? Ivan, Clara, Sophia, Arjen, Marry, River, Diya, Maddie and other amazing students make up just some of the cast. *Into the Woods Jr.* will be performed live on Thursday, February 10th at 7pm.

Many of the teachers you may know are also contributing to *Into the Woods Jr.* such as Director: Miss Jeffrey, Assistant Director: Mr Brown, Stage Manager: Mrs VDH, Technical Advisor: Ms. Hitner, and Costume Coordinator: Ms Stover.

I watched *Into the Woods* for myself with my family and I ended up having many questions about how *Into the Woods Jr.* will do certain things. Such as, Who is your target audience? and How long will it be? After a brief conversation with two of the cast members, Ivan Aberu and Clara Burton, most of the questions I had about how they are going to do things and how they are feeling about certain things were answered. Clara said, "I am excited for my solo role and to see the audience's faces and reactions when they see our play since it took months of hard work to get it perfect." Ivan later added, "I honestly think that our target audience is other students and people who love fairy tales and fractured fairy tales." Miss Jaffery, the director, later said "The biggest problem I faced so far was trying to get the cast to say the correct lines at the right time."

Into the Woods is a musical which won many awards such as the Best Revival of a Musical and 10 Tony Awards. *Into the Woods* first premiered at San Diego's Old Globe Theater in

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Into the Woods Jr. **Builder's Space**

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1986. It premiered on Broadway on November 5, 1987 and closed on September 3, 1989. *Into the Woods Jr.* has been shown countless times and showed time after time that it will be an amazing show and maybe even better than *Into the Woods*.

The *Into the Woods Jr.* cast performed a 'teaser' for LCCS students during Builders' Block on Wednesday, February 9th and streamed a live performance on Thursday, February 10th at 7pm.

Thank you to the cast and crew of *Into the Woods Jr.* for a wonderful theater experience!

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What do you hope comes out of Builder's Space? We want all students to enjoy learning in this space. Our building should look like all the incredible work that we do here at school. The Builder's Space is a space that captures what makes our middle school so special. We wanted to design a space that really helps our students do their best work. That's why there is all kinds of seating and even boards that students can wobble on. This is meant to be a space where students can gather and think.

Which grades will use Builder's Space? This is exclusively a space for our middle school students.

Do you have any plans for another Builder's Space? We should mention that we are thinking about building another space like this for Lower School in another part of the building.

Who meets in Builder's Space? Right now this space is being used just for classes, clubs might meet there in the future. ☰

Meme of the Month

by August Passifiume





Our Hopes and Resolutions for 2022

by *the Jags Journalists*

My hopes are to get onto the soccer travel team. – **Tanay Tabane, 5th grade**

I really want Covid to stop because it is spreading everywhere around the world. I also wish I can play Roblox again. It was my favorite time of my life. Those are the hopes I wish to come true. – **Penelope Pena, 3rd grade**

For the new year 2022, I hope to go to different places and try their different mac and cheese. I am always looking forward to seeing the ball drop on New Years Eve because I get to see my friends. I am excited to see the new me.

– **Abigail Donath, 4th grade**

One thing I hope for this year is that Covid will stop. I also want to help treat everyone nicely even though we are all different.

– **Emery Dornbas, 3rd grade**

I hope that every kid gets the COVID vaccine. We can write banners and posters saying, “Get your kid’s vaccine,” make a website persuading them to get the vaccine, and we can also make pop-ups of websites saying, “Get your vaccine for your kid today!”

– **Anahita Aggarwal, 4th grade**

I hope to resolve fighting and people feeling like they are doing this alone in LCCS. It would be great to resolve the fighting and the feeling of being the only one in LCCS because, well, even though we are going through tough times, it won’t help to add more to our problems. Some people might feel like they are going through this alone, but we are all going through this, so we could let them know that fighting isn’t going to solve the problem and they aren’t alone. Even though we might not be able to do this in the entire world, we could help change it in our school!

To get better Grades

Covid to Stop

A Merry Christmas to everyone

To read more books than usual

To help out more

To have everyone stay healthy

To practice the pause.

Get better at cooking

To be number 1

To listen better to others

– **Miki Holgado, 5th grade**

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Hopes and Resolutions

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I hope for the future that everyone gets along and that no kid ever feels like they are unwanted or useless.

- **Sydney Reynolds, 5th grade**

I hope I get vaccinated for the new year, and I hope all the kids in the school get vaccinated in 2022 so we can remove our masks!

- **Maimouna Barry, 5th grade**

This year I want to go to Diagon Alley in Harry Potter World....and see my cousins that live in Illinois. I mostly miss my little 8 year old cousin who I really like to play with. I want to learn self defense against bad guys. I also want to do some sports like tennis or soccer.... I want to be on one of the Olympic teams because I want to be in the Olympics. Most of all, I want to see my cousins and I want to see my friend that I haven't seen for like 4 years because we have known each other since we were three years old.

- **Yoselyn Norwell, 4th grade**

My hope for the new year is for the world to be less polluted. I will change any and all acts of mine that negatively impact the environment.

- **August Passafiume, 5th grade**

I hope I will get as many newspaper pages as I can for the LCCS Newspaper Club. My resolution will be to skip a grade next year because I will be very intelligent in fourth grade.

- **Giselle Pena, 3rd grade**

I want to focus more in class. I hope for no Covid! - **Skylah Sanichara, 4th grade**

Have a good time being 9. Have a good time with my family and friends. Eat less sugar.

Drink more water. Achieve more goals.

- **Jeevanshi Singh, 3rd grade**

My hopes: I hope to see my family so we can celebrate New Years together! I would like to see the ball drop, and I hope that it would be a fantastic and marvelous day and year!

My resolutions: I would like to be as polite as I can, using great manners. I would like to try my hardest and never give up, and never do anything bad. - **Emie Tuazon, 4th grade**

I hope to get better grades, work harder on my articles and other stuff, and put all of my effort into everything I do.

- **Sydney Reynolds, 5th grade** ☺

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