



Lake Hiawatha Newsletter

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ESL Corner with Ms. DiVincent

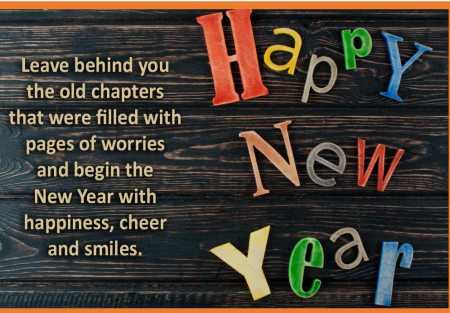
Parents of ESL Students,

Do you have a question, require some additional support, or need assistance with technology? Our district ESL teachers are hosting **FREE** classes on Google Meet! Click [HERE](#) to join!

Classes will run on the following dates and times:

12/1, 12/8 & 12/15 from 4:30PM to 5:15PM.

12/3, 12/10 & 12/17 from 6:30PM to 7:15PM.



A Message from Mrs. Carlson, School Nurse

Reminders from Mrs. Carlson, School Nurse:

- Please complete the COVID-19 screening form every day when your child will be attending school in-person prior to 8:55AM.
- Please continue to report all student absences (virtual or in-person) in the Genesis Parent Portal.
- Remember to get your flu shot! Please note influenza vaccines are required for preschool students.
- For the health and safety of staff and students, please keep your child home from school if they are exhibiting COVID compatible symptoms or if they have been a known contact of a confirmed positive COVID case. Please contact the school nurse for further instruction.
- If you plan on traveling out of the state or country during the holiday season and your child attends in-person, please note you will likely have to quarantine for 14 days upon your return to NJ as per NJDOH guidelines. Your child may attend school remotely during your quarantine.



Social Emotional Learning Corner

During the month of December, the theme of CARING will be emphasized through our district's Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) program, *Sanford Harmony*. Caring can be defined as showing compassion and empathy for others. A person who is concerned about others and who does kind things for them is an example of someone who would be described as caring. Using age-appropriate language, the concepts of compassion and empathy will be addressed during classroom learning experiences, and hopefully will foster appropriate social skills among students.

Caring (along with the four other themes of community, communication, cooperation, and collaboration) will continue to be emphasized on a school-wide basis, as well as be infused in daily classroom lessons and activities. Each theme is interconnected with the others, and you are encouraged to facilitate discussions at home about the importance of being caring and empathetic with your child(ren) as opportunities naturally present themselves.



With the colder weather approaching, here are some online resources to keep students engaged in the Arts:

- Visit [Tate Kids](#) where students can play games, take quizzes, watch videos about art, and be inspired to make their own creations at home!
- [Toy Theater](#) offers art activities and games for early learners.
- Explore a world of color with [Crayola](#)!
- [Color With Leo](#) teaches the principles of art to a young audience within a wholesome online environment!
- This past March, animator, author, and voice actor, Mo Willems hosted a lunchtime series called [Lunch Doodles](#). Children can watch all 15 episodes and doodle with the creator of Pigeon, Gerald, and Piggie!
- Scholastic has partnered with author Dav Pilkey to present [Dav Pilkey At Home!](#) Get creative and have fun with some of your favorite characters from *Dog Man* and *Cat Kid!*



WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS:

Please be sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. In the absence of rain, snow, poor conditions, or strong winds, students will go outdoors each day for a snack and mask break. Warm coats and hats are strongly suggested for snack time during the winter months.