

Lincoln School March 2024 Newsletter

Hard Character Traits: This month Lincoln School is focusing on the hard character trait- **Optimism**. We want the children to learn to find the positive side of life. Research shows that people who are optimistic are healthier and have better coping strategies. At school we will be discussing how to find the goodness in a situation, learning that even rough times will pass, and seeing if there may be a way to solve a problem. Parents can help their children develop this trait by asking children to think about the positives that can be found in a difficult situation or having children start their day with a positive affirmation. Parents can also model for their children how they find the “silver lining” in life. We want the children to know that when life gives you lemons, you can think about making lemonade!

Optimism is a happiness magnet. If you stay positive, good things and good people will be drawn to you.

– Mary Lou Retton

Read Across America Day, March 4th: Lincoln School celebrates the anniversary of Read Across America on March 4th. We will be having special guests to celebrate books and read aloud. In the past, special guests have included Town Council members, Chief Russo, Superintendent Hurley, Ms. Jane from the Rutherford Public Library and Board of Education members. The RHS Future Teachers of America will be visiting this week, as well. The RHS students read to the students and have them participate in activities related to the reading.

REA March Madness Food and Fun Day, Saturday, March 9th from 9am to 12noon: Beginning in 2017, March Madness Food and Fun Day is a community organizing event run by REA members to benefit the Rutherford Food Pantry. The price of admission for members of the community is two items for the food pantry per adult and one item per child. Activities include jewelry-making/beading, arts & crafts, face painting, balloon twisting, carnival games and a magic show. The event is also an opportunity to display work done by our students throughout the year. March Madness takes place in the Pierrepont School gym (weather date: March 23, 2024).

St. Patrick's Day - Celebrating March 15th: In order to learn about traditions from Ireland, students will wear green and enjoy an extra snack in school. Students may bring a festive **2nd snack for themselves** on this day.

RHS Musical–March 15-16: Rutherford High School proudly presents *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* on March 15 at 7:30pm and March 16 at 2:30 and 7:30pm. *The Lightning Thief* is a family-friendly adaptation of Rick Riordan's best-selling novel, set to a thrilling rock score. As a son of Poseidon, Percy Jackson has newly discovered powers he can't control, monsters on his trail, and is on a quest to find Zeus' lightning bolt to prevent a war between the Greek gods. Tickets sold at the door for \$15 cash or check. See attached flyer.

Which Comes First, the Chicken or the Egg? In the case of Lincoln School, it's the egg. Once again this year, Lincoln School is scheduled to receive a shipment of chicken eggs on March 20th which will be

ready to hatch. Students will be able to observe the incubation and hatching process first hand. After hatching, the young chicks will be returned to the farm to mature.

Harlem Wizards vs. Rutherford Faculty/Staff – March 20: Once again, the Harlem Wizards will take part in a fund-raising basketball game to be held at the RHS on Wednesday, March 20. This is a big fundraiser for the Rutherford Education Foundation. The Wizards will be playing against a team of district faculty and staff. It is a fun night with a full house and a good community event. Doors open at 5:30pm. Ticket sales open at 8pm on March 6th: <https://pretix.eu/harlemwizards/rutherfordnj03-20-24-06-30pm> This event usually sells out within the hour of going on sale, so if you wish to attend please consult the attached flyer. There will be snacks, drinks and a 50/50 cash raffle.

School Appropriate Attire: Although fashionable now, the following types of clothing are inappropriate for school. (See **Rutherford - Student Dress Code: Policy 5511 Dress and Grooming** (pgs 20 of the *Rutherford Public Schools Pre-K through Grade 3 Student & Parent Handbook*):

1. Extremely low cut, transparent clothes, **bare midriffs**, revealing undergarments.
2. Dresses, skirts or shorts that are shorter than mid-thigh; spandex shorts are not acceptable except in gym class.
3. Hats, headbands, bandannas and sunglasses unless for medical or religious reasons (documentation may be requested).
4. Clothing, patches, or symbols which contain profane, obscene, offensive, and inappropriate language, references to alcohol, sex, tobacco or drugs; or demeaning references to specific gender, nationality, ethnicity, race, or religion.
5. Outdoor jackets or coats except when entering or leaving the building.
6. Footwear that is considered unsafe or dangerous.

Please review the Handbook for how infractions are dealt with by administrators.

https://www.rutherfordschools.org/media/docs/PreK_3_StudentHandbook.pdf

Summer Enrichment Academy (SEA): It is hard to believe that we are already planning for summer! An email blast will go out March 1st to parents about the SEA Program. This year the program will run from Monday, July 8 - Wednesday, July 31. The hours will be 8:30am - 12:30pm. Space is limited. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Kirsten Szalkiewicz: kszalkiewicz@rutherfordschools.org.

March Vocabulary: We continue our school initiative to build our students' vocabulary. This improves comprehension and writing. Each week, each grade level will have exposure to four words throughout the day. Specialists, homeroom teachers, custodians, lunch aides and office staff will infuse these words in daily conversations. We know children need to hear a word multiple times before he/she can understand the meaning in text and use the new word in writing and speaking. Parents are encouraged to use these words also to complement our efforts. Below is the list of March words for each grade level:

Pre-K

Week of:

3/4

3/11

Words to infuse

top, bottom

open, close

3/18 night, day
3/25 first, second

Grade 1

Week of:

3/4 daily, exhausted, howl, loosen
3/11 fancy, grab, rescue, scent
3/18 rise, surround, seed, weed
3/25 cabin, cranky, silent, sob

Words to infuse

Grade 2

Week of:

3/4 herd, discard, island, net
3/11 pack, support, shiver, strand
3/18 limit, correct, blast, exactly
3/25 trot, independent, factory, guilty

Words to infuse

Grade 3

Week of:

3/4 distant, origin, stiff, substance
3/11 resident, steer, vacant, awful
3/18 cling, custom, bundle, caution
3/25 gasp, intimate, clever, curve

Words to infuse

Report Cards: Report cards will be accessible electronically through the portal at the end of the day on March 25th. You will receive an email when the portal opens.

Registration/School Enrollment 2024-2025 School Year is Now Open - Registration for the 2024-2025 Pre-School year opened on **January 9, 2024**. Registration for all other grades opened on **January 23, 2024**. This is only for students who have not attended the Rutherford Schools the previous school year. For more information and link to enrollment forms:
<https://www.rutherfordschools.org/enrollmentinformation/>

Practical Strategies for Strengthening Emerging Literacy Skills for Parents of Students in grades K and 1

Highlights from On-line Calendar (<http://www.rutherfordschools.org/district/lincoln>):

- Feb. 28 Second Cup of Coffee Parent Workshop–Washington School@8:50. See flyer
- March 4 Read Across America Celebration
- March 4 1st Gr. Spirit Week - ***One Fish, Two Fish*** Day - wear something Red and/or Blue
- March 5 1st Gr. Spirit Week - ***Cat in the Hat*** Day - wear stripes or and/or your favorite hat
- March 6 1st Gr. Spirit Week - ***Wacky Wednesday*** Day - wear your clothes backwards, inside out, or mismatched

- March 6 RHS-Harlem Wizards game tickets go on sale at 8pm. See attached flyer.
- March 7 1st Gr. Spirit Week - **Green Eggs & Ham** Day - wear something green
- March 8 1st Gr. Spirit Week - **The Sleep Book** Day - wear pajamas (no slippers)
- March 9 REA March Madness, Pierrepont School Gym 9am-12 noon
- March 11 RBOE Meeting @7:30pm in RHS Café
- March 15 Wear your **GREEN** for St. Patrick's Day (2nd snack day)
- March 14 Return all copies of **A Boy Called Bat**
- March 15 ***The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*** @ RHS 7:30pm.
\$15 tickets (cash or check) sold at the door
- March 16 ***The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*** @ RHS 2:30pm.
\$15 tickets (cash or check) sold at the door
- March 16 ***The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*** @ RHS 7:30pm.
\$15 tickets (cash or check) sold at the door
- March 19 PTA Meeting in Art/Music Room@7pm. Enter through the front doors.
- March 20 Quiver Farm delivery of eggs today!
- **March 20** **One Session Day.** PreK3: 8:30-10:30am, PreK4: 10:30-12:30pm,
Learning Center: 8:30-12:30, Gr. 1-3 8:30-12:30pm. **NO LUNCH SERVED.**
AfterCare begins immediately after dismissal.
- March 20 REF Harlem Wizards basketball game @ RHS. Doors open 5:30pm
- March 21 World Down Syndrome Day – Wear your yellow and/or blue
- March 22-28 Payforit portal opens on March 22 and closes at **8a.m. on March 28**
- March 22 Please wear **ORANGE** for Optimism.
- March 23 Rain Date: REA March Madness, Pierrepont School Gym 9am-12 noon
- March 25 Report Cards issued. See email for parent portal opening.
- March 28 School Spirit Day – Wear your Bulldog gear or blue/white
- **March 29** **SCHOOL CLOSED – Good Friday**

Attachment:

Second Cup of Coffee Parent/Teacher Workshop flyer
 REF: Harlem Wizards fundraiser basketball game flyer
 TGA Junior Golf Spring 2024 flyer
 TGA Ultimate Frisbee Spring 2024 flyer

NOW BREWING...

"Second Cup of Coffee"

PARENT/TEACHER WORKSHOP

PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR STRENGTHENING EMERGENT LITERACY SKILLS FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES K-1

The foundational skills of an early reader are extensive and can be overwhelming. The literacy skills students acquire in grades K and 1 lay the foundation for reading and writing success. Parents will walk away with a toolkit of resources to help their child with decoding strategies and sight word recognition and application, as well as tactics to support understanding of phonics patterns and rules.

PRESENTED BY:

MRS. RACHEL MEJIAS & MS. CHRISTINA RUGLIO



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

8:50 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL LIBRARY



Please plan to arrive by 8:30 a.m. for coffee...

RSVP by filling out the bottom portion of this form and returning to your child's teacher by Tuesday, February 27, 2024

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_____ I/we will be attending the "Second Cup of Coffee" Workshop
on Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Parent Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

THE HARLEM WIZARDS ARE COMING TO TOWN!



SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, March 20th, doors open at 5:30 pm

Rutherford High School Gym

**Watch the World-Famous Wizards take on
the Rutherford Teachers!**

Proceeds benefit the Rutherford Education Foundation

Tickets go on sale March 6th at 8:00pm.

For Ticket Information:

Go to HARLEMWIZARDS.COM & click "GET TICKETS"



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PLAY GOLF

at Lincoln School

DATES:

4/5/2024 - 6/7/2024

DAY:

Fridays

TIME:

3:05 PM - 4:15 PM

COST:

\$190.00/8 Weeks

- All classes take place outdoors
- Golf is for Students in Grades 1-3
- Dates: 4/5, 4/12, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/31, 6/7 (Rain Date 6/14)

For more information contact: Christine Kostianis at ckostianis@playtga.com or (917) 304-3986.

SIGN UP TODAY!

<https://bergencounty.playtga.com/lsr24>





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PLAY ULTIMATE at Lincoln School

DATES:

4/4/2024 - 6/6/2024

DAY:

Thursdays

TIME:

3:05 PM - 4:15 PM

COST:

\$190.00/8 Weeks

- All classes take place outdoors
- Ultimate Frisbee is for Students in Grades 1-3
- Dates: 4/4, 4/11, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/30, 6/6
(Rain Date 6/13)

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