



Friday, January 29, 2021

LVEPC Community Meeting Agenda

Mr. Simon & Mr. Javidi

State of School Overview from our Principals

Mr. Simon

- Thank you for support from PC. Baskets help kids keep things neat and move around better. Small item, big impact. Photo shoot back drop was great. Obstacle course video on social media with Ms. Miller.
- HEPA filters in every single classroom and other rooms, helps to keep windows closed in cold weather. Thank you to BOE.
- Covid update: One class is quarantining now at AMP, but overall we have seen only isolated incidents, v widespread cases. Remote learning, morning meeting at 9:00 to keep the schedule. The kids are doing well with knowing how to handle google meet etiquette.
- Working with Mental Health professionals to be proactive on kindness at school, v. solely anti-bullying.
- Students Council Meeting – kids talking about they are always at their desks, wanting to move around a bit more. It means that teachers have adapted to restrictions with instruction and engaging kids, but we still need to be mindful that it's a long day of sitting in one place.
- Teachers College: Lucy Calkins started this powerful program known worldwide. Mini lesson for teacher, what they should focus on, what to stop and talk about, very specific teaching points in specific language. Carry over to the next year, adding on each year. New piece for parents can be an overwhelming amount of data, but is very useful. Reading lists are included. Reading and writing units support each other to have interdisciplinary work rather than isolated lessons across subjects.
- NYS saying state testing is on for this year. Plan was for the state to update to Next Gen Testing, rolled out slowly over 4 years, but this still may be pushed back due to Covid. ELA, Math, Science, Phys Ed all revamped standards will be implemented as of next year. Next Gen implementation should be much better as opposed to Common Core standards were implemented too quickly and a somewhat of a disaster.
- NWEA testing finishes two weeks of testing today in elementary level. Results in but waiting to dissect the data, to triangulate data to figure out what the data is telling us with regard to how we teach.
- Professional development - Responsive classroom conference 2 teachers attending, multi-day conference to bring back and change directly into the classroom

- Classroom management, communication, discipline, powerful/positive way of approaching teaching.
- Transition in and out of remote learning has been fairly seamless for kids, who have been very adaptable. Remote teacher can work with classroom teacher to fill in gaps in learning.

Mr. Javidi

- Thank you for the light show, thank you to PC for supplying lanterns. Random notes of kindness found in the LVI playground. Kindness message resonating with the kids.
- Student Council Meeting Kids asking for a few more breaks during the day to move around, especially during the cold months. Good reminder for teachers and admin to be mindful of this.
- Columbia Teachers College LVI reading and writing, AMP phonics and writing. Will be fully implemented by next year at LVE. Video for parents about making a plan for learning/reading with kids. Powerful message of working with kids to be more independent learners. Each week in the Friday email.
- New family welcome kits: Do more work with new families to empower the staff to help the kids coming in. Idea started with our librarian Ann Joyce, to welcome families a packet that is ready to go to highlight our school. Update old documents, grade specific kits, LV gear for the student, incorporate technology to introduce faculty and staff. Ongoing project year after year.

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- Super Bowl Squares Fundraiser (we will only distribute this through social media and ListServe since it's technically a form of gambling) No large fundraisers available, continue to look for smaller opp. 50% to LVEPC, 50% paid out to winner
- PARP (Parents as Reading Partners) "LOVE to Read" Reading Contest 2/5-2/12 (*we will send you the information on this for distribution to the teachers early next week) Commitment to read with our children. Each class will participate. Grade winner prize for top individual in each grade.
- Field Trips - Tiles center virtual programs, some interactive. Each grade will have one. PC can pay for these, late winter and early spring. Info to come soon
- After School Adventures – Virtual options, direct communication to families. Vendors we have worked with before to keep up our relationship. Packets/kits will come home or a list of supplies needed.
- Science Fair mid-March – Virtual, flip grid format, technology kids have learned at school to present projects. Info coming in early Feb, so they have time to work and submit on time.
- Clothing and notes donation – Nurse Taylor reached out about needing a quick change of clothes. PC funded purchase of new clothes from Target. Bins are working out to keep clothing clean and organized.