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LILA Lower School Life: November 19, 2018

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Lower School Families,

It's the time of year when we count our blessings and reflect on that for which we are thankful. Research shows that cultivating gratitude has tremendous positive impact. An [article in Forbes magazine](#) identifies seven benefits of having a "gratitude attitude".

Here are my top five reasons that I am grateful for LILA.

1. I am grateful for the warm and genuine welcome that I have received from the LILA community. From staff to parents to students - you have been generous, patient and helpful.
2. I am grateful for LILA's creative and dedicated staff. You are passionate, knowledgeable and reflective. You are constantly seeking to grow and learn. You believe in LILA's vision and strive to do your best for our students.
3. I am grateful for LILA's loving parents. You advocate for your children. You ask questions and listen carefully. You support our school with your words and actions.
4. I am grateful for LILA's thoughtful students. You show curiosity and determination. You work hard, have fun and take responsibility for your words and actions. You are kind, friendly and compassionate.
5. I am grateful for LILA's supportive community. You donate your time, talent and treasure. You open your homes to our Language Ambassadors. You serve as volunteers, coaches, advisors and board members.

This Thanksgiving season, I give thanks for each of you.

With a "gratitude attitude",



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Kathy Griebel, Lower School Principal
Lakes International Language Academy

LOOKING AHEAD: IMPORTANT DATES

Here are some important dates for your calendar:

Date	Activity
November 20	LILA PTO Meeting, 6:00-7:30 PM in Library
November 21	Coffee Order Forms Coming Home with Students
November 22	Holiday, No School
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November 27	Kinder Field Trip
November 28	Grade 2 Field Trip
November 30	Ski Club Registration Closes Coffee Order Forms Due LILA Slumber Party! Principal Griebel will be sleeping on the roof.
December 4	Safety Drill
December 6	Upper School Information Fair, 6:00 PM at Upper School
December 7	Ski Trip for Grade 4 and 5, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM Upper School information Fair, 6:00 PM at Upper School

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Glow Run in Action!



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This year's LILA Dragon Glow Run was a tremendous success. We raised over \$57,000 for technology needs at Kinder Prep and Lower School! Thank you for your generous pledges on behalf of LILA students.

Because we met our fundraising goal, Principal Griebel (and friends!) will be sleeping outside on November 30. Some will be on the roof and others will be camping on the playground.

You are invited to a PTO-sponsored tailgating party in the parking lot for a warm send-off to our winter adventure.



Service in Action!

Profe Silvia's kinder class had a special guest last week. Bob Pfefferle, a Korean War veteran visited the class and shared his experiences. Here is Bob's service story:

I joined the U.S.Navy in March 1952. After boot camp and service school I assigned to the USS Bennington docked in Brooklyn N.Y. The ship was an aircraft carrier used in WWII and refitted for use during the Korean War. It was 1000 feet long weighing approximately 44,000 tons and carrying a crew of 3,000 sailors. My job was called interior communications electrician which entailed servicing and maintaining all of the shipboard communications systems.





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During my time aboard we patrolled the waters of the North Atlantic and Mediterranean seas. Thence reassigned to the Far East to patrol the South China Sea and the Sea of Japan and the Western Pacific in general. I was honorably discharged in February 1956 having attained the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class.

During his time on the USS Bennington there was an explosion. Bob was honored for his role in saving lives that day.

Where in the World is the LILA Dragon?

This year our school news program, Lilavision, has a new segment called "Where in the world is the Lila dragon?". This segment features our school mascot in pictures from around the world. Our goal is to help students gain a better understanding of the geography of the world and also familiarize them with navigation vocabulary. Students will try to guess where the dragon has traveled based on the picture. Here is what we need from you:

If you, or someone you know, is going to travel, stop by the front desk and grab a Lila bumper sticker. Then, take a picture of the dragon near something recognizable where you are. Send it to ckeplinger@mylila.org and your picture will be featured on Lilavision! Do you know someone who lives in a different country? Send them the bumper sticker or have them print off our school logo.



How far will the Lila dragon travel this year? See if you can guess the location of the dragon's first stop!

PPRA Notice and Opt-Out

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232h, requires **Lakes International Language Academy** to notify you and allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities. These activities include a student survey, analysis, or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight areas ("protected information surveys"):

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;



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2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

Here is the link to LILA's annual [PPRA Notice and Opt-Out Form](#).

Chess Club Reminders

There is NO Chess Club this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Registration for the winter session of Chess Club is now open! Here is a [link to a flyer](#) with dates and session information. You can also [register online](#).

PTO Coffee Fundraiser

Got coffee? The much-anticipated coffee order forms will come home on Wednesday, November 21 and are due back on Friday, November 30. Our coffee is easy to order and makes a great holiday gift! Coffee orders will be available to pick up on December 18, 19 and 20.

Grandparents Fundraiser Breakfast - RESCHEDULED

The LILA Foundation's annual Grandparents Fundraiser Breakfast will be rescheduled to late February or early March. Stay tuned for further information.

2019-2020 Kinder Applications

Do you have an incoming kinder student next year? Don't forget to complete your [application](#) before the lottery date. Current LILA families have sibling preference, but only if you complete the application prior to the deadline of January 15, 2019. If you have friends or neighbors interested in LILA, let them know about our [upcoming tours](#).

Lost and Found

Jackets and mittens and hats, oh my! Our collection of lost and found items is growing and overflowing. If your child is missing items, please take a look. Our Lost and Found is located at the bottom of the stairs by the cafeteria.



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NEWS IN REVIEW

Announcing the 2018-2019 LILA Lower School Directory!

Planning a playdate or birthday party? Want to get to know more LILA families in your child's grade? Please utilize the [2018-2019 LILA Lower School Directory](#) to find class lists as well as contact information for families who chose to participate. We are grateful for all the families that compose our growing LILA community, and we'd like to encourage friendships both inside and outside our classroom walls.

As a courtesy to all LILA families, please respect each other's privacy by not sharing these PDF files with other organizations. We appreciate that you refrain from using these lists for your business sales, promotions, outside fundraising, or other soliciting. The directory is designed to facilitate LILA community-building, and we want everyone to feel confident about participating.

Veterans Day - November 12, Observed

Lakes International Language Academy is grateful for all the brave men and women who have served in the United States armed services.

We honor and thank our LILA veterans and their families. [Click here to see our slideshow.](#)

Expand your Horizons with LILA - UPCOMING UPPER SCHOOL INFORMATION FAIR

Come learn about the many exciting opportunities that are available at Upper School!

Both of these sessions will be in the informational fair format. Drop in when it works for your family! Stay as long or as little as you like to leave with the information you need.

- December 6, 2018 - Current 5th and 6th graders, 6:00 PM
 - Middle School information on the following topics :
 - International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program (MYP)
 - Activities and Athletics
 - Bring Your Own Technology - Guidelines
 - iTerm
 - Course Offerings
 - Immersion Course Offerings

Coaching Opportunities - Positions are open to both Upper and Lower School Parents

- **Boys' middle school basketball head and assistant coach:** Duties include communication with students and parents, planning and coaching practices



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Tuesday-Friday for 1.5 hours each day, home and away games 1-2/wk, etc.. Season runs from January 8th-beginning of March. This is a paid position.

- **Ski Club Advisor:** Duties include parent communication, student communication, riding the bus to and from Trollhaugen (supervision and checking students on the bus), supervision at Trollhaugen (you can buy a ski pass and have time to ski as well as hang out in the ski lodge), etc. There are parent volunteers for the Main Campus students so you will be working with them as well as the language ambassadors while at Trollhaugen. This is a recreational ski club so you don't need any experience with skiing/snowboarding in order to be the advisor. Bus leaves from LILA HW around 2:25 (advisor needs to be at LILA HW by 2:15 to check students onto the bus) and returns around 7:15 on Thursday afternoons/evenings. This is a paid position. See below for dates of ski club:

December: 6th, 13th, 20th
January: 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
February: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

STAY CONNECTED

Stay up to date on LILA news in the following ways: Follow us on [Facebook](#), update your contact info via [Infinite Campus](#), and check out our website at www.mylila.org.

To stay updated on PTO events, like or follow the [LILA PTO Facebook page](#).