

# LINCOLN-ELIOT LEADER

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## Reflections from Katie

One of my goals for this school year is to think about how we can support students in developing a sense of independence. Of course we are always working on building knowledge and skills with children, but if they don't know when or how to use those skills independently, then I believe we have not educated them well. We have talked about this in our faculty meetings, in our literacy team meetings, and our grade level team meetings. One way we all help children build independence is through school and classroom jobs. I wanted to share with you about a special job that some 5<sup>th</sup> graders have taken on this year: morning monitors.

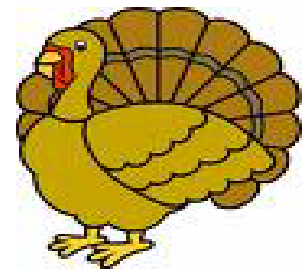
In September, all fifth grade students were offered the opportunity to apply for the position of morning monitor. The application consisted of four questions that tested their ability to do the job. The job is about helping to keep everyone safe at school. The morning monitors stand at the Jackson Road entrance in the mornings between 8:00 am and 8:20 am, and they monitor who goes in the building. This gives me the ability to supervise playground play (thus keeping everyone safe). They have a walkie-talkie they use to

communicate with me if someone wants to come in the building. Most often, these requests are to get extra help from a teacher, or for a parent-teacher conference, and the request is granted as soon as I can verify that the teacher is available. As students arrive at school, the morning monitors make sure that they go to wherever there is teacher supervision. If I am on the playground, they are told to report to the playground. If we are in the gym, they are sent to the gym. These fifth grade morning monitors are also a pleasant welcome-wagon as people arrive, greeting them with warm good-mornings. There have been some times when these fifth grade morning monitors have had to stand up to other students. These fifth graders had to find their voice to tell another student that it was not yet time to go inside, and they needed to go to where the adults were supervising. I am very proud of these fifth grade morning monitors, and feel that they are growing in their independence and maturity through this experience. Please help me empower them by respecting their role, and letting them radio me for permission for you (or anyone) to enter the building, as this is what they have been asked to do.

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, Nov. 24	Parent Coffee, 8:30 am Curriculum Discussion	Tuesday, Dec. 1	5th Grade hosts Senior Holiday Party
Wednesday, Nov. 25	Noon dismissal - Thanksgiving	Friday, Dec. 4	PTO Family Social, Pizzeria Uno 5 - 9 pm
Thursday, Nov. 26 - Friday, Nov. 27	No school Thanksgiving break	Thursday, Dec. 10	Early release, 12:30 dismissal
		Wednesday, Dec. 16	Celebrating Our Differences Gathering, 6:30 pm

Reminder!

Read the Lincoln-Eliot Leader in COLOR at [www.lepto.org](http://www.lepto.org)!

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Another way that we are working on building student independence is through our Writers' Workshop approach to teaching writing. Students are not just learning skills and techniques to use in their writing; they are learning how to act and think as writers. A workshop approach encourages children to think up their own ideas for their writing, and then think about using the tools they have learned to improve that writing. Students truly own their writing that is created in Writers' Workshop because teachers have not dictated the topic or the structure. Furthermore, students are responsible for finding their mistakes, rather than waiting for a teacher to tell them what is wrong with their writing. I believe that this whole process builds independence in children, and encourages them to see themselves as writers.

While these two examples show routines that call for student independence, it is critical to note that independence doesn't just mean leaving the kids alone. In fact, teaching for independence has to be very carefully orchestrated. Students need to know when they will get attention and guidance; they need to be able to take responsibility in low-stakes environments so they build the confidence to take more and more responsibility as the stakes get higher. Writers' Workshop is a low-stakes environment, a place where students can take risks and truly learn to become independent.

So as I ask for your partnership in this goal, I am not asking you to leave your children alone to develop independence. Rather, you can think about low-stakes ways to build independence into your daily routine with your children. For example, who is responsible for making sure the homework is in the backpack? I would encourage you to have that be a child's responsibility, a way for them to take ownership and build independence. My goal is for **all** children to be independent, life-long learners.

**Traffic Safety Update**

- The police have been ticketing people who park along Jackson Road, in front of the school, in the mornings. This is **not** a legal place to park.
- Please remember to cross with a crossing guard.
- Crossing in the middle of Jackson Road or the middle of Pearl Street is VERY DANGEROUS. Please do not do it.
- Our crossing guards, Joe and Michelle, park their cars at the intersection where they cross students. For Joe, this is the corner of Pearl and Jackson. For Michelle this is the corner of Pearl and Gardner. **Please do not take these parking spots.** Especially on cold and rainy days, they need to be able to sit in their cars once the rush is over and only a few kids are coming every few minutes. They can't do this if they don't have their parking spots.



Every year, the Boston Globe does something called Globe Santa. Families in need can write a letter, requesting particular presents for their children for Christmas. In the past, we have had families who have benefited greatly from this opportunity. If you would like your child to receive a gift from Globe Santa, please write a letter, and bring it to school, to the attention of Patsy Mok. We look forward to helping all families have joyful experiences around the holidays.

Dear Newton Community,

As many of you know, Jeff Beatrice, a gifted coach and father of eleven, died unexpectedly last month. He leaves behind his wife, Elinor, and seven children within the Newton Public Schools ranging from a kindergartener to a senior in high school. With Jeff's passing, a huge void was left financially for the family. Not surprisingly, the Newton community has rallied to support this family in a myriad of ways. In an effort to streamline these efforts a group of concerned citizens has pledged to work together to find ways to support the Beatrice Family Fund. Our hope is that our collective efforts will allow the family to remain together in their home. To that end, we have developed a number of ways that the greater Newton community can help in our efforts.

Financial donations can be sent to:  
 The Beatrice Family Fund  
 c/o The Village Bank  
 307 Auburn Street  
 Auburndale, MA 02466

To help the family with meals and other tasks please visit: [www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/619171/login/](http://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/619171/login/)

Anyone interested in helping with fund-raising, please contact: Amy McMahon (amymcm@rcn.com), Katie Slocum (kathry@slocum.com), Meryl Appelbaum (mitchelappelbaum@comcast.net) or Tracy Clark (samalama@rcn.com)

Share The Beatrice Family story with friends and family (every amount will make a difference). For more information about this family please visit our website: [www.beatricefamilyfund.com](http://www.beatricefamilyfund.com)

Thank you for your support. It is times like these that we all feel so fortunate to live in such an amazing community.

Best,  
 The Beatrice Family Steering Committee

# PTO THANK YOU NOTES

Melissa Fang and Andrew Hargens once again created a magical event, the Halloween Dance. If they ever tire of their current careers, they should consider becoming event planners. Many thanks to the dynamic duo for putting together such a wonderful event. And a huge pat on the back to their many helpers, who set up and cleaned up, sold tickets, ran games, did Halloween-icures, told fortunes, sold food and did the many other things that went into putting on the event. Their helpers were Agi Sardi, Susan Dargon-Hart, Ruth Nieves, Michele Kfoury, Alanya Harter, OC Manos, Melanie and Jay Varady, Alison Leary Mooradian, Leslie Langston, Galina Frishman, John Bostick, Kate Mooney, Vicki Ritterband, Shannon Lynch Flint, Holly Georgiadis, Heather Kelly, Sally Moore, Macy Thomas and Liz Adler.

Thanks to the leadership of treasurer Miriam Alandydy, who recognizes a good money-making opportunity when she sees one. We earned \$500 from the election day bake sale and raffle, using the leftover yummy things from the Halloween Dance. Miriam was ably assisted by Agi Sardi, Megara Bell, Brian Flaherty, Isabel Roeder, Erika Roth (I'm noticing a Stearns Park Posse pattern here), Yanik Grignon, Michele Kfoury and Elena Mikhaylovskaya. And many thanks to D and A Pizza, Busy Bee, Antoine's, and Bobalicious for their donations to the gift basket. These businesses are steadfast supporters of the school so please support them.



# PTO Meeting Minutes

by Vicki Ritterband, PTO Secretary

## Parents Get First Glimpse of 21st Century Classroom at November PTO Meeting

In the next three to five years, every classroom throughout the school district will be equipped with an interactive white board and tablet for teachers and an individual response system for students.

That's the goal of the Newton Schools Foundation (NSF), an organization that provides funding for innovative programs in schools across the city. The foundation still needs to raise the money to fund the project. The so-called 21st century classroom will enable students to work more collaboratively and creatively, while teachers get instant feedback on how well students are learning, through individual response systems (clickers that allow them to register their responses to questions). NSF board member Gail Glick spoke at the meeting about the NSF's plans.

Other highlights of the plan:

- The NSF will provide all of the necessary infrastructure, teacher development, technical support and upgrades to make the project sustainable.

- There is currently one pilot classroom in each of the middle schools.
- The project will roll out over three years. Here's the elementary timetable. In year one (next year), 4th and 5th grade classrooms, the library, the inclusion and the English Language Learners (ELL) classes will be enabled. In year two, 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms and the art rooms will be enabled. And in year three, 1st and 2nd grade classrooms and the music rooms will receive the technology.
- If the NSF can raise \$105,000 by the beginning of 2010, one fifth grade class in every school will be technologically enabled this January.
- The cost of converting each classroom into a 21st century classroom is \$4,500 per classroom.
- The NSF is hoping that individual schools will be able to collaborate on fundraising to the extent they're able, but no school will be penalized for not being able to raise money.

There will be demonstrations of the 21st century classroom for parents in the future (there was one at Bigelow Middle School Tuesday night). For more information about

the 21st century classroom, visit: [www.newtonschoolsfoundation.org/21century.html](http://www.newtonschoolsfoundation.org/21century.html).

Principal Katie Charner-Laird talked about integrating technology into teaching at L-E. She said that many teachers have as a goal to learn more about effectively using technology as a teaching tool. At the next staff meeting, staff members will spend time learning how to use two technologies that some teachers are currently leveraging in their classrooms. "We want the technology to deepen the learning and make what students are doing more thoughtful and collaborative," said Katie.

In other Katie news:

- She is hosting a parent coffee next Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 8:30 a.m. in her office. The topic will be either social studies or science curriculum.
- She will begin posting notes from the school council meetings so the school community is kept apprised of the group's work. They are currently talking about events the school can host that informally bring the school community together more often and in smaller groups - like movie or game nights.

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## Out-of-District Policy Statement

Out-of-District placements for students who wish to attend a school in Newton other than his/her district school are limited. Such placements are made on a space available basis only. Newton families, as well as members of Units A, B, C, D, E, NESAs, Custodians and Boston parents of students in the METCO Program, should call the Elementary Education Office (**grades K – 5**) at 617-559-6105 or the Deputy Superintendent's Office (**grades 6 – 12**) at 617-559-6115 for information. Students who receive acceptance for Out-of-District placement must remain in the school selected for the duration of the school year.

Applications for the following school year must be submitted on forms which will be available **beginning November 2** in the **Elementary Education Office (grades K – 5)**, Room 218, or the **Deputy Superintendent's Office (grades 6 – 12)**, Room 214, at the Education Center.

If necessary, a lottery will be implemented to determine the order in which placements will be made. Completed applications, signed by the in-district principal, can be submitted no earlier than January 4, 2010 and no later than March 31, 2010. Applications submitted after March 31, 2010 will not be included in the lottery.

Class size in a given grade, in a given year, in a specific school, may preclude any placements including siblings. Parents will be responsible for transportation. Tuition Free Enrollment is limited to the per pupil cost of regular education.

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- The next Celebrating our Differences event will take place on the evening of Dec. 16. Katie would like to have some parents help her plan. The time commitment is small and the planning process is informal, so step up and volunteer!

Elaine Smith Purcell talked about upcoming Creative Arts and Sciences programs. They are:

- Bugworks for the first graders, which ties into their bug unit
- Potato Hill Poetry will do poetry workshops in December for 2nd, 4th and 5th graders
- The Discovery Museum in Acton will come to the school to do a rocks and mineral unit
- Folks from the Quabbin Reservoir will do a water-related program
- Mohamed Camara, a West African drummer, will work with third and fourth graders, then return to do a concert with them to celebrate Black History Month. L-E music teacher Ms. N'diaye, an avid African drummer, will be involved with this.

Second grade teacher Jason Raisner, one of the teacher representatives to the PTO, said that the recent Dragon King marionette performance (brought to the school by the Creative Arts and Sciences committee - ie Elaine - and funded by the PTO) was a terrific way to launch his class's China unit and he is very appreciative that the performance connected so well with the curriculum.

Maria Greenberg, the hard-working e-Rewards Czar, told us that we have earned \$180 so far through the Stop and Shop rewards program (if you haven't registered your Stop and Shop card yet, send Maria - echomaria1@msn.com - your card number immediately and she will do it for you). We've earned \$106

through our Target rewards program (if you have a Target credit card, please register it so a percentage of your purchases go to L-E, or ask Maria to do it) and \$250 through our Box Tops program. Additionally, Maria has applied for a grant from Target to help defray the cost of the fifth grade end-of-year camping trip.

Plowshares Assistant Director and artist Michael Finnegan is hoping to paint a mural on an outside wall of the school. There was a lot of discussion about the process that should be created to determine the design, location, budget, level of student involvement, etc. Katie and Michael agreed that they would determine a date for a meeting where content will be discussed by all the stakeholders.

In other PTO news:

- The silent auction kick off meeting was Thursday (yesterday) at Agi Sardi's house. Mom Angela Winston has agreed to chair the auction, but the PTO is looking for a co-chair. If interested, please contact Agi at [agi.sardi@gmail.com](mailto:agi.sardi@gmail.com).
- The Halloween Dance netted about \$1,800 and the election day bake sale/raffle (which sold a lot of the dance's leftover baked goods) earned \$500.
- The fifth grade committee is selling pretzels on Tuesdays in the Jackson Street entrance.
- The PTO is in the process of creating a new and improved lost and found in front of the gym.

There is no December PTO meeting. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the music room.



## Second Annual PTO Family Social

Friday, Dec. 4,  
5-9 p.m.



Pizzeria Uno on  
Washington Street  
in the back room.

Parents, guardians  
and kids are invited.

The pizza and soft  
drinks are on us!



**November  
School Council Minutes  
November 12, 2009**

1. We have a new community member on our school council— Amy Maynard from Lasell’s department of education.
2. We discussed possible improvements to the building. The following ideas were discussed:
  - cafeteria
  - library could use an overhaul
  - cohesive, fun system of signs to help you around the building
  - map of the world in the pavement under the overhang
  - more small spaces around the building
  - build real walls in place of the partitions in the 1/3 hallway
3. We discussed a possible mural project.
  - a. Mike Finnegan from Plowshares is going to be pitching some ideas to PTO.
  - b. Committee needed
4. Garden Update  
Some parents met earlier this fall  
Support for site on Gardner street

Andrew has put together site plan with 6 beds  
Integrated space across the walkway with benches under the maple tree  
Have to figure out how to separate from parking area  
Get kids involved NOW in the planning process  
Have a Garden meeting to discuss materials/supplies (parents and teachers)  
Pester about water spigot

5. Community Events  
Teachers brainstormed a ton of ideas at a faculty meeting  
Some possibilities further discussed:

January movie night  
February—poetry and book reading, “open mike” along with book fair, guest readers (Setti Warren, Andy Green, Jean from public library, Jim Marini)  
March—healthy food—get whole foods donations, Russo’s donations etc., speaker—fitness, Cortiva institute, get Prana to partner—draw in businesses



**Weekend Leaf Raking  
Event for  
L-E Playground**

Please join us  
Sunday, November 22nd  
9AM-noon  
to help clean up our kids' playground.

Bring your rakes and help us do the final leaf raking of the year. Leaf bag donations will be graciously accepted!

RSVP to Elaine Smith Purcell to let us know if you can help out:  
Purcellboston@aol.com or  
cell: 617.939.3297

Thank you!



**Used Musical Instrument Drive  
December 7 - 12, 2009**

The Rotary Club of Newton, in partnership with the Honorable Mayor, David B. Cohen, is seeking donations of used musical instruments to support the Newton Public Schools Elementary Instrumental Music Program and the establishment of a Scholarship Instrument Program for students experiencing a financial hardship

**ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF:**

- BRASS INSTRUMENTS:** Baritone Horns, French Horns, Trombones, Trumpets  
**WIND INSTRUMENTS:** Alto Saxophones, Clarinets, Flutes, Oboes

- PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS:** Drum Pads, Snare Drums, Xylophones w/stand  
**STRING INSTRUMENTS:** Cellos, String Bases, Violas & Violins (all sizes)

**Donations may be dropped off at the:**  
Newton Community Service Center  
492 Washington Street  
**Monday, Dec. 7 - Friday, Dec. 11: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**Saturday, Dec. 12: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM**

*Certificate of Donation for tax purposes will be available upon request*

**For more information or questions about this program**  
Contact: Richard P. King, Fine Arts Coordinator, NPS  
617-559-6149 or richard\_king@newton.k12.ma.us

# PTO President's Corner

Dear Parents,

Those of you able to come to the Halloween Dance were treated to the gym redone as a festive dance and game floor. A lot of fun was had by all with dance and hula hoop contests, teacher treat raffle winners, and fun games. Unfortunately, many children were sick and unable to make it and we missed them. We hope to have another event with games during the winter months where we can come together as a community and play! In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the coming holiday season with your families and celebrate on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5 - 9PM at Pizzeria Uno for our Family social.

Our largest event, the silent auction, will be held on March 27. We had budgeted to raise \$10,000 and this requires all of our efforts to solicit and attend. If you'd like to participate in the planning please contact [agi.sardi@gmail.com](mailto:agi.sardi@gmail.com). You will receive information regarding soliciting donations toward the auction. In the meantime, please think of your favorite places to solicit and contribute.

Finally, we have set up a new lost and found by the gym. (By the stairs, before the back door). If your child is missing anything from school, encourage them to look for it there or come in yourself. Items not claimed within a month will be donated.

Hope to see you at the Family Social!

Thank you,  
Agi Sardi - PTO Pres  
[agi.sardi@gmail.com](mailto:agi.sardi@gmail.com)



Newton Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for Special Education

Next meeting: Thursday, December 17

Our December meeting will be a wonderful opportunity to get up close and personal with the Interim Superintendent, Jim Marini. In addition, we will celebrate the holiday season with refreshments.

Details at: [www.newtonpac.org](http://www.newtonpac.org)

## IF I HAD MY CHILD TO RAISE OVER AGAIN

By Diane Loomans



If I had my child to raise all over again,

I'd finger-paint more and point the fingers less.

I would do less correcting and more connecting.

I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes.

I would care to know less and know to care more.

I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.

I'd stop playing serious and seriously play.

I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.



I'd do more hugging and less tugging.

I'd build self-esteem first and the house later.

I would be firm less often and affirm much more.

I'd teach less about the love of power and more about the power of love.



## Rewards Programs



If you have a Target credit card, register your card at [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe) using our school ID (59744) or by calling 1-800-316-6142. L-E will earn 1% of the total year's purchases. So far in '09, the Target Red card program has earned \$107 for Lincoln-Eliot!

We've earned \$181 for the month of October from the Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks program! Great work! If you haven't registered your card yet, grab your card and visit [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus) and register using our school ID (05887).



Keep sending in those Box Tops! Don't forget to shop through the [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) website this holiday season!



Lincoln-Eliot earns 1% of all your grocery spending at Shaw's on Tues, Wed, and Thurs! If you haven't registered yet, go to [www.shaws.com](http://www.shaws.com), click "Shaw's Cares" and then "Community Rewards" and sign up using our school ID (49001022451).

Encourage other family members and friends to register their cards too!  
The rewards really do add up!

If you encounter any difficulties with registering for any of these programs, please contact Maria Greenberg at [echomaria1@msn.com](mailto:echomaria1@msn.com) for assistance. Also, please note that earning points for Lincoln-Eliot will **NOT** affect your Upromise or gas points!

For information on these and other programs, visit: [www.lepto.org/erewards](http://www.lepto.org/erewards) or email Maria Greenberg at: [Echomaria1@msn.com](mailto:Echomaria1@msn.com)

# Creative Arts and Sciences

CASC is completely supported and funded by our Lincoln-Eliot PTO. Our committee hires presenters to support our teachers with curriculum related presentations. We also fund and support the Concert Series which is a Newton city-wide program. In early November, we welcomed Tanglewood Marionettes and their breathtaking underwater display: *The Dragon King*. Also in November, "The Bug Lady" came to visit our first grade scientists! Our students got "up close and personal" with a 3 month old, one year old and six year old praying mantis, twelve inch millipede and a hissing Madagascar cockroach. [www.bugworks.net](http://www.bugworks.net)

## Tanglewood Marionettes

On November 4, students and staff were treated to a wonderful performance by a Ware-based marionette troupe, Tanglewood Marionettes. Puppeteers Peter Schaefer and Jen Tebo performed a magical fairy tale, *The Dragon King*, featuring breathtaking underwater creatures, a wise old Chinese grandmother and a gyrating dragon who sprays water over the audience. After the show, five Lincoln-Eliot students sat down with Peter, who founded the troupe with his wife, to get the inside scoop on him and his art. The interviewers were third graders Julian Kotsonis and John Moore and fourth graders Christine Collins, Sam Raczek-Hoffman and Wendy Li.

**Q: When did you first start making puppets?**

A: The first puppet I made was a sock puppet in art class. I was introduced to the marionette as a teenager. Do you know Edaville Railroad in Carver? They had puppet shows in the summer. That was my summer job. We've been the Tanglewood Marionettes since 1993.

**Q: How many strings do the marionettes have?**

A: The human puppets have 13 altogether: two elbow strings, two shoulder, two head, two chin, two leg, two hand and one back.

**Q: Do you like your job?**

A: I love my job.

**Q: Whose idea was it to do a Chinese folk tale?**

A: When we started thinking about a new show, we wanted to do a Chinese folk tale, because the culture is so up and coming. One thing I like about Chinese culture is that grandparents and elders are respected. We wanted to bring that to the story. We ended up creating our own story with that message. This show took two years to build.

**Q: How do you make the marionettes?**

A: It takes anywhere from two weeks to two months to make one. It's very complicated to explain how they're made. I would recommend going to the library where there are lots of good puppet-building books. That's where we go for reference.

**Q: Have you had any catastrophes during performances, like strings breaking?**

A: Puppets break all the time. The danger of live performances is that something's going to go wrong. We're not TV or the movies where you can stop, fix what broke, do the scene until it's perfect. But as long as we keep smiling, you never know that something wasn't supposed to happen.

**Q: Do the marionettes ever seem alive to you?**

A: Each puppet has its own personality. Each works its own way and has its own quirks. I think of them individually like that, but not as people.

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**Q: Do you ever find yourself talking to puppets?**

A: No.

**Q: Are kids ever scared of your puppets?**

A: Some kids are very scared of marionettes, other kinds of puppets and dolls. There's something they find disturbing about an inanimate object pretending to be alive.

**Q: Are puppets hard to maneuver?**

A: It's like playing a musical instrument. Some people are really talented and pick it up fast. Others like me have to practice a long time to get good.

**Q: What's your favorite food?**

A: It depends on where I am in the country. In Newton, it's pizza from Newton Corner House of Pizza.

**Q: Where did you grow up?**

A: I was born in Iowa, and we moved to Newton in 1972 when I was 4.

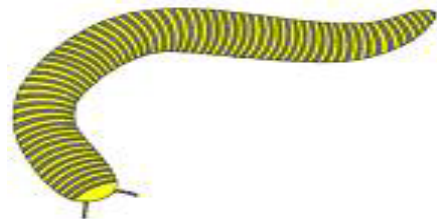
**Q: What elementary school did you go to?**

A: Underwear, I mean Underwood! I also went to Bigelow and Newton North.



**Upcoming Events:**

- Our 4th and 5th grade teachers have requested Natick based poet Andy Green of Potato Hill Poetry. He will hold a 3 week residency in December, visiting each class room for one hour each on Wednesday 12/2, 12/9, and 12/16; [www.potatohill.com](http://www.potatohill.com)
- 2nd Grade classes will host their Poetry Kick-Off unit with Andy Green, Monday, December 7th.
- 4th graders will begin their Rocks and Mineral studies in December. The Science Discovery of Museum of Acton, MA will visit LE on Friday, December 11th.



[WWW.BUGWORKS.NET](http://WWW.BUGWORKS.NET)



# Nursing Notes by Sue Schy, R.N.

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. Each year the Jordan Bennet Weiss Fund collaborates with the Newton Health and Human Services Department to raise awareness of the signs of diabetes. Familiarize yourself with the warning signs/symptoms of diabetes. Sometimes the symptoms are very obvious, and other times they are not. **Early detection and knowledge** of the warning signs is your greatest weapon against the disease and its complications!\*

## WARNING SIGNS OF DIABETES

### TYPE 1 DIABETES MELLITUS:

*These symptoms often occur suddenly and must receive immediate medical attention.*

- Excessive thirst
- Frequent urination, sometimes exhibited by bedwetting (in large quantities)
- Sudden vision changes
- High amounts of sugar in the blood and/or urine (A sweet, fruity odor may be present in urine, or on one's breath/body.)
- Extreme hunger (increased appetite)
- Rapid or unexplained weight loss
- Fatigue (weak and tired)
- Irritability and mood changes
- Drowsiness, lethargy

- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Abdominal pain
- Rapid, hard breathing (heavy, labored)
- Confusion, Stupor, Unconsciousness

### TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS:

*These symptoms occur gradually, however, they must receive immediate medical attention.*

- Blurred vision
- Tingling or numbness in the legs, feet or fingers
- Frequent infections of the skin
- Recurring skin, gum or urinary tract infections
- Darker patches of skin usually in neck folds
- Itching of skin and/or genitals
- Drowsiness
- Slow healing of cuts and bruises
- Any of the symptoms listed under type 1 diabetes

Stay Healthy!

Sue

For more info:  
[www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)  
[www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org)  
[www.joslin.org](http://www.joslin.org)  
[www.JBWfund.org](http://www.JBWfund.org)

**\*PLEASE NOTE: MANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS CAN BE RELATED TO ILLNESSES THAT ARE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH DIABETES, INCLUDING THE FLU. ONLY A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL CAN PROVIDE APPROPRIATE DIAGNOSTIC TESTS AND TREATMENTS.**

Newton Public Schools has expanded the AED Program. A new life saving tool is now in place in all 22 Newton Public School buildings. Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) were recently purchased by the school department and installed in the elementary school buildings and at the Education Center. Middle and High Schools have had AEDs for eight years.

An AED is used when someone collapses because of a heart problem. It is a machine that delivers an electric shock to the heart when it isn't beating correctly. The earlier a person receives a shock from an AED, the more likely he or she is to survive a heart attack or other heart problem.

The school-based AEDs are in a cabinet hanging on the wall in a public place, often at the school entrance or near the front office. Anyone who is trained to use an AED can use it. The school nurse in each building is trained to use the AED and is assembling a team of teachers and other staff to respond in an emergency.

In the past eight years, two people in Newton school buildings have been saved because of the AED program. Often it is adults who are working or visiting a school who need an AED. It is a tool we hope doesn't have to be used, but it is important to have in case anyone needs it. Your school nurse can answer any questions about the AED.



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### Flu Update #5 November 13, 2009

About 2 percent of Newton Public Schools students are absent due to known influenza-like illness. Individual classes and schools may have higher illness rates with clusters of students who are ill. The overall ILI rate is gradually increasing.

To control the spread of this contagious illness, it is everybody's individual responsibility to keep sick children out of school. If you're unsure if your child meets the stringent criteria (fever and

cough or sore throat), err on the side of caution and do the right thing by keeping your child at home. Notify the school of the reason for all absences to assist school nurses in tracking the size of the outbreak.

H1N1 vaccine availability continues to be limited. Vaccine has been distributed to health care providers who serve high-risk people targeted for early vaccination (obstetricians, pediatricians and local boards of health).

The Newton Health & Human Services Department plans to make H1N1 vaccine available to Newton school-age children. The exact form of these clinics is still being decided. To help us better prepare, all parents should complete a survey about H1N1 vaccine. This survey is for all families, even if your children have already been vaccinated.

Please visit the following link by Monday, November 23 to participate in this brief survey: <http://tiny.cc/S6ZQ5>

The Health & Human Services Department in partnership with Newton-Wellesley Hospital is currently using the small supply of vaccine for pregnant women and families with an infant under 6 months old. If anyone in your family fits one of these two target groups, please call 617-796-1434 for an appointment. Target groups will be expanded as more vaccine becomes available, so please do not call now unless you are pregnant or you have an infant under 6 months old.

For any questions or specific data about your school, please contact your school nurse or the health department at 617-796-1420.

# The Green Team

## Join the Lincoln-Eliot Eco Team Project!

Lincoln-Eliot is now part of the Eco-Teams project. We are looking for groups of 5-8 people from different households to meet three or four times to work through an easy-to-use workbook called The Low Carbon Diet, which shows, step-by-step, how to dramatically reduce CO2 output in just a month's time. The goal is to reduce your annual household CO2 output by 25%. You learn to calculate your CO2 footprint with an easy-to-use online carbon calculator.

The typical American household generates 55,000 pounds of carbon dioxide annually. Collectively we produce about 8% of the planet's CO2 emissions. Compare this to the typical German household, which produces about 27,000 pounds annually, and a Swedish household which produces only about 15,000 pounds.

Some of the relatively simple steps to reduce your carbon footprint can also save significant amounts of money. The project encourages efficient use of resources, energy efficient appliances, increasing recycling, identifying and eliminating "vampire" power leaks (by using power strips with an on-off switch), installing energy efficient lights, eating lower on the food chain, and shifting from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources.

The Newton Eco-Team Project is run by a group of local volunteers working with "CoolMass", a state wide initiative of MCAN (Massachusetts Climate Action Network). CoolMass is a coalition of groups and individuals from eleven communities throughout the Commonwealth working together to reduce global warming, chief among them, Green Decade/Newton.



## How the Green Living Program Works

- The first meeting - Team Building Meeting - is scheduled. In this meeting the team prepares for the program, creates a sense of team, schedules all remaining meetings, and chooses topic leaders for each meeting.
- The Eco-Team then meets 6 more times, approximately every 3 to 4 weeks. Different team members run the meetings using scripts located in the support section of the handbook. Meetings last 1.5 to 2 hours, with several hours needed between meetings to take the selected actions.
- Before each meeting, Eco-Team members review the actions from the Green Living Program and decide which actions they will take.
- At each meeting, Eco-Team members review the actions taken over the prior 3 weeks and share their action plans for the next 3 weeks. The team provides support and inspiration for everyone to carry out their plans.

Depending on the community, participants in the Green Living Program, on average, achieve the following yearly resource savings:

- ♦ 41%-51% less garbage sent into the waste stream
- ♦ 25%-34% less water used
- ♦ 9%-17% less energy used
- ♦ 16%-20% less fuel used for transportation
- ♦ \$227-\$389 saved through more efficient use of resources.

For more information contact:  
Alison Leary Mooradian at  
Alisonlearymooradian@gmail.com  
or 617-821-5619

Other Resources:  
www.newtonecoteams.org  
www.greendecade.org

Dear parents of the Lincoln-Eliot school,

My name is Michael Finnegan and I'm the Coordinator of Plowhares After School program here at the LE school. Recently, some of our kids and I have begun a new project and I would like to take a minute to share with you some of the details of this new endeavor. A group of LE after school members has started an online group on Carbonrally.com. "Carbon Rally offers individuals and groups a fun, simple and social way to have an impact on energy consumption and climate change." Through our participation in Carbon Rally, we hope to include the LE community in the global effort to reduce our carbon footprint. If you're interested in participating and feel it is good cause, please sign-up.

<http://www.carbonrally.com/teams/955>

Regards,  
Michael Finnegan  
finneganart.com



## Thanksgiving / local, thankful, not wasteful

At your family's Thanksgiving celebration this year, family and friends gather from far and wide to give thanks, but how far does the food have to travel? According to Local Harvest, most U.S. produce is picked 4 to 7 days before being placed on supermarket shelves, and is shipped for an average of 1500 miles. Try cutting down your feast's carbon footprint by inviting local foods from the farmer's market to be guests of honor at your table. This website ([www.localharvest.org](http://www.localharvest.org)) can help you find farmer's markets, family farms, coops, and other sources of sustainably grown food in your area. Create a new tradition by choosing vegetarian dishes over turkey, and save a bundle of carbon. A recent study by the World Watch Institute found that 51% of global greenhouse emissions, a much higher percentage than previously thought, are attributable to the livestock industry. No matter what you have for dinner, try to manage your waist, and your waste: Americans waste 14% of their food purchases each year, and this number tends to go up during the holidays. Lest your food scraps produce methane gas, a potent greenhouse gas, from the landfill, check out this great list of "50 Ways to Never Waste Food Again" (<http://tiny.cc/ggjVw>) for ideas on how to use them up.



From [www.newdream.org](http://www.newdream.org)

# Meet the L-E Faculty!

*Fifth grader Matthew Mali recently sat down with his teacher, Sean Davan. This is Mr. Davan's eleventh year teaching at Lincoln-Eliot. Prior to that he taught in New Mexico.*

**Q How long have you been a teacher and why did you become one?**

SD: This is my 17th year that I have been a teacher. I went to school and studied Architectural Design. After I graduated, I saw a volunteering position in a school and thought to give it a try. I had such a great experience and loved being surrounded by kids. I decided not to pursue my career in architecture and to become a teacher instead. I loved it then and I still love it now.

**Q If you were not a teacher, what would have been your career?**

SD: Oh, I would definitely have become a farmer! I love being in nature with animals and taking care of them.

**Q Are you married? Do you have children?**

SD: Yes, I am married and have three children, a 7 year old girl and two boys ages 5 and 2.

**Q What are your hobbies? What do you like to do outside school?**

SD: I love being outside and building things with my hands. I have built cabinets, a tree house for my kids, a barn and many other things. I love being active and also enjoy gardening very much.

**Q Have you done something crazy when you were a child?**

SD: No, nothing crazy, but I have done some mischievous things when I was a child.

**Q What was your favorite thing to do when you were kid?**

SD: Riding my bike and playing outside with my friends around my neighborhood.

**Q Is our class different from last year?**

SD: Yes, every class is different from the other ones. This class has more girls than boys. However, there are also similarities -- the kids get along very well, are kind, and try to help each other.

**Q What is your favorite place to visit?**

SD: I enjoy being on the beach very much. Lately my family has been spending a lot of time in Cape Cod. There are so many great beaches there; I would love to go there more often!



## Inclusive Schools Week

December 7-11, 2009



Inclusive Schools Week highlights and celebrates the progress our schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to all students, particularly those who have disabilities and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The Week also provides an important opportunity for educators, students, and families to discuss what else needs to be done in order to ensure that our schools continue to improve their ability to successfully educate all children.

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that Newton Schools are celebrating Inclusive Schools Week. The theme for 2009 is technology. Lincoln-Eliot teachers, students, and parents are asked to engage in activities inside and outside the classroom that encourage celebration of diversity. “[I] feel included when ...” is a wonderful way to begin a discussion with your child on this topic.

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**Turkey Shoot Raffle:** The John M. Barry Boys & Girls Club of Newton and the Club Crusaders will hold its 1st Annual Turkey Shoot Raffle on Fri, 11/20/09, at the Club (675 Watertown St, Newton). Enjoy an evening of FUN and a chance to win all the fixings for your Thanksgiving celebration (Turkeys, Pies, Cider, and Baskets of Vegetables) and a GRAND BASKET (worth over \$150). Bring your friends and family for night of FUN raffles and light refreshments. Doors open at 6:30 pm; event starts at 7:00 pm. Admission Tickets (\$5 each) can be purchased at the door or by contacting Daniela Proia or Andrea Mazzola at 617-630-2066.

**CelebrateNewton** is Sunday Dec. 6th at Newton South High School from 10am-4pm. There are over 50 artisans at CelebrateNewton, including weavers, jewelers, quilters, potters, painters, photographers. The artisans work is for sale. Live music provides a lovely backdrop for the event. There will be food and children's activities. We hope you'll join us and support our local artisans. Proceeds from Celebrate Newton benefit the Newton Schools Foundation. For more information visit our new website at [www.celebratenewton.com](http://www.celebratenewton.com).

**Sheryl Franks Creative Skating Academy**, all levels, tots (3-5) through adults, fun-filled classes and/or private lessons. New session starting 11/25/09. Classes held at the Fessenden School/Coffin Sports Center, 250 Waltham St. Visit: [creativeskatingacademy.com](http://creativeskatingacademy.com) for more info and registration forms. Be sure to mention you saw our ad in the Lincoln-Eliot Leader!

**The Newton Partnership** (formerly Safe Schools/Healthy Students) presents the following free workshop: *The Complexities of Adolescent Relationships*, Thurs. 12/3, 7-8:30 pm, Cooper Room, Newton Community Service Center, 492 Waltham St., Newton, facilitated by Maggie Downing, LMHC. Pre-registration required: 617-969-5906 x129 or [mdowning@ncscweb.org](mailto:mdowning@ncscweb.org)

**Winter Vacation Soccer Clinic for Girls at Boston College** - The Women's Soccer staff invite girls aged 6-14 to join them for a soccer clinic at BC. The program runs Dec 28-31 from 12 - 5 pm. The focus is on fun and development. Come and join the BC players and coaches for a great soccer experience. For information on all our programs and registration please visit: [www.bceagles.com/camps](http://www.bceagles.com/camps), call 617-552-0982, or email [soccer.clinic@bc.edu](mailto:soccer.clinic@bc.edu)

**Simply Circus** is a youth circus program based in Newton, Massachusetts, teaching circus arts to kids from 5 to 105 years old. Many classes available! We are located at 86 Los Angeles St. For more info call 617-527-0667 or visit our website at [www.simplycircus.com](http://www.simplycircus.com).

**Kids U** is a children's recreation and activity center in Needham. We opened in December 2006 and have received a very warm welcome from the surrounding communities. We have fabulous instructors, offer wonderful classes and host energetic fun-filled birthday parties. Our 7,000 square foot campus includes the necessary room for children ages 1-9 to 'just be kids' and provides parents 'peace of mind'. We provide active learning programs that are designed to stimulate a child's development. Children build confidence and self-esteem as they enjoy and learn from the wide range of activities available. Please visit our website at [www.kidsu.com](http://www.kidsu.com), to learn more about our programs.

**Family Dances!** Presented by the New England Folk Festival Association and the Folk Arts Center of New England. Sundays 2-4 pm, Concord Scout House, 74 Walden St., Concord, MA. Live Music by Cal Howard & Friends! Refreshments!

- ◆ Dec. 6 - Traditional Dances from Around the World with Judith Stames-Hamilton and Regina Laskowski
- ◆ Jan. 3 - New England Barn Dances and World Dances with Dillon Bustin and Judith Stames-Hamilton
- ◆ Jan. 17 - New England Barn Dances with Sarah Gregory Smith and Jacob Bloom

All dances will be taught. Dances are appropriate for ages 5 & up. Parents are responsible for their children. Admission: \$5/person, \$25/family max. For more info, contact: (781) 662-7476 FAC or (781) 662-6710 NEFFA. Help protect the wooden floor by bringing a separate pair of clean, soft-soled shoes to dance in. For safety's sake, children must dance in shoes, not socks or bare feet.

**Shop for Awareness** to benefit MEDA! Thursday, 12/3 at 35 Hyde Avenue from 7-10 pm. Fine jewelry, art, Italian pottery, designer coats and more. From 6-6:30 pm please come for a free seminar entitled, "Teens and Body Image". To RSVP for the seminar, please email Becky Manley at [rmanley@medainc.org](mailto:rmanley@medainc.org).

**PIANO INSTRUCTION**, Berklee & New England Conservatory grad with 30 yrs experience has

several openings in studio. Beginners Welcome. Learn Jazz/Blues/Classical, theory, sightreading from a patient, caring teacher. Gloria Jasinski, 617.566.9704, email: [piano566@comcast.net](mailto:piano566@comcast.net)

**Need an excellent Preschool?** The Diane K. Trust Center for Early Education of Temple Ohabei Shalom, 1187 Beacon St., Brookline, serves children ages 2.9 - 5 years of age in both half and full-day programs with extended care available. The Center provides the building blocks for each preschooler to develop a love of learning that will serve as the basis for a personal journey of discovery and wonder. Your child will participate in a program of individualized activities, anchored in the developmental stages and needs of young children, in a nurturing home-like setting. This is created by a team of caring and dedicated professionals, all within a community that encourages Jewish identity and respect for social values. For further info about the Center, please contact director Karen Glansberg LICSW at (617)264-2801 or [kglansberg@ohabei.org](mailto:kglansberg@ohabei.org).

**The Boston Ability Center**, located at 49 Walnut Park in Wellesley Hills, is a new pediatric therapy center with a mission to serve children with special needs and their families in a setting that is full of fun and adventure. The following programs are being offered:

- Sensorimotor Therapy Groups, created and run by a physical therapist and occupational therapist. Wednesdays, 9:15 - 10:15 am for ages 2 to 3, 1:30 - 2:45 pm for ages 4 to 6.
- Girls Power Hour, an hour of fun and fitness for teenage girls with disabilities. Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 pm
- Friendship, Language and Literacy, created and run by a speech and language pathologist.
- Language and Literacy group for children ages 6-10. Tuesdays 4 - 5 pm
- A Friendship Cooking Club for 11-14 year olds who are working on language processing and building friendships. Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

For questions about these programs or other services, please call Jan Wade, 781-239-0100.

**Kaleidoscope Theatre** presents fairytales at the Saugus Senior Center! Tickets are \$12 and audience members receive a free ice cream! All shows are at 2 pm on Sundays.

12/20 - "Little Red's Christmas"

For tickets, contact Paul Ryan at [Grouptixne@aol.com](mailto:Grouptixne@aol.com) or 781-231-EXPO.

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**Parent Management Training Group:** Free parenting group - Join other parents of elementary-aged children and a professional facilitator to explore possible solutions to problem behavior using Parent Management Training (PMT), an evidence-based program for parents developed by Alan Kazdin, Ph.D., of Yale University's Parenting Center and Child Conduct Clinic. PMT has been consistently proven to decrease behavioral problems and increase positive behavior in children. It is highly effective in reducing tantrums, fighting, and disruptiveness. If you have tried other methods of changing your child's problem behavior and haven't had any success, then PMT may be the solution for you. These free workshops will be led by Rachel Nenner-Payton, LICSW, a senior clinician at Riverside Community Care in Newton who specializes in community-based treatment. Five sessions on Tuesdays 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8 and 12/15 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at the John M. Barry Boys & Girls Club, 675 Watertown St. Pre-registration is required: call 617-969-4925. Co-sponsored by Riverside Community Care and The Newton Partnership.

**THE WIZARD OF OZ** - Needham Community Theatre is thrilled to bring this all-time family favorite to our Newman Elementary School stage. This production is sure to delight and includes several kids from Newton in the cast. Performance dates:

- Friday Nov. 20, 8:00 pm
- Saturday Nov. 21, 2:00 pm
- Sunday Nov. 22, 2:00 pm
- Saturday Nov. 28, 2:00 pm
- Saturday Nov. 28, 8:00 pm
- Sunday Nov. 29, 2:00 pm

Visit [www.needhamtheatre.org](http://www.needhamtheatre.org) or call (781)444-4740 for tickets and more info.

**Bay State Skating School:** Learn-To-Skate Classes for children (4 ½ & up) and adults starting in October and November. Classes held at Newton Daly Rink, Cleveland Circle Rink, and Waltham Rink. Sign up today! Online at [www.baystateskatingschool.org](http://www.baystateskatingschool.org) or by calling 781-890-8480. We're a non-profit corporation!

**The New Art Center,** Register for Winter Classes, January-March 2010, for Adults, Teens, & Children! 90+ classes to choose from for all levels of students -- Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced. Call 617-964-3424 or visit [www.newartcenter.org](http://www.newartcenter.org)

**NEWTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE,** Public hearing on fiscal 2010 proposals, 12/16/09, 7 pm, City Hall Cafeteria. This meeting will include a public hearing for Historic Newton's Jackson Homestead Museum proposals including: MUSEUM COLLECTIONS, \$30,000 and MUSEUM ARCHIVES, \$186,420 (supplemental; CPC orig. recommended \$359,400). All proposals are available online at [www.ci.newton.ma.us/cpa](http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/cpa) and at the Newton Free Library (consult reference staff).

**HOLIDAY FAIR** - Auburndale Community Nursery School's annual Holiday Fair, Sat 12/5, 10 am-2 pm. Craft vendors, flea market, silent auction, children's activities. Fun for the whole family! 218 Walnut Street (in the basement of the BCEC) in Newton. For more info, call 617-527-0723.

**Lice Aunties** is an in-home, non toxic, all mom, lice removal business based in Newton. Thousands of heads checked with affection and a sense of humor. Visit: [www.liceaunties.com](http://www.liceaunties.com)

**Newton Holiday Fine Art & Craft Sale:** One show, a thousand gifts! The sixth annual juried show & sale, Newton Cultural Center, 225 Nevada St, Sat, 11/21, 10 am-5 pm, and Sun, 11/22, 11 am-4 pm. FREE ADMISSION.

**HISTORIC Newton,** The Jackson Homestead and Museum family events:

- Sat, 11/21, 7:30 pm, CONCERTS IN THE KITCHEN with singer, songwriter, storyteller Claudia Nygaard. Advance reservations strongly suggested. \$10 general admission, \$7.50 for seniors, students, and members with ID.
- Sat and Sun, 12/5 and 12/6, noon - 5 pm, NEWTON COMMUNITY WEEKEND and HOLIDAY SALE. Newton residents enjoy free admission and 10% off all shop merchandise.
- Sat, 12/12, 7:30 pm, CONCERTS IN THE KITCHEN, Ballads of Social Commentary with David Massengill. Advance reservations strongly suggested. \$10 general admission, \$7.50 for seniors, students, and members with ID.

**Baseball @ BC in the Bubble** – 3 winter camps for kids ages 6 to 12. "HOLIDAY SHOPPERS' CLINIC" (12/12 & 12/19) – do some Holiday shopping while your kids play baseball in the Bubble (6 to 9pm both dates). "HOLIDAY YOUTH CAMP" (12/27-12/30) – practice fielding, hitting & pitching and play some games during the Holiday vacation week (9am to 12pm each day). "PARENTS' NIGHT OUT CLINICS" (2/6 & 2/13) – get a night out for dinner or Valentine's Day while your kids have a blast playing Bubble-Ball (6 to 9pm both nights) For more info call 617-552-1132 or go to [www.bceagles.com/baseballcamps](http://www.bceagles.com/baseballcamps).

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**Community News** submissions can be sent to the Lincoln-Eliot office or emailed to [LEnews191@gmail.com](mailto:LEnews191@gmail.com). Please keep submissions brief and include contact information. Submissions deemed of interest to the Lincoln-Eliot community may be edited and printed at the editor's discretion and do not constitute PTO endorsements of product or work.

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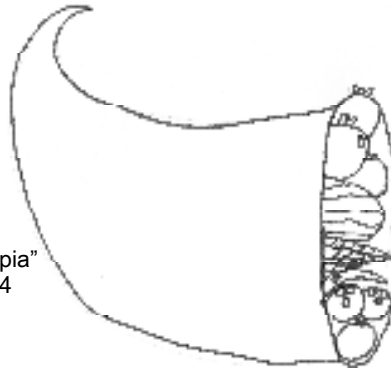
## THE ART ROOM

By Matteo Greenberg, grade 4

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"Sophie"  
By Emma Richmond, grade 4



"Thanksgiving Cornucopia"  
By Ashlyn Kelly, grade 4

There once was a great ice cream fountain  
The flavors were piled like a mountain  
With so many to choose  
I told the good news  
And the flavors I still am a-countin'.

By Hazel Purcell, grade 2



## TURKEY TICKLERS

## Did You Know?

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road?  
A: It was the chicken's day off.

-- As far back as 1000 A.D., Native American Indians raised turkeys for food. Aztec Indians in Mexico were raising them as early as 200B.C.

Q: Why did they let the turkey join the band?  
A: Because he had the drumsticks.

-- Turkeys originally existed in the eastern US. and Mexico.

Q: What happened when the turkey got into a fight?  
A: He got the stuffing knocked out of him!

-- Male Turkeys are called "Toms," female turkeys are called "Hens," and baby turkeys are called "poults."

Q: Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?  
A: The outside!

-- That long, loose skin that hangs down from a turkey's neck is called a "wattle."

-- Turkeys sometimes spend the night in trees!

Submit work by 12/9 for the next issue of Leader Kids!

### Leader Kids! Rules:

1. All work must be original and signed with name and grade.
2. Submissions must be in black and white, 8"x10" or smaller, on white paper, non-violent, and will be printed on a space available basis.
3. Submissions and suggestions can be given to Donna in the main office or submitted by email to LEkids191@gmail.com!
4. Get your parents' permission before going online to vote in the poll!