

Good evening LHS family,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday weekend with family and friends!

Last week was a whirlwind! We started the week off with two events on Monday morning, followed by ELA MCAS on Tuesday through Thursday. We also had a very successful financial literacy fair at the Tsongas on Wednesday. It was fun talking with students who randomly ended up having a baby added to their career plans, although I'm not too sure how excited they were for that dose of reality!



***Last Wednesday and Thursday I met with some staff members regarding potential budget reductions. I'm sending something out under separate cover addressing this topic.***

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Tenacity Challenge is an academic competition that gives our students the opportunity to participate in four categories: English, History, Math/Science and Art. This competition brings participants from many schools in the state of Massachusetts and takes place at Bedford High School. I was lucky enough to spend some time learning about this competition and meeting up with our students to see some of their work submitted for the Challenge.

Lowell High School brought 3 teams to the 7<sup>th</sup> Tenacity Challenge competition at Bedford High School last Saturday, Black Girl Magic, Free Agents and The Revolutionists. Our teams worked very hard and prepared for many months. On Saturday the Free Agents won 1<sup>st</sup> Place on the English Competition, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place on the mural, and Third place on Math/Science. That made them place in 2<sup>nd</sup> overall place. Because of that each team member will receive a \$500.00 scholarship upon graduation. This all have been made possible with the help of our Team Advisors, Ms. Delaney Carr, Dr. Maria Vejar, Ms. Yvette Cheeks, our coordinator Mr. Quiles and the support of our teachers. Thanks to all!

We are hoping to share the murals with the school in the upcoming weeks so everyone can see the incredible work of our students.



As a culmination of Ms. Lander's History unit on World War II, students create memorials to remember different events that they studied (Soldiers who were killed in action, Pearl Harbor, Groups targeted by the Nazis, The Japanese Internment Camps in the US, and the dropping of the Atomic Bombs). They spend three weeks studying memorials from around the world, talking about symbols and the importance of remembering events in history and then ultimately create 3D memorials about one event and write an artist statement describing their vision for the memorial, their hopes for what visitors feel, and where in the world they would place the memorial if it was built in real life. Below are a couple of pictures of the memorials created, we also plan to find a display area for these amazing projects.





## CONGRATULATIONS:

This just in from MSgt. Kevin Casilli - Cadet Lt Col Pechthida Kim received word from Harvard and Princeton that she was accepted and offered a FULL scholarship to both. Her plans as of last night were to accept the offer from Harvard. Pechthida is both an incredible LHS student and cadet. She is a role model that leads by example every day and lives by the Core Values. We are extremely proud of her! Congratulations Pechthida!



Some more big college news –



Awo Adu received the MLK Jr. Fellowship at Brandeis University! The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship is awarded to entering first-year students on the basis of academic performance and extracurricular participation in secondary school, outstanding community involvement and demonstrated financial need.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Fellows are interested in all disciplines. Approximately 10 students receive the scholarship each year.

Recipients of the fellowship are expected to continue the tradition of giving back and leadership in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through community service opportunities. Congratulations Awo!



## SHOUT OUT:

Thank you to Dr. Vejar and her team for organizing the 4th Annual Women's Breakfast that was held last Monday. The panelists were diverse, authentic and engaging! Students and staff who participated were inspired by the stories that were shared, and the paths taken by each of the panelists. The feedback was very positive by all accounts. I can't wait to see the line-up for next year!



4th Annual Women's Breakfast

Thank you to Rob DeLossa and our student moderators (a few pictured to the right) who prepared for the Safety Forum with Representative Rady Mom last week. Our students in the audience shared their questions and concerns in a passionate and respectful manner. The forum did go longer than expected, so thank you for your patience and flexibility.

Thanks to Dr. Clark for setting up the lighting, microphones and seating in the auditorium to ensure all ran smoothly. Also thanks to Bryan Wilkins and Jack Pinard for videotaping these events.



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Event and Time</b>
4/4	Weds	Project Learn Annual Breakfast 8-9am
4/4	Weds	Art reception at Jeanne D'Arc CU (155 Merrimack St.Branch) 3:00pm - a mini art exhibit with LHS student work on display
4/7	Sat	Visual Voices - Grade 9-12 LHS Artwork at Whistler House 2-4pm
4/16-4/20	Mon-Fri	Patriots Day and Spring Break
4/27 and 4/28	Fri-Sat	Mary Poppins - 7pm on Friday, 2pm and 7pm on Saturday
5/11	Fri	Spring Dance Concert 7pm

Enjoy the week ahead!

Best,  
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