

Good afternoon LHS Family,

Even though it's a rainy Monday, I'm sure we all still appreciate the long Columbus Day weekend and the extra time with family and friends. I'd like to take a moment to update you on a couple of items from my last Monday Memo. Our jeans day fundraiser for LHS clubs and activities surpassed \$500 and closed at \$520. Thanks to everyone who participated, what a great start to our monthly jeans day fundraiser. Mark your calendar for the next one on 10/27, more to come on where the proceeds will be donated. Also, I mistakenly congratulated MSgt. Kevin Casilli for his LHS Honor Guard leadership at Judges Fortes' swearing in, it was actually TSgt Dave Smith who was with the cadets, thanks Dave!

As usual, I have scheduled a couple different times throughout the week to visit classrooms; I welcome your invitation to stop by as well.

As a reminder ... don't forget to fill out your CORI form and return to you house office by Friday, 10/13.

### SHOUT OUT

Project Learn held a partner's recognition breakfast last week for LHS staff, partners and students who participated in the Clean Energy Project last year. We heard some wonderful stories of how this project impacted our students learning and future growth opportunities. Thanks to [Amy McLeod](#), [Megan Vilcans](#), [Jamie McCabe](#), [Michael McLeod](#), and the whole team who made this project such a success for our students.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Staff absences or staff out of the building - please know that posting of daily staff absences is a common occurrence at several schools across the district. This list is not meant to call anyone out or to be used for other staff members to inquire as to why certain people are out. This is best practice for all of us to know if a staff member is out of the building for safety reasons. This is not intended to make anyone feel uncomfortable or feel like they have to explain themselves. As professionals, there are days we need to take for sick, personal or professional reasons. My expectation is that when you review the list and see a neighbor is listed as out of the building, you would keep an eye out for the sub, especially if we have any kind of an emergency situation.

Speaking of subs... On Friday 10/6 we were short 14 subs and had over 90 classes to cover. Thanks to Boyd for arranging all the coverage and thanks to all of you who were covering classes. As a reminder, when you are covering a class please make sure to introduce yourself as a teacher at LHS, I think it goes a long way with our students. If you know anyone who would be willing to sub at LHS, please direct them to Anne Sheehy. We definitely need to build our sub base especially because we are already short and it's only October. Let's make a school effort to welcome every sub with a smile and thank them for being here! We have started offering coffee each morning to subs when they arrive, it's a small gesture but hopefully they walk away at the end of the day feeling appreciated by us.

Advisory update - please encourage all students who need stop at the restroom to do so before advisory, rather than leaving after advisory has started. We understand they may end up being a minute or two late but once they are there we prefer that they stay there. Also, if a student requests to come to your advisory for extra assistance and you are able to accommodate them, please make sure they have a signed pass from you. Just so you know, we are looking at increasing opportunities for students to use a computer lab during advisory, more to come on this.

When you are out - please make sure you leave rosters for each class so the sub can take attendance and send the roster to the house office soon after class starts. We are working hard to ensure attendance is accurate and up-to-date all through the day.

Safety - thank you again to everyone for an excellent evacuation drill last week. Another area we are focusing on is making sure all doors into our building are shut and locked during the school day. There have been some reports of doors being propped open and this is a serious safety breach. If anyone in the building needs to leave for a short time, please make contact with someone who can open the door for you when you come back. If you ever spot a door propped open, alert security immediately. We are looking into the possibility of all staff having key cards, I'll keep you updated.

### #KINDNESSMATTERS



Thanks to **Marianne Simas** and **Maggie Malloy** for sharing a Kindness Project they did with their students. Marianne says, "They loved the project and ended up writing about how it affected them to create these rocks". The rock garden is outside the building along the yellow canal - please feel free to leave a rock to add to their garden or take a rock for inspiration! What a great way to spread kindness at LHS and beyond, thank you to Marianne, Maggie and their students!

**PLEASE WELCOME:** (Bear with me when you see some pics smaller or larger than others - I'm still learning my way through my new MAC ☺)



#### ***Marisa Asa - Science***

Marisa graduated from UMass Lowell with her bachelor's degree in biology and STEM education. She says she enjoys teaching because she finds it rewarding to share her knowledge of science with others. In her spare time she enjoys riding her horse and hiking. Welcome Marisa!



#### ***Mike Farley - Science***

Mike teaches Integrated Science and Engineering at the Freshman Academy at LHS. He grew up in Lowell and currently resides there with his wife Amanda (who is also a teacher at LHS) and their daughter Charli who just started kindergarten in the Lowell Public School system. Mike graduated from Salem State University. In Mike's free time he enjoys golfing and spending time with his family and friends. Welcome Mike!

***Patricia (Patti) Adams-Gouthro - Science***

After 17 years teaching at the Butler Middle School, Patti decided it was time for a change and transitioned to LHS. She has been a mentor for new teachers for over ten years. Patti is married, has two daughters and two dogs, which keep her very busy. She is originally from Lowell and went to Lowell Public Schools until high school. Patti is a soccer coach for her oldest daughter and her hobbies include reading and taking yoga classes. She looks forward to becoming involved with the LHS community! Welcome to LHS Patti!

***Chelsea Graham - English***

Chelsea bravely accepted a long-term substitute position in the English Department just days before the school year began. She received her M.Ed. from UML and worked last year as an English teacher in Chelmsford's Alternative Night Education Program. Chelsea is a fan of video games, especially older ones, and often wins her family's Christmas Mario Kart competition. She played the French horn in high school and was in the marching band at UML. She very recently became a homeowner, providing new digs for her pet fish, Mr. Bubbles. Welcome Chelsea!

**UPCOMING:**

- 10/10 Meet and Greet before Open House 5-6pm  
PALS Family Meet and Greet 5-6:30pm  
Open House 6-8pm  
Freshman Parent Night 5:30-8:00pm
- 10/11 PSAT exams for all Soph and Jrs.  
Freshman and Senior schedules for the day are out
- 10/12 Merrimack Valley College Fair in the Gym 6:30-8:30pm
- 10/17 National Honor Society Inductions 6:30pm

I am excited to be working alongside each of you throughout the year as you impact student lives on a daily basis. If you have any suggestions, ideas, and thoughts or just want to talk, my door is always open! I'm usually in the office by 7:00am and around in the afternoon after school if those times work for you. As always, thank you for your continued support and kind words - they are appreciated!

All the best,  
Marianne