

Dear LHS Family,

Last week was busy with the six groups of 8th grade visitors over three days, instructional rounds and everyone starting to get in the holiday spirit ☺ We also had a school concern regarding safety on Wednesday that was addressed quickly by SRO's, security and our house deans. I specifically want to commend Pat Swett for acting swiftly and calmly in a situation where he was the first on scene. His efforts made all the difference between an unsafe situation and something more serious.

Especially during this time of year we think about giving to others...through your kindness and generosity I am happy to announce that the coins for Puerto Rico campaign we held over the last few weeks resulted in another \$696.00 donation. This was a student and staff effort that was funneled through advisories and house offices. D House collected the most coins and also the most non-perishable items - great job D House! We have now held three different fundraisers to support our friends in Puerto Rico and raised almost \$1,800.00 altogether! Thanks to everyone, students and staff alike who helped make this happen.

Let's have some FUN!!! We are planning an upcoming Ugly Sweater Day for students and staff including prizes for the Ugliest, Most Creative, and Most Festive. We will also have a drawing for everyone who participates. We have some amazing staff prizes including parking in the HOS spot for a week, a Keurig Coffee Maker including pods, and Be on the lookout for more details!

#KINDNESS MATTERS

A big Thank you to Jessica Lander's class for proposing, and following through on, the new **Lowell High Mill Market** - a school-based food pantry. Support and a location are provided by Deidre and the B-House staff. This was definitely an idea built on Kindness and Compassion for others! What an awesome team effort including SPED and the Merrimack Valley Food Bank. The ribbon cutting ceremony is coming soon. See Deidre and Rob DeLossa's emails for more details!

Speaking of Kindness... don't forget to consider donating to the Annual Student Holiday Fund which purchases gift certificates for our neediest students. Thanks to Gina, Maureen, Kathleen, Amanda, Amy, Angela and Daniela for their efforts to organize this so we can take care of our students in need. See Maureen Schwartz's email for more details.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Lowell High School celebrated 186 years last Friday!
- Our **school website** is an important communication tool used to get the word out about our school to staff, students, families and the community. Please know that it's updated continuously with the most timely and accurate information. Thanks to Charlie Pouliot for his dedication to this important work!

SHOUT OUTS

Thanks to all who participated in the instructional rounds this past week and to Amy McLeod for organizing the process and follow-up opportunity for everyone involved. It was my first time being part of a team and I know it was for a few other staff members as well. It was a positive and productive experience for all those who participated. Observing teaching and learning throughout the halls of our school is such an honor, my hope is that everyone takes an opportunity to do it at least once. The energy, passion and commitment to, and from our students was inspiring. Thank you for opening your classrooms to the small teams that came through.

A special shout-out to our Cafeteria Crew for serving up the very first "Baked Potato Day" in the school. It took extra effort by everyone in the kitchen, but they made it happen in a big way! Thanks Ladies for helping make Friday extra special for our students and some staff members too!

In my classroom travels I came across Mrs. Sullivan's Algebra room and spotted a tree with leaves representing different countries students in the class were from. Every leaf also included a function with the word written in their native language - how cool is that 😊



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/6 Parent Coffee and Conversation, 7:30am
- 12/6 Early Release Day - work in departments
- 12/12 MP2 Progress reports distributed in Advisory
- 12/21 Lunchtime Holiday Gathering for all staff
- 12/22 Holiday Break begins at end of the day
- 1/2/18 School Re-opens

Have a joyful week everyone!

Best,
Marianne