



LANK Letter

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December 2010 and January 2011

Upcoming Events

December 2010

(Tuesday) 12/7 p.m. staff meeting, no p.m. session – lunch bunch & kindergarten dismissal at 12:25 p.m.
(Wednesday) 12/8 Santa Lucia Celebration – 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
(Monday) 12/13 3 a.m. Winter Program, 10:45 a.m.
(Wednesday) 12/15 Open House for Prospective Students, 9:45 a.m. & 1:45 p.m.
(Thursday) 12/16 3 & 4 p.m. Winter Program, 2:45 p.m.
(Friday) 12/17 5 a.m./p.m. Winter Singalong, 10:45 a.m. & 1 p.m.
(Monday) 12/20 through (Friday) 12/31 Winter Break -- NO SCHOOL

January 2011

(Monday) 1/3 Welcome Back to School
(Tuesday) 1/11 LANK Kindergarten Information

Directors' Desk

No matter how you celebrate the holidays, this is a wonderful time of year. There is a sense of joy, wonder, and anticipation in the air that is inviting and magical. At the same time, to a young child (and maybe to us as well!) it can seem hurried, confusing, and a little over-whelming. We offer a few tried and true tips that work very well for us at school, and might help you too.

First of all, keep it simple. Choose traditions that are important to your family and then stick with them. Hard as it is, learn to say, "No, thank you." Emphasize your family and keep their needs uppermost. And remember, moms and dads are part of the family too.

At LANK, we are privileged to be part of a diverse community and this is a great time to showcase traditions from cultures different than your own. It will introduce your children to the wider world as they share simple customs with their friends as respect and appreciation for others is built.

Finally, allow them the joy of giving. Each year we watch with wonder as the smallest child labors over their gift to you. Glitter, paper, glue—the simplest of materials become objects of great value as they are presented to those they love the most. It is a feeling you never can get enough of—and how wonderful to discover it at two and three!

Let It Snow, Snow, Snow!

With this newsletter comes a copy of our snow policy as it relates to schedule changes. Please keep this somewhere handy so that it will be available on those "iffy" days.

Though we will post closings on our website as soon as possible, count on local radio and TV stations or the FCPS website for the most up-to-date information. For those of you who have children in classes that meet for Monday p.m. sessions, please check the LANK website for any change of schedule for those programs.





Kindergarten at LANK

If you are considering a private kindergarten for your child, please join us on Tuesday, January 11 at 10 a.m. This informational morning includes presentations by the teachers and directors as well as a panel of former and current kindergarten parents. You will receive detailed information about the curriculum, enrichment offerings, and our philosophy as well as have opportunity to ask all your questions. In addition, a brief video will be shown that will give you a sample of a typical kindergarten day at LANK. This highly individualized, full day program provides a strong foundation for the elementary years to follow and we proudly look forward to sharing it with you.

Open Houses

It is open house season at LANK and once again it is time to show our school to prospective parents and children. Though these will be advertised in local papers and on the website, it is always true that most of our guests come because of you. You are our best ambassadors and we are most grateful for your support and recommendations to friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers. Please know that during this busy time, your children are our top priority and we do everything possible to assure that their school experience is undisturbed. Visitors are asked to pre-register and are closely chaperoned throughout their tour. It is the children that make our program so appealing and we treasure their energy and spirit.



From Our Board....

As you ponder your year-end giving, we hope you will consider making a gift to LANK's Annual Fund. All donations are 100% tax deductible and many employers offer a [matching gifts program](#). Remember, every gift counts and donations made before the end of the year have a real impact. Thank you for your support and consideration. We wish you and your family a safe and prosperous holiday season.

For more information, please visit our website.



Our sincere best wishes for a wonderful holiday. May you see this season through the eyes of your children and welcome their joy and wonder into your heart.

**Happy
Holidays!**