



LANK LETTER

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Upcoming Events



January 2011

(Tuesday) 1/11 Kindergarten
Information Session, 10 a.m. at LANK

January Flagship Unit – *Animals in
Winter*, weeks of 1/10 and 1/17

(Monday) 1/17 Martin L. King, Jr. Day
NO SCHOOL

(Monday) 1/31 Teacher In-Service Day
NO SCHOOL

February

(Tuesday) 2/1 Parent/Teacher
Conferences, NO SCHOOL

(Wednesday) 2/2 Registration for
Current Families

(Friday) 2/4 Registration for Former
Families

(Monday) 2/7 Registration for New
Families

(Monday) 2/21 Presidents' Day
NO School

Directors' Message

A very Happy New Year to all our families! We hope that you had a lovely winter break and welcome you back to LANK. 2011 has a certain ring to it and we look forward to sharing it with you. With a fresh calendar in front of us, off we go with only the best ahead.

And so much is coming for your children as January brings us the continuation of our "Simply Science" initiative, numerous Open Houses showcasing LANK, and maybe a beautiful snowfall or two.

During this month you will decide which program is best for your child next year. For some of you, this is a clear decision and easy to make. Others may have some concerns and we are happy to discuss these issues with you. The reverse side of this newsletter outlines some of our suggestions and we hope that they are helpful.

Finally, we would like to begin this year with a fervent thank you for your generous support of our annual campaign. Your gifts to LANK are deeply appreciated as we strive to provide the very best in early education to your children.



Please check out our up-dated
website—designed with you in
mind!

www.lankschool.com
courtesy of the LANK Board

Look for your 2011/12 registration materials in backpack mail this week. Please contact the office if you do not receive yours. Applications from current families are due in the LANK office by Wednesday, February 2 at Noon.

Notify the office if you need additional applications for siblings or the kindergarten program. Any friends, neighbors, or family members that may be interested in LANK? Please ask them to call to register for one of the Open Houses available all this month. Thank you for recommending us.



Now that it is the winter season, it seems prudent to discuss carpool reminders and add some adjustments for the colder weather. The big two are always with us—**no cell phones and no passing in the carpool lane**. These rules are too vital to ignore. Passing in particular puts children, staff, and other drivers at risk. Please be reminded, to drive slowly in the carpool lane—15 MPH is the designated speed in any school area.

Our greeters are at the top of the hill till 9 for the a.m. session and 1 in the afternoon. On bitterly cold days, this can be very long. During both drop-off and pick-up, it is most helpful if your children are ready to exit the car/or that you expedite the carseat process quickly. We know that heavy coats and carseats are not always compatible, but it would be appreciated if your child is ready to walk down the hill upon exiting your vehicle. Finally, a reminder that lunch bunch drop-off for the p.m. session is 11:35 or later. Arriving earlier causes problems with a.m. pick-ups. We thank you for your patience and compliance with these procedures.



Conferences

February 1 is the second scheduled conference date at LANK. In the next week your child's teacher will be in contact to schedule a convenient time to meet, if she has not already done so. This is your opportunity to discuss your child's progress and we look forward to speaking with each of you. While the fall conference in many cases centered on adjustment, this is the time we focus on skill development and social, emotional growth. Placement for next year will be an important topic. Though many of you have already selected which program works well for your child, some may be undecided. While sharing a common philosophy, each of LANK's programs have different focuses and objectives. Your child's teacher is the primary source for this discussion. If you would like additional input, the directors will be happy to speak with you. As partners in your child's education, together we can discuss the best placement for him or her. If your child is kindergarten eligible, please consider joining us for the LANK Kindergarten Information Session on Tuesday, January 11 at 10 a.m. A panel format will preview the kindergarten experience available at LANK and you will have the opportunity to meet the teachers, hear about our program, and talk with former and current kindergarten parents. Ample time will be allotted for your questions and concerns and we would love the opportunity to share this outstanding program with you.



Winter Fun

If the temperature is above 32 degrees and the playground snow free, the children will be going outside for a small portion of the day. Please dress them for school with this in mind, Snuggly coats, warm mittens, hats or hoods, and pants or leggings are the order of the day, all helpfully labeled with your child's name! We are often asked if a child can "opt out" of this time and stay inside. As this activity is part of the program, it requires all teachers be involved. If your child is not well enough to be outside, we suggest a day at home to feel better.