

December 19, 2008

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents,

The winter holiday season is a joyous celebration that makes us appreciate all the small miracles and daily joys in our lives. Please take time over the winter break to let your children know how much they mean to you. Share family traditions, tell stories, write holiday greetings, cook, bake, walk, travel, and laugh a lot. Special family memories contribute to life's true meaning. Create quality moments that your children will carry with them into adulthood.

Thank you for visiting our school and taking the time from your busy schedules to attend our wonderful concerts and PTO activities. It is always wonderful to see you, to hear you asking questions, and to watch you getting involved in your child's education. Please take a moment to thank our staff for their thoughtful and professional dedication to your child's education. Great things are happening at LMS!

If you are new to the community, we welcome you and encourage you to become involved in your child's education. Stop by the school and ask how you can support your child with the transitions to a new learning community. We look forward to meeting you and sharing the excitement of discovery learning with the Lakenheath Leopards! If you are leaving the Lakenheath community, we thank you for your many contributions and wish you the very best of health and happiness in your new assignment. We will miss you and your children.

Enjoy the blessings of a beautiful holiday season ! Happy New Year. We'll see you all in 2009!

Mary Zimmerman-Bayer
Principal, Lakenheath Middle School.



DATES TO REMEMBER

22 Dec-2 Jan: Winter Break

05 Jan: School Resumes



LAKENHEATH MIDDLE SCHOOL

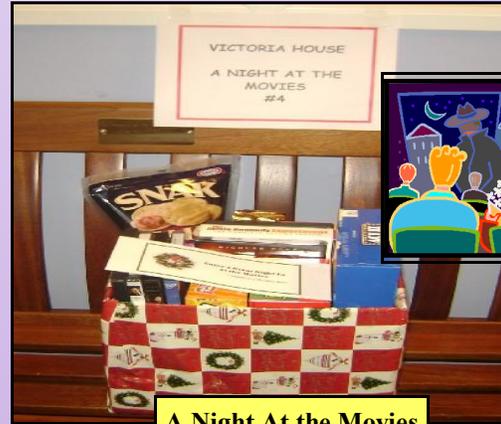
Lakenheath Leopards Parent News Letter

LMS PTO NEWS



The LMS PTO held a Silent Auction of Holiday Baskets to raise funds for the students. The winning bids are:

- #1—Denise Wright \$50.00
- #2—Mark Hammond \$50.00
- #3—Michelle Price \$50.00
- #4—Carol Champ \$60.00
- #5—Tracy Eckles \$65.00
- #6—Helen Martinez \$40.00
- #7—Tina Jorae \$50.00
- #8—Susan Campbell \$40.00
- #9—Jim Funk \$50.00
- #10—Reba Harris \$75.00
- #11—Susan Campbell \$90.00
- #12—B. McGee \$47.00
- #13—Randy Harde \$45.00
- #14—Marilyn Toops \$50.00
- #15—Emma Espinoza \$70.00



A Night At the Movies



Italian Basket



Thank you for your support!!

The LMS PTO



Cooking Basket



English Basket

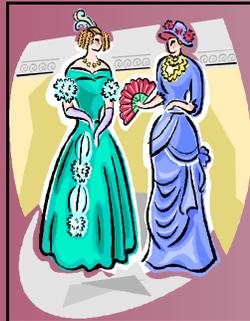
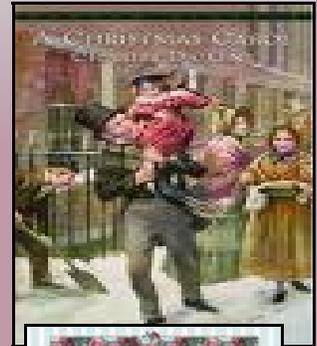


Chocolate Basket

BAKERLOO/METRO HOUSES HONOR SCROOGE

You are cordially invited
to a
New Year's Day Party
honoring
Ebenezer Scrooge

Students in Bakerloo House
and Metro House will
portray a famous Victorian or
a person for a "Dickens of a
Party" coming up on
January 13 and 15.



HEALTH EDUCATION AT LMS

The Health Education classes at LMS have been studying different health issues. Professional health care personnel from RAF Lakenheath Base instructed the students on ways to improve their health and make good choices.



LMS IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Nurses Corner

Flu season is upon us. This then means so is "vaccination time". What is the flu? Flu is an abbreviation for Influenza, this is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death.



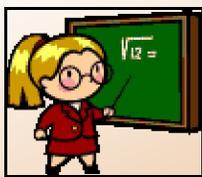
There are many different strains. Each year the vaccine changes based on international surveillance and scientists' estimations about which types and strains of viruses will circulate in a given year. It is the best "educated guess" that science can make to help prevent this illness. Why vaccinate? To reduce their chances of getting the flu. Students are in close proximity of other classmates and this closeness can increase the risk of spreading any illness. Vaccination can help reduce their risk of contracting this.

There are several vaccines required of children who attend school. Two of the most common ones that may be brought to your attention in the Middle School are the boosters that students need after age 11. These are TDap Booster and the MCV4. TDaP stands for Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertusis. Tetanus is also called "lockjaw". It can lead to severe muscle spasms and death. Diphtheria is a disease that attacks the throat and heart. In severe cases, it can lead to heart



failure and death. Pertusis (whooping cough) causes severe coughing that makes it hard to breath, eat, and drink. It can lead to pneumonia, convulsions, brain damage, and death. The MCV4 vaccine protects against 4 different "strains" of bacterial meningitis caused by the bacteria *N. meningitis*. Bacterial meningitis is an infection of the fluid around the brain and spinal cord. It is a serious illness that can cause more serious complications, such as brain damage, hearing loss or blindness.

Donna Hubbard
Substitute Nurse

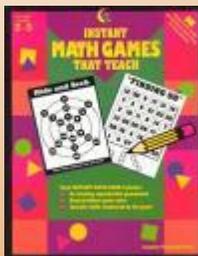


MATH CORNER



LMS offers tutoring for students during lunch/recess time

CHECK OUT THE WEEKLY MATH CORNER FLYER FOR INFORMATION ON WEEKLY MATH TIPS



See attachment to this newsletter for new math games club coming in January



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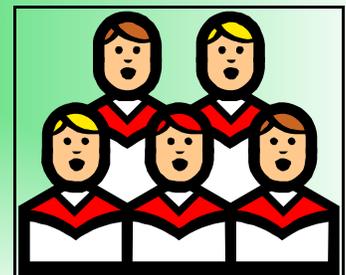
The AVID program sponsored a **"Snowball Dance"** on Dec. 12th at LMS. There were lots of games, food, dancing and a food drive. Many thanks to all those who organized this event and volunteered their time to help with the dance. Mrs. Taylor, the AVID teacher, commended the students for their exceptionally good behavior at the dance. Way to go LEOPARDS!!!



The LMS Band and Choir Winter Concert was held Dec. 10th and Dec. 11th. A **BIG THANKS** goes to Mr. Koupal and Mr. Lamprecht for a great evening of music. Mr. Lamprecht was recognized at the concert for his years of teaching here at LMS. He will be



retiring in January with his wife Margo Tardif, the Art teacher at LMS. Good luck to these great teachers!!!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

School Hours;
8:20-3:00

Contact Numbers
Telephone: 011 44 1638 52 7006/7
DSN: 226-7006/7
FAX: 226-7370

Attendance
It is the responsibility of the Parent/guardian to call the school every time a student is absent.

Ronald McIntire
DoDDS-Europe, Isles District
Superintendent

Mary Zimmerman-Bayer
Principal

D.J. LaFon
Assistant Principal

APO Address
DoDDS CCSM, Unit 5185, Box 55
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OUR SCHOOL GOALS

GOAL #1 - All students will show improvement in written communication across the curriculum.

GOAL #2 - All students will show improvement in problem solving across the curriculum.

We're on the web:
<http://www.lake-ms.eu.dodea.edu>
Parent Grade Speed Connection sign up and instructions can be found here.

The Customer Satisfaction Survey is available on the LMS website

"Customer Satisfaction Survey"
2008-2009
Tell us how we're doing.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

WINTER BREAK OFFICE HOURS

22 Dec 08 - 26 Dec 08 29
Dec 08 - 02 Jan 09
Monday-Friday
8:00 - 16:00

The office will be closed
on 25 Dec 08 - 26 Dec 08
and Thursday, 01
Jan 09 in
observance of
Federal Holidays



REGISTRAR CORNER

PCS'ING SOON?

The registration office needs a copy of orders and 10 days notice to process records for pickup. Please contact Mrs. Basinger at 01638-52-7006 to update your DEROS/contact



**FRIDAYS ARE SPIRIT DAYS AT LMS
WEAR BLACK AND GOLD**



LMS Daily Bulletin can now be found on the school website!