FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I want to thank everyone for celebrating Halloween at Laning with us! What an amazing crowd! The children were thrilled to take "center stage" as they sang their Halloween songs! Mr. Peri, our music teacher, did an outstanding job of preparing the children for their BIG debut!!

I also want to thank all of the parents that attended our district wide "Family Literacy Night!" The night was a huge success! Many parents shared that they enjoyed learning so much and they loved the energy and excitement around literacy that is happening throughout the district. A special thank you to our Laning teachers that presented: Anne Marie Ruggerio, Pamela Banta, Jennifer Kirby, Jamie Ricci, Sage Nardi, Lesley Carter, and Kelly Flynn! They did an outstanding job of sharing the work they do with our children with the parents!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Ice Cream Cake Sale – Nov. 4-21
- School is CLOSED – Nov. 6 & 7
- Laning Kids Help the Hungry Food Drive – Nov. 10-13
- Veterans Day Assembly – Nov. 11 at 9:15 a.m.
- Report Cards are posted on Nov. 17 on the Parent Portal at 3:00 p.m.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – Nov. 18, 19 & 20 – Half Day Dismissals
- Picture Retake Day – Nov. 20
- School Spirit Day – Nov. 26
- Thanksgiving Feast – Nov. 26

All the best,
Julie DiGiacomo
Principal

A Message from the Laning Avenue SCA President

Dear Laning Families:

What a great Halloween parade and sing along! It was so much fun seeing all the kids dressed in their costumes and performing at the sing along. And thank you to Mr. Peri and all the teachers for all their hard work. It was a wonderful day!

There are so many exciting things happening at Laning, and I would to thank the following parents for their contributions. **Thank you** …

- Jill Capporimo and Sarah Latson for coordinating a successful Laning Kids Help the Hungry Food Drive/Verona Fights Hunger Week! The Laning community came together to help such a wonderful cause. Great job Laning!!!
- Kim Fio Rito and the Family Fun Committee for Bingo Night! It was a fantastic night!!
- Lynn Serra for coordinating our Brick Paver fundraiser and for the UNICEF boxes.
- Lisa Freedman and Fourth Grade Farewell Committee for coordinating the Bagel Mania fundraiser.
- Jacki Flannery, Adele Spong, Nancy Barnett, Lisa Freedman, Chris Kenrick, Beth Shust and all the hot lunch volunteers for helping to provide hot lunch for our kids on Thursdays. They all look forward to this day.
- Melissa Collucci for scheduling all of our parent volunteers, as well as keeping the library organized by shelving books and keeping things in order.
- Cindy Kramer for the wonderful bulletin boards and for always being ready to get that "shot" of our children in action.
- Tara Imbriano and Marlo Spina for keeping our SCRIP program running smoothly and thanks to the families who have made a monthly commitment to the program.
- Sarah Latson for her tireless work on compiling this newsletter.
- Venus So for always keeping our website up to date.
- Mrs. Buro for always being available to lend a hand and always with a smile.

Nov. 11 is our very special Red, White & Blue Veterans Day Assembly. We hope you can come and see the students of Laning pay tribute to our nation's veterans at this very special event. You won't want to miss it.

Please make note that Nov. 18-20 are designated days for Parent-Teacher Conferences and are scheduled half-days for all students.

Our Thanksgiving Feast is scheduled for Nov. 26. Details will be coming home soon in your child's backpack. School will be closed on Nov. 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Soon after we return from the Thanksgiving holiday we will be kicking off our Secret Shoppe! This is one event we all look forward to! It gives the children an opportunity to do some holiday shopping for their families. Secret Shoppe will be on Dec. 9. We can't wait!

We are truly blessed with so many wonderful parents who dedicate their time and efforts for Laning Avenue School on a daily basis. We could not do it without you!

Sincerely,
Dana DeMars - danaleigh_13@yahoo.com
Laning SCA President

Laning SCA Announcements

Laning Kids Help the Hungry

Dear Laning Families:

404 lbs of food is what was donated in October!!! **WOW!**

That is about half of what we collected in TOTAL last year. What an AMAZING way to start the year!!!! So, thank you to all who donated.

Also, a HUGE thank you goes out to **Sarah Latson and the Verona Juniors** for their help in organizing last month's collection and delivery; it was the combined efforts that really **made a difference**!!

As we head into November, with Thanksgiving right around the corner (yikes!), let's consider those less fortunate and remember they count on our donations to make their Thanksgiving tables bountiful. So please think about throwing in an extra few cans so others can enjoy the holiday. Together, we can **MAKE A DIFFERENCE;** and what better time than this holiday season.

This month's **Laning Kids Help the Hungry (LKHH) Food Drive** will kick off on Monday, Nov. 10 and will run through Thursday, Nov. 13. Baskets will be distributed throughout the building to collect non-perishable items.

What specifically could they use?
Non-perishable, non-expired food: cereal, pasta & sauce, canned meat, vegetables and fruit, crackers, tuna, peanut butter & jelly. In addition, soap, shampoo and toothpaste are also helpful donations, as well as, brown paper grocery bags (what a great way to recycle!).

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!
Team LKHH
*Participation is optional.

Ice Cream Cake Sales

The Towne Scoop will once again be offering cakes for Thanksgiving – the "turkey cake" or a box of nine "chicksters."

The turkey cake is half vanilla, half chocolate with crunch in the middle. The Chicksters are a scoop of vanilla ice cream sitting on a chocolate wafer and decorated to look like a turkey!

A donation will be made to the SCA for each item purchased. Look for the upcoming flyer in your child's backpack.

Holiday Secret Shoppe

ALREADY??!! Believe it or not, the holidays are just around the corner and the annual Laning Avenue Secret Shoppe will be on Tuesday, Dec. 9 (same day for all students).

What is the Holiday Secret Shoppe?
A holiday event sponsored by the SCA where students can purchase gifts for their family, friends and pets.

Shopping Guidelines
Each gift costs **$3** – students can purchase a maximum of **8 gifts**.
Payment is made by cash or check (made payable to Laning Avenue SCA).

How does it work?
Recipient Lists and Gift Labels will be sent home the week before the event.

1) Students (with parent help) will complete the Recipient List and the To/From Gift Labels and bring both to school, with payment and a bag to carry home on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

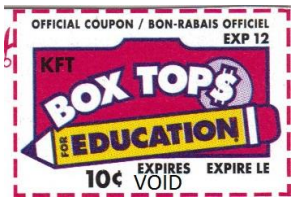
2) Classes will visit the Holiday Shoppe. Students will choose gifts for the loved ones on their Recipient Lists. Gifts will be wrapped, tagged with the Gift Labels, and sent home with students.

We look forward to giving students the opportunity to independently experience the benefits of giving. In the meantime…keep an eye out for volunteer opportunities for Monday, Dec. 8 (set-up) and on Tuesday, Dec. 9 (event day).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out!

Holiday Secret Shoppe Committee
Alison Mackey, mackeyshouse@msn.com

Box Tops for Education



Please continue to clip the box top(s) from participating products that you purchase and send them into the school. The money earned through Box Tops goes directly to the SCA to help with school trips, school supplies or other special activities that happen throughout the school year.

You can send in your clipped Box Tops at any time by placing them in a bag or envelope in your child's backpack or dropping them off in the bin marked "Box Tops" in the main office.

Feel free to contact us with any questions regarding the Box Tops for Education program.

Thanks for your support!
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Sophia Yanniotis – smyanniotis@gmail.com

Gobble Gobble Giveaway!

Simply login to the Box Tops website, click on Bonus Box Tops, enter your email address and enter for Laning to win 10,000 Box Tops! http://www.boxtops4education.com/bonus-box-tops

"Clip" Coupons:
As a Box Tops member, you have access to new coupons for Box Tops products every month. Enjoy the savings! Create an account on the website and save money on participating Box Tops products.

Laning Supermarket Gift Card (SCRIP) Fundraiser
After several requests, we are happy to announce that we are finally offering gift cards to **Stop & Shop**!! If you are interested in purchasing gifts cards, please email Marlo Spina at marspin68@yahoo.com or Tara Imbriano at taraimbriano@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support.

Labels for Education

Please continue to send in your Labels for Education UPC's and caps from over 2,500 participation products. Remember there are 2 WAYS you can earn Labels for Education. Clipping is one way and using your shopper card is the other!

Don't forget to register your ShopRite Price Plus card on elabelsforeducation.com to earn bonus points on Labels for Education products.

Questions? Please contact Sophia Yanniotis, smyanniotis@gmail.com

The next Laning SCA meeting will take place on
January 6, 2015, at 7 p.m. in the Library.
All Laning parents are welcome!

What's Happening in Our Classrooms

Kindergarten - Mrs. Kristy McCabe and Mrs. Kimberley Nochimson

October was an outstanding month for KM and KN! We worked on learning our classroom rules and routines and we continued to get to know each other. We learned the characteristics of a good friend and how to get along with others. We enjoyed getting to know our fourth grade Peace Pals too! We spent our first two sessions sharing things that we all brought from home so that we could learn a little bit about each other.

In math, we learned all about the numbers 1-10. We learned how to form the numbers, we learned how to identify groups with more than, fewer than and the same number of objects. In Reading Workshop we learned valuable information about ourselves as readers. We discussed the many different types of books in our library and which ones interest us the most. We have studied the details in pictures and learned how pictures can help us understand the story even if we are not ready to read the words. In Writing Workshop, we are learning how to picture an idea in our minds and tell a story using pictures across three pages. We become super artists and we are learning how to add details to our pictures to help tell our stories just like real authors! We are off to a super SMART start!

We are having so much fun observing the changes around us as fall embraces us. We read many stories about this beautiful season. We also went on a leaf hunt and found our very own special leaf to write about. We wrote about our favorite Fall activities as well! Most of us love that Fall brings Halloween! We were so excited to participate in our very first Laning Avenue Halloween parade and sing off! We LOVED coming to school in costume and seeing all of our friends! Our class parties were wonderful – thank you to all of the parents that helped!

October was also Fire Prevention month so the Verona Fire Department came to Laning to speak to us about fire safety. We were able to see their fire truck and all of the interesting and important things inside of it. In our classes we learned about why it is important to know our personal information in an emergency and how important it is to have a meeting place at home.

November is going to bring many more learning adventures! We cannot wait!

Primary LSS - Ms. Tina Graziano

We have been very busy during the month of October! In the classroom we are continuing to learn about numbers. We have learned to write the numbers 1-10, count and compare groups, and we started to learn about patterns. We continue to read every day and are learning what good readers look like. This month we have started talking about fiction. We have read *Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Three Bears* and *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. We are learning to look at the pictures in the story to find out if it is real or make-believe.

We are also learning about the fall season. We had a chance to go on a nature walk around the school and look at the leaves changing colors. We collected red, green, orange and yellow leaves to bring inside to our classroom where we sorted them by colors and created a fun craft! We talked about apple trees and the life cycle of an apple, and we are going to do a pumpkin investigation, count the seeds and talk about how the pumpkin feels. We also continue to focus on our individualized programs and following classroom rules. We are so excited for the Halloween parade and have been practicing our songs at the end of each day!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Nancy Apisa, Mrs. Kristine DePoe, and Mrs. Anne Marie Ruggiero

First Graders have completed the first unit of Writing Workshop and are moving into Small Moment stories. The children's pictures are becoming more detailed and temporary spelling is getting a little closer to conventional spelling.

In Reading Workshop, our students have been learning to think about and make connections to their reading. We have shared so many books this month, including the poetry book, *Red Sings from Treetops,* by Joyce Sidman, and a nonfiction title about our favorite treat, *Ice Cream: The Full Scoop,* by Gail Gibbons.

Columbus Day afforded the opportunity for the students to engage in activities regarding history and geography. The children read books and poetry on the subject, and learned several songs as well. We began a study of the continents beginning with North America, as we followed the explorer's path to the New World.

Halloween is an exciting time for first graders. The students enjoyed poems, songs, and games during this month. The children looked forward to showing off their costumes at the parade around our school.

Grade 2 - Mrs. Pamela Banta and Ms. Jennifer Kirby

During the month of October, the second graders have been working hard in all subjects! They have begun the Fiction Unit in Reading Workshop and Writing Workshop as well. They have been working extremely hard to understand the different types of fiction and the elements included in fiction stories.

In science, the second graders just finished learning about heat and light. They have begun their study of sound. Students will be creating original sound instruments to share with the entire second grade as they move forward in the chapter.

In social studies, the second graders have been learning about communities. They are currently learning about Laning Avenue School as a community. Soon, they will be moving on to learn about different kind of communities. Take a moment to discuss what your child has learned throughout this busy month of October.

Grade 3 - Mrs. Sage Nardi, Mrs. Jaime Ricci, and Mr. Brian Samples

We had a terrific October in the third grade! In math, we are working diligently on using place value to add and subtract. We are nearing the end of this unit, and will be proceeding to multiplication in the coming month.

In science, students continued their study of the scientific method and the tools and methods used to perform experiments. Students also utilized the scientific method, as they performed experiments while making hypotheses and analyzing the results.

In social studies, students sharpened their map skills. We also focused on creating current events to give the students a broader world view, and asking questions about what they discovered.

In language arts, we completed launching our Reader's Workshop, and are now focused on inference and the many sub-genres of fiction and traditional literature. We have also progressed to an in-depth study of character and character traits.

Our third grade writers have been hard at work completing personal narratives while applying many skills having to do with zooming in to small moments, slowing down time, and extending descriptions. As we wrap up this unit, we are looking forward to beginning our study of realistic fiction writing.

Grade 4 - Mrs. Lesley Carter and Mrs. Pamela Solomon

The fourth graders have settled into the new school year and have been working hard! In math, students are reviewing place value relationships, rounding, and comparing and ordering numbers. Our mathematicians are also working on their problem solving skills and learning how to systematically find and record all possible outcomes for a situation.

In social studies, students continue to discover more information about our great state. Students recognized that the geography and characteristics of each of the regions in New Jersey is unique.

Students were thrilled to visit the Sterling Hill Mine and Museum. Our field trip was a great review of many of the concepts we are currently learning about. The fourth graders were able to take an underground mine tour, view a fantastic display of "glow-in-the-dark" fluorescent minerals, and collect several different types of rock

During Writing Workshop, each student completed a personal narrative. The stories were amazing. Students were able to share their personal narratives with their class. We enjoyed reading the stories and learning more about each other. Next, students will have an opportunity to write a realistic fiction story. This unit involves creating characters (that resemble ourselves in some way), writing in the third person, and creating stories with a problem/solution structure. The students love this writing unit and can't wait to begin crafting their stories.

Reading Workshop continues to be the highlight of the day for many students. The children have been increasing their reading stamina, jotting notes about shared books and individual reads, learning to converse about their reading, and deepening their understanding about literature. As a class, we have begun reading realistic fiction and studying its craft and structure. This reading work supports the work we are doing in writing and will help strengthen our understanding of fictional stories and writing.

Verona Pre-School Program

Pauline Jennis, Maryann Bifulco & Grace Minervo-Buneo

What a fantastic month for the preschool!! We began the month with learning about apples. The children noted the different colors and practiced math skills with sorting and counting apples. After cutting open an apple the children were surprised to see a "star" that housed all the seeds.

What a discovery for them. The children like painting and drawing pictures of apples as well as other apple projects like tissue paper apples, apple printing and apple trees.

For our autumn theme the children went for a nature walk to collect leaves. They learned how the leaves change color at this time of year from green to orange, yellow, red or brown. They learned that autumn is a time for change and our literacy program expanded this theme with many stories about autumn. Our many art activities included scarecrows, squirrels, acorns, fall trees, leaf rubbings and fall leaves.

At this time we are focusing on Halloween. The children are learning about what is real and what is pretend. The children are so excited about their costumes. We look forward to celebrating at Laning Avenue School with the parade and performance. We will perform "The Five Little Pumpkins" and "Here Comes Mr. Ghost."

November 2014

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2	3	4 SCA Meeting Ice Cream Cake Sale Begins ½ Day	5	6 Schools Closed	7 Schools Closed	8
9	10 Laning Kids Help the Hungry	11 Laning Kids Help the Hungry Red, White & Blue Day/Veterans Day Assembly	12 Laning Kids Help the Hungry	13 Laning Kids Help the Hungry	14	15
16	17	18 Parent/Teacher Conferences ½ Day	19 Parent/Teacher Conferences ½ Day	20 Parent/Teacher Conferences Picture Retake Day ½ Day	21 Ice Cream Cake Sale Ends	22
23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Feast School Spirit Day ½ Day	27 Schools Closed	28 Schools Closed	29

December 2014

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