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October 1, 2019

Lamour's Luce Notes

Happy October, Luce Community! September was one of the busiest months of the year. We engaged in many robust community events inclusive of: the Luce Circus, Open Houses, and Tuesday Tea with the Principal. The month of October is as action-packed as September.

There were many things to celebrate during our first month together. Teachers are working hard at implementing Reader's and Writer's workshop, students are reading more books across the school, we have brand new stairs in our playground, and we are building a Culture of Achievement, Equity and Excellence. Also, we were able to fill all parent School Council Seats.



From left to right: Bucket Fillers poster, 5th-grade design challenge, and The Goode Family.

A Warm Welcome to the New Luce School Council!

This year, we have a full school council. Representing the Luce School Council are the following:

- Kate Cameron, Parent
- Nicki Farrington, Parent
- Jammie Carty, Parent
- Anne Cohen, Teacher
- Sue Olsen, Teacher
- Heather Lazaro, Teacher



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- Yeshi Gaskin Lamour, Principal

The Luce School Council is an open meeting. The first meeting is scheduled for October 23rd from 5:30-7 pm in the library.

This month we have many exciting things coming up! October brings Steam Week (October 21-25), the Boosterthon, and more. Please make sure to read the calendar for all of the upcoming events in October. We look forward to welcoming new families at this month's Tuesday Tea with the principal. This month's tea is on October 15th from 5:00-6:30 pm in the library. We hope to see you there!

Robotics is Back!

This month the robotics club is starting. The Robotics Club is for 4th and 5th-grade students; is held after school. We have two incredible Luce teachers (Adrian Shemtov and Jill Marsh) who will act as supervising teachers. The Robotics Club begins on October 1st.

Entry Plan Updates

This past Spring, parents were provided with a survey around Culture & Climate. We want to send a thank you to all the families who completed the survey. Per my [Entry Plan](#) (EP), I email the newest installment of the community surveys for parents and teachers this week. Please complete the 2nd installment (for families) and the 3rd installment (for staff). Your voice matters!

More Scenes from September





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From Left to Right: Ms. Gaspa & Ms. Lamour, Teachers at Faculty Meeting, Students hard at work in Reader's Workshop, and the Luce Circus.

We Shine,
Principal Lamour



Notes From Our Specialists

Music Room Happenings with Miss Joncas

We are off to a great start in music this year! Students have been creating, performing, responding to, and connecting to music. Here's a sampling of our learning targets:

- **Grade 5:** performing ensemble pieces with singing and instruments
- **Grade 4:** creating and performing cup routines to match songs
- **Grade 3:** performing solfège syllable patterns from songs we are singing, responding to music through singing games. Recorder orders for grade 3 students should be complete, please contact Ms Joncas (joncass@cantonma.org) if your student still needs to buy a recorder.
- **Grade 2:** creating with drums, performing speech pieces, responding to music through singing games.
- **Grade 1:** responding to music through purposeful movement, performing echo songs, identifying high and low as musical opposites, differentiating between singing voices and speaking voices
- **Kindergarten:** performing songs and chants using three different voices (speaking, whispering, and singing), responding to music through safe movement, performing music with classroom percussion instruments

Please follow us on Twitter to get the latest information on what's happening in music classes:
[@MsJoncasMusic](https://twitter.com/MsJoncasMusic)

All grade 5 students will participate in **chorus** during the school day. Chorus will perform at Cantonstock in November and at our Winter Concert in January.



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Our before school **instrumental music** program is also off to a great start! Students have learned to assemble their instrument and begin refining their sounds, and we are preparing for our debut performance at Cantonstock. For any questions about band, please contact Ms. Joncas (joncass@cantonma.org). For any questions about first year cello, please contact Mr. Hulsman (hulsmand@cantonma.org). For any questions about first year violin and viola or second year strings, please contact Mrs. Kidd (kiddn@cantonma.org).

Mallet Madness is our after school music club for grades 3 through 5. We are at capacity with 25 students participating in our fall/winter session! Students in this club perform and create music on xylophones and other percussion instruments. We will perform at Cantonstock and the Luce Winter Concert. Sign-ups will re-open in January for students interested in joining.

Save the Date for Upcoming Performances:

- Cantonstock - Saturday, November 2 at Canton High School (Mallet Madness, Band, first and second year strings, and Chorus) 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. - more specific performance times and sponsorship information will be sent home soon.
- **Thursday, January 16th - Luce Winter Concert** (Mallet Madness, Strings, Chorus, and Band will perform - details TBD)

Notes from Ann Schneider

This month in the art room, we are inspired by natural objects celebrated in Autumn. Projects will focus on *the elements of art: line, color, shape, form, value, space, and texture*.

Grade 5 students will view pictures of real trees in Autumn. They will create abstract trees using a grid and then color their pictures using warm and cool colored pencils.

Fourth Graders will begin observational drawing. They will look carefully at and draw natural objects such as apples, pumpkins, gourds and colorful flint corn.

Grade 3 classes will create an interesting leaf design using positive and negative shapes. Then students will use oil pastels and water color paints to complete their designs.

Second Grade students will make torn paper tree collages They will have to rely on tearing paper, and not drawing, to make the images in their pictures which can be challenging.



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Grade 1 classes will learn to observe and draw sunflowers – and draw what they see in front of them – not what they think sunflowers look like. After drawing, they will paint their pictures with watercolor paints.

Kindergartners will create collages with a fall theme. We are practicing using glue sticks and following a number of steps in a project.

Health News By Mrs. Lazaro



Treat Others The Way You Want To Be Treated

Kindergarten-1st Grade: Students will continue to learn what respect is and how to show respect to others. Students will also be learning about what a friend is and how to make friends while understanding the differences in one another.

2nd Grade: Students are working on identifying feelings and strategies to use to help them express their feelings appropriately. Students will also be learning about manners and the importance of using good manners and showing respect.

3rd Grade: Students are working on learning their personal strengths and the strengths of others. Students will also be looking at the importance of positive self-esteem and decision making.

4th Grade: Students will learn strategies in decision making and problem solving to help deal with bullies and improving friendship skills.



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5th Grade: Students will continue to learn about the meaning of the word RESPECT and what it means to them and how to show respect to their peers, teachers, family, neighbors, pets, and themselves. Students have been working in small groups to create scenarios that demonstrate the various types of respectful behaviors

Throughout the year all students will be focusing on these two essential questions

1. How does wellness impact my quality of life?
2. How do I achieve overall wellness for myself and my community?

Community Update

Notes from Becky Reinhold, Luce School Literacy Interventionist

Regardless of age, people like to have choices. As readers only some people are able to make meaning AND enjoy texts that are assigned. When people get to choose what is read the possibility of both increase. An article from February 2016 NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English) mentions several other benefits such as building value of students, deepening relationships, engaging in meaningful conversations, empowering students and leading to independence. Here is a link to the article if you're interested in reading more...

<http://www.ncte.org/library/NCTEFiles/Resources/Journals/ELQ/0383-feb2016/ELQ0383Top.pdf>

So... when asking students to read, give choices. Go to libraries and bookstores to explore. Ask friends and neighbors for recommendations. Attend author talks. Join a bookclub. Make reading enjoyable and help students own their learning and growth as human beings.

CAPT Updates

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CIRCUS

Congrats to the 5th Grade for a spectacular Circus performance! We hope all students enjoyed Circus week and learned a new trick or two.

The 4th & 5th **Grade Play Auditions** are scheduled for October 21st & 23rd – stay tuned for more information

Luce **Family Photo Day** with Gretchen Rossi is booked for October 27th – sign up and location details to follow

On October 28th we will kick off our Fall and Main Fundraiser for the year, the **Shine Sprint** with Booster. All students will be running/walking laps to help our school raise funds. The theme this year is the Wild West, stay tuned for details.

The **Friendship Directory** is a great way to connect with your fellow parents for playdates, birthday parties, homework questions, etc. We have extended the due date to *Friday, October 4th*

Membership Forms – join by October 15th to enter your student in the Raffle to win a ride to school on a Canton Fire Truck



Scrip Gift Cards ~Scrip is the fundraising program that you can use for your regular weekly shopping or for special occasion giving! You order gift cards through the website and a % of the sale will benefit the Luce CAPT. Think about ordering through SCRIP for teacher & coach's gifts or the gift cards we donate to the Carnival, Raffles and other fundraisers. Many online & local retailers participate in the program. If you have any questions or would like to help out with orders, please contact us by email. Visit [Luce CAPT Page](#) for our school code.

Box Tops for Education – Is now online – download the App and scan your receipts. Our goal this year is \$1,000. The first submission deadline is coming up – November 1st

All Events can be found on the on the [CAPT FaceBook Page](#)

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 1st in the Luce library at 7:30pm. We will be having a Room Parent Meeting at 7pm. We ask all Room Parents to attend this meeting with CAPT & Principal Lamour.

Babysitting will be available, please email lucceapt@gmail.com to reserve your spot.



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NICKELS FOR NUTRITION (REPOST)

Dear Luce School Community,

As many of you know, our Nickels for Nutrition program benefits the Canton Food Pantry. Each year, beginning in October, a grade level is assigned a month. During that month, a labeled baggie is sent home with each student at the start of the month. These can be returned to their teacher or dropped in the “Nickels for Nutrition” container in the lobby by the end of the month. The jar will remain in the lobby (or office) throughout the year. We welcome any and all contributions at any time. The jar is emptied, counted, and deposited in December and again in June. Last year, the Luce School contributed over \$700 to help Canton residents. Thanks so much in advance for any contribution you can make. All coins are welcomed!!

Monthly contribution assignments:

- 4th grade -- October
- 5th grade -- November
- Kindergarten -- December
- 1st grade -- January
- 2nd grade -- February
- 3rd grade -- March

Sincerely, Ann Cruise, Grade
2nd Grade Teacher



CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS HEALTH SERVICES

Dear Parent or Guardian:



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This time of year we hear concerns about the presence of lice and of course there is heightened alarm associated with these reports. We'd like to take this opportunity to remind parents that lice management is a partnership between the home and the school. The school nurses will assist in the process by monitoring individual student's who are symptomatic or who are reported to have been diagnosed with lice. We do request that parents/guardians take the following precautions at home:

1. Check your child's hair for eggs (also called nits).
2. If you suspect your child has head lice, ask your health care provider to diagnose the problem and recommend appropriate treatment.
3. Tell us if your child is diagnosed as having head lice.
4. If head lice are diagnosed, do not return your child to school until he or she has been treated at home and checked by the school nurse.

Information about head lice:

What are they? Head lice are tiny insects that live only on people's scalp and hair. They hatch from small eggs (nits) that are firmly attached to the individual hairs near the scalp and cannot be easily moved up or down the hair (as can specks of dandruff). They look like grains of sand. Nits may be found throughout the hair but are most often located at the back of the scalp, behind the ears, and at the top of the head. The eggs hatch in about 10 days, with new lice reaching adulthood in about 2 weeks. The female louse, about the size of a sesame seed, can live for about 20 to 30 days and can lay about six eggs a day. The lice live by biting and sucking blood from the scalp. Lice can survive up to 8 hours between feedings and can do so off the body. Until a person with head lice is treated they can transmit them to others.

How should you check for head lice? You probably will not see lice, only the eggs. These are tiny, pearl-gray, oval-shaped specks attached to the hair near the scalp. Look carefully, using a magnifying glass and natural light (try to go outside to inspect the scalp). Search for nits at the back of the neck, behind the ears and at the top of the head.

How does a person get head lice? Anyone who has close contact with an infested person or shares personal items can become infested. Lice spread **only** by crawling from person to person directly or



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onto shared personal items, such as combs, brushes, head coverings, clothing, bedding, or towels.

What should you do about head lice? If your child does have head lice, your health care provider may want to treat everyone in your family. Everyone should be checked, and anyone with nits should definitely be treated. **To get rid of head lice:**

- Use a medicine that your health care provider prescribes or recommends. Use any of these products very carefully, and consult a physician before treating infants, pregnant or nursing women, or people with extensive cuts or scratches on the head or neck.
- After appropriate treatment, remove all nits. Removal is a difficult and time consuming process because nits
 - have such a firm grip on the hair. A solution of vinegar and water may help loosen nits so you can remove them with a special, fine-toothed, nit-removal comb.
- Check for nits daily for the next 10-14 days. Check with your health care provider regarding re-treatment to kill any newly hatched lice.
 - Clean personal items and surroundings: - Machine wash all washable and possibly infested items in hot water. Dry them in a hot dryer. - Put non-washable items (furry toys or pillows) in a hot dryer for 20 minutes or dry clean them. - Seal items that cannot be washed or dried in a plastic bag for 10 days (any eggs or lice present will die in this time)
 - Soak combs and brushes for 10 minutes, or wash them with a shampoo approved to kill lice. - Thoroughly vacuum rugs, upholstered furniture and mattresses. - Do not use insecticide sprays because they can be harmful to people and animals.

When can your child return to school? Your child can return to school as soon as the shampoo has been used and all or most of the nits have been removed from his or her hair. Remember to keep checking for new nits for at least 2 weeks.

Please call the school nurse to set up an appointment to have your child's head checked before he/she is readmitted to the classroom.

Thank you for your cooperation,



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The Health Services Department of Canton Public Schools



Google Worthy Dates

This Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10/1 First CAPT Meeting @ 7:30 (UPDATED TIME) ● 10/1 Applications for the FAST Athletic program are available in the front office. Please see Diane. Program starts week of 10/7 ● 10/2 National Custodian Day
Around the Corner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10/9 Yom Kippur (No School) ● 10/11 Kindergarten Fire Safety 9:30-11 ● 10/14 Columbus Day (No School) ● 10/15 Tuesday Tea 5-6:30 in the library ● 10/18 Kindergarten Visit "Fly Guy" ● 10/21 Luce Play Auditions Gr 4 & 5 6-8 ● 10/23 First Luce School Council Meeting @ 5:30-7 ● 10/27 CAPT Family Picture Day ● 10/28 Boostherthon Begins ● 10/30 Early Release 11:45 (no lunch) ● 10/31 Favorite Hat Day