



Luce Landscape

March 1, 2019

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We are encouraging our students to persist with tasks that are difficult. We gently try to push each student beyond their comfort zone, in order to have them develop a sense of confidence in trying something new. Children need to know that failure can (and often does) happen and it is okay! Remind them that each time they try again, their brain is growing stronger! Don't step in to prevent your child's failure, as this is how they learn to persevere in the face of challenges.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of "Aladdin Jr." for their performances both on stage and behind the scenes!! The Luce is fortunate to have an experienced, imaginative director, Cheryl Myles and her husband Tom, who is a creative and dedicated set builder. Many thanks to James Goodrich, Julie Goodrich and Katie Keough for taking on the Play Coordinator duties, and to the many other parent/teacher/staff volunteers who made the play a wonderful experience for our children.



Congratulations to the following students whose kindness essays were selected to be read during our SHINE assembly. These students included: Holly Querscher (1), Alex Goodrich (2), Ronan Keough (3), Joseph Scozzaro (4) and Riya Joseph (5).

Congratulations to our Students of the Month for February: Kindergarten - Annabelle Goodrich (courageous and inquisitive) and Joey Mederios for



being kind; Grade 1 - Connor Chin (perseverance) and Maggie Hyde (respectful); Grade 2 - Ellie Vellante (responsible) and Ethan Davis (kind); Grade 3 Clarke Dvoske (honest and responsible) and Grace Caminiti (kind); Grade 4 - Kyle Kane-Ferraz (kind) and Madalyn Sheehan (compassionate); and from Grade 5 - Jack Fitzpatrick (kind, respectful and responsible) and Sarah Chandler (kind).

Additionally, there were another 104 students who were recognized this month for being kind and more. These students received a snowball on the legacy tree in the lobby.

Also, congratulations to our 25 students who completed or more, random acts of kindness during the month of February. These students included: Liam Merenda, Ariana Jolly, Haley Rowe, Kayla Rowe, Ellie Vellante, Nolan Merenda, Dracen Brooks, Ava Mueller, Madalyn Sheehan, Abigail Francois, Violet Penders, Maximilian Mueller, Soumya Gupta, Asmir Aman, Emily Wilcox, Alanna Collins, Quincy Sussman, Gaurav Dixit, Rhiannon Kaplun, Liam Bonefant, Quinn Pellegrine, Lawson Fernsten, Amy Vaudreuil and Liam Collins.





The CAPE Spelling Bee will take place on Friday, March 22nd at 6:00 PM at CHS for Grades 3 thru 5. The Luce we will be represented by the following students: Grade 3, Team #1: Tyree Gaskins, Nora Francois, Makayla Tran, Grace Caminiti, Liliana Disla and Waleed Ahmed. Grade 3, Team #2: Isabelle Sloan, Matthew Trabucco, Daniel Swanson, Ian Mei, Justin Lacey and Anandi Sarkar. Grade 4, Team #1: Timothy Tseng, Adhrit Balaji, Joseph Scozzaro, Maya Alves, Lillia Ivaniv and Olivia Corporan. Grade 4, Team #2: Ava Starr, Alvin Nieh, Fiona Trendell, Emile Brodeur, Bridie Bell and Lilyanne Martin. Grade 5, Team #1: Avish Kumar, Luca Burns, Karen Wu, Riya Joseph, Abby Stock and Andrew Gillis. Grade 5, Team #2: Alexa Piazza, Emerson Martin, Sadie Gugliotta, Jaden Clemons-Pulido, Isabelle Barron and Anna Turcotte Shamski.



CAPT News:

CARNIVAL DAY: This exciting event is a day where we transform the school into a carnival that is fun for all ages. This year our carnival will be held on **Saturday, March 23rd from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**. When you enter the building you will have the opportunity to purchase tickets to use for a variety of games and activities: such as bouncy houses, live reptiles, face painting, cake walks, minute to win it, photo booths, and lots more. There will also be an area with food, raffle baskets, and a DJ for dancing. At some of the activities, the children will earn tickets which can be redeemed for fun prizes and toys. Please bring cash to purchase tickets and food.

RAFFLE BASKETS: In the cafeteria you will find tables lined with a variety of children's raffle items. Purchase tickets and test your luck at winning. Some of the baskets this year include: A Kings bowling birthday party, Launch gift cards, Pawtucket Red Sox tickets, Brockton Rox tickets, autographed Red Sox memorabilia and so much more! We are still collecting items for this area. Please consider donating a movie gift card, Dave & Busters gift card, passes to your favorite museum or zoo, games, toys, anything your child loves to play or do. If you can help in this way, please contact Jammie.Carty@gmail.com, or donations can be left at the CAPT desk in the Luce lobby.

RAFFLE BOOKS: Raffle books were sent home this week with each student. Each child is provided two books to kick off the selling season. The more you sell, the more money raised for the school!

- Every Friday leading up to the carnival, students that return sold tickets will be entered into a drawing for a gift card, or a week of sitting "where you want" in the cafeteria.
- The top boy & girl ticket sellers will be named "***Carnival Ringmaster***". This means they get a free pass to play all carnival games for the entire day, plus receive a free food voucher.

- The ticket purchasers are all entered in a raffle to win one of the three prizes noted on the ticket stubs - Nintendo Switch, Amazon Spot and/or an Amazon Dot.
- More ticket books are available by sending a note in with your child, or by contacting Jammie Carty at Jammie.Carty@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS: This day is not possible without volunteers! Please visit our on-line sign up for a time that may fit your busy schedule. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44aaa623abfe3-2019>

CAKE & CANDY DONATIONS: As we do each year, we are asking each Luce family to donate two cakes and two candy bars. We can't run the cake & candy walks without them! We need 1,000 of each for this popular activity.

- Cake pans will be available outside the main office for \$1 the first week in March. One box of cake mix makes two cakes and you can get creative decorating with your child. Store bought baked goods are also welcome.
- Cakes can be dropped off before or after school on March 21st and March 22nd.
- Candy bars can be dropped off any time after March 1st. There will be a box outside the main office.

Luce 5K & Fun Run Registration is open!! The 5k is a rolling course through the residential streets of Canton, finishing on the school grounds. Please go to www.racemenu.com/luce5k to sign up for the run.

Art News:

There is a very special art exhibit *Artists in Bloom* being held at Pequitside Farm on Saturday, March 9th and Sunday, March 10th 10 AM -5 PM. The show features CPS children's artwork, with floral interpretations by the Canton Garden Club. Admission is \$5.00. Please come and enjoy a beautiful collaborative art exhibit and support young artists!



In class:

- Fifth Grade students will learn how to weave on a three dimensional form. They will weave yarn on a paper cup as if they are making a basket.
- Grade Four classes will learn to weave yarn on a loom. Students will then make their weavings into owls sitting on a branch.
- Third Grade will learn about Henri Rousseau's fanciful jungle paintings. Then they will create their own mixed media jungle pictures.
- Grade Two classes will learn about Claude Monet and the paintings of his water lily pond. They will create their own pond using paint and oil pastels in a circle format.
- First Graders will review primary and secondary colors. They will make a primary color collage inspired by the art of Piet Mondrian. Mondrian is famous for his paintings of primary colored squares and rectangles in grid form.
- The Kindergarten classes learn about ROY G BIV and the colors in the rainbow. Then they will make a rainbow picture with sun and rain.

Computer Lab News:



Kindergarten will continue learning basic computer skills through puzzles, digital art, math, literacy and logic games.

First grade will be finishing their Google Slides presentations focusing on the 100th Day of School, and then continuing to practice their writing in Google Docs. Later in the month we will start our digital citizenship unit.

Second grade will be finishing their Google Slides presentations focusing on landforms and erosion, then moving on to digital citizenship.

Third, fourth and fifth grade will be wrapping up our unit on Google apps by completing Google Slides presentations about famous African Americans in history. Next, third grade will be starting to practice the computer skills necessary for MCAS this spring. Fourth and Fifth grade will be continuing their computer science learning through coding.

As a reminder, your child can access all of our Canton Public Schools technology resources through my website at bit.ly/lucetech. For those who are not connected to me on ClassDojo.com yet, please email me at kellyyea@cantonma.org so I can set you up.

Health News:

Kindergarten: Students will begin learning about germs in the Personal Wellness Unit. Students will learn what germs are, where they are found and how to prevent the spread of germs through proper hand washing.



1st Grade: Students will begin a unit on Personal Wellness. Students will learn how easily germs can spread, how to cover their coughs and sneezes, the importance of hand washing and how to brush and floss their teeth.

2nd Grade: Students will continue to work on their fabulous five senses and learning how their senses work, and how to protect their senses. Students will end the unit with various five senses activities that help promote safety and prevention of injuries, and spreading of germs.

Grade 3rd&4th- Students will continue to work on the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) Unit. In this unit students will learn the dangers, and how drugs can affect their health. Students will also learn how to refuse drugs and to say "No"!

Grade 5: Students will begin working on a health project which will allow students to research and create a presentation. It will be regarding a health topic of their choice that they have learned about throughout their elementary health classes. This project is called the 5th grade health fair/expo which they will be presenting to other students during their regular health classes in May.

****All Students in grades 1 thru 5 just completed their Anti-Tobacco Calendar Posters, and we should receive the results sometime in late spring so stay tuned!

News from the Gym:

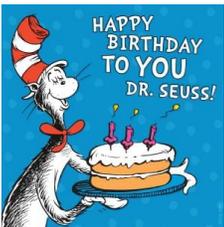
Students in grade 3 will be introduced to Pillo Polo. Students will practice the following skills: stick handling, passing, and shooting in a variety of drills, activities, and games.



Students in Grades 4 & 5 will then have the opportunity to apply the skills learned in third grade to participate in a Pillo Polo game. Students will understand and demonstrate the importance of teamwork and communication. Fifth Graders will culminate this unit with a class tournament.

Students in Kindergarten through Grade 2 will take part in Parachute Unit. Students will learn that teamwork, listening, and following directions are key skills to successfully manipulating the parachute as a class. Second Graders will complete this unit with, "Bring your Favorite Stuffed Animal to the Gym Day!"

Library News:



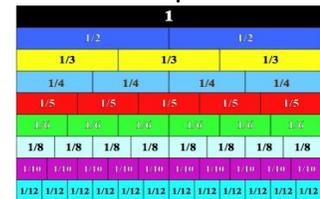
March brings our celebration of Dr. Seuss! Dr. Seuss is definitely a favorite author for our Luce readers. We will read some of his well-known and lesser-known books. Everybody loves Dr. Seuss!

Stories in the library this month will also include multicultural titles, Irish tales for St. Patrick's Day, as well as books anticipating SPRING!

If you are spring cleaning your bookcases, please remember that we are happy to take any books you no longer need. Books that are age-appropriate, and in good condition, could be a good addition to the Luce Library free library for students. Thank you!

Math News:

Why are fractions so hard? Probably because it is difficult for many students to wrap their head around the fact that fractions typically represent less than a whole. There are many things students need to know as they begin to deepen their understanding of fractions starting in third grade.



- Students should recognize that the numerator states the PART.
- Students should recognize that the denominator states the WHOLE.
- Student should recognize that the whole is cut into EQUAL parts.
- Student should recognize that as the denominator gets BIGGER, the pieces get SMALLER.
- It is also help to think about numbers on a number line.

What are some strategies for comparing fractions?

- When comparing fractions, one strategy is to determine if they have the same denominator. Then compare the numerators. The fraction with the greater numerator is larger.
- When comparing fractions, one strategy is to determine if they have the same numerator. Then compare the denominators. The fraction with the smaller denominator is larger. (Remember as the denominator gets bigger the pieces get smaller).

- When comparing fractions, think about the half way fraction (benchmark fraction) on the number line. Think about $\frac{4}{6}$. If you can draw (or imagine) a number line and write (or think about) the halfway fraction ($\frac{3}{6}$) then one could reason that $\frac{4}{6}$ is larger than half.
- Similarly, when thinking about $\frac{5}{12}$ you can draw (or imagine) a number line and write (or think about) the halfway fraction ($\frac{6}{12}$) then one could reason that $\frac{5}{12}$ is smaller than half.
- When comparing fractions think about the size of the piece that is missing. $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{2}{3}$ Many students think that because they are both missing one piece then they must be equal. This is not true. $\frac{3}{4}$ is missing $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{2}{3}$ is missing $\frac{1}{3}$. Since $\frac{3}{4}$ is missing the smaller piece it *IS* the larger fraction.

Drawing pictures can be helpful when comparing fractions as long as the wholes are the same size. Number lines are also a helpful tool when thinking about and comparing fractions. It is also helpful to think about the halfway fraction when comparing fractions. It is a great mental math strategy and increases one's sense of numbers.



Music News:

Luce musicians are hard at work continuing to grow their musical skills. Here is a taste of what students are working on:

- Kindergarten - singing in tune, performing and responding to steady beat in music, moving safely in the music room.
- First Grade - creating rhythmic patterns using quarter notes, eighth note pairs, and quarter rests, singing in tune, playing xylophones with proper technique, reading so mi and la on the musical staff.
- Second Grade - performing xylophone accompaniments, singing in tune, singing solfege patterns using mi re do with hand signs, reading pentatonic melodies on the staff.
- Third Grade - playing the notes B A G and E on recorder, getting an excellent recorder sound, reading the notes of the treble clef, performing recorder music.
- Fourth Grade - performing music from many cultures, responding to music with dances and hand clapping games.
- Fifth Grade - creating original raps and songs, performing with a singing voice, playing classroom instruments.

Kindergarten Families: Our annual Take A Family Member to Music Class week will be April 1st thru April 5th. Please "save the date" for the following times:

- Mrs. Shepard's class: Monday, April 1st 12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Reilly's class: Wednesday, April 3rd 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
- Mrs. McCarthy's class: Thursday, April 4th 12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Goode's class: Friday, April 5th 12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

News from Nurse:

Massachusetts Department of Public Health regulations state that every student is required to periodically provide a written copy of a physical exam to the school nurse. The reason for this is to understand and follow up on health conditions that may adversely affect the student's well being and ability to learn.



The Canton Public Schools request that students in grades **4, 7, and 10** submit a new physical upon entry to these grades. If your child is in grade 4 and you have not submitted a recent physical exam, please do so as soon as possible. If your child will be entering 4th Grade in September, please submit a physical exam done within the past year.



All students have snack time in their classrooms during the school day. Please be sure you or your child packs a healthy snack to eat at school. Snacks are also available for purchase in the cafeteria during lunch.

Students who don't have a snack are sent to the health office where nurse provides them with saltines or graham crackers. If your child has frequent requests for snacks from the health office, you will be notified.

National Nutrition Month: March is National Nutrition Month. This annual nutrition education and information campaign was created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The campaign, celebrated each year during the month of March, focuses on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits

<https://www.eatright.org/food/resources/national-nutrition-month/national-nutrition-month>

Reading News:

There are many organizations that are worthy of supporting. There are two that benefit student growth, and parents can get involved in. They are Read Across America and Screen Free Week.



Screen-Free Week is coming up next month, April 29th thru May 5th. To prepare there is also a National Day of Unplugging coming up, March 1st & March 2nd. It is intended to last 24 hours. The website (nationaldayofunplugging.com) is promoting the movement and includes suggestions for hosting an event and how to officially pledge to #unplug. This a great time to make more purposeful connections, maybe read a book (hint, hint), or get involved in your communities.

Read Across America is celebrated annually on March 2, for Dr. Seuss's birthday. This year, 2019, would have been his 115th birthday. The suessville.com website has a section that has activities, crafts and recipes specifically for parents to utilize at home. The National Education Association also has a collection of books in a monthly calendar to encourage 'Reading Across America' year round.

Mrs. Peter and Mrs. Hoff

Save the Date!!!! The second annual **Dance with Someone Special** will be held on **Friday, April 5th**. Be on the lookout for more details shortly.



The 14th Annual **Fun Run** will be held on **Sunday, May 19th**. Be on the lookout for more details. It's a wonderful family event with a 1/2 mile Fun Run, a 1 mile Fun Run, and a 5K timed race. We have raffles, entertainment, food, and the entire community looks forward to this event. Hope we see you there!