

Lincoln Avenue Elementary School

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Music to the Ears!



Illustration by Sam Dillard

This week, Mr. Campbell and Ms. Kinsella used popular, carefully chosen song lyrics to jazz up a unit on figurative language. As part of the fourth grade curriculum, students are asked to demonstrate an understanding of figurative language by explaining the meanings of simple similes and metaphors. It can often be difficult for young students to differentiate between literal and figurative language, especially for students with speech difficulties and English language learners. In listening to and reading select lyrics from songs by Bob Marley, Tom Petty, Gym Class Heroes and Jay Z, to name a few, students were actively engaged in identifying similes, metaphors and personification. Students were able to recognize personification in Bob Marley's *Three Little Birds* and the "concrete jungle" as a metaphor for New York City in Jay Z's *Empire State of Mind*. As a follow up activity, students were broken into small groups to use figurative language to describe elements in nature such as the sun, the moon, the ocean, a butterfly, an eagle, and a lion. They enjoyed working together to create their own song lyrics and were proud to share them with the class!

Congratulations to our Science Fair Winners and Honorable Mentions!

Congratulations to **all** of our science fair participants! Students took great pride in their accomplishments. We at Lincoln Avenue are very proud! The work of our students who achieved "honorable mention" and first place have been invited to share their work at our annual District Wide Stem Expo to be held on Tuesday, May 29th at the Middle School. All are welcome!

Grade 4



Grade 5



Light it Up Blue!



Lincoln Avenue is lighting it up blue to help increase understanding and acceptance of people with Autism. Thousands of landmarks, homes and businesses around the world will light it up blue on Autism Awareness Day, April 2nd. Autism affects 1 in 68 children, and 1 in 42 boys. Autism, or autism spectrum disorder, refers to a range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and non-verbal communication, as well as unique strengths and differences! **We hope that you will place your blue light bulb in your home for Monday, April 2nd.**



Ms. Liana Meloni, a first grade teacher at Lincoln, has continued to run a fundraiser at this time each year, to benefit "Autism Speaks." Participants became eligible to win a "Build a Bear." Congratulations to Our winners, Colin and Stella. Thank you Ms. Meloni!

NYS TESTING

Grades 3-5 State Assessments will be administered as follows:



ELA April 11th and 12th
Math May 1st and 2nd



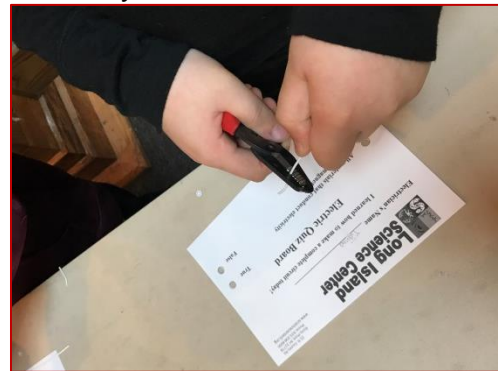
April

Dates to Remember

4/9	School Re-Opens
4/11	PTA Meeting 7pm
4/7	Pink T-Shirt Day
4/12	BOE Workshop Meeting
4/16-4/20	Character Ed Week
4/18	Site Based Team Meeting 8:15am
4/18	BOE Meeting 8pm
4/22	Earth Day
4/23-27	Spring Book Fair
4/24	Family Connect Night
4/25	Jump Rope for Heart – Grades 2-5
4/26	Jump Rope for Heart -Rain date

A Trip to the Long Island Science Museum

The students in Mrs. DuMoulin's class, along with the rest of the Third Grade students, recently took a Field Trip to the Long Island Science Museum in Rocky Point. While studying about different Types of Energy, Magnets, and Circuits in the classroom, the students furthered their learning by creating their own circuits at the field trip. Students stripped wires, connected the wires to batteries, and tested their circuits for accuracy.



Students also worked through hands-on centers to understand how sound and light waves travel, as well as how gravity affects objects. This enjoyable field trip definitely enhanced our Third Grade science unit.

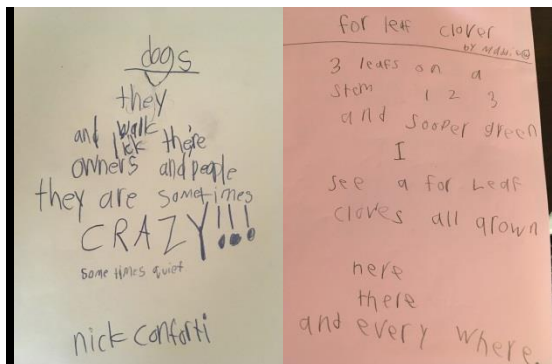
Lincoln Avenue to Celebrate

"Upstanders Choose Kindness Week" **April 16-20th**

Although Lincoln Avenue gives great attention to character building and citizenship throughout the school year, we will highlight what it means to be an "upstander" as well as how to improve our abilities to spread kindness. During the week of April 16th, Lincoln Avenue students will focus on and learn that when we work together, we can stomp out bullying, as we are all responsible. We can create an environment where our school is stronger, safer and supportive, which equates to a school where everyone is highly valued. Ask your child how they can be an upstander! Look for the optional assignment to go home on Monday, April 16th. Every student will be asked how they choose to spread kindness. Our student collection will be posted in the main lobby.

Building Our Writing Muscles!

The students in Mrs. Prinz' First Grade have been immersed in **Writing Poetry and Songs** the past few weeks during Writer's Workshop. The students read and reread many poems and songs before creating their own. They moved on to write their own songs by using the tunes and rhythms of familiar songs!

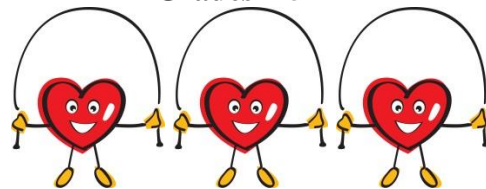


Our best writing!

Suffolk Zone Leadership Award Winners

Congratulations to fifth graders Jack McCabe and Kamryn Restivo as they are being recognized for their excellence in the physical education program, and for their fine leadership. Jack and Kamryn will receive their awards at a special recognition program in May. Way to go Jack and Kamryn!

Jump Rope for Heart – April 25 **Grades 2-5**



Jump Rope for Heart will take place on Wednesday, April 25th, beginning at 7:45am. Don't be fooled by the title of the program. Coach Bolger will have the students engaged in a wide variety of activity! We always look forward to the end of the program, where students who have conducting some fund-raising can "pie" a teacher in the face! Last year, the Lincoln Avenue community raised OVER \$20,000, potentially saving 406 lives! Thank you from our hearts!

Yearbook Cover Contest Winners!



Congratulations to the winners of the 2018 Lincoln Avenue Yearbook Cover Contest! Bruno Capiello's work will be featured on the cover, and Camden Cheshire's work will be featured on the back! Congratulations!

STEM BUDDIES

Engaging in Science Technology Engineering and Math across the grade levels.



Students in Ms. Locurto's class paired up with the 4th graders in Ms. Order's class and were presented with a challenge to make a nest for a "Peep."

Using only toothpicks and jellybeans, the nest was required to be at least 2 inches high, and the Peep had to stand for at least 5 seconds.

The kindergarteners drew a prototype and the fourth graders guided them if needed. Once their prototype was done they were permitted to create the prototype with the supplied materials. Some groups needed to revise their original plan but they persevered, and every group was successful!!!

When the challenge was met successfully, the kindergarteners drew a picture of the actual nest they created and wrote a sentence about their cozy nest created for the Peep.

The students were ALL so excited they had to take a group picture and share it with you!

SPRING IS HERE

Mr. Slinkosky's Physical Education Class



As the snow begins to melt and the trees begin to bud, we can finally say...SPRING IS HERE. With April right around the corner, spring sports have finally arrived. Dust off your cleats, find your equipment and get ready for another exciting season. We started a unit in soccer last week, preparing our student athletes for the upcoming season. The students love this unit as Sayville is a strong force in the soccer community. My goal is to establish fundamental concepts that each student can apply on any team or just to play around in their backyard. I enjoy working with the students and the most important concept for all students to learn is to have FUN!
