

# Lincoln Avenue Elementary School

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## Author, Deborah Hopkinson visits Lincoln Avenue School!



Deborah Hopkinson is the author of many children's books, several being historical fiction. She shared secrets of her writing, and how she was able to get the ideas that her stories tell. Thank you to Kateri Volpe, our librarian, and our PTA for making this experience possible!



## Come in Out of Nature!



Students in Ms. Moran's 5th grade class worked on an engineering project that required learning a new skill. Sewing! Their task was to create a pattern for a prototype of a tent that they needed to sew together. Students were partnered, and

using engineering design processes, they drafted their patterns. They then used them to cut and sew their tents. The students are currently learning about growth and survival, including learning about Charles Darwin, the theory of natural selection, and animal adaptation.

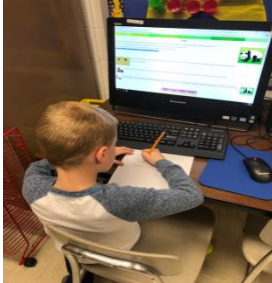


As we learned about adapting, this STEM project was a great connection and also showed the challenges of taking 2 dimensional shapes and transforming them into 3 dimensional shapes. Not to mention the addition of a valuable life skill, sewing. Our Interactive Science program provides an engaging STEM project for each unit and our tent-making represents our 4th collaborative project this year. Projects included string rockets, carbon dioxide traps, and NASA spinoff projects.

## First Grade Research and Presentations



First graders in Mrs. Meloni's class are submerged in a cross curricular study. Each student has become an expert on an animal of choice, utilizing non-fiction books and the internet to study and



learn. In the upcoming weeks, students will be creating PowerPoint slideshows to display and present their research.

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### **Bully Schmully!**



Thank you to our PTA for providing an enriching performance which focused on helping students to recognize bullying behavior and also help students with how to react if they are recipients of unkind words. Students learned that *how* they respond can either escalate or de-escalate a



situation. Through song and dance, we hope that students were

provided with a platform to continue the conversations with their teachers and you at home!



First graders caught sharing a responsibility!  
Photo by Debra Wortzman

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### **Hands on activities engage students and increase both interest in and enjoyment of Reading!**

Students learn by doing, using high-quality hands on materials in Ms. Barone's AIS reading classes. This spring, students are being introduced to ETA Versa Tiles. These tiles are highly motivating, interactive and individualized to meet student needs. They allow students to work individually and promote confidence. They are designed to give students the support they need across the five pillars of reading; ranging from phonetics to vocabulary and reading comprehension. The students in first and second grade are motivated and have fun while reinforcing a range of skills and strategies!

Here's how it works: Each student gets a set of tiles numbered from 1-12 and a booklet. As they do a specific activity page assigned to them, they match the answers to the tile boxes, which will, in turn, create a pattern on the underside of the tile. When the assignment is complete, the student flips the tile board to check and match their pattern with the one in the book. Students love the challenge of matching the pattern while gaining confidence and taking pride!

### A Kindergarten "Trip" to Antarctica!



The Kindergarten students explored a unit on Antarctica by taking a Virtual field trip. The children "braved the elements" by utilizing Google Goggles which allowed them to take a 3D-virtual reality tour of Antarctica learning all about animals such as penguins and seals and the habitat in which they live. The children had a wonderful time and were able to "turn and talk" with a partner to share all the new things they learned about this cold, interesting, and exciting continent.

### Light it Up Blue!



Lincoln Avenue lit it up blue to help increase understanding and acceptance of people with Autism. \$830 dollars were raised! Save your blue light bulb for next year! Thank you Ms. Meloni!

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### NYS TESTING

State Assessments will be administered as follows:

**Math** May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (Grades 3-5)  
**Science** May 23<sup>rd</sup> & June 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 4 Only

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### May



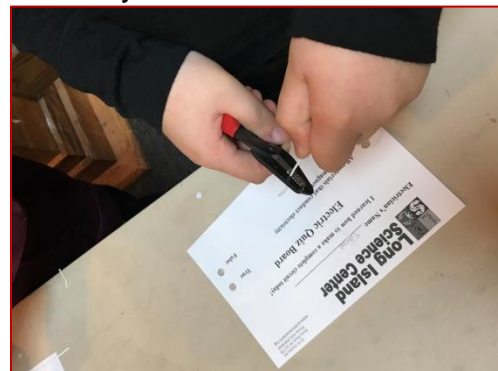
### Dates to Remember

May 1 & 2 NYS Math Testing Grades 3, 4 & 5  
May 10 & 11 – Plant Sale  
May 16 & 17 - LA Kindergarten Registration  
May 21<sup>st</sup> – Fifth Grade Orientation – MS  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Grade 4 Science Testing  
May 29<sup>th</sup> – STEM EXPO – Middle School 6pm  
May 29<sup>th</sup> – SEPTA Dinner – 7pm  
May 30<sup>th</sup> - K-2 Field Day (raindate May 31<sup>st</sup>)  
May 31<sup>th</sup> –PTA End of Year Dinner – Lands End

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### A Trip to the Long Island Science Museum

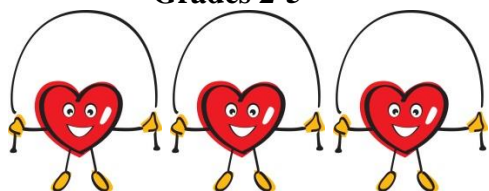
The students in Mrs. DuMoulin's class, along with the rest of the Third Grade students, recently took a Field Trip to the Long Island Science Museum in Rocky Point. While studying about different Types of Energy, Magnets, and Circuits in the classroom, the students furthered their learning by creating 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.



**Jump Rope for Heart – April 26  
Grades 2-5**



**Another Lincoln Avenue Record Broken!**  
**Coach Bolger and Mr. Slinkosky's Jump Rope**  
**for Heart raised over \$25,000! Your support is**  
**greatly appreciated! Due to the rain, students**  
**were forced to wait a day, but it was worth it!**  
**THANK YOU!**









