

Kankakee School District 111 Montessori Magnet LCC: K-8th Fine Arts Magnet LCC: K-3rd Debbie Dilks, Principal 815/802-4801

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JOIN MONTESSORI-FINE ARTS PTO ON AUGUST 23RD @ 6PM IN ROOM 217 Look on the Parent Portal for your child's assigned teacher!

## Hello Fine Arts Families,

It is hard to believe that in one week we will be starting school on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have had a busy summer with construction going on and staff attending different educational workshops. The first floor of our school has been under construction to create three additional classrooms for the K-3<sup>rd</sup> Fine Arts Magnet students. The teachers were just able to get into their new classrooms on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please know that your teachers have worked hard in a short amount of time to get ready. I am excited about the creative Magnet program joining us at LCC and being able to take advantage of our beautiful auditorium, art classroom, dance studio, and piano lab. Both Magnet programs will join together for most of our activities, yet due to the number of students some activities will be at different times. We will continue the successful Fine Arts Play at the end of the year and will explore more ways to strengthen our program.

## Things to know about LCC:

- There will be four lunch hours. Breakfast and lunch is still free this year.
- Fine Arts school day is 9:00-3:35pm to avoid congestion out front.
- Pick up will be out front in the Peace Garden area (chain link fenced area).
- Inclement weather students will wait in the auditorium. Parents should come through the front doors to pick up their children from the auditorium.
- Teachers will be supervising their own recess this year.
- Fine Arts Magnet will have- 1 class Piano, 1 class Music, 1 class Art, and 2 PE classes.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> graders can join the lunch hour Chess Club.
- Teachers: Kindergarten- Mrs. Kropp (Fine Arts Background); 1<sup>st</sup> Grade-Mrs. Stevenson (Fine Arts Background); 2nd grade-Mrs. Rhodes (returning), and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-Mrs. Faulkner (returning)
- All classrooms are on the bottom floor or 1st floor.
- We have a cafeteria, gym, playground, and auditorium
- Montessori and Fine Arts classes will become buddy classrooms on Early Release days to work on activities together.

## **Dropping off at LCC**

- Please use a parking spot when dropping off your child.
- The area directly in front of the school is for <u>Drop and Go</u>. DO NOT wait for your child to enter the school as there is an adult waiting inside watching them enter.
- Breakfast is served from 8:30-8:50. At 8:50 students are dismissed for class.
- Students who do not eat breakfast will wait in the gym until 8:50,

## Pick up at LCC (Please do not come early to get your children out of class)

- CALL BEFORE <u>3PM</u> IF THERE IS ANY CHANGE IN PICK UP OR BUSING.
- All students will be kept inside the fenced area in front of the school (Peace Garden).
- Parents should park and come get their children from the fenced area.
- Fine Arts students and Montessori Kindergartners will be dismissed at 3:35.
- Parents should park along the curb, in the empty lot off the ally, at King parking lot, or in the neighborhoods. THERE IS NO DOUBLE PARKING.
- All children will be taken into the office at 3:55. They will then exit the front doors.
- We are looking for volunteers to help with dismissal, lunch times) 11:05-11:35, 11:45-12:15, or 12:20-12:50. We also encourage volunteers in the classrooms.

I look forward to working with you and your children and welcome you to the LCC family. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Let's have a fantastic school year!

Deb Dilks Principal