



**LISG
NEWSLETTER**



December 18, 2009

WINTER VACATION School will be closed starting Wednesday, December 23, 2009, for the winter vacation. School resumes Monday, January 4, 2010. There will be a newsletter going home with the students on Tuesday, December 22, 2009.

CONGRATULATIONS to the *Ninth Grade Knowledge Masters Team* consisting of Sadaf Ahmad, Nicasia Beebe-Wang, Lauren Bertocci, Shaina Blitt, Rebecca Hirsch, Lana Ovadia, Montana Precht, Ayesha Shibli, Laura Simeon, Robyn Tse and Catherine Vladimirov, who placed first in New York State in the Junior High School Division. We congratulate the team and their coach, Mrs. Cohen, on their outstanding achievement.

CONGRATULATIONS to eighth grader Ruby Malusa, winner of the *School-Wide Spelling Bee*. Ruby competed against class champions in grades five through eight in an exciting competition yesterday. Ruby will represent L.I.S.G. in the next level. Seventh grader Hannah Johnston was the runner-up. Congratulations to all the students who participated in this competition.

A BIG THANK YOU to the many parents who helped us at last week's *Book Fair* and this week's *Holiday Boutique*. These events are made so special by the help of our parent volunteers and the assistance they provide to the teachers and the children. We are truly indebted to them for their time and effort.

PICTURE RETAKE PHOTOS are going home with the students today. If your child's picture was retaken, you should receive the packet. If there are any problems, please contact Mrs. Palladino at the school on Monday. Any child who missed retake day and the original picture day, will have their photo taken for the yearbook by Mrs. Tropper.

THANKS to everyone who participated in our holiday *Helping Hands Project*. Together, we raised more than \$833.00 and have been able to purchase much needed gifts for ten children and make a donation to the Newsday Charity, Help-A-Family. **Thank you** to Mrs. Eluto for coordinating the project, and thanks to all the students, parents and staff who participated. The hands decorate the hallways and remind us of the wonderful season of giving.

THANK YOU to the *Goldman Family* for their donation to the "*Library Celebrations Book Club*."

THANK YOU to the *Carryl Family* for providing breakfast for the entire staff this morning. It was truly appreciated.

THANK YOU to Mrs. Alagappan, Dr. Bencardino, Mrs. Bram, and Ms. Tully, our parent aides, for their help in the library.

THANK YOU to those who have sent in their yearbook responses. Responses were due **Wednesday, December 16, 2009**. If you have not sent in your response, please do so on Monday. If you are planning to purchase a full page ad or planning to sell advertising, all copy must be in by **January 25, 2010**.

SAVE THE DATE The upper school play is **Friday, January 29, 2010**, at 7:30 P.M. Students in grades three through nine will see the dress rehearsal. After-school rehearsals continue this coming Monday and will resume when we return from vacation.

"SAVE AROUND LONG ISLAND 2010" premium discount savings books are still available. These savings books (which were for sale during Parent/Teacher Conference days) contain hundreds of coupons and discount offers for local shopping, dining, fast food, travel, service, attractions and more! Each book costs \$20.00. **If you buy five books, you will get one free.** These books make great gifts for the holidays!! If you would like to place an order, please do so by **Tuesday, December 22, 2009**. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Novick at the school.

WISHING EVERYONE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND!