



LISG NEWSLETTER



July 30, 2009

HOPE YOU ARE ALL HAVING AN ENJOYABLE SUMMER!

We are busy preparing the school for September and our 30th year. We look forward to school beginning on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009**. Please call the school if you have not received a calendar.

TUITION Those of you on the 2-Payment Plan should have made your first payment on **July 15, 2009**. For those of you on the monthly plan, the payments are due on the **first** of each month. We thank you in advance for keeping your tuition accounts up to date.

THANK YOU to the many families who contributed to the Teachers' Retirement Fund. These donations are truly appreciated.

ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS & KINDERGARTNERS There will be a *New Student Orientation Meeting* **Wednesday, September 2, 2009**, from **10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.** New students will be given tours of the building and a brief explanation of their schedule. Mrs. Yilmaz will be available to speak with the parents and answer questions. We look forward to meeting with all the new students. Our August newsletter will provide more detailed information regarding this meeting.

The *Pre-K Orientation*, and an opportunity to meet the teachers, will be held the same day at **1:00 P.M.** More information will be sent home.

SUMMER READING LIST Students entering grades four through nine should be reading the required summer books. Should you have any questions or require book report forms, please call us. If no one is in, please leave a message, and we will get back to you. Students entering the eighth and ninth grade will take a written exam on the non-book report selections when school resumes. Book reports and answers to the guided reading questions are due **Monday, September 14, 2009**.

TEXTBOOKS AND WORKBOOKS

_____ **For NASSAU COUNTY Residents** in the following school districts: Farmingdale and Hicksville. You should be receiving notification toward the end of August from your local school district regarding the books ordered for your child. When you pick the books up, **please do not write your child's name in or on any of them**. These are not necessarily the books your child will be using. All books will be collected during the first week of school and reissued to students as needed. To streamline the book ordering process, books are ordered by grade and **do not** reflect an individual child's placement in our program. Children should bring in a few books each day. It is not necessary to bring them in all at once. All other **NASSAU COUNTY DISTRICTS** are part of the BOCES system, and the books are sent directly to L.I.S.G.

For SUFFOLK COUNTY Residents Suffolk BOCES will send the books directly to L.I.S.G. You do not need to do anything.

OVER FOR MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION-----☛

TRANSPORTATION You will be receiving notification at the end of August regarding busing from your

local public school. If you do not hear from them, call the transportation office at your school district.

ACTIVITY FEE REMINDER The \$100.00 fee covers both the **Activity Package and the Cultural Arts Programs** for the coming year. The activity fee includes the June color yearbook and party fees for the year. In addition, each child will receive our "**all new**" 2009/10 Spirit Package. This year's packages will include the following:

<u>LOWER SCHOOL</u>	<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>	<u>UPPER SCHOOL</u>
Backpack	Assignment Pad	Assignment Pad
Coin Purse	Sports Bag	T-Shirt
T-Shirt	T-Shirt	Sports Bag
Notebook	Pen	Pen
Pencil	Portfolio	Notebook

The \$100.00 fee is due by **August 1, 2009**. Please be sure to have your money in on time so your child receives his or her package on the first day of school. Thank you to those of you who already sent in your activity fee.

LOCKER ORGANIZERS for middle and upper school students are available for purchase through the school. If you are interested in purchasing this flexible locker organizer, send in a \$16.00 check made payable to L.I.S.G. The organizer will be delivered to the student's homeroom on the first day of school. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ziegler.

CLASS PARENTS Class parents work closely with the Parents Association to organize and communicate special events and projects. Each homeroom has a volunteer parent who works with the homeroom teacher, the administration and the Parents Association. If you are interested in volunteering, we ask that you email Mrs. Cohen at info@lisg.org. She will send a detailed list of responsibilities to you via return email. If you have no easy access to email, you may call the school office and we will send the same list via mail. We're hoping to have the class parents selected prior to the start of school.

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS The August newsletter will contain class schedules and homeroom assignments for September as well as school supply lists. The August newsletter will go out on August 26, 2009.

TD Bank L.I.S.G. has partnered with TD Bank on a program called *Affinity Banking*. TD Bank will donate funds to L.I.S.G. based on your, or your family members, affiliation with the bank. All you need to do is notify your branch of your affiliation with the Long Island School for the Gifted, or open an account and designate L.I.S.G. as your affinity partner. This program is nationwide so family and friends all over the country can participate. We hope you will join us as this is a very easy way to help the school raise money. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Cohen at the school.

IN SYMPATHY We extend our deepest condolences to Mrs. Graham, in our main office, on the loss of her father. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to Mrs. Graham and her family.

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HAVE A GREAT AUGUST!