

HAPPENING AT THE HILL – DECEMBER 21, 2018

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Dear Linden Hill Families,

As we prepare to welcome in the New Year, I want to take this opportunity to share my appreciation for all you do to make Linden Hill **THE** place to be! Since my arrival in July, we have accomplished so much in a short time. Here's a recap of some of our 2018 highlights:

- * Laps for Lindy – So successful we surpassed our fundraising goal!
- * Habit Heroes & Leadership Leaves – Established this amazing student recognition program to celebrate students “living” the 7-Habits.
- * Hill Harvest Helpers – Serving 25 families complete Thanksgiving Meal Kits with extras.
- * The Giving Tree – Providing gifts, clothing and other necessities for 8 LHE families to help celebrate the Holidays.
- * Providing after school enrichment programs for arts, sports, academics and technology.
- * Developing our Continuous School Improvement Plan, which focuses on two Priority areas
 - o Priority 1 – Improving student outcomes by increasing engagement through meaningful collaboration. (Ex: adding more flexible seating, providing additional technology, more student talk)
 - o Priority 2 – Students will exemplify the 7-Habits in their daily routines and activities. (Ex: Earning Leadership Leaves by “living” the habits, morning announcement refreshers, SEL block)

These are only a handful of our highlights, as there are just too many activities to share on one page! My goal of writing them down is to remind us that although days are busy and sometimes a bit hectic, we are doing the right kinds of things to help our students have a well-rounded education. Each and every day, the staff members at LHE work hard to help our #Lions build a strong foundation so they can reach new levels personally and academically. Thank you for being on this journey with us – I can't wait to see how far we go in 2019!

As always, please read the information in the attachments carefully and if you have any questions, suggestions or just want to say “Hello”, please feel free to reply!

Happy Holidays!!

Sincerely,



Missy Brady

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Important information:

The Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Giving Tree this year. We were able to provide children's toys, clothing, gift cards and other necessities to 8 LHE families. This is what makes LHE stand out from the rest! Check out our Facebook page to see some great pictures: <https://www.facebook.com/LindenHillLions/>

Winter Concert

Thank you and congratulations to all participants in the 2018 Winter Concert performance! It was an amazing show. Special shout out to Mr. Marion, Mrs. Persons and Mr. Schimpf for putting together a memorable evening for everyone.

Morning Car Drop Off

As a friendly reminder, there is a very strict Car Drop-Off Protocol that was developed with the assistance of Red Clay District Representatives, DELDOT, New Castle County Crossing Guards and the Delaware State Police. Although most families adhere to the guidelines, there has been a recent increase in folks not following the directions. When people don't follow the directions, others get upset. Let's not get the others upset.

The most important factors:

- * U-Turns are NOT permitted on Skyline Drive(no exceptions)
- * Students are NOT to be dropped off anywhere on Skyline Dr from a car
- * Students are allowed to walk to school, ride a bus (if assigned) or follow the car line protocol
- * All car tag #'s MUST be displayed from the rear-view mirror – if they are on the dashboard, it is hard for the staff to see and write down.

Green Turtle – South Main St, Newark

LHE will "take over" the Green Turtle on South Main Street in Newark on Thursday, January 17th- Monday, January 21st. A % of all sales, throughout the long weekend, will go directly to LHE. A flyer will come home after the New Year.

Spirit Wear is on SALE

- Buy online: <https://lindenhill.memberhub.store/shopping/categories/6157>

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Upcoming Safety Drills

- Lockdown Drill – January 10th (4th and 5th grades will practice exiting the building)
- Fire Drill – January 29th

Polar Plunge – Special Olympics Delaware

See attached letter about the LHE team participating in this year's Polar Plunge!

After School Activities

*If your child attends any of the after-school offerings, please be sure to communicate with your teacher to ensure a smooth and safe end of day transition. An advanced email or note will suffice. **The group organizer will be bringing the students to the main office at the end of the session. There may or may not be someone in the office to let parents in after 4:30. If this is the case, please be patient and wait for the students to be brought outside at the end.***

Activity forms are attached!

PTA Updates and Highlights:

- PTA Meeting –January 8th – Topic: Advocacy
- Sweetheart Social – Saturday, February 2nd @ McKean HS 6-8pm
 - More info coming from PTA

Calendar Items: (Attached Calendar-printable)

- January 4th, BLT @ 7:30am
- January 8th, PTA Meeting @ 7pm (Topic: Advocacy)
- January 9th, School Choice window closes
- January 10th, Faculty Meeting
- January 17th, Habit Hero Assembly
- January 17th, End of Marking Period 2
- January 17th-21st, Green Turtle Fundraiser
- January 18th, No School - Grading Day
- January 21st, No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed
- January 28th, American Heart Association Assembly
- January 29th, Fire Drill
- January 31, ARC Parent Meeting **for 5th grade families**

Thank you for reading this carefully. If you have any questions, please call the school!