Even though December was a short month, it was a busy one!

December 5th was our winter concert. The students did an amazing job! On Wednesday, December 12th, the Rockaway Rotary Club held its annual Children’s Holiday Party at The Exchange in Rockaway Borough. Our Pre-K classes were among the guests of the club. Holiday musical entertainment was provided by our Pre-K students. Our students also enjoyed a visit with Santa Claus. Each was given a gift from Santa.

Our traditional “Out of the Office Day” was December 18th. It was so much fun getting out of the office as I had a chance to spend time with all students throughout the day.

On December 19th Shea Civello was Principal for the day. She did an amazing job!

Our annual Polar Express event was on December 20th. Our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes traveled to TJ in their pajamas. The 4th grade students read Polar Express to our students and then helped them create a craft. It was a great time! Also, our 3rd grade students went to the Paper Mill Playhouse. They saw A Christmas Carol. It was a great show. The students truly enjoyed it!

We ended the week on an awesome note! Our winter assembly was tons of fun! At the conclusion of the assembly we announced our RAMS winners and class winner. The overall RAMS winner was Mia Zilkovski. She received a RAMS tee-shirt, RAMS pin and certificate. The additional 5 winners were Natalia Aleksiejuk, Alenka Tamayo, Brian Luc, Travis Robinson, and Luukas Seo. They received a certificate and a RAMS pin. Mrs. Moriano’s class earned the RAMS trophy.

Also, I am very excited to announce that Mrs. Yobs is our Teacher of the Year and the Educational Services Professional of the Year is Mrs. McCarter.

Lastly, I hope you and your family have a happy and healthy new year!

See you in 2019!

Sincerely,

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WINTER CONCERT INFORMATION

We are preparing for our concert which will take place at the Rockaway Assembly of God (next to TJ School) on Wednesday, December 5th at 1:45 pm. Doors will open for seating at 1:15 pm. All classes will walk to the concert with their classroom teacher. Afternoon pre-school students will attend the concert as audience members. Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd & 3rd grade students will be dismissed after the concert from the church from the lower level doors. Pre-school and bus students will be escorted back to Lincoln School with their teacher. Please dress your child in appropriate attire. We hope you will be able to save the date in order to join us on December 5th.

HEAD LICE INFORMATION

Head lice is often a topic of great concern and can occur at any time of the year. Head lice can be a nuisance but have not been shown to spread disease. Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school has nothing to do with getting head lice. Information regarding the transmission, detection, and treatment of head lice is being provided to all Lincoln School families in this newsletter because being informed and proactive is the best way to avoid lice.

Lice cannot be spread by simply being in the same room or classroom with someone who has lice, nor by sitting or standing near someone who has lice. Head lice are spread by direct head-touching-head or hair-touching-hair contact with an affected person. Less commonly, lice can be transmitted by use of an object on the hair or head that a person with lice has recently used on their hair or head, or by lying on a bed, couch, pillow, or carpet that has recently been in contact with a person who has lice. Lice do not fly or jump and cannot survive for more than 24-48 hours off the head. The first signs of lice infestation you may notice are itching and redness of the scalp area. Lice tend to stay close to the scalp; they rarely crawl off the host's head onto an inanimate object such as a chair or a desk. To prevent your child from getting lice, have them avoid direct head-to-head contact during play and instruct them to never share items that someone else has used on their head or hair. Pulling the hair up off the shoulders or braiding the hair may help to reduce the transmission of lice. Examine your child’s scalp and hair closely on a regular basis for lice and/or nits, especially if they are complaining of severe itching or you notice them scratching their head frequently. Nits are small, white silvery egg sacs that firmly adhere to single strands of hair. Unlike dandruff, they cannot be blown away or flicked off the hair. They must be pulled off. The head louse is a tiny, wingless insect about the size of a sesame seed. Because it takes between 8-10 days for nits to hatch into nymphs, and then 9-12 days for the nymphs to mature into lice capable of laying eggs, many people may not even have symptoms until two weeks to one month after the initial exposure.

If lice or nits are found, your child’s healthcare provider is the best source of information as to what treatment is recommended. There is much information about lice on the internet, but be aware that some treatment or prevention methods may be ineffective or even harmful. The Center for Disease Control website: http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/parents.html includes up to date, reliable, scientific-based information regarding lice. When using lice treatment products, it is imperative to follow the package directions carefully and completely. Some products require a second treatment 7 to 10 days later in order to be most effective. Inspect the hair for nits during and after the treatment process. A nit comb can be used to aid in the removal of nits, or they can be removed by hand. Nit removal can be a tedious process, but it is a very important step. Many lice treatment products have websites with videos on how to use the product and how to comb for nits. Bedding should be laundered in hot water and dried in a hot drying cycle. Combs and brushes can be boiled or replaced. Furniture and rugs should be vacuumed. Items that cannot be laundered can be placed in a hot dryer or they can be removed to another area (or sealed in a plastic bag) for several days. If your child has been found to have lice, you will be asked to keep them home until they have been treated and they will need to be brought to my office to be re-checked before attending school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Denise Jacobus, RN, Lincoln School Nurse