

# The LongView of Things

February 2010

## **Principal's Portion**

A long time ago I read this statement on "being a parent" by a woman named Claudia Lints. She said: *"Being a parent is perhaps the only job that requires no training, no degree, and lasts a lifetime. It pays no salary, has no vacation or holidays, allows no sick leave. And you can never say 'I quit.' But it's a job with the most benefits. It's a job that changes you forever and shows you how deeply you are able to love."*

Parenting is a very, very difficult job. It is my belief that parenting is by far the most important job there is. To help us be more effective in this area, here are some helpful hints.

**Communicate what you expect.** Be clear what you expect from your child, making sure the expectations are realistic.

**Be your child's best critic.** Point out areas that need improvement, while affirming their ability to do better.

**Use praise effectively.** Don't reserve praise for something that's been accomplished. Encourage the child's work and effort.

**Be a good listener.** Be interested and attentive. Encourage your child to talk with you. Listen patiently. Hear your children out.

**Seek advice from others.** There are other parents who have gone through what you're going through. No one says you must have all the right answers. Seek wisdom from other parents.

**Be honest with your emotions.** It's okay to tell your child you're angry, but focus on their behavior, not the child himself. *"I feel angry when you take toys from your brother. I know you can be kind to him and share some of your things."* This way your child learns it's okay to have emotions, such

as anger, but there are positive ways to show them. This way your child learns it's okay to have emotions, such as anger, but there are positive ways to show them. So "good luck" in this "job" called parenthood. It is a difficult task you have been called to, but one which will bring great rewards.

**Be visible at school.** Sending snacks for your child's birthday is nice. Buying fundraiser items to help the school is appreciated. But it is soooooo much more vital for you to "be in your child's school" so they can see that you feel school is important. Have lunch with your child. Volunteer to read with a child (*call us and ask about our PRIDE program*).

**Talk positively about school.** No school is perfect. There may be things you don't particularly like about our school....but if you are negative about the school, a teacher, or a program, you're child is going to feel it's okay if they don't care about school. Sorry to put it so bluntly parents, but you shape your child's attitude about school just as much as the school, the teachers, or the other students shape your child's attitude. Your child needs you so much, and he/she needs you to be positive about this thing we call "education". We have beautifully gifted children at Longview, and our desire is for them to be successful, to be prepared for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to achieve their greatest potential, to take advantage of their diversity and uniqueness, and to be enthusiastic about their learning. I believe you want these things for your child as well. Let's work together to see that these things become a reality for your son or daughter!

Working with you for our children,

**John R. Black**

## **Student Council**

Student council would like to announce the members for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade** - Alanna Vang, Chris Tores Nicholas Stewart, Sidney Brockenborough, Mikaekah Stanley, and Emily Cooper

**4<sup>th</sup> grade** - Nhan Troung, Andrea Avila Sanchez, Hannah Griffin, Chance Ikard, Karla Cuevas, and Laquesha Lewis

**5<sup>th</sup> grade** - Arturo Chavez, Shaye Brockenborough, Luis Castenda-Flores, Taylor Wright, Helen Luu, and Nilia Smith.

Congratulations and work hard this semester!

For the month of February we will be collecting coins/money for the Leukemia Society. The Program is called "Pennies for Pasta." A flier with information will be coming home. The class who collects the most money will be provided with a pasta luncheon from Olive Garden. Please send in any spare change that you can so that Longview can help these sick children. Thank you

### **Upcoming dates:**

Popcorn Sale  
Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> .50¢

Bake/ Snack Sale  
Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> 25¢ & 50¢

Student Council thanks you for your help and support!

## Celebrate Good Health with Walk Catawba Valley!

*Provided by Catawba Valley Medical Center*

Join Catawba Valley Medical Center as we kick off our fourth year of healthy walking through Walk Catawba Valley! Whether you walk for exercise around the playground, in the mall, or on the treadmill, Walk Catawba Valley is designed to help participants set fitness goals and stay motivated throughout the year.

With a theme of "Walking Our Way to Health," Walk Catawba Valley 2010 and CVMC's Healthy House – the program's presenting partner – share the same important goal: helping all Catawba Valley residents become as healthy as possible.

Walk Catawba Valley's annual celebration and kick-off takes place this year on Saturday, February 6 at Valley Hills Mall. Free to the public, the event features activities, refreshments, health screenings, an awards ceremony honoring the top walkers of 2009, and the opportunity to enroll in Walk Catawba Valley 2010. The first 500 people to register for 2010 at the event will receive a free T-shirt!

### Scheduled Activities:

- 10am: "Let's Play Together"  
Led by Myra McDonough, Activity Specialist, CVMC Healthy House, Childhood Obesity Prevention & Treatment
- 10:15am: Dance Demonstration
- 10:30am: Awards Ceremony
- 10:45am: Dance Demonstration
- 11:00am: "The Light and Lean Lunch Box: How to Pack a Healthy Lunch"  
Demonstrated by Lynn Winkler, CVMC Healthy House Coordinator, Childhood Obesity Prevention
- 11:15am: Dance Demonstration
- 11:30am: The Moore Brothers

### Free Screenings:

Children's Height, Weight, and Waist Measurements  
Blood Pressure  
Body Mass Index

To enroll in Walk Catawba Valley 2010, attend the kick-off event or visit the Health First Center at Valley Hills Mall. For more information about Walk Catawba Valley, please call the Health First Center at 828/485-2300.



Our Terrific Kids program is sponsored by the Hickory Kiwanis Club and Chick-Fil-A. Each month 2 students from each class are selected based on 4 factors: good attendance, being on time, respecting others, and always trying to do their best. Terrific Kids are honored at an afternoon assembly.

The Terrific Kids for the month of January were:

Maitam Huynh	Eduardo Rodriguez
Mariah Lopez	Tavian Mason
Devon Smith	Nilia Smith
Alexis Ugalde	Rocio Estela-Guevara
Tiffany McKee	Nicholas Friesland
Sarai Fields	Zaria Gray
Megan Watts	Olivia Grise
Robert Membreno	Joshua Mejia
Raquan Whitener	Jailen Howell
Kayla Soublet	Joshua Pearson
Jaishad Howell	Logan Miller
Noah Miller	Jaquan Caldwell
Amy Rosales	Aaliyah Haggins
Ceceilia Shoup	Lily Little
Isaiah Montoya	Cole Keller
Lexus Phillips	Chis-shaw Allred
Abby Ramirez	Chenoa Lee
Anthony Cruz	
Jocelyn Mejia-Soto	
Tomas Matias-Adame	
Mohammad Haj-Hussein	

## PE Corner News

**Congratulations!** The following students placed in the Longview Elementary School's Hoop Shoot Competition: First place winners were Kerri Haynes, Dustin Heavner, and Dejuan Robinson. Second place winners were Joselyn Diaz and Camron Mayfield. Dustin Heavner also competed in the Hickory Elks Shoot Off competition held January 16, 2010 at Lenoir-Rhyne College.

**Parents:** thank you for your continued support to the PE Dept. Parents are welcome to participate during PE classes with their children. Below are some upcoming events where volunteers are needed:

February 22-26: Jump Rope for Heart Week

April 30: Field Day

For further information on upcoming events, please contact Ms. Chislom by email [Chislomfe@hickoryschools.net](mailto:Chislomfe@hickoryschools.net) or call (828) 327-2070 ext.580.



## Accelerated Reader

- Mrs. Brown

Each month your child will have a chance to earn certification levels. Students are recognized at the monthly Terrific Kids program.

**Ready Reader** - Read and test to accumulate 5 points. Students can read with someone or even have the book read to them.

Kyndal Bryant	Karla Cuevas
Dinah Fields	Jaishad Howell
Jocelyn Mejia	Mareece Norris
Elijah Reed	Daniel Sigmon

**Independent Reader** - Read and test on 3 books, 1.2 level or higher, on their own. Accumulate 10 points.

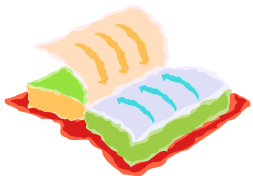
Joneishia Bowers-Tugman
William Brawley Jasmine Luke
Stephanie Mull Ryan Rinehardt

**Rising Reader** - Read and test independently on 3 books, 1.6 level or higher and worth 1 point or more.

Arturo Chavez	Ricky Hoover
Joshua Pearson	Devin Rinehardt
Briana Rios	
Citlali Hernandez-Escalant	

**Advanced Reader** - Read and test on 3 books of grade level 3.0 or higher and worth at least 2 points each.

Taylor Benotti	Ashley Goble
Jason Rodriguez	Mikaelah Stanley



**Star Reader** – Read and test on 3 books of grade level 4.0 or higher and worth at least 4 points each.

Lyrec Evans

**Classic Reader** – Read independently and pass Reading Practice Quizzes for: 3 books, 6.0 level or higher, worth 7 points or more.

Michelle Huynh (6th time)

## Classroom News



### More at Four Pre-K

- Ms. Icard
- Mrs. Tice
- Ms. Galit

This month in Pre-K we have been discussing how to keep safe and be healthy. We are working on counting to 10 and recognizing letters. We are continuing to work on self-help skills including being responsible for personal items and showing respect to fellow students and teachers. Every Friday we enjoy our visit with Ms. Snider's 3rd grade reading buddies. Please make sure to come to school everyday and be on time!

### Kindergarten

- Ms. Wadsworth
- Ms. Carpenter
- Mrs. Mackey
- Ms. Smith
- Mrs. Williams
- Ms. Carver

We are very busy right now in Kindergarten. In reading, we are continuing to work on concepts of print. Please be sure to help your child with this as you read to them at home. Reading to them at home encourages the concepts they are learning in class. We are almost finished with all of our alphabet letters. There are only a few left. Review all letters with your child,

ensuring they know the sounds of each letter and a word that begins with the letter sounds. Continue to work on those sight/spelling words as they are going to help form reading skills that are crucial at this time.

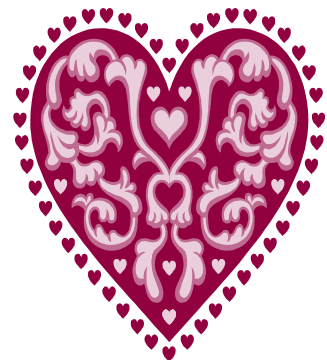
Write, write, and write. You've heard it said: the more you write, the better you become at it. Little words are where we begin!

Our upcoming themes will include Valentine's Day, Hibernation, and other winter related ideas.

In math, continue to help your child with patterning, the days of the week, and using numbers. It is crucial that your child is practicing using, reading, and writing their numerals 0-30. Practice this daily with your child. Take advantage of all opportunities that arise: at the grocery store, in the car, or at play. Many outside activities you are involved in with your child provide tremendous opportunities for leaning to take place, use them!

Feel free to talk to us if you have any questions or concerns about ways to help your child improve in his/her class. We are beginning to pick up the pace as we are half way through the year. It is important to ensure that you and your child are keeping up with us. Thanks for all the hard work and support you are providing as you transition through the first year of school with your child.

Be sure to stay involved in your child's education. Find out what your child is learning and how you can help them more at home. We look forward to seeing you!



## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

- Ms. Baker
- Ms. Jarrell
- Mrs. Streamer
- Ms. Hahn
- Mrs. Sprinkle
- Mrs. Franklin

First Grade has been a very busy place. We have been working very hard on our reading and writing skills. We have been focusing on completing mid-year assessments, including math and reading.

February will be a busy month in first grade. We have been and will continue to learn about animals this winter in science. Ask your child where certain animals live and what a **habitat** is. February is Black History month. We will spend some time learning about famous African American people who have made a difference in our country and its history. We will learn about the leadership roles these people took to make rights equal for all, regardless of skin color.

February is also National Dental Health month. We are trying to get a guest speaker to talk to our children about the importance of clean, healthy teeth and gums. If you know a dentist who might be interested in coming in for a morning during February, please let one of the first grade teachers know.

Our Valentine's Day celebration will be on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please look for information from your child's teacher to come home soon. Also, take note that our 100<sup>th</sup> Day of school will be on February 8<sup>th</sup>, provided there are no snow days before then. Please also look for more information regarding this from your child's classroom teacher.

Please help your child become a better reader by listening to him or her read every day. Also, if your child has sight words to practice, as well as spelling words, please help your child make time to review them every day. Homework is crucial at this point in the year. Please remind your child to return homework and baggie book to his/her folder after completing it each day.

Finally, if your phone number or your emergency contacts have been changed, please send a note to school letting us know an alternate method of reaching you. Being winter, many children have become ill and we've had a difficult time locating a grown up to pick their child up at school.

Thank you for all your help in making your child as successful as he/she is.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

- Mr. Rothenberger
- Mrs. Graves-Gore
- Mrs. Childers
- Ms. Kale
- Ms. Ralph

February is going to be an interesting month for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. We will be learning a variety of different topics. We will be discussing Black History Month, Valentines Day, Presidents Day, Groundhogs Day, and even the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. It is going to be a busy and 'loving' month.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

- Mrs. Welge
- Mrs. Shook
- Mrs. Snider

Third grade is going to LOVE February! We are going to be reading many different books in class, mastering multiplication, developing as writers, and we will be doing some special activities. We have a field trip to the Art Museum on February 17th. We hope everyone will develop a creative eye. Every Friday we will have a guest speaker come in to teach us about nutrition and food. This should prove educational and tasty!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Ms. Gregory
- Mrs. Doyle
- Mrs. Miller

Fourth grade is going to be exploring a unit on animal adaptations and habitats during February. We will be going to the Science Center on

February 12th. We are also continuing our work on multiplication and division. This month we will be introducing fractions and decimals. Make sure your student keeps practicing the basic math facts, and reading AR every night!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Mr. Chavka
- Mr. Whipple
- Mrs. Triplett

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade has been very busy these past few weeks. Parents, please remember to check and sign your child's planner each night. We use these planners to communicate with you daily. Please feel free to express any concerns to us via the planner, email or phone call. Your child should also be reading for at least 20 minutes, if not more, every night. Please make sure that they read in a quiet place where they will not be disturbed or interrupted. We'd also like to take this time to thank all parents who have already come in to meet with us for your child's PEP. Your quick response is very appreciated.

Once again these past few weeks have been busy. Mr. Chavka is finishing up fractions and will soon be starting geometry in his math classes. Both subjects are well represented on the End of Grade test. If your child is struggling in math, or any subject for that matter, please make sure that they are asking for our help. Sometimes they are afraid to ask and we don't realize they were confused until we see their homework. Mrs. Triplett is beginning reading projects with all the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The projects are very involved and will take some time to complete. Mr. Whipple just finished Biomes and his science classes just wrapped up a project of their own. It took two weeks and the kids worked very hard on them.

To wrap up, we are pleased with our student's efforts and their behavior. They are a great bunch of kids and we are happy to be able to help them on a daily basis. This year has been very fun for all of us.