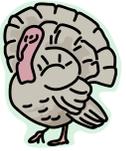




# LAKE GEORGE CHARTER SCHOOL PARENTS NEWSLETTER



Nov. 2022

**NO SCHOOL!**  
**Nov. 21-24**  
**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**CHARTER BOARD  
MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOV. 15  
AT 5:00 PM**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS!!**

- Nov. 1 - Report Cards go Home**
- Nov. 4 - Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- Nov. 6 - Daylight Savings Time Ends - Fall Back 1 Hour**
- Nov. 8 - Picture Retakes**
- Nov. 10 - Veteran's Day Assembly 2:45**
- Nov. 15- Charter Board Meeting 5 pm**
- Nov. 17 - Midterm**
- Nov. 21 - 24 Thanksgiving Holiday - No School**
- Nov. 28 - Classes Resume**

### **STUDENT PICTURE RETAKES**

If your student was absent on picture day, or if you would like retakes, Lifetouch will be here on Tuesday, November 8th, from 10:00 to 1:00. New students who have started since October will also have pictures taken at that time.



Cold temperatures are already here, so we need to be sure to send students to school with appropriate outerwear. Coats, hats, gloves, boots and snow pants (once we have snow) are essential this time of year. Students *will* go outside as long as the temperature is 20 degrees or above.



We will be having a program to honor all of our veterans on Thursday, November 10th, at 2:45 in the gymnasium. To all our veterans in the Lake George community, please come and allow the children to share patriotic songs with you! We honor our veterans and first responders who do so much to keep us safe and guard our freedoms. We encourage our students and the public to thank a veteran and invite them to our program. We will have an assembly in the gym with a short video and a display table with several books about aviation history. Thank you to all the men and women..... Please show your support by wearing red, white and blue or the blue or red Lake George spirit shirts.

### **FIRE STATION VISIT**

Our annual Fire station visit was a huge success again this year. We even had a visit from Smokey the Bear.



### **THANKSGIVING LUNCH**

If you would like to join us for lunch on Wednesday, November 16th, please RSVP in the office (719) 748-3911 by Monday, November 14th. The cost for those 14 and older is \$3.50.

### **CANCELLATION OF ELECTION**

The Lake George Charter Board will *not* be having an election on Nov. 9th. We wish to welcome Amanda Redd and returning Board Member Fred Zuercher. They will fill the 2 year vacancies and will be sworn in at the November Charter Board meeting. There is still a one year vacancy, which will result in appointing a new member as required by policy. If anyone is interested in this position, please submit a letter of intent to Dr. Wade. Many thanks to Susan Bernstetter and Michelle Normandin for their hard work and dedication to the LGCS Board.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

The sixth, seventh and eighth grade students have an opportunity to join Student Council. Applications are available for students to run for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian. The elementary students are encouraged to have a representative from each grade to vote on issues and to present concerns or ideas to the Student Council. Elections will be Tuesday, November 8th.

### **DELAY START OR SCHOOL CLOSURE**

Please be aware that in the event we have a delay or closure for any reason, parents/guardians will be notified by ALMA, our student information system. If your contact information has recently changed, please notify the office so we can get your information updated.



## WWII VETERAN LTJG "JACK" CHAFFEE

On September 23rd LGCS had some of our students enjoy listening to LTJG John "Jack" Chaffee (age 98 years young). Mr. Chaffee shared his experiences as a Hellcat fighter pilot in the South Pacific during the Second World War from 1941-1946. Sponsored by the Civil Air Patrol, (at Merit Academy), some 30 students learned this plane "was the best plane ever built. It was easy to maneuver and could take off and land in a short distance." LTJG served on the same ship and often saw future president George W. Bush, Sr.!



## LIFE SKILLS

The Life Skills class is looking for anyone in the community who would like to share their skills/knowledge. If you have a special interest, skill and/or passion for something you would like to talk about, show and/or teach our 7th and 8th graders, please email Mrs. Cooper at [vcooper@lgcsco.org](mailto:vcooper@lgcsco.org).

## TEACHER FLIGHTS

On October 21st, five teachers from LGCS were treated by three U.S. Air Force Auxiliary pilots to fly the teachers from Colorado Springs Jet Center to Centennial Airport's Exploration of Flight Center in Denver. First grade teacher, Kelley Hunt; second grade teacher, Mary Doty; 3rd grade teacher, George Hunt, fifth grade teacher, Jen French and Academy teacher Lizzie Meyer, along with para educator Chelsea MacDonald. The teachers were thrilled with the experience of taking the flight stick and practicing some turns at 7000 feet! At Centennial the teachers were shown the numerous curriculum materials to help Lake George Charter School become a STEM school. The teachers were shown how the Exploration of Flight Center can cater to field trips so students can use flight simulators, wind tunnels, and drones. The Teacher Orientation Flight is to inspire teachers to use free STEM kits prepared by the Civil Air Patrol for the enjoyment of our students in all grades to learn about aerospace education.



## FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION TOY DRIVE

There is a drop off box in the entryway to donate new, unwrapped toys, or you may make a donation in cash and take it to the Lake George Fire Station or drop it off at the school with Dr. Wade.

# Remember to vote! Election Day is November 8th



Here are some photos from our trip to the Lake George Fire Station. What a fun day for all! A huge "Thank you" goes out to Camp Alexander for allowing us to use their vans to transport students to and from the fire station.

## "KEEP THE HISTORY GOING"

Pictured below is Marianne Mogon who happens to be the niece of Mr. George Robert (Bob) Caron. Bob Caron was a tail gunner for the infamous "Enola Gay." The Enola Gay was the first aircraft to drop an atomic bomb in warfare. Mrs. Mogon has been so generous as to donate these historical books to the school for our display cases. These books are an amazing tribute to our veterans who dedicated their lives for our country. They will be on display for everyone to view. George Robert Caron also wrote a book titled "Fire of a Thousand Suns," which depicts his experiences as a tail gunner. There are a limited number of these books for sale in the school office. The cost is \$20, and the proceeds will go toward our expansion. We are dedicating our Administration Hallway to the late George Robert Caron, which will be known as the "Bob Caron Memorial Hallway or Aviation Way."



## EXPANSION NEWS

The LGCS Board has offered Mr. Rick Favinger a contract as our Owner's Representative. Mr. Favinger has a wealth of knowledge and has dedicated many hours to the school. He has been working with our 8th grade students on creating a model of what the students would like to see in their new classrooms. Please congratulate him if you see him out and about.

## ABSENCES

If your child is absent, or you know of an absence in advance, please call the office at 719-748-3911 or by email: [lgschool@lgcsco.org](mailto:lgschool@lgcsco.org).

Academy students met Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 with special guest speaker Mr. Brian Neff, who is a flight instructor from Wings Over the Rockies Museum in Denver. He piloted a couple of radio-controlled airplanes and explained the principles of flight to some 29 students. He also showed off some drones and talked about their many applications with aerial views for search and rescue, fire mitigation, roof repairs, agricultural purposes, and military jobs. Mr. Neff explained how LGCS can develop into a STEM school as he can come and teach the students how to build their own RC plane and drone! The students built a wind-up balsa wood airplane and had a great time flying.

