

## SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS

### Invest in Excellence and Rise Together

We are excited to report that both Invest in Excellence, our annual drive, and Rise Together, our elementary school capital campaign, are off to great starts!

**GREAT WORK  
KEEP IT UP!**

Our 5th-12th grade families have donated over \$65,000 through Invest in Excellence toward the HS Student Union, Media Center upgrade and expansion of our Math Club! This is about one third of our \$215,000 goal. We met with the architect yesterday to review plans for both the Student Union and the Media Center and look forward to sharing more detailed renderings with our families in January. See HS or MS News for more information about our campaign goals. Please make a gift [here](#) or sign up for a recurring gift [here](#).

Our elementary parents have pledged \$97,000 so far with \$21,000 of that already given. This is after just one week! The Rise Together goal is \$1 million by February 15 in cash and pledges in order to break ground on the elementary school by late spring and complete it for the 2019 school year. See ES News for more information. Please make a gift [here](#) or sign up for a recurring gift [here](#).

Please keep the following three things in mind when you wonder why you are being asked to support your child's "public" school:

1. LNC receives \$0 from local, state or federal funds for capital projects like buildings, athletic fields, renovations/remodels and campus roads. We must save or take on debt to meet those needs.
2. LNC students are funded LESS every single year by the state and county than their traditional school cohorts. Your student receives 86 cents for every \$1 that the traditional student receives; this adds up to thousands of dollars across our 1,900 students! We must rely on careful fiscal and resource management and parent and community partnership to close the gap.
3. LNC does NO fundraisers! This extends to our Athletic teams, our Band and our PTO. The only exception is the PTO-run lunch program (managed strictly by volunteers) that offers a hot lunch choice to our students at a reasonable cost to our families and results in resources that go directly to our teachers in the way of supplies, classroom needs, teacher professional development, etc. No cookie dough or coupon book sales! No Boosterthon or gift wrap. We used to do this, but our parents asked us to end these types of bothersome exchange fundraisers which only resulted in a fraction of the funds returned to the school anyway. It just doesn't make sense.

LNC is a 501(c)(3) organization, making your gift tax deductible. What could be more important than your child's education? Please think about this when you are prioritizing your charitable giving, especially as we come to the end of 2017.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

### Thank You PTO and Parents!

The LNC faculty and staff thanks all of our families for the delicious cookies you brought us for the cookie walk on Thursday and for contributing so generously to the PTO gifting program. Thank you also to the PTO volunteers who collected the gifts and served the cookies. We are very grateful for our parents' expressions of support now and throughout the school year!

December 15, 2017



### QUICK LINKS

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## Winter Break

Wednesday, December 20 is a half-day of school for all students (HS dismisses at 11:15am, MS at 11:30am and ES at 12:00pm). School is closed for winter break from Thursday, December 21, 2017 through Tuesday, January 2, 2018 and resumes Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Click [here](#) for a copy of the 2017-2018 school year calendar.

## Inclement Weather Policy

With the tease of bad weather last Friday, LNC would like to take a moment to review our inclement weather policy:

In the event of inclement weather, we will announce a decision to cancel or delay the start of school by contacting the local affiliates [WSOC](#) (ABC), [WBTW](#) (CBS), [WCNC](#) (NBC) and they will broadcast our closing information. In addition, we will email and text our parents using the contact information that we have on file for each student. Decisions regarding the closing of school or implementing a delayed start time will be made by 5:30am. Please note that we do not contact the local news stations in the event that school remains open.



Decisions are made based solely on weather conditions in our immediate area and are not necessarily connected to the decisions that other schools make regarding delays and cancellations. This point is worth mentioning as some incorrectly assume that LNC is closed whenever the local public school makes the decision to cancel school. We will also post all decisions on our website and school voicemail when we are faced with inclement weather.

As you know, the safety of our students and families is our highest priority so we will not hesitate to cancel school should the need arise.

## Mark Your Calendar

NO SCHOOL for students on Monday, January 15 and Friday January 26. Please make sure to mark your calendar now!

## KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

[LNC trying to build on program success](#)

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - [Click here](#)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS - [Click here](#)

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS - [Click here](#)

## ATHLETIC NEWS - [Click here](#)

Mariah Howlett ran at the Foot Locker XC Nationals last Saturday in San Diego. Mariah ran a great race and gave everything she had and made her team and her school very proud! Mariah ended up taking 20th out of the 40 girl field on a very tough course. She was still the 4th girl for the South Region team, which is how she finished at the regional meet back in November. Here is a link to the race:

<http://footlockercc.com/2017/2017webcast.shtml>

Congratulations Mariah!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### December 15

7th and 8th Grade Winter Ball, 6:30pm (*MS Cafetorium*)

### December 15, 18, 19, 20

HS Exams

### December 18, 19

5th-7th Grade MAPS Testing

### December 20

1/2 Day School for All Students

### December 21 - January 2

Winter Break, No school for students

### January 3

1st day back to school from Winter Break

### January 4

HS Alumni Luncheon and Panel, 12:15pm (*HS MPR*)

### January 5

Board of Education Meeting, 7:00pm (*MS media center*)

### January 8

PTO Meeting, 6:30pm (*MS media center*)

### January 9

HS Principal's coffee chat, 8:00am (*HS Gym Lobby & Twitter*)

### January 10

PTO Lunch ordering begins (*Lunches served 2/12/18-3/9/18*)

### January 11

MS All Pro Dad, 7:00am (*MS cafetorium*)

### January 12

Report Cards go home

HS Band Concert. 7:00pm (*HS gym*)

### January 15

No School for Students

[More upcoming events](#)



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