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Issue II

Lago Vista Middle School Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

- January 12
Basketball vs Cameron
Girls @ home
Boys @ Cameron
- January 14
Girls Basketball
Tournament @ Jarrell
7A, 8A Teams
- January 16
School Holiday
- January 19
Basketball vs Jarrell
Girls @ home
Boys @ Jarrell
- January 25
First Semester Award
Assemblies
- January 26
3-week Grade Check
- January 26
Basketball vs Academy
Girls @ home
Boys @ Academy
- January 30
NJHS Induction
- February 2
Basketball vs Florence
Girls @ Florence
Boys @ home
- February 9
Basketball @ Jarrell
- February 15
6-week Grade Check
- February 20
School Holiday
- February 17
Middle School Dance
- March 12-16
Spring Break
- March 23
Last day of nine weeks

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We're now at the halfway point. The past semester was an exciting one. Here is a brief recap of a few noteworthy events.

In September and October, the volleyball and football teams displayed outstanding athletic abilities, and LVMS is proud of their efforts. Later in October, the Student Council sponsored Red Ribbon Week, an initiative to discourage drug use. Students participated in thematic activities throughout the week and demonstrated their positive stand against drug use. The LVMS Student Council sponsor is **Ms. Kristen Kroll**.

Also in October, the library held a book fair and raised \$1,549 worth of free books for the library! Thanks to everyone who supported the book fair. The next book fair will be held February 22-March 2.

In November, the LVMS Student Council showed their appreciation for our school by participating in a campus clean-up. Teams of two donned gloves and filled their trash bags with

litter left on school grounds. We look forward to many more leadership activities conducted by our student council members.

In December, eighty LVMS students competed in the district UIL academic meet held at Academy ISD. **LVMS won second place**. We celebrate the efforts of all students and sponsors who participated! The individual and team results are included in this newsletter and will also be recognized at the awards assemblies scheduled for January 25.

Throughout the semester, the LVMS spirit club, sponsored by **Mrs. Kim Sharp**, was hard at work preparing for school spirit activities and dance routines. The dance team is dynamic, rhythmic, and full of spirit! The dance team is especially appreciative to LVMS student **Lauren Guillaume** who has choreographed the dance routines this year.

The spring semester also promises to be a busy one. Basketball games are well underway. On any Thursday evening for the

next few weeks, you can witness some exciting basketball action taking place in the middle school gym.

Also during the spring semester, students will take the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR). This test promises to be more rigorous than TAKS and will surely reflect the higher standards LVMS students are achieving.

Lastly, the LVMS staff and I appreciate the pies you brought us for Thanksgiving and the Christmas cookies you provided us in December. Thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,

Trisha Upchurch

NJHS REMINDER

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) nominations have been announced. Student Information Forms are due in the front office **NO later than Wednesday, January 18**.

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2010-2011 LVMS Gold Performance Acknowledgments

Attendance (2009-10)
Commended on Reading/ELA
Commended on Writing
Commended on Science
Commended on Social Studies
Comparable Improvement:
Reading & Mathematics

Campus Happenings

Has your child been **ZAPed**? The LVMS staff has initiated a new plan to discourage students from receiving zeroes for missing and incomplete assignments. Upon receiving a zero for not turning in an assignment, teachers will assign students a ZAP (Zeroes Aren't Permitted) detention, which can be used to complete the assignment. Students can avoid ZAP by completing and turning in all homework and class assignments.

Need cash? While it's not exactly cash, this semester we will begin rewarding students with **Viking Gold**. Students earn **Viking Gold** through in a variety of ways, such as acting responsibly or exhibiting positive character traits. Students will be able to spend their **Viking Gold** at the Viking store.

LVMS will hold **award assemblies** on **January 25**. The assembly for sixth graders will be at 12:50 PM, followed by seventh graders at 1:45 PM and eighth graders at 2:40. Join us as we celebrate student success!

LVMS earned the following **Gold Performance Acknowledgments** from the Texas Education Agency: attendance, commended on reading, commended on writing, commended on science, commended on social studies, and comparable improvement on reading and mathematics. Way to go students, staff, and parents!

Help LVMS earn FREE educational equipment! Save your Super S receipts from 9/1/11 – 3/31/12 and turn them in to the school office. In return, our school could be eligible to receive FREE educational equipment from Lowe's Supermarkets.

Parents who pick up their middle school students after school are encouraged to keep their small children with them. We have received numerous concerns about unsupervised children in the car waiting areas, creating safety issues for the children as well as damage to school property and cars.

Middle school students who are car riders in the afternoon should be picked up directly in front of the school. For the safety of our students, we ask that they not be picked up on FM 1431 or walk home on that busy highway.

"Who did she dance with at the MS dance?" "What was the boy's name that sat next to you in English?" "Who were the other kids on your team?" The LVMS yearbook will help your child remember his/her middle school life for years to come. LVMS yearbooks are on sale for \$35. Order forms can be picked up in the office or from sponsor **Mrs. Carol Luce Wright**. Order your child's yearbook today! Deadline: March 2, 2012

Students in the News...

The following students earned places in the regional band and performed on November 19:

Zoe Schneider – 6th Chair Concert Band
Bryce Vogel – 7th Chair Concert Band
Charles Elwood – 10th Chair Concert Band, and
Andrew Callan – 4th Alternate Concert Band.

The LVMS Student Council elected the following officers:

Bailey Haire – president
Robert D'Lorm – vice-president
Lily Jameson – secretary
Savannah Sullivan – reporter

A Christmas wreath contest was held the week before the holiday break. Congratulations to the following advisory classes for their efforts:

First Place – Mrs. Weiler's advisory
Second Place – Mr. Hill's advisory
Third Place – Mrs. Falk's advisory
Honorable Mention – Mrs. Burke's advisory

The LVMS National Junior Honor Society has been very busy!

- We now sell school supplies at our School Store three mornings a week in the cafeteria. Proceeds will be added to our donation to Relay for Life in April, 2012.
- We were trained in basic CPR compressions through the "Take 10" program. Thank you, **Chief Didonato!**
- We baked and delivered sweets to our local fire fighters.
- We provided free child care for three parenting classes.
- We cleaned up our campus.
- We organized donations for Blue Santa.

STAAR Testing Info

Beginning in spring 2012, the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR™) will replace the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). The name change reflects a shift in focus from current achievement to assessment of academic readiness for future success.

The STAAR program for grades 3–8 will assess the same subjects and grades that are currently assessed on TAKS.

Region XIII Education Service Center provides information for the Austin area school districts and has developed a STAAR web page with parent resources and other STAAR information.

www5.esc13.net/staar

The Texas Education Agency has additional resources available such as comparison between TAKS and STAAR, STAAR Q&A, and STAAR Brochures

www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar

Important Test Dates

March 26	STAAR 8th Grade Math
March 27	STAAR 8th Grade Reading
March 27	STAAR 7th Grade Writing
March 28	STAAR 7th Grade Writing
April 24	STAAR 6 th & 7th Grade Math
April 25	STAAR 6 th & 7th Grade Reading
April 26	STAAR 8 th Grade Science
April 27	STAAR 8 th Grade Social Studies

Results from UIL Academic Meet

Congratulations to all the students and sponsors that participated in the District UIL Meet in December, 2011. Lago Vista MS came in **2nd place overall!** Student individual achievements and team results are listed below. Great Job!

Congratulations to all participants!

Grade Level Results

6th Grade-2nd Place
7th Grade-3rd Place
8th Grade-2nd Place

6th Grade Teams

Art-1st Place
Calculator-3rd Place
Listening-1st Place
Maps, Graphs, Charts-2nd Place
Mathematics-2nd Place
Music Memory-2nd Place
Number Sense-3rd Place
Social Studies-3rd Place

7th Grade Teams

Art-2nd Place
Dictionary Skills-3rd Place
Listening-1st Place
Maps, Graphs, Charts-3rd Place
Mathematics-3rd Place
Number Sense-3rd Place

8th Grade Teams

Art-1st Place
Calculator-2nd Place
Dictionary Skills-3rd Place
Listening-3rd Place
Number Sense-3rd Place
Social Studies-2nd place

Art

Maryl Day - 1st Place
Breanne Keenan - 1st Place
Emma Long - 1st Place
Anna Roach - 1st Place
Hannah Knaggs - 1st Place
Sydney Gomez - 4th Place
Whitnie Bowerse - 3rd Place

Calculator

Zoe Schneider-1st Place
Bryce Vogel-6th Place

Dictionary Skills

Mia Velayos-5th Place
River Wylie-4th Place

Editorial Writing

Alaina DiGann-5th Place
Lily Jameson-4th Place
Abi Wernsman-5th Place

Impromptu Speaking

Cassy Carlton-1st Place
Abi Wernsman-1st Place
Spirit Hayter-2nd Place
River Wylie-5th Place
Robert D'Lorm-6th Place

Listening Skills

Thira Heggem-2nd Place
Sofia Heggem-3rd Place
Dylan Williams-4th Place
Cassy Carlton-6th Place
Robert D'Lorm-4th Place

Maps, Graphs, and Charts

Jared Defelice-6th Place
Sarah Malone-4th Place
Brendan Leichthy-6th Place

Mathematics

Jake Hurley-5th Place
Cassy Carlton-5th Place

Music Memory

Jasem Jarrar-6th Place

Modern Oratory

Andrew Callan-3rd Place
Iris Tate-Looney-4th Place
River Wylie-6th Place

Number Sense

Jake Hurley-5th Place
Jacob Runnels-4th Place
Bryce Vogel-3rd Place
Daniel Smith-6th Place

Oral Reading

Cameron Tuggle-4th Place
Avery Grassick - 2nd Place
Daniel Carter - 1st Place
Presley Puschman - 4th Place
Chloe Hoyles - 2nd Place
Jordan Smith - 5th Place

Spelling

Nina Bortolussi-3rd Place

Ready Writing

Daniel Carter-4th Place
Faith Dreibrodt-2nd Place
Cierra Abbott-5th Place
Savannah Sullivan-5th Place
6th Lily Jameson-6th Place

Social Studies

Jared Defelice-4th Place
Dylan Williams-2nd Place
Cullen Coffey-2nd Place
Jake Loyd-4th Place
Bailey Haire-6th Place



Honor Roll for Second Quarter – 2011-2012

Lago Vista Middle School proudly recognizes students for academic achievement for the second nine weeks. Students on the All A Honor Roll received grade averages of 90 or above in all classes. The AB Honor Roll includes students who earned all A's and no more than two B's for their classes

Students receiving recognition on the All A Honor Roll for the first quarter include:

Eighth Grade - Jordan Bell,
Nina Bortolussi, John-Michael
Didonato, Robert D'Lorm,
Faith Dreibrodt, Peyton Durham,
Allison Goins, Bailey Haire,
Harley Hurosky, Lily Jameson,
Kendall Kannmacher,
Stephanie Knab, Monica Lash,
Zoe Schneider, Bryce Vogel,
Abi Wernsman

Seventh Grade - Daniel Babyak,
Cassandra Carlton, Sydney Gomez,
Emily Hahn, Lindsay Hickson,
Chloe Hoyles, Autumn Jarrett,
Raleigh Jones, Sarah Malone,
Caitlin Ross, Jacob Runnels,
Shelby Schwartz, Linzi Standiford,
Kelly Statham

Sixth Grade - Carlee Adams,
Lindsay Coleman, Hanna Dahl,
Maryl Day, Jared Defelice,
Niaya Gadison, Benjamin Hammer,
Sofia Heggem, Thira Heggem,
Jake Hurley, Abigail Nichols,
Hailey Northcutt, Anna Roach,
Morgan Thorne, Noah Thornton,
Mia Velayos, Brianna Vincent



Students earning a place on the A/B Honor Roll include:

Eighth Grade - Chandler Burkett,
Anna-Michelle Chan, Jessica Collins,
Ethan Crawford, Darby Derrick,
Derek Haines, Jacob Hernandez,
Brendan Leichty, Kian Lind,
Nicholas Luckie, Craig Orona,
Taylor Saucedo, Ashley Seib,
Jordan Smith, Kennedy Smith,
Savannah Sullivan, Alex Urtado,
Rachel Van Pelt, Jake Ward,
Shaylan Wehner, River Wylie

Seventh Grade - Cierra Abbott,
Taylor Blanco, Jason Cheatham,
Tommy Covington, Alaina DiGann,
Collin Docker, Michael Els,
Yolanda Garcia, Arysun Grassick,
Sophia Harrington,
Madelyn Jackson, Jae Morquecho,
Emma Peer, Meliton Rios,
Colton Roach, Chase Whitelaw,
Hannah Zurovetz

Sixth Grade - Taylor Blankenship,
Maddison Boecker, Joey Boettcher,
Nicholas Bryson, William Burke,
Sandra Camacho-Rocha,
Samantha Camp, Darin Didonato,
Stuart Evans, Angelica Garcia,
Avery Grassick, Hayden Haire,
Castor Hart, Jessie Hassler,
Devin Jiles, Gavyn Langley,
Emma Long, Trevor Pool,
Shelby Sanchez, Aiden Schneider,
Cameron Smith, Daniel Smith,
Matthew Spivey, Justin Thompson,
Cameron Tuggle

