



**Dr. Daecher's**

# LIC APRIL/MAY RECAP NEWSLETTER



## TOP NEWS OF THE MONTH FROM DR. DAECHER

As we wrap up another incredible school year at LIC, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many joyful moments we've shared, celebrate our students' growth, and extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you—our amazing LIC community!

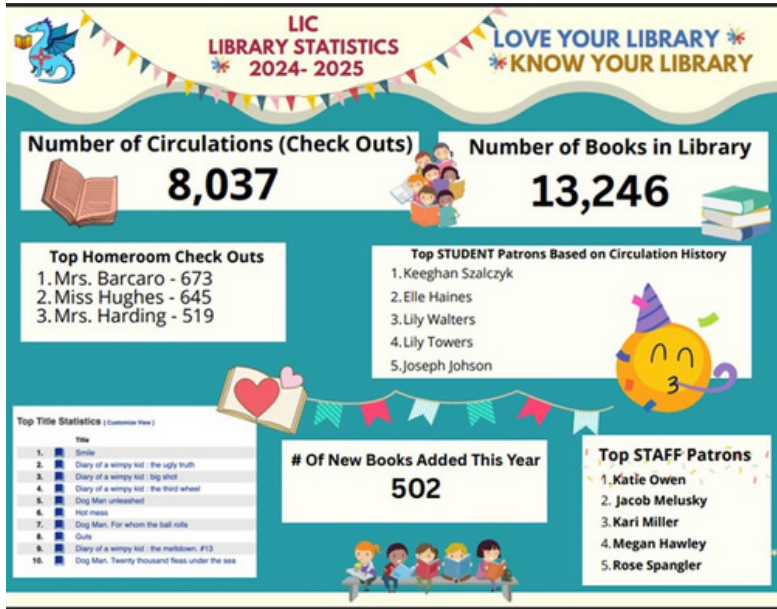
The final weeks of the school year have been filled with energy, excitement, and tons of fun. From our unforgettable 4th Grade Field Trips to the capitol, to the artistic brilliance showcased at our Spring Art Show, our students have truly shined in every way. The Spring Concerts echoed with talent, teamwork, and a whole lot of heart, and our Field Days had everyone laughing, running, and cheering each other on. And of course, we ended the year with a bang at our beloved FunFest—what a perfect celebration of our school spirit!

None of these experiences would have been possible without the dedication and generosity of our parents and guardians. Whether you volunteered your time, donated supplies, or helped organize events—thank you. Your involvement makes LIC a special place, and we are so grateful to have such a supportive community.

As we head into summer, I want to encourage our students to keep learning, growing, and taking care of themselves in fun and meaningful ways. Please remind students they have Dr. Daecher's "summer homework":

- ★ Do something every day for your brain – Read every day, math computer applications, review your math facts, or explore a new subject that interests you.
- ★ Do something every day for your body – Swim, ride your bike, practice your favorite sport, or just get outside and move.
- ★ Do something every day for your family – Help with chores, cook a meal together, or find small ways to show kindness at home.
- ★ Do something every day for your creative side – Draw, paint, play an instrument, write a story, or try a new craft.

We can't wait to hear all about your adventures when you return in the fall. Have a safe, sunny, and spectacular summer!



Sumer Resources: <https://tinyurl.com/LICSummerReading>



Sixth grade worked during this last trimester to write their own songs to play on the ukulele, recording them into Garageband with drum tracks and other musical loops. I know that several of our students have been bitten by the ukulele bug and are interested in pursuing the instrument further. Please reach out if you need brand recommendations! Our Sixth Grade Chorus also finished the year with a district-wide singing festival at the high school where they sang four songs in harmony. It has been a joy to get to know and make music with our sixth grade students this year, and I wish that I could keep them for a few more! Be sure to practice your instruments over the summer and never stop singing. I hope to see many familiar faces in the middle school concerts!

Fifth grade students finished the year learning a song and xylophone parts to go with their drumming skills, which some of them displayed at our Night of the Arts. Thank you to those students and families who came out to play - it was a wonderful experience and they sounded great. We have a lot to look forward to next year as the leaders in the building in band, orchestra, and chorus. I will be opening chorus sign-ups at the beginning of the year, so if you enjoy singing, please consider joining our group!

Fourth grade finished up the year by writing their own songs to play on the recorder. This was a pretty dense project with many steps, and students had a chance to get quite creative. Many great pieces were born from this process. Next year, we will kick off the year with our fall musical/concert. If you are interested in a part, work on those singing and acting skills over the summer!

One of the most exciting parts of the year is the art show! What a wonderful way for students to showcase their talents. Students chose what projects to share with classmates, friends and family. Some students even transformed older projects into new projects. I'm looking forward to next year and possibly having Mrs. Beidler visit as part of our artist in residence program. This would be made possible through the Hempfield Education Foundation grant which is offered in the fall and spring. Mrs. Beidler and I have been getting together to plan accordingly and complete the necessary paperwork for the grant. In the meantime I hope students continue to practice what they learned throughout the school year. There are local organizations, such as, Lancaster Creative Factory and Pennsylvania College of Art and Design who offer classes for children of all ages on various art medium. There are also many beautiful galleries to visit in downtown Lancaster. Check out Gallery Row (Prince Street) during First Friday! Wishing everyone a fantastic summer. Keep creating. Best wishes to 6th grade as you transition to 7th grade. I look forward to see everyone else next year!





# PHYSICAL EDUCATION



MR. OHREL

**Field Day Highlights:** This year's Field Days were a blast! From the relay races to the tug-of-war, our students showed amazing spirit, sportsmanship, and energy. It was wonderful to see everyone cheering each other on and giving their best effort. Congratulations to our 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls for winning the elementary relay race!

**To Our 6th Graders:** A huge congratulations to our sixth graders! As you move on to middle school, I encourage you to keep being leaders, stay active, and carry the lessons of teamwork and perseverance with you. You will be missed!

**Summer Reminder:** Keep moving this summer! Whether it's riding your bike, swimming, dancing, or just playing outside, stay active and make healthy choices. Your body and mind will thank you. Have a fun, safe, and active summer!

# COUNSELOR



MRS. KASABO

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another school year! First of all, THANK YOU for your partnership in supporting our efforts to develop students' academic, emotional, and social growth. It's been a joy watching our 4th–6th graders mature over the school year and develop resilience, build healthy friendships, and grow their confidence.

Now, summer is here—and with it comes a wonderful opportunity for students (and parents 😊) to recharge! We hope students can take some time to explore interests and build new skills in a more relaxed setting. Here are a few ways you can help your child make the most of this season:

## 🌳 Encourage Unstructured Play

Summer is the perfect time to let kids just be kids! Unstructured play boosts creativity, problem-solving, and emotional regulation. Whether it's riding bikes, building forts, or playing in the backyard, free time (especially outdoors) is more valuable than it may appear.

## 💬 Support Social Skills

Friendships can shift over the summer, so help your child stay connected. Arrange playdates, camps, or community events to help them keep practicing those important communication and empathy skills.

## ❤️ Focus on Emotional Wellness

Summer can bring a mix of emotions—excitement, boredom, even anxiety about next year. Keep the lines of communication open. Validate your child's feelings and offer reassurance as they navigate the range of feelings that come with these “tween” years.

Finally, remember that rest is productive, too. A slower pace can be just what kids need. Thank you for all you do to support your child's well-being. I look forward to welcoming our students back in the fall, refreshed and ready to begin a new school year.

Wishing you a safe, relaxing, and joyful summer!



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