

# LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

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## Checkmate in Fun and Learning

The Lower School Chess Club is off to an exciting start this year, with its third meeting held this past Tuesday. Enthusiasm is soaring as sixteen students from grades 3 to 5 have signed up to be part of this thrilling journey into the world of chess.

At the helm of this chess adventure is Mr. Wehunt, a dedicated mentor who blends the elements of fun and strategy in each session. With his guidance, students are not only learning the intricacies of this ancient game but also discovering the joy of strategic thinking.

The highlight of the Chess Club's agenda is the upcoming fall SCISA chess competition, scheduled for November 14th. This event promises to be a thrilling opportunity for our young chess enthusiasts to put their newfound skills to the test and showcase their strategic prowess.

As the Chess Club continues to meet and practice, we look forward to witnessing the growth of our students, both in their chess abilities and their critical thinking skills. It's not just about winning games; it's about fostering a love for learning and strategy that will serve our students well in all aspects of their education and beyond.

Stay tuned for updates on the Lower School Chess Club's journey as they prepare for the upcoming competition. Checkmate awaits!







# Uniting Hearts and Minds

The Good News Club, meeting every Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:45, offers students a unique opportunity to engage in various activities that promote faith, friendship, and learning. As the children arrive, they are warmly welcomed by dedicated volunteers known as "Grade Shepherds." These volunteers play a crucial role in providing individualized attention and care to each child based on their grade level. During this initial time, the children enjoy snacks and engage in meaningful conversations with their respective "Shepherds."

One of the standout features of the Good News Club is the focus on prayer. The children have the opportunity to write down their prayer requests, fostering a sense of community and shared support. They then come together with their counselors for a heartfelt prayer session, where they can reflect on their requests and offer support to one another.

The club takes a musical turn with Percy Strickland, who leads an uplifting song service with his guitar. This musical interlude infuses energy and enthusiasm into the gathering, setting a positive tone for the rest of the meeting. Currently, the club is engaged in a captivating six-week series delving into the life of Joseph. These lessons not only provide valuable spiritual guidance but also teach essential life lessons that resonate with students.

As the clock ticks, the time spent at the Good News Club seems to fly by, thanks in part to the engaging and interactive trivia games played towards the end. These games not only add an element of fun but also reinforce the lessons learned during the meeting.

In summary, the Good News Club is more than just a club; it's a nurturing environment where children can grow spiritually, build strong relationships with their peers, and have a whole lot of fun in the process. It's a testament to the dedication of the volunteers and the commitment of the school to create a well-rounded educational experience for its students.







# IXL Winners Week 2

Week 2 IXL competition: How many questions can you answer correctly?

## Individual Winners

- 1st place:** Sailor Peterson, K5, 1263 questions
- 2nd place:** Tie - Moxie Glenn, 1st and Grady Short, 4th, 576 questions
- 3rd Place:** Toby Hayes, 475 questions

## Grade Level Winners

- 1st Place:** Kindergarten - avg of 265 questions per student
- 2nd Place:** 1st grade - avg of 222 questions per student

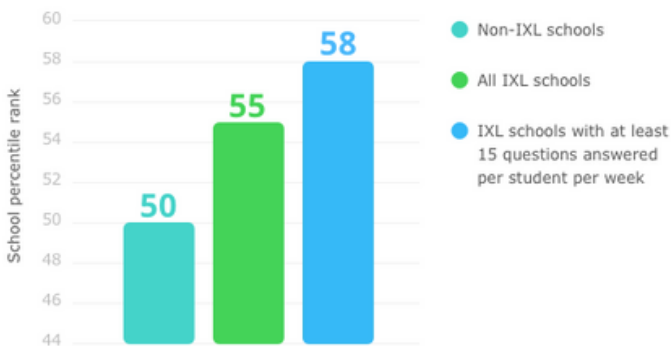
Winner names were placed on the leaderboard inside the school for the week! Great Job Everyone!!! Statistics for the academic year:

- 55,247 questions answered
- 1,578 skills mastered
- 279 hours spent on IXL



# IXL Effect

The IXL Effect: Weekly usage



34 statewide efficacy studies covering more than 66,790 schools show that IXL works.

These research-backed best practices can help our school to optimize learning and experience the IXL Effect!

Just 15 IXL questions per week impacts student success.

IXL's research has shown that schools where students answer at least 15 questions per week outperform all the others. Can you imagine what 30, 50, or even 100 questions per week would do?





# Johnny Applesed Day: Fun in 3rd Grade

Our 3rd graders enjoyed celebrating the life of the American hero, John Chapman, fondly known as Johnny Applesed. This event truly showcased the dedication and creativity of our remarkable third-grade teacher.

On Tuesday, September 26, our 3rd graders embarked on an exciting journey into history and science, all thanks to the guidance of their teacher, Mrs. Noonan. The activity seamlessly integrated science, history, math, and reading. Students had the opportunity to witness the magic of science as they observed the physical changes in a pot of apples when heat was added. It's a testament to our teacher's commitment to providing hands-on, engaging lessons.

In addition, our third graders explored the vast map of Johnny Applesed's travels across multiple states, including Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Arkansas. Through close guidance, students not only learned about his adventures but also developed critical thinking skills by distinguishing between fact and exaggerated tales.

The highlight of the day was when the students got to put their new knowledge into action. They had a blast making applesauce and caramel apples. It was a delicious and educational experience that will be cherished by all.

Who says learning can't be fun!!! A lot of smiling faces!!!







# See You At The Pole

In a heartfelt display of faith and unity, students at Lowcountry Prep gathered at 8:00am on 09/27 at the school flagpole for the annual See You at The Pole prayer rally. This student-led event saw students of all ages coming together to lift up their friends, families, teachers, school, and nation in prayer.

The event, held under the open sky, was a testament to the spiritual bonds that connect the students and staff at Lowcountry Prep. Jenny Musiol, a dedicated senior at Lowcountry Prep, played a pivotal role in organizing this inspiring event. Her leadership and commitment to fostering a sense of community and faith among her peers were evident in the success of See You at The Pole.

See You at The Pole serves as a reminder that unity, faith, and prayer can be powerful tools for building a brighter future. The spirit of togetherness displayed at Lowcountry Prep's See You at The Pole event this morning are a testament to the school's commitment to fostering a nurturing and supportive environment for its students.



*The Ideal Learning Environment*







## September

09/03 Heavner, Zachary, 3rd  
 09/07 Green, Kaelyn, 5th  
 09/16 McKenna Barclay, 3rd  
 09/21 Charlton Truluck, 1st  
 09/23 Annabel Strong, 5th  
 09/29 Stella Piper Dawson, 3rd  
 09/29 Gianna Lutz, 2nd

## October

10/02 Grayson Holzworth. Kindergarten  
 10/03 Makenna Celaya, 5th  
 10/04 Asher Mims, 1st  
 10/06, Wren Lumpkin, Kindergarten  
 10/10 Reeves Beverly, 3rd  
 10/15 Hayden Hauser, 2nd  
 10/19 Bees Postal, Kindergarten  
 10/20 Maddie Zechmann, 4th  
 10/23, Levi Robinson, Kindergarten  
 10/24 Toby Hayes, 5th  
 10/24 Aleadia Clinton, 1st  
 10/25 Laney McCoy, 4th  
 10/25 Moxie Glenn, 1st  
 10/27 Cade Leachman, 2nd

## Student Call Out



### HOLLIS SWANSON

Fourth Grader at LPS

Big thanks to Hollis Swanson for taking it upon himself to hold the door open for everyone at car dismissal. Without being asked, he started waiting for the bell and my signal to open the door. Even better is that he always stays there until the last students are out. Thanks for being such a big help at dismissal, Hollis!

## See you there...



LOWCOUNTRY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

INVITES YOU TO A

*Lowcountry Boil*

BENEFITTING THE ANNUAL FUND



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST  
 4:00-7:00

at Lowcountry Prep

TICKETS: \$50/PERSON  
 ALL YOU CAN EAT/DRINKS INCLUDED  
 LIVE MUSIC



\*THIS IS AN ADULT ONLY EVENT



*The Lowcountry Boil is on Sunday, starting at 4:00pm. Hopefully everyone was able to register!!! We look forward to seeing you there!!!*

## Upcoming Events

10/01 Sunday - Lowcountry Boil at LPS, 4:00-7:00pm...this will be a fantastic event!  
 10/05 - LS Chess Club, 3:00-3:45 in the US  
 10/06 - GNC 2:30-3:45; 3rd meeting (there are a total of 7 meetings)  
 10/06 - READ program at the LS - 2:30-3:00pm  
 10/10 - LS Chess Club, 3:00-3:45 in the US  
 10/11 - GNC 2:30-3:45; 4th meeting (there are a total of 7 meetings)  
 10/11 - End of the first quarter  
 10/11 - READ program at the LS - 2:30-3:00pm  
 10/12 - School closed, Parent-Teacher conferences if not scheduled on a different day  
 10/13 - School closed  
 10/16 - Report cards emailed to parents  
 10/16 - Start of Quarter 2  
 10/17 - LS Chess Club, 3:00-3:45 in the US  
 10/18 - READ program at the LS - 2:30-3:00pm  
 10/18 - GNC 2:30-3:45; 5th meeting (there are a total of 7 meetings)

## Annual Report

Use the QR code or click on the image to view our annual report.

