

LWA NEWSLETTER

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MISSION STATEMENT

LWA teaches and motivates students to seek, discover, embrace, and apply knowledge while exploring their personal, artistic, and academic talents in order to engage in life with a culturally respectful, civically responsible, and innovative entrepreneurial spirit for success in higher education and the careers of an increasingly global society.

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear LWA Families,

I write to you the day after Thanksgiving, our national day of gratitude. Whether it was sharing a meal during our International Luncheon, letting loose with holiday hangouts for Middle and Upper School, or watching our youngest students celebrate during the Thanksgiving Feast, last week at LWA was full of opportunities to connect with and appreciate one another, and this is what this day is truly all about.

However you celebrated, I hope you all savored time spent with your loved ones, indulged in something delicious to eat, and reflected on all there is to be grateful for in our lives. For me, before everything, I am grateful for my family and faith. I also want to take this moment to express my gratitude to the students, families, and staff of Lawrence Woodmere Academy. I don't take for granted the opportunity to be part of such a supportive and soulful community. Thank you for all you do to support LWA .

May we carry this spirit of appreciation as we head into the peak of the winter holiday season.

Best,
Hank Williams

At Home with
the World



LOWER SCHOOL CURRICULAR HIGHLIGHT

The First and Second Grade students created thankful trees, colorful turkeys, and took part in an exciting activity called Turkey in Disguise. They wrote, colored, and drew pictures of everything they are grateful for. Some of the things on their gratitude lists include family, friends, food, and teachers. As Thanksgiving approaches, the class helped save turkeys from becoming part of the holiday dinner by giving them clever disguises! Each student was given a turkey template and tasked with using their creativity to turn the turkey into something completely different. The goal was to help the turkey blend in and avoid being spotted. Students transformed their turkeys into a peacock, astronaut, the American Flag, Bluey, Spider-Man, a NY Rangers Hockey player, a baseball player, a football player, and much more! The class had a blast with this activity and showcased their creativity in the process. The First and Second Grade class wishes everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving! -Ms. Ramos



MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULAR HIGHLIGHT

Cupcake the Tortoise comes to LWA! On Bring-a-Friend-to-School Day, Miss Charles brought in a new member of the school community. Cupcake the Tortoise is now the official MS science class pet. Cupcake is a very popular horsfield tortoise, known colloquially as the Russian Tortoise due to this animal's popularity in Russia at one point in time. She gets a lot of attention, love, and care from the middle school students at LWA. Students will have to opportunity to learn about her and learn how to properly care for her. She is so popular that she is only allowed out of her hutch on an alternating schedule, so that everyone gets a chance to spend time with her.



The 5th grade students are learning about the Atom! In this lesson the students were making models of the atoms for different elements on the periodic table. Subsequent lessons included an in-depth study of the periodic table and an understanding of the different kinds of elements.



Ms. Charles

UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULAR HIGHLIGHT

In Mr. Tolentino's U.S. History class, the students are evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation, which dominates the so-called "Critical Period"; the time between the end of the Revolutionary War in 1783 and the ratification of the Constitution in 1789. -Mr. Tolentino





LWA Food Drive

Thank you to all those who helped by donating food items to the LWA Food Drive this Thanksgiving season! Your contributions made big a difference to families in need. All items were donated to the Mercy House Food Pantry

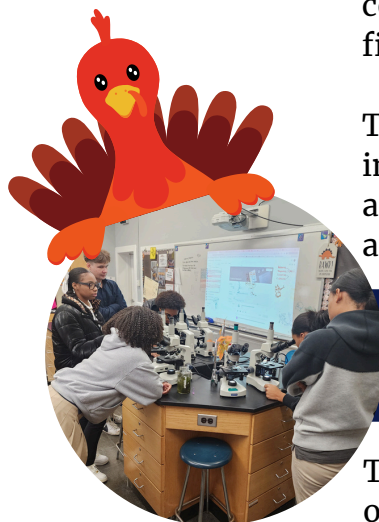


Sports

The winter season is up and running at LWA! For the first time in 6 years, LWA is proud to have a girls varsity team represent the Tigers. They currently sit 3-1 on the season. Maya Brave (9th) has impressed for the Tigers as she continues to lead the team with points scored.

For the first time in the schools history, LWA is proud to have a Boys Post Grad team. These Tigers may be brand new team, but they are competing at the highest levels. A highlight of the season was their first win against BACE.

The undefeated Boys JV team sit 3-0 on their season. Sean John has impressed for the Tigers in his debut season. Games are coming thick and fast at LWA. We hope to see you at one of our games as we truly appreciate your support!

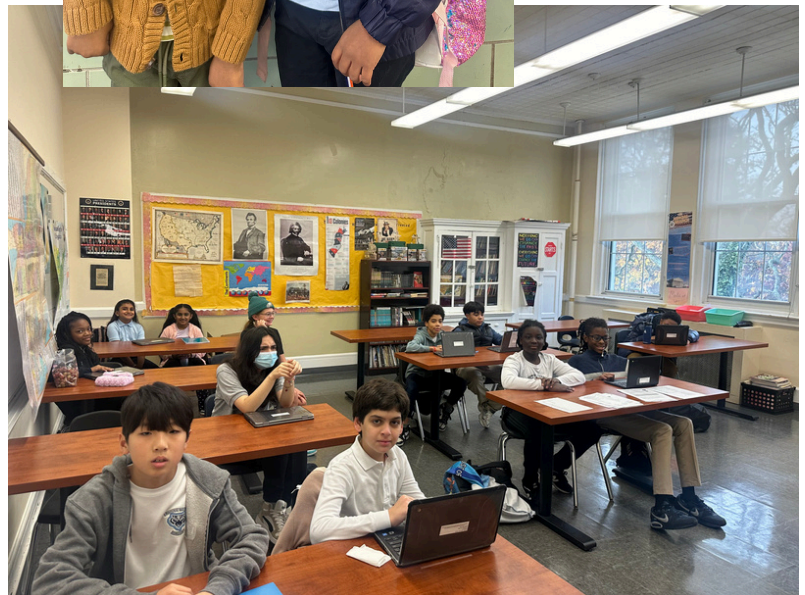


Clubs

The Upper School Science Research Club has been collecting specimens of water from local bodies of water. Then we spin the samples down in a centrifuge before studying what organisms can be seen in the water under the microscope. Ultimately, this will be part of a broader ecological project. – Ms. Charles

BRING A FRIEND TO SCHOOL DAY!

11/5 wasn't just a big day for the nation, it was also the LWA Bring-a-Friend-to-School Day! Friends new and old visited LWA and spent the day as a Tiger.



VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY



Mrs. Nadia Kalyan organized a beautiful assembly in honor of Veterans Day. Whether through song, poetry, or history education, all three school divisions were involved in making this a most memorable assembly. Our guest speaker was Mrs. Ramos, mother of Ms. Ramos, our beloved 1st and 2nd grade teacher. Mrs. Ramos spoke about her time in the service, inspiring students and staff alike with her courage and dedication. She closed her impactful speech by impressing upon our students the importance of a heartfelt life guided by service. Thank you to all who made this special event a resounding success.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Each Fall, students of all three divisions get to enjoy shopping for new books for their classroom libraries as well as their home libraries at the Scholastic Book Fair! This year's fair was a vibrant celebration of literature, featuring a diverse selection of authors from various genres including fiction, non-fiction, and children's books.



Thank you to the LWA Parent Association for organizing and staffing the event. Our students, staff and teachers are grateful for this event each and every year.



OUTSTANDING TIGER AWARDS

Each Quarter we celebrate the LWA Outstanding Tigers. These students are nominated and chosen by their teachers as individuals that embody the LWA TIGER qualities.

T = Trustworthy.

I = Innovative (Imaginative)

G = Generous

E = Empathetic

R = Respectful

Congratulations to all the winners!

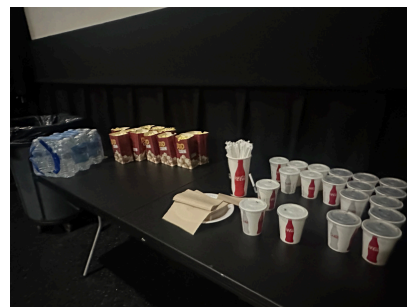


TRIPS



On 11/19 Mr. Tiliakos and Mr. Ellis arrived at the Cradle of Aviation Museum with MS Students. The kids had a blast in the Drone Lab and learning about aviation.

Students have been learning about the various stories of Oz in music classes and on 11/25, grades 3-6 attended a showing of the new movie Wicked. Thanks to Mrs. Longo for organizing this trip!



SPECIAL AFTER SCHOOL HANG



Parent Teacher conferences weren't at all stressful for our Tigers first quarter. Students took part in a special After School Program that included pizza & snacks, basketball, gym fun, arts and crafts, building blocks, computer games, and more!

Each student created a gratitude tree to take home and share with their family for Thanksgiving.

The next hang is April 10th.



FRIDAY FORUM



Mr. O'Keeffe MC'd another fantastic Friday Forum! Eight deserving students received ACTS Awards! Junior Terry Okodogbe played a beautiful rendition of "Let it Go" by James Bay on the piano and our International Students got us excited about our LWA Cultural Heritage Day happening on Dec 6th! All families are welcome to attend.



AT HOME WITH THE WORLD

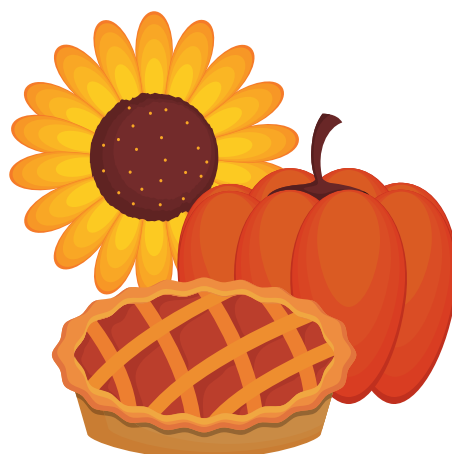
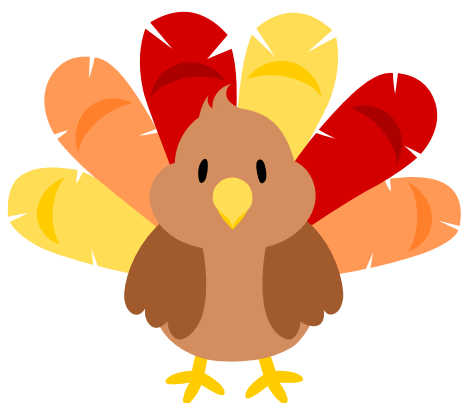
Our International students gathered in the LWA library for a beautiful Thanksgiving luncheon that our PA graciously hosted. With full bellies and happy hearts, each student shared what they are grateful for and many students expressed their gratitude for LWA. We are so thankful that our International Students chose LWA to be their home away from home!



PRESCHOOL SONG FESTIVAL

Our Preschool students did an outstanding job at their Thanksgiving Festival! They sang festive songs and shared their holiday artwork with their families. Even at such a young age, the class not only knew the words to the songs but learned dance moves to go along with them! Each student wore a one-of-a-kind Thanksgiving vest, headpiece and necklace that they designed themselves!

Thank you to Ms. MacBride, Mrs. Falloon, Mrs. Longo, Ms. Ferro and Mr. Altieri for a wonderful show!



UPCOMING EVENTS

LAWRENCE WOODMERE ACADEMY AND UPPER
ROOM ARE PROUD TO PARTNER ON THE 2024

TOY DRIVE



**Please donate unwrapped toys & bring
holiday cheer to kids in need!**

Accepting donations through
FRIDAY DECEMBER 6TH 2024

**PLEASE PLACE DONATIONS IN THE
BOXES OUTSIDE OF THE MAIN OFFICE**



**STUDENTS WILL EARN 10 MINUTES
OF COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR
EVERY ITEM DONATED**



ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS



Here at LWA we are thankful for our amazing Tiger family! We were thrilled to hear about everyone's Thanksgiving Break upon returning to school today.

The Middle School to Upper School Orientation Meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 5th @ 6:30pm**. An invitation will be coming soon for the 8th grade families.



The Lower School Winter Concert will be held on Thursday **December 12th @ 6:30pm**. Please bring your friends and family to support our youngest musicians!



The Lower School to Middle School Orientation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 17th @ 6:30pm**. An invitation will be coming soon for the 4th grade families.



WOODMERE GALA 2025

LAWRENCE
WOODMERE ACADEMY
INVITES YOU TO

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING
GALA

FEBRUARY 8, 2025

7:30PM

GREENVIEW AT
LAWRENCE YACHT
& COUNTRY CLUB



**Please email Development@LawrenceWoodmere.org
if you're interested in joining the Gala committee.**

www.lawrencewoodmere.org

SCHOOL CALENDAR



Did you know?

The Upcoming Events section of our website has a button to add the school calendar to your personal Google Calendar. Look for the Google Calendar button at the bottom of the section.



For families that prefer the At- A- Glance format, please reference:
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