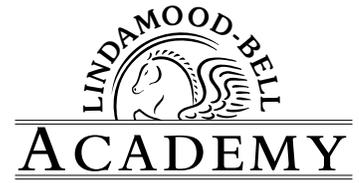


Academy Magic

Newsletter



And just like that... it's the second semester of our school year! This month, we get to have our virtual Science Fair! Since the event is virtual this year, it isn't mandatory; however, I cannot wait to see the imagination, innovation, and curiosity of our students come alive through their projects!

It is our hope that, even though students may need a little more support from home given the virtual nature of the majority of learners this year, our Academy students will lead the charge in these projects with only minimal assistance from their families. We will still be there during this month to guide and offer support as well, but remember families, you are the project assistant, and the student should be the project leader.

I'm excited to share as many of these efforts and photos with you in next month's edition as I can! In the meantime, let's feed curiosity, ignite a passion for science, and make this month fun and filled with scientific wonderings! As the parent of an adult child, I miss these opportunities, but I get to live vicariously through your students as we watch them shine!

Emily Jayne
Director of Lindamood-Bell Academy



Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

- 3** Wacky Wednesday | Rock 'n' Roll Day
- 10** Wacky Wednesday | Wear Red Day
- 12** First Semester Report Cards Posted
- 15** President's Day (No School - US Only)
- 17** Wacky Wednesday | Favorite Movie Day
- 24** Wacky Wednesday | Mustache Day
- 25** Wacky Wednesday | Pajama Book Day
- 26** Science Fair Day



Center Stage

☆ ☆ ☆ **Christopher in Pasadena, CA** ☆ ☆ ☆

We first met Christopher in 2017, when he was in the fourth grade. Shy, good-natured, and with a positive attitude, he learned to trust that we would become an essential part of his academic journey. With us, he has developed his reading fluency and is continuing to develop his comprehension. Since joining Academy this year, Christopher's growth in awareness of how he thinks and learns while navigating a new school, online system, expectations, and content has been wonderful to see.



A Parent's Perspective

Dear Lindamood-Bell Academy,

As our family reflected on the year 2020, we tried to identify the positive things that made our lives individually and together better (like spending time outdoors in Mammoth). You all were, also, a large part of our discussion.

Christopher identified how he'd never felt more supported at school. He loves his teachers and going to school, although he misses seeing you all in person. He talked about how hard it is to learn but also how rewarding it is to 'get' something. He's excited to keep growing and expects to take this rigorous journey to college someday.

His sister spoke about how Lindamood Bell has given her a very close relationship with her brother. She stated that before you helped him learn to independently read he resented her as she tried to assist him in figuring things out (like signs around town or menus).

As parents, we are much more at peace, and we trust the curriculum and teachers who are working with Christopher. This certainty has never existed in his educational journey. Thank you all for your commitment to help students and their families. Here's to a new year and a new journey.

Blessings,
Claire and Craig



Good to Know

It's Science Fair month! Our students across the globe are already hard at work posing hypotheses, conducting experiments, and compiling research. The Science Fair will be hosted virtually on Friday, February 26th. Contact your local team for specific times/ zoom room.

PS: We need a specific Yearbook Release from each student's parent or guardian in order to share photos and stories of success in our annual yearbook! Yearbook photos will be taken during the week of March 8th, 2021, and all students must have releases by that time. You will be contacted by your local Learning Center with the permission form this month.



Parent tips for the Science Fair

If you're like most parents, you're probably wondering how you can help your kids without doing their projects for them. We'd like to offer a few tips to help keep you and your student excited and motivated through this experience:

1 - Repeat this Mantra: "It's my child's project, not mine." Support and model for them, but help THEM lead the charge. Use imagery-based questions as you support: "From your research, what do you picture will happen?" "Why do you picture this is happening?" "What do you picture will happen if...?"

2 - Projects can be experiments using the scientific method, STEM projects like building a volcano or catapult, or even research on a particularly interesting subject, like tsunamis or black holes. Help your student to choose one that they can lead, with your and our support.

3 - Assist but don't take over. Offer to help in locating research sources or materials needed. Listen to your child's ideas and ask probing questions. Encourage them to share their progress and present the project to the family.

4 - The point is not perfection. Presentations don't and won't have to be perfect. They are a learning opportunity to get students excited about science.

5 - Extend the learning once the Science Fair is over. Encourage your child to continue to explore their ideas and provide opportunities to help that happen—continued experiments at home, trips to the museum, finding additional videos to take information further, etc.

Science is about exploring our world and finding out why things work the way they do. Let's help our students discover the wonder of "why."