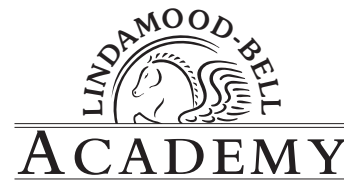


# Academy Magic

## Newsletter



*It's time to celebrate the season!*



December is filled with so many different holidays, celebrations, and traditions! It has always been one of my favorite times of the year. New and old traditions, cozy sweaters, a warm fire, great food, and of course, celebrating with my friends and family...and that includes you all—my Academy family and friends!

My December wish for you all is that you get to take the time to celebrate the joy and magic of the season with your family and friends as well. May you be surrounded by your favorite sights, sounds, smells, and people! May you take the time to relax and refresh, and may you embrace the anticipation of the upcoming new year!

Don't forget to join us at our Holiday Hoopla on December 17 when we celebrate together as a school in gleeful anticipation of Winter Break!

From our Academy family to yours...  
Happy Holidays!



Warmly,



Emily Jayne  
Director of Lindamood-Bell Academy



## Upcoming Events

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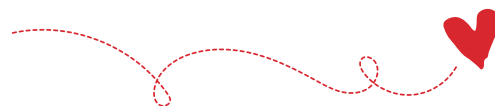
- 1** Wacky Wednesday  
*Music Day*
- 8** Wacky Wednesday  
*Favorite Holiday Shirt Day*
- 10** Pajama Day
- 15** Wacky Wednesday  
*Rainbow Day*
- 17** Holiday Hoopla Rally
- 20-31** Winter Break  
*(No School)*



## Good to Know

Lindamood-Bell is committed to being an active and engaged member of each community it belongs to. Every holiday season, our Lindamood-Bell Learning Centers host community support projects to support a local cause.

Contact your local Learning Center to find out how you can be part of this year's community outreach project in your area!





In the spirit of giving thanks, I wanted to take a moment to really think about my time working with a specific family. Today, a mom shared with me that she and dad have noticed a big difference in Brian's communication in the last week. He is more talkative and more conversational, using full sentences. Including for the first time ever, starting a conversation in a much more age appropriate way. While reading a book at lunch time, he offered up information he'd just read about the emperor penguin and asked what Joe thought, rather than just repeating a phrase or word to start an exchange.

Brian is one of my favorite students to be around. He is thoughtful and clever and observant. When I came back after not seeing him for a few years, he still remembered old motivators I had made,

conversations we'd had and has greeted me everyday since with a very enthusiastic "Xenia"! Joe is expressive, social and enthusiastic. He treasures his unique connections with each clinician, tells me stories about his memories of me from years ago, and has evolved to calling me "Xen Xen" when he thinks being cute will get him out of session (it won't).

I really believe they've changed my life similar to the way that Lindamood-Bell has changed theirs. I have learned so much from Brian and Joe over the years. They've made me better at my job. I learned to listen, pay attention, be patient and creative in response to the unknown. I learned to take a kind of wonder and awe into how we do our work with our students. While Brian and Joe's path isn't always clear, we are on that path together and it is an adventure.

I am lucky to work with them.



**Xenia Silva**  
Acting Center Director  
in Los Gatos

## Center Stage



### Meet John Paul



One of our Academy parents recently shared the following exciting growth in her son, John Paul:

☆ He waits for the mail to come each day just so he can read the magazines they subscribe to. He'll read them before bed each night and share what he read with her the next morning. She said this is the first time he's ever done this.

☆ He took the initiative to hang up the Christmas lights around the house. He read the directions to her and then calculated (on paper and showed work!) how many lights he would need to fit the whole house.

She said, "I know he can be a challenging student to work with, but he is moving in the right direction. It's all because of Lindamood-Bell."