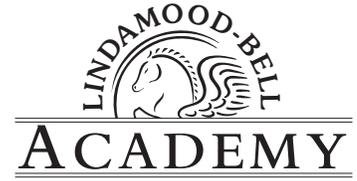


# Academy Magic Newsletter



*A new year! A fresh start!*

New and exciting opportunities await us around every turn. We are getting ready to wrap up the first semester of the 2021/22 school year and, despite some challenges to the start of the year, we are looking forward to numerous activities and events in the coming months. We are pleased to host not only the second round of parent conferences, but also a school-wide celebration of the 100th day of school, a Diversity Day, our annual Science Fair, Yearbook pictures, and planning for our End of Year celebration and graduation, to name just a few.

We still face obstacles as we enter 2022, but let's view those as opportunities for additional growth of our grit and resilience! I recently saw a quote from Mark @ TheCatWhisperer which said, "I asked my six-year-old if she was a tough cookie and she said, 'no, because cookies **crumble!**' and now I have a life coach". Let's not crumble... let's rise!

Here's to a great second half of the school year!



Emily Jayne

Director of Lindamood-Bell Academy



## Upcoming Events

### JANUARY

- 5** Enchanted Day
- 12** Animal Day
- 17** Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
(No School - US Only)
- 19** Crazy Hat Day
- 24** First Day of Second Semester
- 26** Mismatch Day



## Student Wellness

Now more than ever, it is critical that we all are watching out for the well-being of our students. School environments throughout the nation are ever-changing in response to this new wave of Covid, and our students are struggling.

Lindamood-Bell Academy is committed to continuing our positive interactions with our students, reaffirming that Academy is a safe, consistent place to learn, with instructors who genuinely care about and are devoted to them. Just as we as adults need to rest, relax, and be heard, our children of all ages need the same. Let's give them that as we move through the second semester.

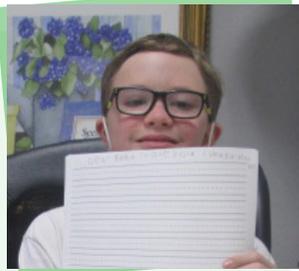
## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Anders in Darien is rejoining his classmates in his local public school starting in January, but his mom shared the following about their Academy experience:

*It's a bittersweet day. Anders has loved you all so much and thrived in your care. I cannot thank you enough. I am also feeling the lack of words... We "found" your team at an anxious time for Anders and all of us. Remote learning had been a horrible experience in the past but LBA felt right, and many thanks to the great support from Gail. I had my dream scenario in my head, which felt likely unattainable—more of a mom's wish than a realizable expectation. You've exceeded those expectations. He's thrived, built confidence, and reconnected with his love of learning. We couldn't have asked for more. Thank you!*

Isaac in Texas has made amazing strides while in Academy as well! Isaac has come a really long way with his desire and ability to write. His parents have commented more than once that they've seen a huge change in his independence with anything writing-related. And he's now seeking out opportunities to write! Examples shared include Christmas lists for him AND his parents, as well as to-do lists, and even a special note just for his mom.



Also, Owen, in our DC Learning Center accomplished an amazing milestone in December! He got his Learner's Permit! Here is what his dad shared:



*I want to tell you about a very special moment I shared with Owen today. This morning he took and passed his driver's knowledge test, which means he can now get his learner's permit. And he passed it on his first try. While that by itself is obviously a HUGE accomplishment for Owen, what I really want to share with you is the conversation Owen and I had after the test.*

*I was asking him about some of the questions on the test, and he told me, unprompted, "I just used my V/V imagery to make a movie out of the question so I would know what they were asking me, and so I could figure out the right answer." For example, he told me that one of the questions was about the correct way to enter a roundabout, and he said, "I used the image of my N4 bus going to Westmoreland Circle on the way to school, and then I knew what the right answer was." And he did that for all 35 questions.*

## Good to Know

The Academy monitors all provisioned student computers for safe and appropriate usage:

**Restricted Access:** Kindergarten through 5th-grade computers will only have access to online resources that the Academy has pre-approved. This will narrow the scope of accessible content to what is solely needed for the elementary/intermediate curriculum.

**General Access:** 6th through 12th-grade computers will be vetted with our ongoing general access monitoring practices. In this exercise, attempts to access flagged categories of content are instantly restricted and reported to our technology support teams.

Select students may be transitioned to either list in accordance with their individual needs or activity for safety and compliance. The Academy will be in communication with all families in advance of these transitions.