

Academy Magic *Newsletter*



We have a jam-packed three months of school before we conclude the 2022-23 school year, and March has several of those key events. Some people call it March Madness but I call it March Gladness!

Not only do we have our school-wide Multicultural Day, but we also have Parent Conference week, a host of crazy Wacky Wednesdays, yearbook photo week, and of course, the always anticipated Spring Break!

Speaking of the yearbook, this is a school-wide effort, and frankly one of my favorite projects of the year. Did you know that every student receives a yearbook at no charge to your family? I love the opportunity to gather all sorts of amazing photos and stories, reflect on each student, see their smiling faces captured in those pages, and know that they each are a part of not just the yearbook, but also a very unique and dynamic school experience. I'd like to encourage parents to make sure we have your Yearbook releases signed so your child can be included. You don't want them to miss out!



Happy March!

Emily Hoffman
Director of Lindamood-Bell Academy

Upcoming Events

MARCH

- 1** Minimum Day
- 1** Wacky Wednesday (*Favorite Shirt Day*)
- 6-10** Yearbook Photo Week
- 8** Wacky Wednesday (*Around the World Day*)
- 15** Wacky Wednesday (*Camouflage Day*)
- 17** School-Wide Multicultural Day
- 20-24** Parent Team Conferences
- 22** Wacky Wednesday (*Out of this World Day*)
- 24** Pajama Book Day
- 27-31** Spring Break (No School)



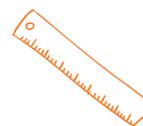
STUDENT/CAST SPOTLIGHT

Our Newton LBA students were asked a few questions about their Academy experience this year and here is what they had to say:



Destiny (6th grade):

“ LBA is fun because you're just 1:1 with a teacher and you don't have to worry about keeping up with the whole class. You just go at your own pace. I'm most proud of my improved reading. I'm looking forward to coming back next year and reading longer words. ”



Kellen (4th grade):

“ My favorite part of Lindamood-Bell Academy is Wacky Wednesdays! I'm most proud of my reading. I'm excited to be more fluent with reading and start working on math, science, social studies, and English. ”

Ella (2nd grade):

“ My favorite part of LBA is the games we play... and the parties! I'm most proud that I can now just say what a number is for math. I can count in my head too! I'm excited for more parties! ”



STUDENT/CAST SPOTLIGHT

Happy 100th day of school from Elmhurst, IL!

Gabriel chose to celebrate this milestone in his educational journey with us by creating an original artwork. As you can see here, he's rated the year a 5/5. "I'm happy it's the 100th day of school and I'm looking forward to the rest of it!" Overall, today's been a great opportunity to show our support and encourage him to keep pushing forward toward all his goals, large and small!



Happy 100 days of school from Birmingham!

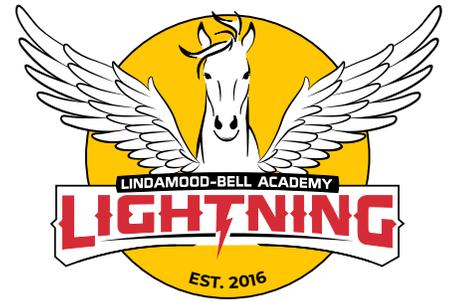
We celebrated long break with 100 second challenges such as: getting an oreo to your mouth from your forehead, keeping balloons off the ground, and wrapping up as much of your teacher as possible.



Tampa's 10th grade student, Carson, completed a rain cloud science project. He was so excited! Together, he and his teacher were able to confirm that 20 drops of food coloring were needed to break through the shaving foam 'cloud' in order to create 'rain'. Thank you LBA for allowing us to create the Magic of Learning for him!

What is a Lightning Leader?

A Lightning Leader is a student who shows the values of **CARE** and **COMMUNITY** throughout the school year.



We **CARE** for ourselves
We **CARE** for each other
We **CARE** for our community

By doing things that show you care for yourself and those around you, you help create a school that is **fun, safe, and supportive!**

One of the reasons we created Lightning Leaders is so that Academy students know that they are successful, capable, and have incredible grit. Every small success is a big victory because for multiple hours every day, our students are asked to do the hardest thing for them, and it is important to help them acknowledge the effort they make and learn to advocate for themselves.

Here are just some of the ways we want to help our students acknowledge care for themselves as a part of Lightning Leadership:

Show your care for yourself:

- ★ Asking for help when you need it
- ★ Speaking kind words about yourself
- ★ Asking for a break when you feel frustrated
- ★ Letting us know something you're proud of about yourself
- ★ Telling us when you're happy, sad, excited, mad...etc.
- ★ Keeping your desk and school supplies organized
- ★ Giving yourself high fives

Good to Know

Attendance is instrumental in student success. We encourage all students to strive for excellent attendance as we near the end of the school year—every day is important!

We are excited to continue amassing content for our **Academy Yearbooks**. This month, Learning Centers will reach out about a Yearbook Photo Day. For remote students, Learning Center staff members will reach out about a Yearbook photo to be emailed in. Centers will also be reaching out for Academy Stories from parents and students—we can't wait to hear all your wonderful stories! Parents of graduating seniors will also receive communication regarding Senior Dedications for our Yearbook. In order to participate in the Yearbook, an Academy Yearbook Release must be signed. Please reach out to your local Learning Center's office manager if you have any questions or concerns.