



# Academy Magic

## Newsletter



### *Just like that,*

it's May, and it's time to start wrapping up our school year! It is always a bittersweet time for me as it means the end of one journey but the start of another. One thing is for sure, our students have definitely earned their summer break!

This educational journey is filled with challenges and joys, all of which help us along the path of learning. Grit, effort, and perseverance are required if we are to chase our goals, and, in the words of one of our founders, the late Patricia Lindamood, "the goal is more than worth the effort."

I couldn't be more proud of our students' efforts and accomplishments this school year. Congratulations on each achievement!

***Thank you for spending your 2022-2023 school year with us at the Lindamood-Bell Academy, and we cannot wait to celebrate together at our End-of-Year Celebration and Graduation on May 26, 2023!***

Emily Hoffman

Director of Lindamood-Bell Academy



### *Upcoming Events*

#### MAY

- 1 Early May Bank Holiday  
(No School - UK Only)
- 3 Minimum Day
- 3 Wacky Wednesday  
Tourist Day
- 8-12 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 10 Wacky Wednesday  
Polka Dot Day
- 17 Wacky Wednesday  
Wear Pink Day
- 19 Pajama Book Day
- 24 Wacky Wednesday  
Guess Who I Am Day
- 26 Last Day of School/  
End of Year Celebration

### *Good to Know*

May 26th is our **End-of-Year Celebration and Graduation**. Invitations with details will be coming soon. Starting June 16, we will send out final grades and report cards.

**A reminder about re-enrollment:** if you plan to join us for the 2023-2024 school year and haven't already, please contact your local Learning Center to take advantage of our Early Enrollment Special and Alumni Tuition Specials. These offers expire on May 26th!





## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### *Egg-cademy Easter Egg hunt in San Luis Obispo!*



SLO Egg-Cademy egg hunt

Our San Luis Obispo Center had so much fun collaborating to find Easter eggs with addition and subtraction problems, sight words, and clean-up challenges. Our staff was proud to see older students helping mentor and cheer on our younger ones.



### *Philadelphia's "Bob Ross Invitational!"*

We had our first Annual Bob Ross Invitational in Philly before Spring Break!

Students and clinicians gathered at the break area, and we followed a Bob Ross tutorial--they had their choice of paints, markers, crayons, or colored pencils.

Two students collaborated and worked together to choose the top 3 finishers, and they gave lots of positive feedback! It was so nice to gather as an LBA community. I anticipate a repeat event!



Philadelphia Bob Ross Invitational artwork



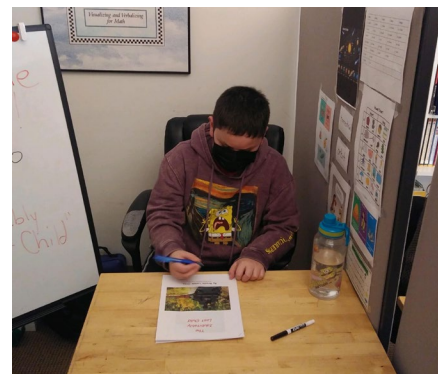
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### *Author Extraordinaire, Braulio in Berkeley!*

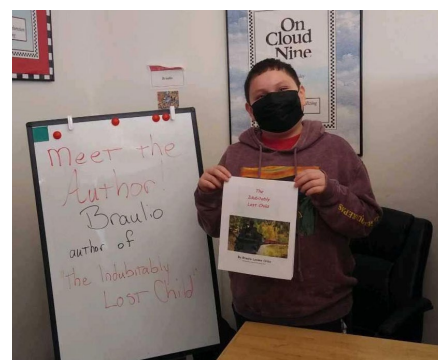
Our goals for Braulio's Narrative Writing Portfolio were many. Our main purpose was to expose Braulio to the creative writing process from the beginning to publishing a final copy of his story. Other goals included strengthening figurative language, visualizing a complete story, and exposure to the editing process. A bonus goal was to have lots of fun!

Braulio started the process by brainstorming an idea for a story and having his clinicians write those ideas down. Then he actively searched for pictures to support the flow of his narrative and put them into a jam board in the order of events. After dictating what he wanted his characters to be like, the writing began. Braulio stayed true to his original storyboard and fully dictated the plot and events in the story. After the rough draft was returned with feedback, Braulio, with the aide of the Berkeley team, looked for ways to strengthen the narrative, including reading the story aloud. He included everyone in finding spelling, grammar, and tense problems to fix the story. After completing the editing and revising steps, Braulio wanted to add pictures to help the reader see his story. He enlisted his team to do safe searches when he provided keywords, then added those photos to his story.

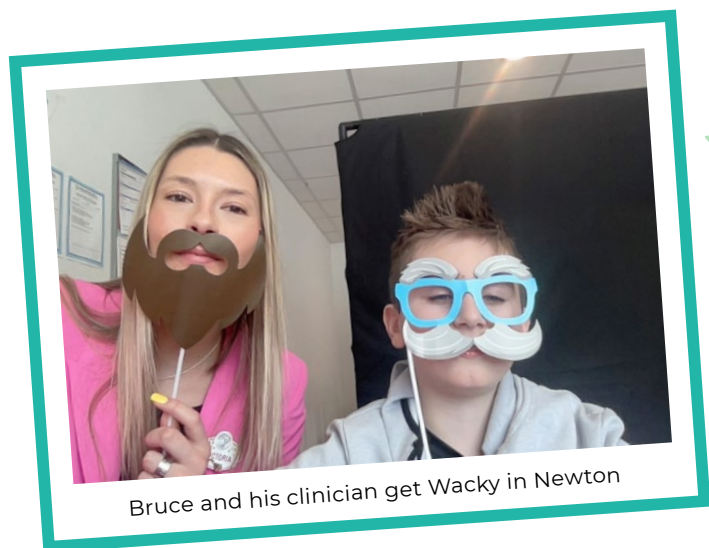
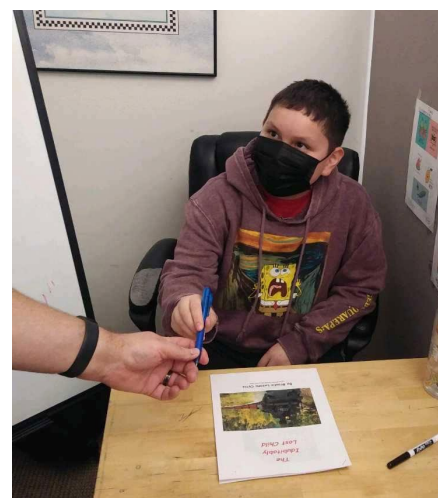
Through the process, Braulio learned about using figurative language and dialogue, became familiar with all steps of the creative process, and was the leader in creating an entertaining story. The Berkeley team is incredibly proud of his work and will be showing him off at his very own Meet the Author and Book Signing party!



Braulio Book signing



Meet the Author,  
Braulio in Berkeley



Bruce and his clinician get Wacky in Newton



***When your teacher "bestie" matches your beard and mustache energy for Wacky Wednesday in Newton!***





# Lightning Leaders Announced!



**Owen Whitman**  
Washington DC  
12th Grade



**George Karajerjian**  
Pacific Palisades  
1st Grade



**Samuel Weintraub-Day**  
Pacific Palisades  
6th Grade



**Treyson Bolling**  
Westlake Village  
3rd Grade



**Jameson Hartman**  
Westlake Village  
7th Grade



**Sean McGlinn**  
Philadelphia  
5th Grade



**Madelline Fonk**  
Tampa  
9th Grade



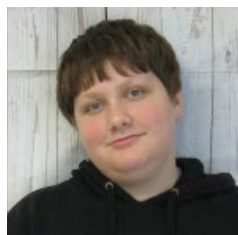
**Destiny McKenzie**  
Newton  
6th Grade



**Teseo Poli**  
Notting Hill  
9th Grade



**Kellen Carney**  
South Shore  
4th Grade



**Tyler Sobel**  
Westlake Village  
8th Grade



**Hunter Cohen**  
Westlake Village  
4th Grade



**Luiz Frank**  
Los Gatos  
12th Grade

## What is a Lightning Leader?

Lightning Leaders are students who show the values of CARE, COMMUNITY, and the LBA Way throughout their school day. The result is a school environment that is not only fun but also safe and supportive. Our students worked hard this year to show these values for themselves, their peers, and their school.

Our Learning Center Leadership nominated these students for demonstrating outstanding Lightning Leadership over the last few months of school. It was a joy to celebrate them with special shout-outs at our final Lightning Rally of the school year on April 28. These students also received an honorary certificate acknowledging their leadership.



**Michael-Owen Lopez**  
Memphis  
12th Grade



**Amanda Conaty**  
Philadelphia  
12th Grade



**Mia Hermes**  
Weston  
3rd Grade