



Luce Landscape

September 10, 2019

Lamour's Corner

Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year. I hope you had a restful summer vacation; that you are ready to jumpstart a fantastic new year of learning. I am excited to meet all families and students in the upcoming days of September. In this issue, of the monthly newsletter, you will find important information for the beginning of the school year, messages from crew members of our team, and "Calendar Worthy" dates.

"We are Crew, not Passengers."

This year we will focus on creating a collaborative and responsive Culture of Achievement, Equity, and Excellence at the Luce. We strongly believe that every stakeholder matters. We want to make sure that each member of the Luce community feels welcomed when they come into our building. Our goal is to partner with all families; to ensure that we provide the highest quality instruction for each child each day. Also, we care about building authentic and professional relationships with all members of our community. It is important to us that we are growing together as a community with the same vision in mind: Ensuring all students are the best that they can be!

So what's new at the Luce?

This year, we welcome Sandy Tanozinni, Director of Kidsborough (before and after school program), and Jill Eckler who will serve as a 4th-grade long-term substitute for Jennifer Stark until December. Also, Leigh-Anne Palin is our new speech and language pathologist. Kayleigh McCann is our long-term substitute for Art until October.

Got Stairs???

The Town of Canton did some work at the Luce this summer to mitigate an issue with water drainage in our upper playground. As a result, we will no longer have a moat in our playground after a rainstorm. Phew! The town has added concrete stairs that start at the top of the hill and lead down to the field — no more rolling down the hill for fun!



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We send a sincere THANK YOU to the Town of Canton for supporting the students at the Luce Elementary School and the town as a whole!

Entry Plan Updates

This past Spring, parents were provided with a survey around Culture & Climate. We want to send a thank you to all the families who completed the survey. Per my [Entry Plan](#) (EP), I will disseminate three additional surveys to the community throughout the Fall (September-December). Please look-out for the 2nd-installment of the four complete surveys that will distribute to the Luce Community.

Teachers will receive the third survey (out of four in September as well). Your voice matters!

School Council Elections

The month of September is the time for School Council (SC) elections. We need to fill three-parent seats this year. SC provides a unique opportunity for parents to be a part of the governance body of our school.

What are some responsibilities of the School Council?

Some responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Reviewing & Approving the school budget
- Creating the School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- Monitoring progress on the SIP
- So much more!

Please consider joining the School Council. It is an excellent opportunity to support our school.



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SC Election Information:

- **September 18th from 6:15-7:15 pm in the cafeteria (During the Grade 2-5 Open House)**

If you are interested, please reach out to me directly at lamoury@cantonma.org or a parent of the Student Council.

Tuesday Tea

Tuesday Tea is coming! This year we are introducing “Tuesday Tea” on the third Tuesday of the month from 5–6:30 pm at the Luce. Tuesday Tea is a time to discuss current affairs, share ideas, problem-solve, and build authentic relationships.

We hope you will join us for the first Tuesday Tea scheduled for **Tuesday, September 17th from 5–6:30 pm.**

September Calendar Worthy Dates

- 9/12~ New Parent Welcome 5:30–6:30 pm (Only parents new to the Luce and who did not attend Kindergarten Open House)
- 9/16 Instrument Rental Night 6–8:30 pm at Canton High School (CHS)
- 9/17 ~1st Luce SHINE Assembly & Luce Swag/ Apparel Day
- 9/17 ~ Tuesday Tea 5–6:30 pm
- 9/18 ~ Open House for Grades 2 - 5 6–7:30 pm
- 9/18 School Council Parent Election 6:15–7:15 pm. Please email Principal Lamour if you would like to run for 1 of 3 parent council seats at lamoury@cantonma.org by 9/13.
- 9/25 Early Release Day at 11:45 am (Lunch is not provided.)
- 9/27 ~First Picture Day!
- 9/27~ Grade Five Circus 7–8:30 pm. Tickets required
- 9/30 Rosh Hashanah (No School)

I wish you the best first few weeks of school, and we are excited to build as a crew this year! I am looking forward to a year of greatness and learning for all.

We Shine,
Principal Lamour



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Notes From Our Specialists

Music Notes from Ms. Joncas

It's good to be back making music at the Luce! All students will develop their skills in creating, performing, responding to, and connecting to music this year during their weekly general music classes. We will begin the year by reviewing musical concepts and music class expectations. In addition, there are many additional opportunities for students to make music:

- Third, fourth, and fifth grade students can participate in the after school Mallet Madness ensemble. This performing group plays percussion instruments, and meets weekly for an hour. Sign-up information will be going out soon via email.
- Fourth and fifth grade students can play a string instrument in our before school instrumental program. The instruments available are violin, viola, and cello. String instrument classes take place once weekly before school. Students will need to obtain an instrument, and should attend the district wide Instrument Rental Night on Monday, September 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Canton High School in order to be sized for an instrument by our string teachers. Sign-up information will be sent soon via email.
- Fifth grade students can play a band instrument in our before school instrumental program. Students who choose to do band will have an instrumental class one day per week before school. The instruments available are flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion (drum and bell kit). Students will need to obtain an instrument, and can do so at the district wide Instrument Rental Night on Monday, September 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Canton High School. Sign-up information will be sent via email.

All students in Mallet Madness, Strings, Band, and Chorus will perform at Cantonstock and our Luce Winter Concert. It is always exciting to see our students SHINE onstage!



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Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, September 16th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Canton High School** - Instrument Rental Night (for families of band and string students, string students must be present to be sized)
- **Saturday, November 2nd, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Canton High School - Cantonstock** (Mallet Madness, Strings, Chorus, and Band will perform - exact times TBD)
- **Thursday, January 16th - Luce Winter Concert** (Mallet Madness, Strings, Chorus, and Band will perform - details TBD)

Community Update

NICKELS FOR NUTRITION

Dear Luce School Community,

As many of you know, our Nickels for Nutrition program benefits the Canton Food Pantry. Each year, beginning in October, a grade level is assigned a month. During that month, a labeled baggie is sent home with each student at the start of the month. These can be returned to their teacher or dropped in the "Nickels for Nutrition" container in the lobby by the end of the month. The jar will remain in the lobby (or office) throughout the year. We welcome any and all contributions at any time. The jar is emptied, counted, and deposited in December and again in June. Last year, the Luce School contributed over \$700 to help Canton residents. Thanks so much in advance for any contribution you can make. All coins are welcomed!!

Monthly contribution assignments:

- **4th grade -- October**
- **5th grade -- November**
- **Kindergarten -- December**
- **1st grade -- January**
- **2nd grade -- February**
- **3rd grade -- March**

**Sincerely, Ann Cruise, Grade 2
Teacher**



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Nurse Updates

Medications

All medication orders expire at the end of the school year in June and are renewed at the beginning of the school year in September. If you haven't already done so, please send in all medications (Epi-pens, Inhalers, etc) your child will need during the school day.

All medications, whether prescription or over the counter require a completed physician order and parent/guardian permission form. These forms can be found at <https://www.cantonma.org/student-services/health-services/medication-administration>

Medication should be delivered to the nurse by a parent/guardian in a pharmacy container or manufacturer's package.

We ask your cooperation in not allowing students to deliver medication to school for safety reasons.

Health Office Wish List

The health office is in need of donations of underwear as well as elastic waist pants in all sizes.



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Google Worthy Dates

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<p>Next Week:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9/15-10/15 Latino History Month ● 9/16 Instrument Rental Night 6-8:30 pm at Canton High School (CHS) ● 9/17 Luce Swag/Apparel Day/ 1st SHINE Assembly ● 9/17 Tuesday Tea 5-6:30 pm ● 9/18 Open House 2-5 6-7:30 pm ● 9/18 School Council Election for Parents 6:15-7:15 pm
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