



## LES MISSION STATEMENT –

"Increasing Reading Comprehension & Expressive Writing Across the Curriculum"

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### Dates to Remember



13 Oct – Columbus Day – NO SCHOOL  
 15 Oct – Rocky's Café, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 16 Oct – Rocky's Café, 2<sup>nd</sup> & KG

### The Principal's Column

Charles Yahres, Principal

#### LES AWARDED NCA ACCREDITATION



I am delighted to announce that Lakenheath Elementary School has once again been granted continuing accreditation for this school year from the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), a division of [AdvancED](http://www.advanced.org). AdvancED is the world's largest education community representing 23,000 public and private schools and school districts in 30 states and 65 countries while serving close to 15 million students.

The accreditation process follows a five-year cycle that begins with an in-depth self-study to develop school improvement goals. During the five-year cycle each accredited

school receives a Quality Assurance Review (QAR) visit from an examining team of local and state side professional educators. They provide support, insights and recommendations related to the school improvement process. Our last site visit was conducted in April of 2004 where the visiting team noted many positive attributes about our staff, programs, and the community. They will visit us again in April 2009 to review our School Improvement Plan (SIP) strategies and accomplishments to provide suggestions or 'next steps' in our SIP process. We will begin preparation for the upcoming April visit on 3 October with a review of assessment data and test scores, and an in-depth look at what we need to do to get ready for our QAR visit.

#### PARKING LOT SAFETY



Parents please use the perimeter of the bus parking lot when walking to and from your vehicle. Do not cross through the bus-loading zone when the buses are still in place. We emphasize to our students the importance of not walking between or near the buses and need your assistance in setting a good example for our children. See the crossing guard if you have any questions.

#### SCHOOL WEB PAGE CORRECTION



The calendar on our school web page was incorrect and may have been published in the community as such. It showed that Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> was a Teacher Workday. The official teacher workday for the end of the

first grading period is Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. There is no school that day for students. Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the first day of the second marking period. Students attend school on that day. We apologize for any confusion caused and the calendar has now been corrected.

### ART THOUGHTS

Lucy Reser, Art Teacher



Did you know...

-  that studies find that student learning, socialization and behavioral skills improve when classroom lessons incorporate hands-on art?
-  that teachers regularly use art and craft projects to teach students curriculum subjects?
-  that students with different learning styles develop greater curiosity about the subject matter when art and craft projects are introduced?

**ART IS AT THE CORE OF A GOOD EDUCATION— ART IS SMART!**

### **UK NATIONAL GUIDE DOGS WEEK – 6-12 Oct 08**

Anne Marks, Host Nation



So what does a guide dog do? A guide dog is trained to lead its owner in a straight line, avoiding ground obstacles, overhead obstacles and obstacles on either side. The dog is trained to stop at curbs, at stairs, and to locate familiar doorways. The dog

will maintain a straight line when crossing a road, thereby reducing time in the street, but will not decide when it is safe to cross. Making the judgment as to when it is safe to cross a road with a guide dog is identical to making that judgment when using a long cane and is the sole responsibility of the client. The dog will disobey the command to go forward if it is unsafe. Using a guide dog is a partnership and while the dog can recognize environmental clues such as a curb edge, the handler decides where to go and keeps the dog working correctly. When used properly, the guide dog offers a unique, safe, and effective form of mobility.

### RAINY DAY RECESS



Lakenheath Elementary School is always thinking of ways to keep children physically active and alert. This Tuesday the children were not able to go outside for recess because of the drizzling weather and wet playground equipment. Students are sometimes disappointed when there seems to be more rain than sunshine in England. Our fabulous recess monitors were very creative and organized over 150 children to play whole group games right before lunch. (See photos below) The children roared with

laughter and excitement as they played games in the gym. They were so excited that they almost forgot that they had to stay in at recess due to wet weather.

### **WORD OF THE MONTH**

**re-spect** – <sup>1</sup>Esteem for or a sense of the worth or excellence of a person, a personal quality or ability, or something considered as a manifestation of a personal quality or ability; <sup>2</sup>the condition of being esteemed or honored

