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Important Announcements:

School day runs from...
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Make sure to arrive on
time!

Our Main office is
now room **337B**

SAVE THE DATES:

PTA meeting/Meet
the Teachers Night
Tuesday
September 29th
6:30 to 8:00

PTA meeting/Math
Curriculum Night
Tuesday
October 27th
6:00 to 7:30

Lyons Students Devour Independent Reading Books!

Last week, students across the school tore through bookshelves, paged through each other's books, listened to recommendations from friends and teachers, and even visited the classroom libraries of teachers they did not know, all in search of the perfect independent reading book to start the school year. One teacher commented after looking at the 8th grade bookshelves, "It looks like a swarm of locusts has eaten through the classroom!" A sixth grade teacher noted, some students have already finished their first novel of the year and are moving on to a second one. Others are making notes on their "Someday List" of books that they someday want to read.

As part of our mission to support our students' development into happy, healthy adults and lifelong learners, our English Language Arts Department is focusing on developing the independent reading habits of our students. All students in grades 6 through 11 have selected independent reading books and read their books daily, at home or at

school or both! Students read required texts in all their classes, but in English, each student has also chosen a book that they will read about on their own and write about in their Reading Response Journal.

What can you expect to see at home?

In addition to regular homework, all students should be reading in their independent reading book each night and writing short responses in their journals. This work will be reflected in the student's ELA grade. You can support your child by making sure that he has a book that he enjoys and that he is reading every night.



6th graders curl up with some good books!

Our Growing Community

Dear marvelous Lyons families,

We are now in the middle of our third week of school. Hard to believe, but we already have more than 500 students registered. One of the most exciting things to have happen with our enrollment this year is the number of new students who are related to or are close friends with someone who already attends Lyons. What this means is that many of our students and families think highly enough of Lyons to recommend it to people they care deeply about. We couldn't ask for a more important vote of confidence.

In addition to our new 6th and 9th grade classes we also have new students in each of our other grades. Each one of these students also comes with their families, all of whom are members of our ever-growing community. It has been exciting to see how each new member brings something new

that has never existed before into our school. It is each of our unique qualities that make our community what it is. We have students from of different races and ethnicities, with different interests, backgrounds, strengths and vulnerabilities. This diversity makes us stronger. We can all learn from one another.

One of the tenets of Lyons is that we are exposed to new places and new ideas. We believe trying new things is essential to learning and becoming well educated. Without a doubt the best way to be exposed to new ideas is to be around new people, particularly people who might think or be different from you. We hope everyone will embrace the opportunities our school community allows for getting to know new people and welcoming them into your lives.

With love, taeko

Important Reminders:

Volunteer at Lyons!

Every school is as good as its volunteers. Volunteers are needed on Field Studies, in our Lunchroom, and in our Main Office. Please call Nicholas or Minerva at 718.782.0918 if you're interested.

Need to reach your child? Call the Main Office.

We know it's extremely important to be in contact with your child, for a variety of reasons. It's also important that students do not use cellphones of any kind in our school building or on Field Studies. If you need to get in touch, call our Main Office at 718.782.0918. We can have your child sent to the Office, or reach the Field Studies teachers by phone.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, September 28th – School Closed for Yom Kippur

Tuesday, September 29th – Meet the Teachers Evening and First PTA meeting

Friday, October 2nd – Field Day, 11:30 to 3:00 – All students travel to McCarren Park for games and picnicking

Monday, October 12th – School Closed for Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 27th – PTA Meeting and Math Curriculum Night – Meet the math teachers and learn about the Lyons mathematics curriculum, 6:00 to 7:30

Thursday, Oct. 29th evening and **Friday, Oct. 30th afternoon** – Student-Family-Advisor Conferences

Tuesday, November 3rd – School Closed for Election Day

Wednesday, November 11th – School Closed for Veterans Day

Friday, November 13th – End of first quarter

Tuesday, November 24th – School-wide family potluck and PTA meeting, 6:30 to 8:00



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