

January Update

I just want to update you on a couple of staff changes and provide information on an upcoming event.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT... AND WELCOMES!

Congratulations to Cristin Purdy, our permanent substitute, who gave birth to a little boy, Becton on Monday, December 28th. Becton weighed in at 7 pounds 14 ounces; Mom and son are doing well. While Mrs. Purdy is out, Mrs. Sheila Filiault is the permanent substitute. We are happy to welcome Sheila who has substituted for us over the past couple of years. She spent several weeks with us last spring as a long term substitute when Mrs. Pettit was out on medical leave. Many of you may also know her from the community.

We also welcome Mrs. Ellie Goldberg who is our new Literacy Tutor made available through federal stimulus funds. Mrs. Goldberg is working closely with reading teachers to provide additional literacy instruction and support to students across grade levels, both in classrooms and in her space in Room 8. She has an extensive background in Language Arts as well as in school administration and I am delighted to welcome this good friend to Lyman!

FAMILY SHARE MORNING

The next Family Share morning of the school year will take place on Tuesday, January 26th from 7:00 to 8:20 A.M. Family Share Mornings were designed in the late '90s to allow students to share their classroom work with their parents. Since our students do not carry home lots of worksheets, Family Share Mornings provide wonderful time for you to see the work your child has been doing. These mornings are opportunities for your child to take you to the classroom and share work in his/her folder as well as materials being used in the classroom. It is not a parent/teacher conference time, but rather an opportunity for parents to share time with their child and be better informed about what is taking place in their child's classroom life.

After you have completed your visit to the classroom, you and your child are invited to visit the cafeteria for coffee, juice and mini muffins. There will be a brief response form in the cafeteria that we are asking you to take a few minutes to fill out about your Family Share experience. Children may then read quietly until 8:30 A.M. when supervision is available on the blacktop.

On Family Share Mornings, we ask you to please park in the large lot to the left as you enter the grounds.

And finally...

Personally, and on behalf of staff, I want to thank you for all of your good wishes and especially for the lovely holiday luncheon JLPA and parents provided on January 6th. Happy New Year to all!

Sincerely,

Karen Brimecombe