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Writing SOL Dates!

10th-grade writing SOL, Tuesday, March 15 and Wednesday, March 16 8th-grade writing SOL, Thursday, March 17 and Friday, March 18

This test can only be administered in-person. It will be held at the IT Center at 3550 Young Place.

The test begins at 9 a.m. Please arrive by 8:30 a.m. Students need to bring their LCS-issued Chromebooks. Parents will be called when students are ready to be picked up.

WHAT'S NEW NEXT SCHOOL YEAR AT THE ... Virtual Academy

ONE ELEMENTARY TEACHER PER GRADE

NO MORE STAGGERED ELEMENTARY TIMES

GREATER EMPHASIS ON SMALL-GROUP LEARNING

ADDITIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

INDEPENDENT STUDY OPTIONS

PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR IN-PERSON EVENTS LESS DEPENDENCE ON VIRTUAL VIRGINIA AND EDGENUITY

LCS TEACHERS FOR HIGH SCHOOL CORE AND ELECTIVE COURSES

GREATER EMPHASIS ON CAMERA USAGE FOR ZOOM SESSIONS

EXPANSION OF STUDENT CLUBS

FIELD TRIPS!

We have been thrilled to have you with us as we've journeyed together during this first year of our brand new program. Thank you for supporting us. You have been essential to the success this first year. We are excited to welcome back our families for the 2022-2023 school year.







Current students will be automatically enrolled into the Virtual Academy next year, so you don't need to fill out the application for next school year for your students who are currently attending Virtual Academy.

We invite you to apply for any new family members and help us spread the word about the application process. Details are on our website.





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This certificate is awarded to

MRS. HEIDORN'S STUDENTS

by IXL on FEBRUARY 23, 2022

for outstanding completion of 50,000 questions on IXL

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Great job 5th grade for your outstanding efforts in IXL!

Art Club

Our Art Club met last week for the first time, and they kicked off the club with a Doodle for Google Project. The contest ends March 4th. The 2022 contest theme is, "I care for myself by..." Check out these submissions!





Say Watt?

Check out the fun from our February In-Person Events



Calendar clarity

If your student has classes with an **LCS Virtual Academy** teacher, please make sure they are following the LCS Virtual Academy calendar.

If your student has classes with **Virtual Virginia**, please make sure they are following the Virtual Virginia Calendar.

If your student has classes with both LCS Virtual Academy and Virtual Virginia, they should follow both calendars to ensure they do not miss classes. There may be days when the Virtual Academy is closed but Virtual Virginia is open, and vice versa, so just be aware of that.

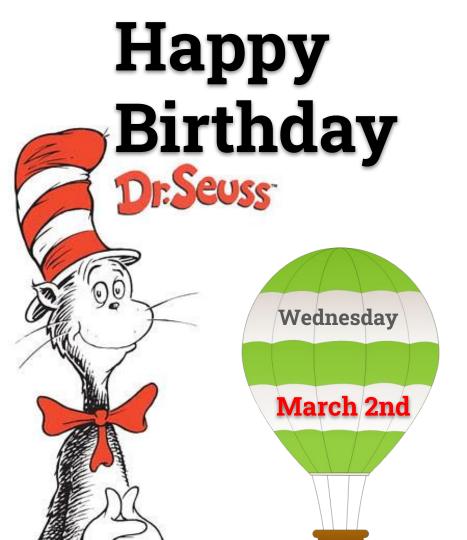
LCS VIRTUAL ACADEMY CALENDAR

VIRTUAL VIRGINIA CALENDAR



Check out our latest episode of our student newscast on our YouTube Channel.





On March 2nd, join us as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with a **Wacky Wednesday**.

Students are encouraged to dress wacky for their zoom meetings.

At 2:30 p.m., Mr. Boyd host a special zoom meeting where he will be reading some of Dr. Seuss's BEST books. Click below to join the meeting on March 2nd.



Counselor's Corner

With Mrs. Edmondson

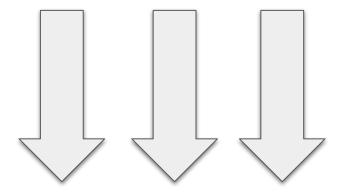


SOL Resources

As we get closer to the end of the school year and when students are taking their SOLs, I wanted to ensure you were of a great resource. The following link is a great resource to help prep for an upcoming SOL.

SOL Testing Resource







8:10 A.M.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY ON THE VIRTUAL ACADEMY YOUTUBE PAGE

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

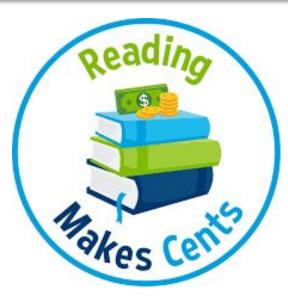


Don't forget to visit our Virtual Academy Youtube link below **at 8:10 AM each school day** to watch Mr. Boyd (and guests) share **student shoutouts**, **birthdays, trivia,** and **important announcements**!

You won't want to miss it!



Reading Makes Cents



We are happy to be participating in *Reading Makes Cents*, a statewide reading program for K-5th grade focusing on personal finance concepts.

Click below to learn more about the reading challenge.



Free Dental Exam

Johnson Health Center is offering students in Pre-K through 5th grade the opportunity to receive a dental exam at school. If you do not have FAMIS/Medicaid or other dental insurance, this dental exam is available for \$25, plus an additional \$15 if radiographs are recommended.

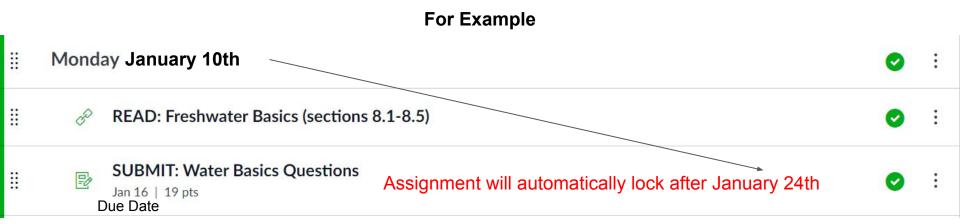
Interested families must complete and send in the form by March 4.



for more information!

Assignment & Grading Reminder

Each week, teachers post assignments for students to complete. Each assignment has a due date. Two weeks after the teacher posts the assignment, the assignment will automatically lock. Please be sure your child completes their assignments on time!





**Because inclement weather can happen very unexpectedly, see the different schedules for the possible scenarios.

2 Hour Delay	School Closed for LCS Students and Staff	
 When we have a 2 hour delay, we will use our normal Friday schedule. High School - please continue working on your Virtual Virginia or Edgenuity courses as usual. 	Elementary - Student attendance and live zoom meetings are cancelled with LCS teachers. Students are welcome to work on classwork if able. Middle & High School - Student attendance and live zoom meetings are cancelled with LCS	
	teachers. Middle and High School students <u>should still log in</u> <u>and work on Virtual Virginia/Edgenuity classwork</u> . Virtual Virginia and Edgenuity classes are not cancelled for local school division inclement weather closures.	

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Middle School Students

Reminder: You have a Health/PE course in Virtual Virginia. Please make sure you are logging into your Health/PE course daily to either attend a live session or to watch the recorded session. You will have assignments due throughout the week for this course as well.

If you do not know how to get to your Health/PE course or your username and password, please let me know so I can assist you.

Scholarship Opportunities

There are several scholarship opportunities coming up for our students. Below are just a few:

- 2021/2022 John R. Lillard Aviation Scholarship
- 2021/2022 Kenneth R. Scott Aviation Scholarship
- 2021/2022 Willard G. Plentl Aviation Scholarship
- Chad Weaver Aviation Scholarship
- STEM Scholarships at Longwood University

Please reach out to me via email (<u>edmondsonkn@lcsedu.net</u>) if you have questions about the scholarships if you are interested in applying.

New middle school novels for sixth and seventh graders are ready for pickup! 8th grade students, we don't have a new novel in yet.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEXTBOOK AND NOVEL PICKUP/RETURN

6th grade Advanced English: Wonder (Return) Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh (Return) Mixed Up Files	7th grade History: Our America	7th grade English: Wrinkle in Time (Return) Holes (Return) Boy at War	7th grade Advanced English: The Giver (Return) Holes (Return)
6th grade English: Hatchet (Return) Mrs. Frisby and The Rats of Nimh (Return)	All 8th grade: Green Glass House (Return) Ghost (Return) TBD	All middle school: Intro Literature Big Ideas Math	If your student would benefit from Science textbooks, we have the following: Life Science Physical Science

Mixed Up Files

 Principles of Science

HIGH SCHOOL TEXTBOOK & NOVEL PICKUP

9th-grade English: The Great Gatsby Brown Girl Dreaming American Born Chinese Eats, Shoots, and Leaves **10th-grade English:** Lord of the Flies Fahrenheit 451 Julius Caesar Antigone

11th-grade English: A Good Man is Hard to Find Of Mice and Men A Raisin in the Sun **12th-grade English:** Hamlet Frankenstein Beowulf

AP English Literature and Composition: Hamlet by William Shakespeare Beowulf AP US Government AP US History AP World History Geometry Trigonometry Also, you can access the following online: <u>A Worn Path</u> <u>The Jilting of Granny</u> <u>Weatherall</u> <u>Soldiers Home</u>

You can pick these up at our office at 701 Thomas Road, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Call us at 515-5550 if you have any questions!

Help is on the way!

Attention ALL STUDENTS! We are now able to provide TUTORING for interested students this semester.

If you are interested, please reach out to Mrs. Edmondson at <u>edmondsonkn@lcsedu.net</u>



Thank you for viewing this week's



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WE ARE ON THE MOVE!