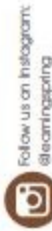




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MESSAGE FROM THE **ACADEMIC DIRECTOR**

With the first couple of months of the school year behind us, the teaching staff has switched gears from welcoming our students and families back from summer break to a deeper dive into educating our students. It is my hope that we are always challenging ourselves to be innovative and fresh in how we reach students, all while building on the strong foundation that is already in place at LSS.

A major undertaking for this school year is in line with the organizational and Parent Association goal—*A Return to Normalcy*. We always strive to create an environment where students can thrive socially and academically. We would like to engage students more in the curriculum as a part of a cohesive plan that each classroom will follow. We are focused on returning to our roots, educating the child as an individual, and striving to meet their unique needs.

One of our top priorities is to continue to enhance the literacy curriculum. Jennifer Russo, our literacy specialist, works on decoding in small group settings, to help students to build the foundational skills to become successful readers. It is our second year using the Wonders Literacy Curriculum. Wonders is designed to foster a love of reading in all children, and it prepares students to be lifelong learners.

I am happy to report that we have returned to utilizing Seesaw schoolwide, so that all of our classrooms and departments will be able to engage on the platform. With more faculty and staff participating, Seesaw will become a resource to bridge the school-home connection.

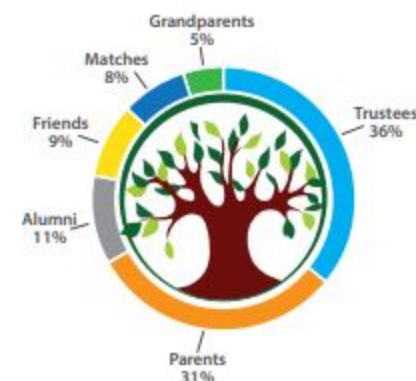
When I first came to LearningSpring as a teacher, one of the main reasons I was so drawn to the school, aside from the students, was the commitment of the faculty and staff. Seven years later, as one of our school's leaders, I feel compelled to prioritize the next steps to develop our students' educational experience. On behalf of the teaching staff, we are grateful for the opportunity to work with our families and each other to provide the best experience possible for our students.

Happy reading, and mark your calendars!

Eileen Shamroth

DID YOU KNOW?

The **Annual Fund** is our most important source of private funding. Our goal this year is \$575,000 and 100% parent participation. During the 2021-2022 school year, LSS Parent and Trustee giving combined for over 65% of our Annual Fund contributions.



#GivingTuesday is approaching. #GivingTuesday donations to LSS are fully tax-deductible and go toward the Annual Fund. Keep an eye out for Corporate Matching Programs. Since LSS is an official 501(c)3, we are eligible for these workplace programs, in which your job can potentially double or even triple the impact of your gift.

EVENT NEWS

Freddie Highmore of ABC's "The Good Doctor" and **Victor Calise**, Director of Global Culture, Equity and Inclusion at Walmart, have both very kindly accepted our invitation to be 2023 Blooms Honorees and Spectrum Award Recipients. We are so grateful to you!

Please **Save the Date** for the evening of **Monday, April 24, 2023** at Tribeca Rooftop in NYC. You will be inspired and entertained, and most importantly, supporting LearningSpring School and our wonderful students.

Blooms is our Annual Spring Benefit and last spring, we raised close to a half million dollars for our program. Many thanks to **David Byrne** for inspiring our community.



Freddie Highmore



Victor Calise

Please contact Alooma Tete, our Director of Development, for more information about how to support LSS. Call (917) 439-1349 or email atete@learningspring.org.

NOVEMBER

LSS SOCIAL COMMITTEE

MIX AND MINGLE!

One cup of laughter. Two teaspoons of excitement. A heaping scoop of fun. Swirl it around, and what do you have? It's a Parent Mixer, brought to you by the LSS Social Committee, at Brass Monkey, 55 Little West 12th St, NYC. 5 p.m.-8 p.m.



Save the Date: Saturday, Nov. 19 for the entire family at Holiday Lights @ Bronx Zoo. Email lssocialcommittee@learningspring.org for more information.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE!

This adult-only meeting is the time to discuss your child's progress and collaborate with faculty for solutions to challenges. You will have one-on-one time with teachers and therapists to ask (and answer) any questions. This meeting is mandatory, so please save the date.

12 noon dismissal for students.



NEW PARENT WORKSHOP

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!

"LearningSpring's Integrated Curriculum Model" is the first topic of five mandatory New Parent Workshops. All workshops begin at 10:00 a.m. and last approximately 90 minutes. Please **RSVP** to Kristen Singagliese at ksingagliese@learningspring.org.



GIVING TUESDAY

POSITIVITY LOVES COMPANY!

Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Cyber Monday, and then our favorite #GivingTuesday! Many corporations will match, and even double-match donations to their employees' favorite non-profits. It's the perfect time to make your Annual Fund donation to LSS."



DECEMBER

OPEN HOUSE

COME AND SEE US!

Open House Tours are the best way to see LearningSpring School. A visit to our facility will let you know if we are the right fit for your child. The tours are back in-person, but are limited to 10 people per date. Open House Tour dates are **11/1, 11/17, 12/1, and 12/15**, and start promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Please **RSVP** on [learningspring.org](https://www.learningspring.org).



ART SHOW

CREATIVITY TAKES COURAGE!

LearningSpring will showcase student artistic talents and explorations in our very own Art Show. Parents will be escorted by their child to enjoy works of art created by them and their classmates schoolwide. Students and their parents can even sit at a craft table and make their own creation together, inspired by the art around them.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

READING IS DREAMING WITH OPEN EYES!

Two of our favorite days of the year are when The Scholastic Book Fair visits LSS. Our gym is transformed into a children's bookstore, and students are delighted to browse the shelves with their classmates. After school, parents are welcome to accompany their child, shop independently or even donate a book to our library.



PUBLISHING PARTIES

THE "WRITE" STUFF!

Parents get the opportunity to see all that goes into the writing process at LSS first-hand. Classes work on different genres including opinion pieces and personal narratives. Students are very proud of their work and eager to share it.

Tuesday, December 6

3rd & 4th Floors

Wednesday, December 7

7th & 8th Floors

