



LYON ACADEMY NEWS

News and Views from Lyon Academy at Blow



Winter 2014 -- No. 18

Lyon Academy teachers and staff gather in the Parent and Family Specialist's Center for a Valentine's Day Group Photo!



Ms. Brock's First and Second Grade students perform at the Lyon Academy Winter-Fest under the direction of Lyon Music Teacher, Mr. Mark Clark way back before the Winter Holidays and the "Polar Vortex" of 2013-2014!

WELCOME TO:

LYON ACADEMY WINTER FEST



Lyon Academy welcomes Fourth and Fifth Grade Teacher, Ms. Colocino and Fourth Grade Teacher Ms. McPherson. Along with Third Grade Teacher, Ms. Williams, Ms. Colocino and Ms. McPherson hold down the elementary school's East Wing on the second floor. They pause here for a Winter-fest picture!



Fifth Graders prepare for their Winter-Fest performance.



Close-up of some of Ms. Brock's students during the Winter-Fest assembly during the final week before the holidays.



First and Second Grade Teacher, Ms. Brock. Lyon Academy Counselor, Ms. Fulton, can be seen in the background, left.



8th Graders sound-off at the Winter-Fest performance.



Ms. Rosenfeld (center) and Mrs. Baker (far right) enjoy the concert with their students from Lyon Academy's new Pre-school.



The Lyon Academy Classical Guitars perform. Over 40 guitars were a gift to Lyon Academy from the St. Louis Classical Guitar Society.

WINTER BREAK PARTIES



First graders practice their best manners had a winter-break party with the help of Ms. Tuthill and volunteer parents.



Lyon Academy Teachers practice their very best line-dance moves at a year-end, winter break celebration. Each year, Principal Iskali shows her appreciation to her hard-working staff when she hosts a dinner and dance on a night before the start of winter-break. She pays for the banquet hall and catered dinner out of her own pocket, and the staff always has a wonderful time!



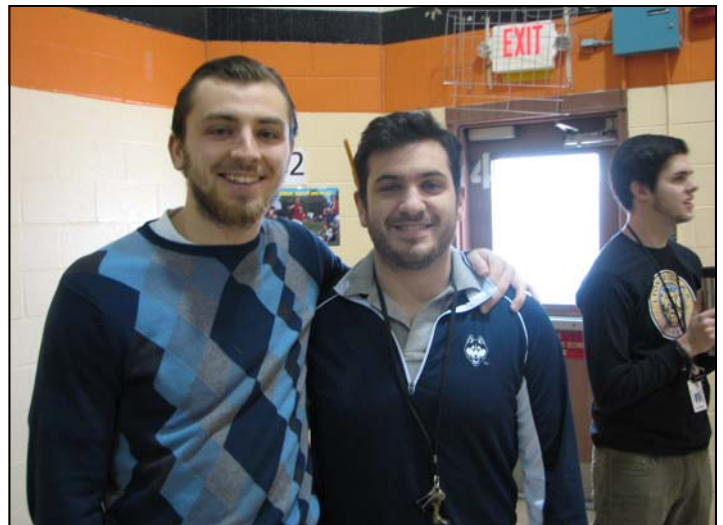
In the middle. Lyon Academy Parent and Family Specialist, Mrs. Burdette stands in between two of Lyon’s new full-time building substitutes: Mr. Pritchard (left), and Mr. Speed (right). Welcome to the newest members of our staff!



Middle school science teacher Mr. Murphy and Lyon Academy Physical Education Teacher, Mr. Schwedt at the assembly.



Outstanding. Elizabeth holds up her certificate for outstanding classroom performance for the month of January. Elizabeth was one of dozens of students honor each and every month.



Boys’ Basketball Coaches. Middle school teachers Mr. Swanson and Mr. Wolfenden take a moment for a photo.



Leadership. Lyon Academy Lead Teacher, Mr. Archer and Middle School Team Leader, Mrs. Mosby at the assembly.



Lyon Academy Assistant Principal, Mr. Murray and building Principal Dr. Iskali stand-in for a quick photo.

MORE AWESOME ART FROM LYON ACADEMY ARTISTS

One does not have to look far to see samples of some of the incredible art work being produced by Lyon Academy Students in Ms. DeLeon's Art Classes.



POETRY

Congratulations to the winners of the Poetry Contest sponsored by the 7th Grade Poetry Foundation and Lyon Academy English Language Arts Teacher, M. LeRose. Here are the top four winners in order of the votes they received from the judges. Again, congratulations to all the winning writers! In April, Laillah will join other first place winners from around the region to read her poem and be published in an anthology.

LIGHT AND DARK

by Laillah Al-sahlani

The light, forever bright.
When I saw the light kill the dark night,
“Darker and darker!” it shouted...
The light was stronger, no doubt about it.
The rays of the sun shot like a machine gun.
Darkness began to bleed.
The sun was still confident indeed.
Away it fled
The darkness sped,
The sun’s victory made history.

FAME

by Rodney Sanders

Sports is my addiction
So I will share it
A note passed around
I might as well tear it
Fame
Kids hugged me
Didn’t know who they were
I seen a lonely girl over there
Fame
My dream is to be famous
Like the wrestler, Sheamus
Hopefully, my dream will come true
Or singing the midnight blues
Fame
My name is Rodney
Hope everyone knows
Wish I was rich
I would have people massage my toes
Fame

THE FEAR

by Drameea Williams

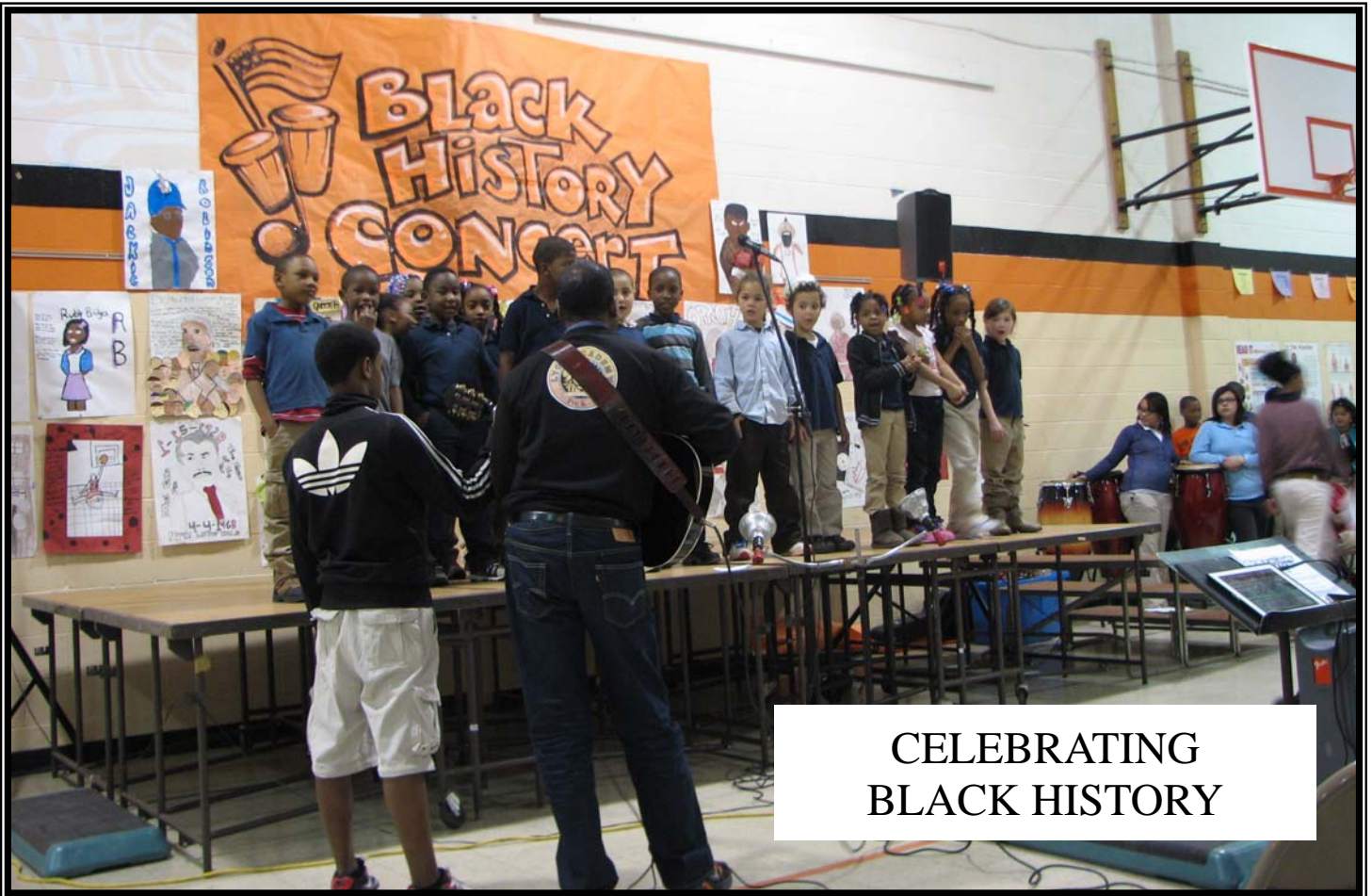
The fear of ever having my heart broken runs through
my head every day
The fear of losing the ones I love – every day me
thinking that if I don’t keep trying to succeed in what
I believe in it will bring me down for the rest of my
life
The fear of one day losing my life when my time
comes and thinking back to the things I should have
done
The fear of always hearing that every time your mom
picks up the phone just to hear that one of your fam-
ily members died
I always have this feeling inside me every day --
even on a good day -- that something tragic always
happens
The fear that I will feel like a nobody for the rest of
my life and being picked on for being different
The fear that most kids witness every day because
people in this world don’t know how to get along
The fear that I feel is the most important of all is dy-
ing and knowing that I didn’t make a difference in
my life

GIRLFRIEND

by Kayla Williams

Girlfriend, you think you all that
The way you walk, the way you talk
It ain’t even all that
The way you gossip and the way you tease the boys
Really ain’t all that Girlfriend
You think you got it all together
The way you roll your eyes and twist your mouth
Girlfriend, have some pride in those eyes of yours
Have a stride in the way you walk
You may even want to trust a friend one day
Girlfriend
You really ain’t all that
But you are
My Girlfriend

POETRY



**CELEBRATING
BLACK HISTORY**

8th grader, Jericho lends a hand with the microphone as Mr. Clark leads 1st grade students in their performance at the Black History Concert, last February. Mr. Clark's music students from across the grade levels performed to a packed house at the annual event.



AROUND THE BUILDING



WHO'S MINDING THE STORE?

7th Grade students, Brian and Morgan, that's who! This winter saw the birth of the Lyon Academy Student Store, where once each week students from their homerooms get to visit the store to purchase school supplies and other cool items with their "Liger-Loot." In the picture, take from opening day, 6th grade student, Selmir steps-up to the counter to make a purchase. Thanks to all the student shop-keepers and to Ms. LeRose, the Student Store sponsor.



STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Mr. Speed takes roll on the first day of the Lyon Academy Student Ambassadors club. Students had to go through an extensive application and interview process to gain entry into the exclusive organization. One purpose of the program is to help gather together some of the school top students to represent all the outstanding things that are taking place in and around the classrooms, each and every day. Way to go! Thanks to Mr. Speed and the Student Ambassadors!



7th grade mathematics students with Ms. Nertilus.



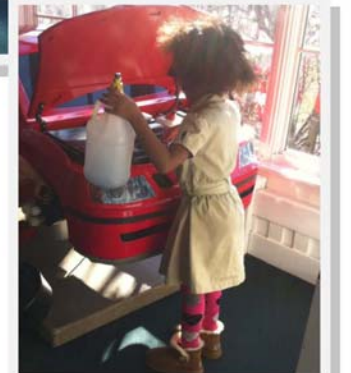
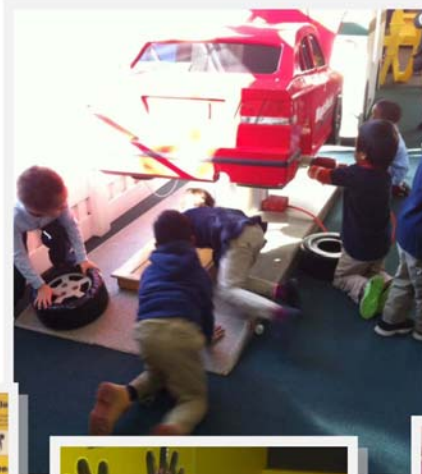
One more pic from the concert.

FIELD TRIPS ARE FUN



Magic House Visit

Ms. Sullivan's kindergarteners and Mr. Hennen's preschoolers experience hands-on learning and tons of fun during a Lyon at Blow Academy field trip January 15, 2014 to The Magic House



Yeah Ligers!!!

Lyon News thanks Mr. Pritchard! He went along on the field trip and put together these pictures of the students' adventures!



Between classes, 7th grade students Bria and Emali.



Group photo

WINTER BREAK STORIES

Way back in the Winter of 2013-2014, middle school students took some time in their computer literacy classes to reflect on their winter breaks. If you remember, the students had to think back a long way; on account of the snowfall, they had just come through one of the longest winter-breaks on record. They students had been studying "word-processing" and the different ways they could format what they type on the computers. The following stories were all formatted in 12-point, Times New Roman, with justified body-text. The headlines and bylines are centered in Times New Roman. The bylines are formatted in 12-point type, and the headlines, keyed in ALL-CAPS are formatted in 20-point type. Wow!

WINTER BREAK

By Jose Zavala, Grade 6

Hi, my name is Jose My break started a long time ago We got off school and I went home and I played with my brothers outside. When we went inside one night we ate supper and then watch TV. When we went to bed I stayed up and I looked outside of my window and it started to snow very fast. I went to bed one morning and when we woke up my brothers and sister were excited. We went outside with my puppy. My puppy was sinking in the snow and we were all laughing. Then I took everyone back inside the house. When Christmas came we opened all our presents. I was glad for what I got. It was my best Christmas ever.

WINTER BREAK

By Nikajha, Grade 6

My winter break was an exciting thing to experience. After I got out of school we went Christmas shopping. We were going out of town to Sparta, Illinois to visit my Grandparents. It took us 1 hour and 45 minutes just to get there. It was a little long but it was fun. My family and I played Eye Spy and other cool things to do to waist a little time on the drive. I read my little sister a story. When we got tired of playing my sister and I fell fast asleep. Then we were there! Our grandparents were there to greet us at the door. My sister and I gathered around by the fireplace and then we opened our gifts. We had a very nice dinner at our Grandparents house. We stayed the night. The next day we went home and went out

to play in the snow and drank hot chocolate. It was a very fun and chilly Winter Break for me.

That was my winter break story so. I hope your winter break was fun and full of excitement just like mine was. If so you can just write like I did I enjoyed my winter break I hope you did too.

WINTER BREAK

By Ronajah, Grade 6

Hi, my name is Ronajah. My winter break started December, 18. I'm going to tell you what I did for winter break. The first thing I did was I went to Applebees with my family. We had so much fun. Then, during the big snow blizzard I went to Art Hill, a big hill where you can sled. For Christmas we went to my grandmother's house. She also gave us gifts. I got clothes, boots, shoes, headphones, perfume, nail polish, a tablet and a lot more. I also went to Iowa with my mom to visit my aunt. We had a lot of fun. We went to this mall they had built and bought more clothes and shoes. My favorite part of winter break is when my whole family came over for New Years Eve and we watched movies, played games, and the grown-ups went out and the kids stayed home and watched Flowers In The Attic. This is my winter break story.

MY WINTER BREAK!

By Martin, Grade 8

On my winter break all I ever did was go over to my family's house. I also went outside to play with my friends and we played football and made money by shoveling snow. Then, on snow days I was mad because I was so excited to come back to school and hang out with Rello, Tyree, and Martez. It was real boring over at my house because all we ever did was stay in all day during snow days. On Christmas Eve we went to go buy stuff for us and my little cousins. Then, on Christmas we all sat around the tree and opened our presents. I only got 3 pairs of pants, 3 t-shirts, some headphones and a book from my sister and 200 dollars from my dad. Then, on New Year's my family members came over and we made a fire outside and we went inside and watched a movie. We were all laughing and then we got hungry and went to Burger King and we ate.

HERE COMES SPRING BREAK

WINTER BREAK!

By Mike, Grade 8

My Winter break was okay, though I do hate the cold, snow and winter. I always hated winter and never liked summer, though my winter has been pretty decent. When I first got out of school I was bored at first, but then came Christmas, and that was okay. For the most part I really didn't get much for Christmas. The best thing was my new Batman game: Batman Arkham Origins. It is awesome and it kept me and my older brother entertained for about a week, but eventually it got boring. At one point, my older brother and I would just sit in his room doing nothing, though we were somehow entertained, and not bored. After doing practically nothing all winter break besides being at my girlfriend's house, school had just started up, and so did the drama. A lot of unfortunate things happened, but I don't want to go into detail. Anyway, after our first week back I went to my girlfriend's house, but she was going to her brothers for the weekend. I went home and as soon as I walked in I found out that my Xbox 360 broke. I was pretty bummed out, but I got over it fast because it was kind of boring, although I will probably miss it soon. Anyway, I got my old Sega fired-up and played Sonic. That's all I did the rest of the break. I played Sonic every day after school, and I also hung-out with my older brother. So, I had an okay break, but now things are back to normal, but not completely since my girlfriend is transferring to another school. I'm upset, but I'll still see her a lot. Well, that's all.

WINTER BREAK

By Tiffany, Grade 8

What I did over winter break was I had all fun. I was on the phone all night with my boyfriend. We always pulled an all nighter. Then I saw my daddy because he had to give us our gifts. When we got home we put all the decorations up. We finally put the tree up. We put it together and we put the decorations on the tree. It was fun putting up the stuff. After that we had to clean up the mess we made. Then it was Christmas. We woke up and got our presents and

opened them. I was happy and I started playing with my stuff. Then we all wanted to go out. I went to the nail shop, shoe store, and the grocery store to get something to eat because we were hungry. We rode the bus to all the places we were going. It was fun. When we got back I got my hair done. Then my sister got her hair done and then a few days later my other sister came over. She bought all snacks and we bashed them. We walked her back home. We had lots of fun with her. Then my momma still had food stamps on her card so we went to the store to get us some snacks. We bashed! I had two things of ice cream, a brisk tea, and some Mio. Then I got full.

WINTER BREAK

By Frances, Grade 6

Hi my name is Frances. My winter break started a long time ago. When I got home I was so happy to have a break from school. My family and I decorated for Christmas. Finally it was Christmas. My family came and celebrated with me. Before you knew it, it was New Year. It was 2014! A little while later it was time to go back to school, but we got snowed in! We had gotten an extra week of no school! That week went by fast, and soon enough it was time to go back to school. I had a nice and fun break. I hope my next break is just as fun!



From The Principal's Desk

Have a wonderful Spring Break! We will return refreshed and ready to learn on Monday, March 24, 2014.

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