

LYON ACADEMY NEWS AUTUMN ISSUE



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Faculty and staff gather in the Lyon Academy Library early in August of the 2014-2015 school year for professional development. Principal Iskali introduced new staff and faculty to those returning from the previous years. Everyone looked forward to the arrival of new and returning students on the very first day of classes which began way back on Monday, August 11, 2014!



A Jump on Professional Development. Mr. Archer begins his new role as Lyon's Academic Instruction Coach as he spends a day with new teachers, even before the week of St. Louis Public Schools Professional Development that began on August 4, 2014. In this photo, seated, are Ms. Salmo (Kindergarten/First Grade), Mr. Lowenbergh (Pre-K), Ms. Richards (back to camera, 3rd grade), and Ms. Selden, 6th grade English Language Arts. Additional staff joined the team later in the month.



Mr. Archer prepares a PowerPoint slide-show presentation on Lyon Academy classroom non-negotiables, as Dr. Iskali and members of the administrative team (right) look on.

OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



DJ — Kindergarten



Kiyah — KG-First Grade



Daveona — 1st Grade



Maranda — 2nd Grade



Akeelah — 1st & 2nd Grade



Lisa — 4th Grade



Keyron — 3rd Grade



Janea' — 4th Grade



Monterius — 3rd Grade



Jeremiah — 4th & 5th Grade



Kaliyah — 5th Grade



Tomia — 6th Grade

OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Stephan — 6th Grade



Dashaun — 7th Grade



Kenya — 6th Grade



Xzaveon — 6th Grade



Aarin — 7th Grade



Kalis — 7th Grade



Jayden — 8th Grade Spanish



Mike — 8th Grade Math



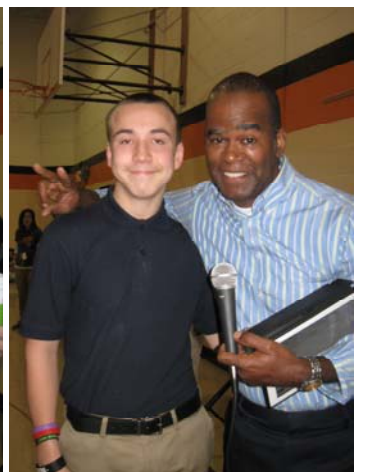
Tyrese — Computers



Maranda — Art



Twaneice — P.E.



Jayden — Music

NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Dontres — Kindergarten



Taylor — Kindergarten



Ry'anna — 1st Grade



George — 2nd Grade



Alexis — 1st and 2nd Grade



Aiyana — 3rd Grade



Arnee — 4th and 5th Grade



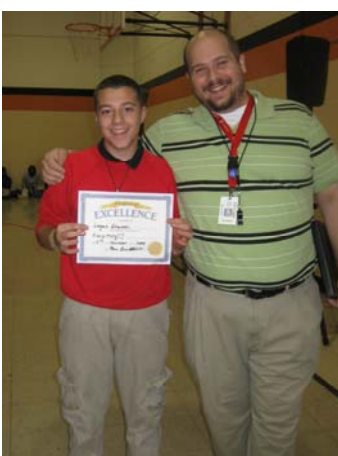
Kelsey — 5th Grade



Demareia — 7th Grade



Brittany — 7th Grade



Logan — 6th Grade



Tristyn — 7th Grade

NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Shyla — 8th Grade



Kala — 8th Grade



Frances — 7th Grade



Aniyah — 6th Grade



Robert — 7th Grade



Kulaina — 8th Grade



Howard & Jeremiah — Music



Deshawn — P.E.



Antreiona & Jazzlyn — Reading



Logan — 7th Grade



Khadija — 4th Grade



Ms. Angie and Mr. Hall



Ms. Fulton and Mr. Archer



Ms. Weininger and Ms. Nertilus



Ms. Selden and Ms. Salmo



Mr. Swanston and Mr. Wolfenden



Mr. Schwerdt and Ms. Colacino



Mr. Al-bussairi and Ms. Burdette



Ms. Smith, Mr. Owings and Ms. Fields



Ms. Berry and Ms. Allen



Ms. Mosby and Mr. Murphy



Ms. Williams and Ms. Richards



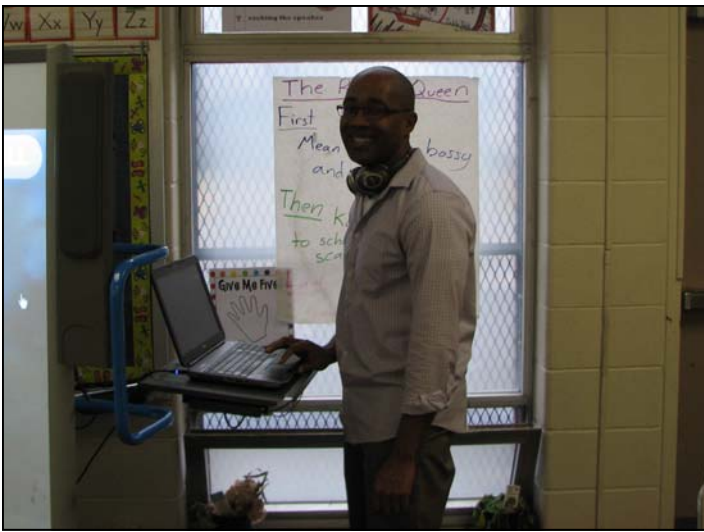
Mr. Williams and Ms. Berry



Mr. Loewenberg and Ms. Russo



Ms. Rosenfeld



Mr. Speed



Ms. Wilford, Nurse Perry and Ms. Berry



Wilford, DeLeon, Berry, Archer, Perry and Berry



Officer Searcy, Mr. Al-bussairi and Ms. Burdette



Lyon Academy Tutors



Ms. Smith and Ms. Burdette



Ms. Tiffany and her staff



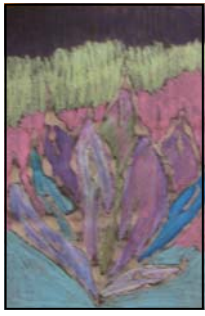
Ms. Angie and Ms. Fields



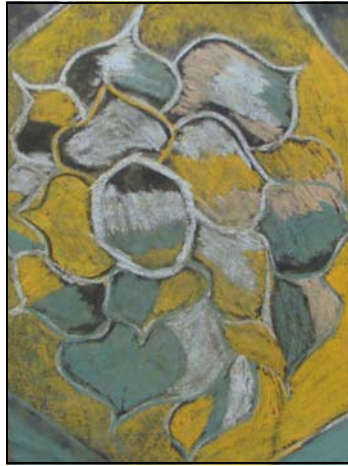
Mr. Bartlett and 7th Grade Students

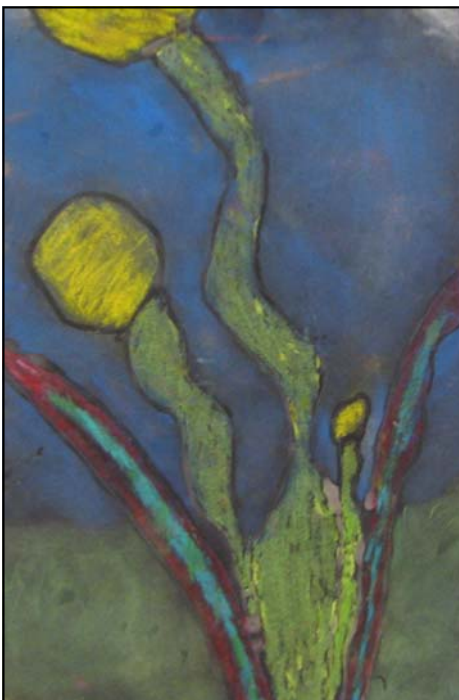


Ms. McAfee and Mr. Smith



VISUAL



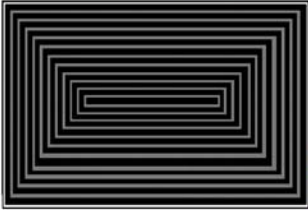


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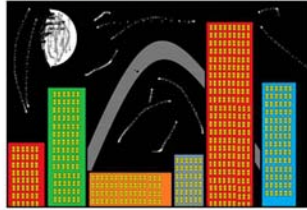
Original student art from Ms. DeLeon's 2nd Quarter Art classrooms decorates the main hall on the first floor across from the office. On the following 2 pages you'll see desktop publishing projects completed by students in Mr. Phoenix's Computer Literacy Class.

FINAL PROJECT

BY REBECCA



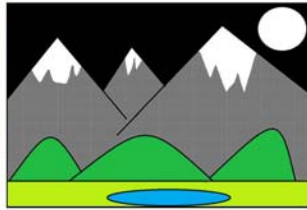
This picture is called frames. It is supposed to be an illusion. Pretty cool.



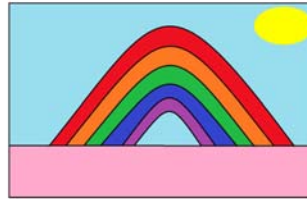
This picture is called city scene. I was trying to make it look like downtown.



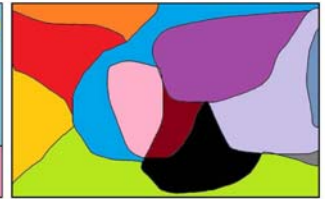
This picture we were told to find a background and then go on Google and find an image. Cut the image out, copy and past it then put it on top of your background like so.



This picture is called the country side. It is at night and this is what my picture of the country looks like to me.



This picture was supposed make you feel very cheerful and happy. This is a picture of a rainbow.



This picture we were told to make a whole bunch of lines and then fill them with different colors to make a mosaic.

SUMMER VACAION ESSAY

By Rebecca Dixon

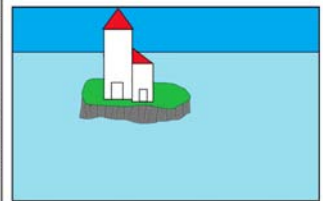
My summer vacation was okay. I mean it could have been worse. I didn't do much. The first thing I remember doing was going on a road trip with my mom and my 3 sisters. We all went to this one lake and my dad decided to barbeque some chicken and steak. It was really good. Then my sisters and I were getting really hot and jumped into the river. It felt awesome. Then we had to go.

I also rode my bike in the alley just for the fun of it. Then I went on another road trip but we couldn't find a good spot because all of the rivers that we were going by were either flooded or the road was blocked.

All in all I had a pretty interesting summer and did a lot of things.



This picture was to help you help us practice how to copy and paste things and how to be creative.



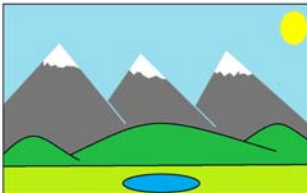
This picture is about a island that is really small and has nothing but water around it. It is supposed to be peaceful and a very quite place.

FINAL PROJECT

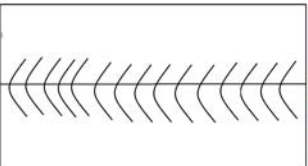
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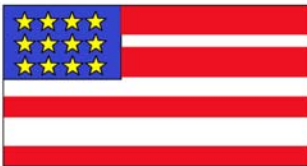
Birds on a wire



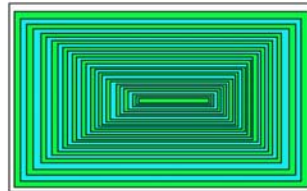
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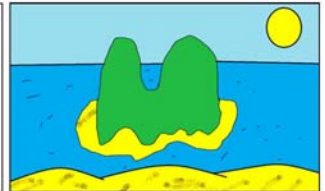
Fish bone



Flag



Frames



Island

WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP

By Zachery Bluett

When I want to grow up I want to be a professional basketball player. I want to be a professional basketball player because basketball is my favorite sport, and I am very good at it. I have never played for a team before but I practice at home with my big brother. My dad also gives me pointers about how to get better in basketball. In order to become a professional basketball player you have to get good grades in school, and in order to do that you have to pay attention in school, study for tests, and don't talk to your friends in class because they will distract you and you will miss what the teacher is talking about. You have to go to college, and hope that you are good enough to get drafted to the N.B.A.



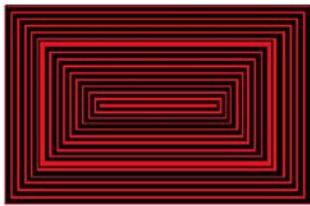
Mosaic



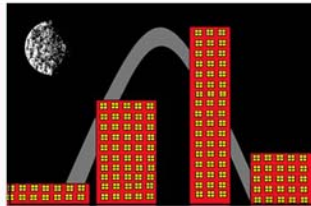
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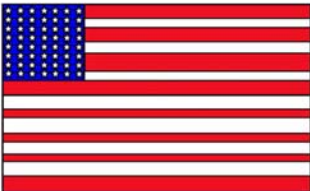
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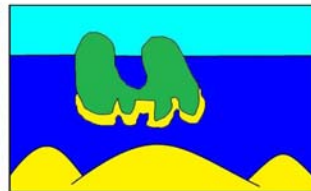
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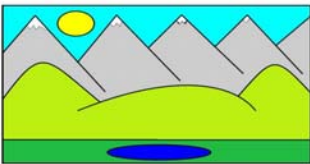
CITY SIGHT



FLAG



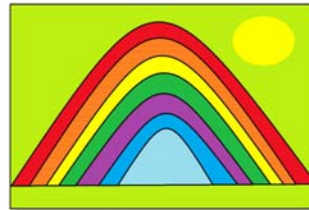
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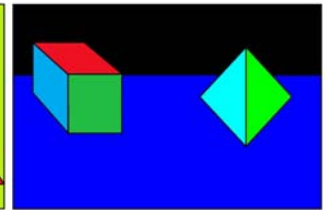
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RAINBOW



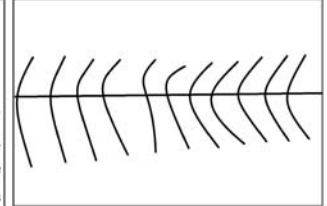
SOLIDS

WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP

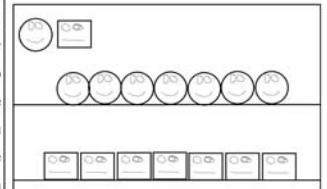
By Jayden Watson

So you want to know what I want to be when I grow up? Well, there are so many choices to choose from, like NFL player or a lawyer. I can go into the service like the police force. But the career I want is to be a U. S. Marine in the U. S. Marine Corps.

I will have to take ROTC in high school. After that you go through all the fun stuff like physical training. All that fun stuff? I hate that you have to prove your strength. You have to do pushups. You will also have to do sit ups and all that fun stuff. You also have to go through the hand book. And if you don't, you won't make it in the Marines. And if you don't do the physical training you won't make it either. I have a lot of choices to make, but if I do well in school, I will have a better chance to pick the career I want the most.



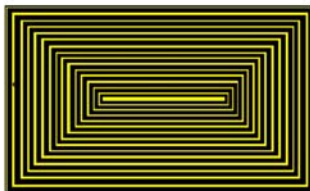
FISHBONES



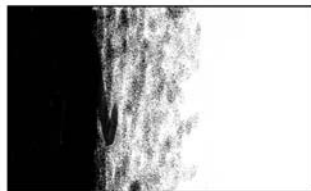
BIRDS ON A LINE



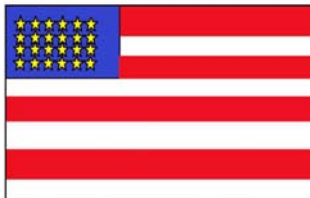
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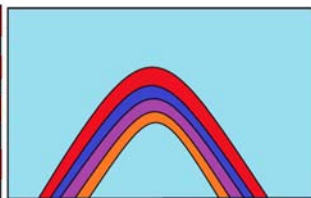
This is a frame



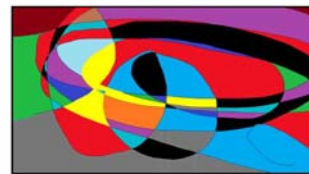
This is the twilight zone



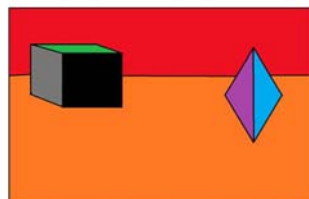
This is the United States of America flag



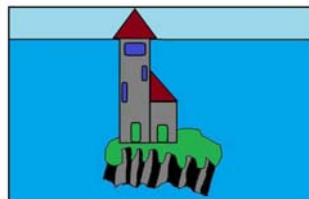
This is a rainbow



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Solids



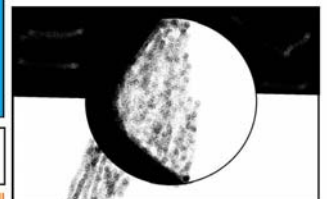
Light house



WHAT I WANT TO BE?

By Michael Velez

I want to be a police officer. The reason I want to be a police officer is my father was a police officer and I want to follow in his footsteps. A police officer is not easy to get there. First off you need a high school diploma. Next, you need to have a college degree in criminology and in a physiology. Then you need to be able to pass their academy. The academy has at least several tests and at least four to eight courses. The police academy I want to attend has you stay there for at least four to five weeks to train. Then, if you pass at the end, they give you a police badge and diploma.



Moon

ROAD TRIP!



Mrs. Phoenix, Mr. Wolynski, Ms. McAfee, Ms. Angie, Ms. Berry, and Ms. Colacino pose for a “road-trip” picture.

Ms. Tuthill and Mr. Murray organized a road trip for Lyon Academy, staff and friends to explore the backroads of rural Missouri on November 1, 2014. The day ended at Mr. Murray’s house in St. Charles where he and his family hosted a gigantic, fall barbecue!



“It was great getting out of the basement computer lab to spend time outdoors with members of the staff,” said Mr. Phoenix, who, along with his wife, attended the day-long special event.



Ms. Berry, Ms. McAfee, and Ms. Angie

OPERA THEATER OF ST. LOUIS

Lyon Academy Music Teacher, Mr. Clark arranged to have Opera Theater of St. Louis visit Lyon Academy with a special program for elementary students. The children got into several groups and took part in activities in make-up, movement, and acting before gathering in the gym for a special presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance!

The two-act comic opera premiered in New York City, way back in 1879. It was an immediate hit and was made into several movie versions. Members of the St. Louis Opera performed an adaptation of the classic, offering Lyon Academy students a glimpse of an art-form they seldom see in modern times.

THE OPERA

By Jarvis

I loved the Opera. It was fun! I liked the make-up the most. At the end, I liked how the actors kissed. It was great acting or they are really boyfriend and girlfriend. How can they sing like that? That was pretty great! One day I want to sing like that, too!



Students enjoy the special performance at the end of the day.



Jasmine volunteers for a black eye and a broken nose during the make-up demonstration provided by members of the opera.



The adaptation of the full two hour opera still left room for sword fights, comedy, romance and amazing, virtuoso singing.



The modern major-general performed a tongue-twister of a song that had the audience laughing with joy and amazement.

WINTER FEST 2014



Ms. Russo, Mr. Speed, and Ms. Rosenfeld shepherd the pre-school children for their opening performance: the Lyon Academy Theme Song, composed by Lyon music teacher, Mr. Clark.



Mike and Sean, students from Ms. Tuthill's second grade class, pause for a photo as they enjoy the program held on 12-11-14



4th Grade Students Perform...



...and the audience turns its attention to the stage.

WINTER FEST 2014



Ms. McCord's 5th Grade students take the stage to perform a piece on recorders.



7th Graders perform on the classical guitar.



8th Grade percussion on xylophone.

Season's Greetings!





Dr. Iskali's Annual Holiday Party. At the close of the first semester, Dr. Iskali reaches into her own pocket to show her appreciation to her faculty and staff by hosting a party. This year, in keeping with tradition, Ms. Berry, once again takes to the podium to get the party started!



SOCIAL JUSTICE 4



Mr. Mike Phoenix, Lyon Computer Literacy Teacher; Mr. Jerome Bollato, Clinical Educator at the University of Missouri at St. Louis; Mr. Jarret Smith, SLPS Instructional Facilitator for Superintendent Adams' school cluster; and Mr. Phillip Boyd, Assistant Superintendent of Support and Innovation, Jennings School District.

What do these four educators have in common? They are all graduate students at the University of Missouri at St. Louis, working towards their doctorates in Education. Last August they enrolled in a course entitled "Building Socially Just Educational Communities." Students had to develop a semester-long project; Mr. Phoenix's team decided to present some of the things they had been learning in their class to the faculty and students at Lyon. With the permission of Dr. Iskali and Mr. Archer, the Social Justice 4 Team presented the topic to staff during a faculty meeting on November 17, 2014. Two days later, with the support of Ms. Fulton, Lyon Academy Counselor, the team presented a lesson on social justice to 7th Grade Students in Mr. Phoenix's Computer Literacy Class. Mr. Smith presented a photo activity, where students matched a picture of a person to a career. This got students thinking and talk-



Jennings' Assistant Superintendent addresses the Lyon Faculty.

ing about stereotypes and the judgments people often make based on the way people appear. Next, the Team introduced some the controversial concepts of Social Justice and systems of privilege and oppression. The team had created a board game based on the classic Game of Life, but this was the "Privileged and Oppressed Edition!"



Mr. Smith introduces the photo activity to the students.



Students divide into groups to play the game.



Mr. Wolfenden was able to drop in to watch his 7th Grade homeroom students play the "Game of Life."



The students soon discovered that a lot of what happens in the game is based on social identity, history and random chance.



When the game was over, the students shared their reactions to the game and to the ideas of social justice in a lively discussion. They also responded in writing to a series of questions about the game which Mr. Phoenix and his team had prepared.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE!



September Award Winners



October Award Winners



November Award Winners

Happy Holidays!

It's not all work at Lyon. Students who showed outstanding behavior were rewarded with a dance on the last day of 1st Semester.





From The Principal's Desk

As you can see, it has been a busy and eventful Fall at Lyon Academy! I look forward to the return of our staff on January 2, 2015, and I will see all of our students on the very first day of Second Semester, beginning Monday, January 5, 2015!