

## A Note From The Principal



Livingston Avenue School celebrates over 50 years of educating, serving and nurturing Cranford's students in grades three, four, and five. Three C's--"C"aring, "C"ommunity, and "C"ommitment--continue to be the hallmarks of our educational program and mission. We seek to provide our students with a commitment to educational excellence and equality in an environment characterized by care, and infused by a sense of community. The teachers at Livingston Avenue School do an excellent job of providing services and programs that meet these goals and the individualized needs of our students. Collaboration, another important "C" word, marks all that we do, whether it comes in the form of assessing student progress, designing and implementing interdisciplinary units of instruction, or working with our School Leadership Team--comprised of teachers, parents and other stakeholders in the education of our students.

Our central focus is personalized learning. This means to provide our students with an educational experience uniquely suited to their particular developmental needs. To achieve this, we tailor all of our academic programs and differentiate classroom instruction to meet the distinctive academic, social and emotional needs of each student. This helps ensure our students graduate from Livingston Avenue School not only with a deep understanding of specific subject matter, but also with an appreciation of their own unique skills, abilities and learning styles.

Students at Livingston Avenue School are encouraged to participate in a variety of co-curricular clubs and activities offered both before and after school. We are particularly proud of our music program, which includes our school Band, Orchestra and Chorus. Beyond music, Livingston Avenue School offers students the chance to participate in a variety of clubs and activities including Student Council, Climate, Environmental, Science, and School Newspaper clubs..

Livingston Avenue School's Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is very active, and plans numerous activities and endeavors for our students throughout the year. Kids Night Out, Family Ice Skating, Valentine's Ice-Cream Social, Family Volleyball Night, Art Night, Family Friendly Haunted House and Night of the Stars are only a few of the PTA sponsored highlights that our school community looks forward to each year. In addition, the PTA plans many of our school assemblies and the Reflections Arts Program, as well as partially sponsors Field Trips and Classroom Mini-Grants. Indeed, our school administration, teachers and parents enjoy a collaborative relationship centered on enhancing educational opportunities for our children.

At Livingston Avenue School we view education as a continuum, beginning with kindergarten and continuing throughout our students' lives. Accordingly, we place a high emphasis on our students' transition into Livingston Avenue School from their primary school, Walnut Avenue, as well as out of it, as they move on to middle school at Hillside Avenue School. To smooth these transitions we engage in an ongoing conversation with our students to understand and meet their needs upon entering and leaving Livingston Avenue School. Only through this comprehensive approach to education can we truly be certain that Livingston Avenue School is a place where the lives of our children are guided by the three C's of Caring, Community, and Commitment.

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## **SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE E-MAIL COMMUNICATION FROM OUR SCHOOL AND PTA**

Directions for signing up for LAS email:

1. Visit the district website at [www.cranfordschools.org](http://www.cranfordschools.org).
2. Click on "District News".
3. Complete your child(ren)'s information. Please include your child's grade so that the information may "roll over" each year.
4. Click "Submit" at the bottom of the page.

## **SCHOOL RESOURCES**

You and your company can help support our school by providing resources to compliment our educational programs. Supplies (big and small), furniture, computer equipment, gardening materials and personnel resources for classroom presentations (guest speakers) are just some examples. Larger companies often discard items that our classrooms would value. Please take the time to mention to your company our interest in functional equipment, furniture and supplies.

### **FURNITURE & SUPPLIES**

Bookcases  
Book Display Racks  
File Cabinets  
Tables  
Mailbox Organizers  
Adult Desk Chairs

Solid Color Area Rugs  
Marker Boards  
Gardening Supplies

#### TECHNOLOGY

Computer monitors and towers  
Laptops  
Printers  
Disks/Keys/Burnable CD Roms  
Televisions  
DVD/VCR Players

In addition, parents can donate their time to support our curriculum in a variety of ways. Experts are invited in to speak with our students and provide real-world connections. We would also appreciate the assistance of parents who are not able to come to school during the day but are willing to complete meaningful projects for children.

#### PARENT RESOURCES

- create books on tape
- bind class books
- make file folder games to support our classrooms
- make covers for book projects
- speak to a class or at an assembly

Please contact Mrs. Seeley if you have any ideas or leads on resources, including discounted or donated materials. Thank you for any additional support you can give our children and our school.