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Making it Happen-Many Days, Many Ways

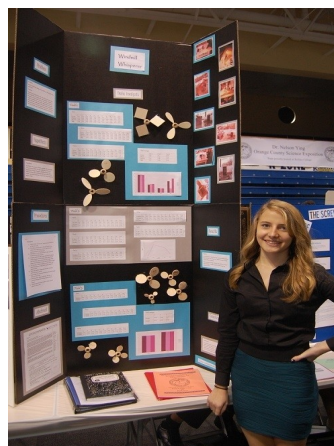
“Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, and others make it happen.”

— [Michael Jordan](#)

Not Michael Jordan, but a superstar in her own right—Jordan Lindquist. 2012-2013 was a breakout year for Jordan in every way possible. The year started with her election as President of the 8th grade class. Jordan and her team had an “idea box” housed in Mr. Demyan’s room and tried to follow through on many of the student suggestions.

In February came the Science Fair. At the county competition at Howard, not only did Jordan place first, but was

awarded a Best in Show. She went on to compete at the Orlando Science Center’s



Science Challenge where she once again came in first. In March, Jordan was named LECS’ Dreamer and Doer. Jordan captured this honor as

her teachers felt she embodied the characteristics of academic excellence, leadership and community service.

In May, as the 8th graders celebrated their promotion at the Embassy Suites in downtown Orlando, Jordan received the Director’s Award. This is given to an 8th grade student who has the highest academic ranking in ALL subjects, has conducted him/herself as a role model while at LECS and has demonstrated leadership among fellow students.

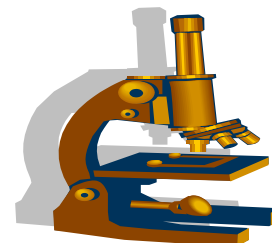
Jordan makes it happen and does not passively wish it to happen. We look forward to hearing about her success in the future.

Science Times

Congratulations to Jordan Lindquist and Leah Perry who both won first place at the Orlando Science Center’s Science Challenge. Jordan and Leah each won first place at the Dr. Nelson Ying Orange County Science Fair in February and become eligible for the Challenge beating out

students from all over Central Florida who had also won first place at their County science fairs in Engineering and Physics.

LECS students have participated in the OSC Science Challenge in the past, but this is the first time students ever won first place!



WEIRD Science



Joshua observes his newly spun silk cocoon!

To bring to life our study of life cycles, Cluster 2 Science classes have been raising silkworms. We received them as eggs that were only a bit larger than a grain of sand. Quickly, they hatched into worms that resembled tiny hairs. Since they've hatched we have made observations, recorded our data in journals, and cared for our worms daily.

Joshua Sohn, pictured left, said, "I was just amazed at how perfect and circular they looked. I had no idea that the ecosystem of a silkworm was so interesting!"

Currently, many worms are about the size of our fingers and some have begun to spin their cocoons. Some classes have been fortunate enough to watch a worm spin its entire cocoon dur-

ing class. Cocoons will be sent home soon for students to watch the moth emerge or to save the cocoon for its silk. Thank you to everyone who participated in the free dress day to finance this hands-on learning opportunity.

*"Corporal Todd
Love was an
inspiration never
to give up."*

Friends, Romans and Country, Mary has your Ear

First, it was the LECS Oration Contest where 5th grader Mary Sosebee won first place for her speech -Corporal Todd Love-A True American Hero. Corporal Love served in Afghanistan losing both his legs when an IED exploded as his team was looking for land mines. Mary chose Corporal Love because she felt he was an inspiration to never give up.

Next, Mary went to the Orange County Regionals where she also placed 1st among 6 other school winners many of whom were middle schoolers. Not one to be intimidated, Mary stepped up and delivered her speech with poise and conviction spellbinding not only the judges, but the audience as well.



Paying It Forward

Little children with big hearts.



The Radiant Peace Foundation is a 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit founded in 1986, based in St. Petersburg, Florida and is not political, religious or activist. Their mission is to inspire, encourage

and promote Radiant Peace® and to serve as a centerpoint for Radiant Peace education worldwide.

Each year they sponsor an art and writing contest that reflects their mission. Many of Ms. McCormick's 2nd graders enter each year and this year there were two \$75.00 win-

ners. Raelyn West and Ellie Combs. Ellie donated her prize to a homeless shelter :).

Ms. McCormick feels that participation is critical for her class. "It is my hope that as the students talk and write about peace that they will transfer those feelings into the classroom."

Food Glorious Food



6th Graders learn about healthy eating

Health students were able to visit Hebni Nutrition Consultant group as part of their health curriculum. The group was founded and is owned by three dieticians in the Orlando area. The focus of the trip was

to discuss healthy behaviors and tools that can help to promote healthy eating and living. The group addressed the growing obesity epidemic in this nation and the underlining diet related issues that contribute to this phenomenon. They also provided students with tips on how to choose healthier options, how to read food labels, and how to determine appropri-

ate serving size. Students were then given the opportunity to work in a demonstration kitchen where they planned, prepared, and cooked their own healthy meal and desert.

In the words of Sam Rodriguez., "I thought the food would not taste that good because it was so healthy, but it really was good especially the turkey burgers, broccoli salad and banana pudding." It just goes to show, you shouldn't judge a book by its cover.

"[One of my biggest surprises was] how much water people actually use..."

Money Down the Drain

It all started with a mentorship/partnership with St. John's River Water Management District (SJRWMD) under the guidance of Ms. Deirdre Irwin. It concluded with being invited to make a SJRWMD Board presentation and then an offer to expand the partnership next year to include homeowner surveys on water conservation.

Sixth grader, Danielle Bolling took her science fair project entitled Money Down the Drain and through networking opportunities was able to see first hand how water management and conservation works in the real world.

Danielle's project resulted in a 1st place in the LECS Science Fair and a 2nd Place in the Ying Science Fair along with two special awards from

local environmental agencies.

When asked to reflect on her "ah ha" moments during the science fair process and presentation, Danielle said, "I had two surprises. The first was how little the Board actually knew about conservation and second, how much water people actually use in comparison to how much they should use or how much it is estimated that they use."

LECS Class of 2009 Heads to College

Many times during tours and various interviews the question comes up as to where our LECS graduates go for high school and beyond. Though Boone and Edgewater have the majority of our graduates, LECS alums are spread out all over Orange County from Cornerstone Charter, to Orlando Science Charter to Lake Nona, Jones, University, Colonial and beyond. The stellar

sampling to the left will be attending the following colleges: (top row) Evelyn Beard-Brandeis University in Boston; Katelyn Moloney,-FSU; Allyson Driggers-USF; Leah Bisbee-UF; Devon Spear-University of Pa in Philadelphia; Erik O'Connor-FSU; (bottom row) Emily Moloney-FSU; Carly Larr-FSU; and Kaley Bookhardt-Florida Southern.



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2nd Annual Red Soiree Exceeds Expectations

Once again, the team work of the Online Auction Committee, chaired by DeVonna Craner, raised an amazing \$9,857 for the Arts in Education program at Lake Eola Charter School.

Ignited by a generous donation of a series of concert tickets from CT Hsu & Associates, architects located in Orlando, that garnered more than \$1,000 in pre-auction sales, the evening was one to remember and heavily attended by both parents and staff.

Once again, the VanVoorhis Family hosted the event at one of their establishments: Ollies. The food was delicious, the fellowship superb, but the most spirited part of the evening was the series of raffles that were held. The pressure built as each successive ticket was chosen. Mrs. Natasha Douglas was one of the big win-

ners of the evening.

We would like to thank some of our donors such as:

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