



Ledyard Charter School

Monthly Newsletter

Happy November from LCS!

This month students rode the Advanced Transit to visit the Hood Museum in Hanover and travelled around the Upper Valley to introduce themselves and the school to local business owners. Biology class cloned a coleus plant by growing clippings in water before planting it in soil. Math Design students created hanging mobiles with origami folded polyhedrons and Film Studies students made digital stop motion movie clips using small toys. Students in Global Memoirs finished reading Maus, a graphic novel detailing the true survival tale of a Holocaust victim.



Community Engagement

An article detailing LCS's plans for expansion was published in the Valley News on 10/21/23 and LCS hosted a community brunch for supporters. 15 volunteers from the Dartmouth Cancer Center and the Tuck School of Business worked for a total of 34 hours to paint and organize our upstairs space. LCS began building partnerships with the Upper Valley Young Professionals, the OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute at Dartmouth and Upper Valley Wellness. We continued strengthening our partne

Holiday Celebrations

Community celebrations are so meaningful to our students. They strengthen the bond we all share and add to the positive culture at LCS. Our Halloween party was a blast! Students competed in a costume contest, created a haunted house, and made spooky treats to eat. The community Thanksgiving meal will be on 11/21 and we will send home items for food insecure families - donate food today!



Silent Auction

We are working hard to raise the funds to finish renovations on our upstairs space. This month our Event Planning class hosted a Silent Auction. We received 135 donated items and services from local businesses and supporters. This event raised \$. Every dollar counts to help more students have access to a high quality hands on education.



"At my first high school **I was stressed and overwhelmed all the time.** There was too much work, school started too early in the day, and I just couldn't keep up. I couldn't get motivated to go to the school in the mornings, I didn't like doing paperwork all day, and I got terrible grades. I thought I would never finish school, it felt totally hopeless. Then I learned about LCS and how I could have a second chance to succeed.

Once I came here, my life got easier. I can keep up with the work and I am interested in what we are learning. Doing hands-on projects and connecting one on one with my teachers motivates me - I feel comfortable talking to teachers and students here.

I actually want to come to school every day, I look forward to it, I feel happy when I am here. LCS helped me get into the HACTC vocational classes, and now I am set up to get a job in construction. I am hopeful about my future." - Christian, 11th Grade



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15 Years of Growth at LCS



2009

LCS is founded. Ten students attend part time classes at the local library and on the teacher's farm.

2010

20 students practice independent living skills & learn through community based hands-on activities.

2011

Earning a diploma & career preparation are the focus



2012

LCS finds a home, 25 students learn music, art, farming, poetry, and social skills taught by 3 teachers.

2013

Canned food is provided for lunch and collaboration with Dartmouth college begins.

2014

LCS moves into an office building and new leadership prioritizes academic stability & special ed.



2015

LCS is homeless for the 2nd time in 2 years & begins renting the current building days before doors open.

2016

LCS hires three new teachers who are here in 2023, adding continuity and institutional expertise.

2017

Lunch is cooked in a home kitchen, partnerships with sending school districts are prioritized.

2018

LCS purchases a forever home and completes a large scale renovation during COVID hybrid teaching.

2019

40 students are taught by 4 teachers & support staff.

2020

New leadership focuses on creating a positive learning-focused student & staff community.

2021

Breakfast & lunch are served from a new commercial kitchen, waitlist is steady, expansion is planned.

2022

Building renovations to allow for expansion & addition of middle school grades is the top priority.

2023

2024

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Beyond

Vision for the Future

LCS finishes the upstairs, enrolls 20 additional middle & high school students. Space includes gym, stage, makerspace, counselor offices, food pantry, science classroom, and more.



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