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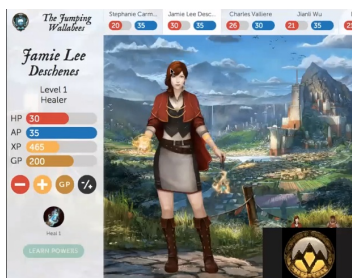


December 2015 Newsletter

Happy Holidays!

The holidays have definitely arrived at Lexington. Menorahs have been lit, gingerbread houses have been baked, and the students are becoming more excited every day. The Middle School students have been busy crafting and baking in preparation for their annual Holiday Sale. Our Special Education classes have gotten in the holiday spirit by sponsoring a food and new toy collection for needy families at the Elmcot Youth and Adult Activities, Inc. As 2015 comes to a close, I would like to extend warmest wishes for a joyous holiday, filled with peace, love and happiness, to the entire Lexington family.

Sincerely,
Donald Galloway, CEO/Superintendent



Gear, Powers, Knowledge!

Classcraft Comes to Lexington

How do you motivate students to become more engaged? For Jared Lopatin's English classes, the answer is Classcraft. This role-playing software encourages learning, student collaboration and better behaviors by using gaming concepts. At the beginning of the semester, students select their characters - healer, mage or warrior - and form teams. As students complete assignments, demonstrate mastery of new concepts and follow classroom rules, they collect gear, knowledge and points for their characters and their team. According to Mr. Lopatin, "Student response to Classcraft has been exceedingly positive. The team aspect is very important to my students. They are working harder because they don't want to disappoint their team."

Lights! Camera!

Action!

Lexington's Middle School students are pleased to present a new video, "We

Can Be Kind." The students gave up their lunch period over the past two months to work on the project. The students created the storyline and developed the ASL script. Funds from Lexington's Box Tops campaign were used to purchase the blue t-shirts. Kudos to Stephanie and her team for delivering this important message! The video will be available on the Lexington School website after its December 23rd premiere at the school.



Click on the photo to see Lexington students practicing their dramatic moves!

Lexington & the New Victory Theater

Lexington is proud to participate in New Victory Theater's Educational Partnership Program. Throughout the school year, teaching artists visit Lexington to introduce students to the performing arts. High school students may learn about plot devices and practice a Shakespearean sword fight. Elementary students may attempt juggling skills and learn how to "throw" their attention. Students also have the opportunity to attend performances at the New Victory. During December, Lexington students were treated to "Pedal Punk," a steampunk-style production performed by Cirque Mechanics of Las Vegas. After the performance, one of Lexington's 8th graders, Jomar, was invited to help lead the audience in singing the "Happy Birthday Song" to celebrate the New Victory's 20th anniversary. The children loved the shower of confetti that topped off the song!

Bluejay Athletics Wrestling Tournament

On Saturday, December 5th, Lexington hosted a Holiday Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Participating schools included Collegiate, Lexington, Long Island Lutheran, Model School for the Deaf, Maryland School for the Deaf, Martin Luther, Poly Prep Country Day School, Queens High School and Trevor Day School. Model School for the Deaf won the overall school championship, with Lexington placing 5th among the 9 teams. Congratulations to Lexington students who won medals at the event - Noah Aljahmi (2nd place in the 126 weight class), Raymond Mukhailov (2nd place in the 152 weight class) and Jean Carols Diaz (3rd place in



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the 170 weight class).



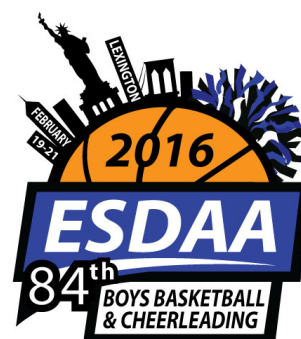
Lexington Soccer Player Wins NDIAA Award

Congratulations to 11th grader Raymond Mukhailov for winning the National Deaf Interscholastic Athletic Association's Player of the Year award for the 2015 soccer season. Way to go, Raymond!

ESDAA Tournament at Lexington

February 19-21, 2016

Lexington will be hosting the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) Division I Tournament for Cheerleading and Boys Basketball on February 19-21, 2016. Founded in 1933, the ESDAA provides member schools and athletes with challenging competitions while promoting good sportsmanship, ethical behavior and integrity. Schools that will be joining Lexington for the tournament include American School for the Deaf, Delaware School for the Deaf, Learning Center for the Deaf, New York School for the Deaf and Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. [For more information, click here to contact Danny Gabel, Athletic Director.](#)



American Sign Language Classes

Register by January 11, 2016 for Winter Session!

Lexington Vocational Services is accepting registrations for their eight-week, American Sign Language classes. Classes are offered on Tuesdays from January 19th through March 15th. Classes meet for two hours and the fee is \$150. Class times are: 10 am (ASL 2), 12 pm (ASL 1) and 6 pm (ASL 1, 2, 3 & 4). A reduced fee is available for parents of Lexington students. The registration deadline is Monday, January 11, 2016. [Click here for the flyer and class information form.](#) For more information, call 718-350-3300.

Donate to Lexington

As the year ends, please consider including Lexington on your holiday gift list. Your donation of \$10, \$25, \$50 or more will help support after-school tutoring, internships, vocational training, counseling services and hearing aids. Click on the Lexington logo to make a secure, on-line, tax-deductible donation to





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Click on the BoxTops logo for a handy holiday collection sheet.

Box Tops for Education

This fall, our Box Tops program raised \$72, which was used to purchase the t-shirts worn in the Middle School holiday video. We are asking all parents and friends of Lexington to kick-off 2016 by helping to collect 5,000 Box Tops, which will raise \$500 for Lexington. Our contest will run from January 4 to February 12, 2016. [Click here for a list of participating products.](#)

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