

January 2016 Newsletter

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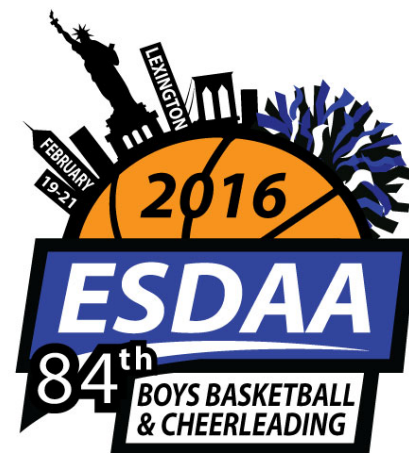
As I write this, Lexington has successfully survived its first, and hopefully only, major snowstorm of 2016! I would like to thank our facilities team for working so diligently to clear the snow. Our Thinking Maps workshops have been completed and Thinking Maps are appearing in the halls and classrooms. In December, our Lexington students used Thinking Maps as part of a community service project. In the coming months, we will be highlighting more examples of how our students are using Thinking Maps to acquire critical thinking skills. On February 19-21, Lexington will be hosting the ESDAA Boys Basketball and Cheerleading competition. I hope the entire Lexington family will turn out to support this exciting event!

Sincerely,  
Donald A. Galloway, CEO/Superintendent

## ESDAA Tournament at Lexington

**February 19-21, 2016**

Lexington is honored to be hosting the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association's Boys Basketball and Cheerleading tournament. The basketball games start at 2 pm on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and 8 a.m. on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, with the championship game beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The cheerleading competition runs from 2 - 5 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$8.00 per day for adults, \$4.00 per day for students and free for children 12 and under. A three-day combo ticket is available for \$20.



Click the logo to make a donation! Email  
Danny Gabel, Athletic Director, at  
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[If you would like to make a donation to support this event, click here!](#) Donations received by February 6<sup>th</sup> will be listed in the program book.

## Lexington Preps for Academic Bowl

On March 10-13, Lexington's Academic Bowl team will be competing at the Northeast Regional Academic Bowl at the New York School for the Deaf. Lexington's team includes Samer Abualya, Francisco Hernandez, Vanessa Hernandez, Nora Khalifa and Wyona Singh and is coached by Danielle Goyette and Shiran Zhavian. The Northeast Regional is one of five regional competitions held across the country, with the top 24 teams advancing to the national finals at Gallaudet University. The Academic Bowl for Deaf and Hard of Hearing High School Students was established by Gallaudet to foster academic excellence and develop collegiality. The team is looking for sponsors to help pay for team t-shirts, sweatshirts and travel expenses. [Click here to donate to the team!](#)



Lexington students practiced for the Academic Bowl by challenging school faculty. Click on above photo for more images.

## PSA Hosts Preschool Parent Workshop

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, Lexington's PSA (Parent Staff Association) sponsored a special workshop for preschool parents. The workshop was co-lead by Lexington preschool teacher, Leigh Crane, and Lexington parent, Lauren Ridloff. Parents learned how to facilitate their child's learning at home. Topics included the importance of free play and home routines. Parents also had a chance to practice some of the skills. Parent feedback from the workshop has been very positive. "Thank you so much for doing this. This will help me a lot at home with my son." The PowerPoint from the presentation will be posted on the PSA's Facebook page - Lexington Parent Staff Association.



Participants at the January PSA Preschool Workshop. Click above to see more photos.

## Thinking Maps in Action

During the month of December, Lexington's students coordinated a holiday food and toy drive to benefit the Elmcour Youth and Adult Activity Center in Corona. The students collected 163 items. The students used Thinking Maps to help organize the project. Students built a flow map to understand the sequence of steps necessary to implement the food drive. A tree map was used to help classify the types of items that would be collected. Congratulations to the students, and SWPBIS Coordinator Steve Kipp, for a



Lexington students collected food and toys to benefit Elmcour Youth and Adult Activity Center. Click on the photo to view their Thinking Maps for this project!

successful project! Thanks to all of the Lexington families and staff who supported the holiday drive! Click on the photo to see a pdf of the students' Thinking Maps.

## Thanks to Windsor Park!

Lexington would like to thank the Windsor Park Owners' Corporation for sponsoring the students' holiday celebration on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Windsor Park provided a holiday present for each of the students in preschool and elementary school, in addition to a pizza party for the middle and high school students. The children were thrilled to receive presents and converse with Santa and his elf using sign language.



Students were thrilled to see Signing Santa! Click on the photo to see more images of Santa and the students.

## Alumni Spotlight

Congratulations to Lexington alumni Mazeda Chowdhury (Class of 2014) and Taher Chowdhury (Class of 2015) and future alumnus Tanvir Chowdhury (Class of 2016) on passing the written exam and obtaining United States citizenship.

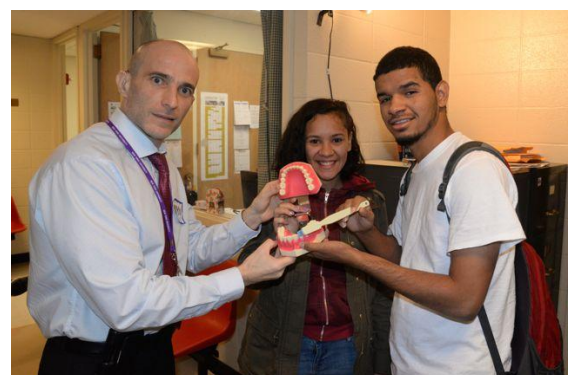
"Thank you to all Lexington staff, especially the social studies teachers, who taught us well. We are happy and proud in becoming U.S. citizens. Lexington is the BEST! Thank you!" - Taher Chowdhury, freshman, National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology



New U.S. citizens (l-r) Taher, Mazeda and Tanvir Chowdhury.

## NYU Dental Screening

Lexington seniors had something to smile about when New York University College of Dentistry's Outreach Program visited the school on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Joel Ortlip, a deaf student in the dentistry program, provided a workshop on proper dental hygiene. Following the presentation, Joel was joined by three other dental students, Ali Ayoub, Emer Bajuelos and Amir Saadatishoi, and dental hygiene student, Michael Bani, to provide a free oral health screening to the students. The program was provided under the direction of faculty members Dr. David Glotzer and Dr. Scott Podell.



NYU Dental Student Joel Ortlip and Lexington seniors review proper dental hygiene. Click on the photo to see more images!

## Cheering for Middle School Bluejays!

The elementary and middle school turned out in full force on January 13<sup>th</sup> to cheer on Lexington's Middle School Basketball Team in their game against Martin Luther King Middle School. The cheerleading squads made sure that Bluejay spirit was loud and strong! Click on the below photos to see Bluejay spirit in action!



## Cannelle Patisserie Provides Treats!

Lexington's lunchtime menu included a special treat on January 13<sup>th</sup> thanks to Cannelle Patisserie's donation of pastries and cakes. The students were thrilled to have such tasty desserts! Click on the below photos to see more smiling faces!



## Lexington Agencies Receive Grants

Lexington Center for Mental Health Services recently received a \$25,000 grant from the Ambrose Monell Foundation to provide support groups to families in need of mental health services. The Lexington Center for Hearing and Speech received a \$12,000 grant from the Moses L. Parshelsky Foundation to continue its community hearing screening services. Both foundations have been long-standing supporters of Lexington and we are exceedingly grateful for their generosity.

## Clip those Boxtops!

Through February 12<sup>th</sup>, Lexington classrooms are competing to see who can collect the most Boxtops for Education. Sponsored by the PSA and Lexington School,

the class that collects the most Boxtops will win an ice cream party for their class. The goal is to collect 5,000 Boxtops and raise \$500 for the school. Box Tops can be sent in care of your student's teacher or mailed to the Development Office, Lexington School for the Deaf, 26-26 75th Street, East Elmhurst, NY 11370.

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