Linden Hall Connect

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK!

March 2023 Edition

A Message From the Head of School



Dear Linden Hall Community,

Welcome to our first 2023 issue of Linden Hall Connect. This fall and winter, we have worked hard and played hard, and I know you will find the articles in this edition both entertaining and informative. You will read stories about academic programs which are extraordinary opportunities for our students, and you will hear all about Blue & White Week—what a spirited time it was! Moreover, you will marvel at the high level of musical and artistic competition at which our girls excel as well as how intensely our athletic teams push themselves during practices and games. I must say that I am incredibly proud of the hard work, tenacity, and grit that our students consistently demonstrate, even as they remain warm, kind, and generous human beings.

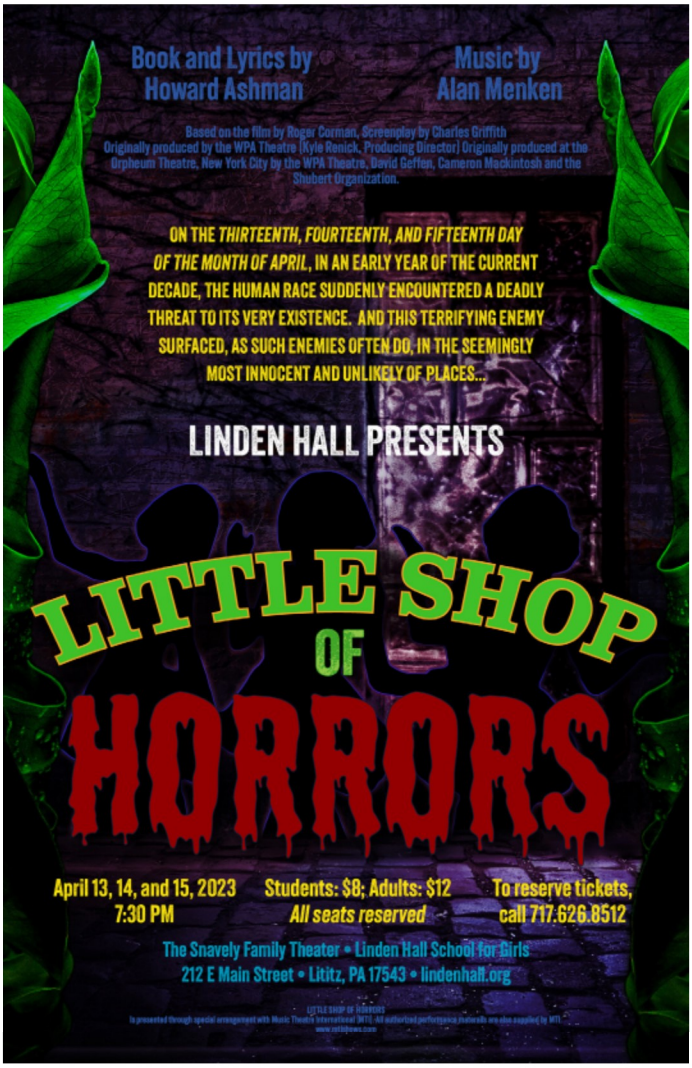
We are now well into the admission process for next year and are looking forward to our upcoming interviews, during which we will have the opportunity to meet prospective students and their families. If you know any girls who would be a good fit for Linden Hall, please refer them to us!

Necessary on-campus construction has already begun. We are repairing some weight-bearing walls in the three-story tower facing Main Street. This is an expensive endeavor, and your monetary consideration would be very much appreciated. Look for more information in this newsletter regarding ways you can help us achieve our renovation goals.

Best wishes for the spring, and I look forward to seeing our alumnae at the upcoming reunion!

Warm regards,

Dr. Nan Wodarz



GIRLS Camp

Mysteries Week
July 10–14, 2023

Wizarding School
July 17–21, 2023

Girls entering grades 2-8 are welcome. Day and overnight options available!



LINDEN HALL *Summer*

Details and Registration at www.lindenhall.org/summer

Limited spots available!



Equestrian Overnight Camp
July 16-21, 2023

Girls entering grades 3-8 are welcome.

What's Happening in the Classroom?



Our students, faculty, and staff were enthusiastic to hit the ground running upon their return from Winter Break. In early January, Dr. Harding's American Voices class began a unit on feminism and gender studies by reading excerpts from American author and social activist Bell Hooks. Additionally, in mid-January, our 9th-grade Honors Humanities students began their Yearlong Research Projects (YLRP). These projects require each student to conduct detailed research on an individual from ancient through pre-modern world history. YLRP work will continue until our end-of-year Humanities Salon, where students will assemble to enjoy literary and artistic imitations, speeches, refreshments, and a panel discussion.

In late January, Mr. Lear's biology students delved into dissection, using a cat as a model organism to explore the various systems within the body. Once students finished the structured dissection, they were free to continue exploring the specimens in any way they chose. Many elected to investigate the animal's cause of death in a manner similar to a medical examiner performing an autopsy. Also in late January, our French students traveled to Susquehanna University to participate in group linguistic and cultural activities at a Journée de la Francophonie.

In early February, psychology students investigated John Hughes's iconic 1985 film The Breakfast Club to assess social, moral, and parental influences on adolescent development. Each student composed a paper on one of the film's main characters, addressing and applying famous developmental theories to their chosen character's evolution throughout the film. Moreover, our ESL students spent February exploring science-fiction literature, studying short stories and excerpts from famous authors as well as employing current events to make predictions about the distant future.



These are just a few examples of how our program engages students in highly interactive studies that foster critical thinking and problem solving. It is no wonder Linden Hall graduates are multi-dimensional achievers, collaborators, and positive contributors to the community who are destined to excel as leaders of their generation.

Meeting Our Fundraising Goals

We are so grateful to the Willis and Elsie Shenk Foundation for supporting our fundraising efforts by creating the Shenk Structural Challenge. In late 2022, the Foundation generously donated $25,000 to challenge the Linden Hall community to support our deferred-maintenance goals. To date, we have received an additional $50,000 and another $50,000 pledge. This fervent support has provided us with a wonderful benchmark toward meeting our deferred-maintenance goals.



The $125,000 raised since the Shenk Family instituted their Structural Challenge has allowed us to begin much-needed brick and masonry renovation on our arts tower along Main Street. There are, however, several other pressing repairs for which we are currently seeking additional funding for. These include wood repair and new exterior paint on the trim, window frames, and front door of the Mary Dixon Chapel (approx. $150,000); new roof on our equestrian barn (approx. $125,000); and theater upgrades to lighting, sound system, curtains, and seating (approx. $125,000).



The maintenance of our beautiful historic buildings is crucial to our mission of educating the female leaders of the future. Our goal is to ensure that all campus structures are safe, updated, and aesthetically pleasing to students, families, and visitors. To help us meet our deferred maintenance fundraising objectives, we kindly request that you consider making a gift to Linden Hall. Moreover, if either you or anyone you know would like to discuss instituting a new fundraising challenge or help with securing grant funding, we would love to hear from you!

To donate or discuss fundraising opportunities, please contact Debbie Hurd, Director of Advancement, at 717-626-8512 ext. 109 or dhurd@lindenhall.org. You may also return the enclosed envelope to us, indicating "Deferred Maintenance" as your preferred designation. Thank you so much for your continued support!



Celebrating Diversity at International Night



Blue and White Week 2023 was one for the record books! On Monday, January 30, festivities began with our "teacher roulette" event. Each nominated teacher and faculty member spun the wheel and randomly drew one of our many challenges, including the ice bucket, egg to the face, and mystery donut snack! With dozens of nomination tickets sold, all our faculty and staff nominees bravely endured their challenges.



On Tuesday, the fun continued with badminton tournament prelims, preparation for our newspaper fashion show, a series of challenging strategy games, and a school-themed art design contest! Then, on Wednesday, students participated in an exciting scavenger hunt to see which team could locate the most rubber ducks hidden around campus. Of course, the most popular segment of the day was our "Wednesday Addams" costume contest, in which Dr. Nan even participated by dancing in our very first TikToks!

Thursday was Decades Day, with students, faculty, and staff dressing up in the garb of their favorite decade. Moreover, afternoon activities included a blindfold obstacle course, word scramble, badminton championship, and several exciting basketball contests.



Blue and White Week ended stronger than ever with a plethora of stellar performances in Snavely Theatre. First off was the newspaper fashion show, during which our students modeled their impressive clothing creations made entirely of newspaper. The week's final event was the talent show, which ended with a surprise visit from the Jonas Brothers (we have talented faculty and staff)!

This year's Blue and White Week crowned the White Team as the Champion. It was one of the most engaging, fun, and memorable events, and we know that our students will fondly remember the week for a long time after Linden Hall!

Celebrating Diversity at International Night

International Night 2023 was a tremendous success, exhibiting fantastic displays of cuisine, fashion, music, and spoken performance from around the world! Our girls were so happy to share the magnificence of their cultures with fellow students and their families.



The night began with a fashion show, starring Rosa '23 and Emily '24 in traditional Han Chinese clothing; Maliha '26 and Amina '27 wearing traditional Pakistani dresses; Liz '23 and Sia '29 showcasing the traditional clothing of the Nigerian Yoruba tribe; Nour '23 displaying a Moroccan caftan; Fatou '23 wearing a dress inspired by traditional Guinean clothing; Farah '26 wearing an Indian sharara suit; and Natasha '25 sporting folk clothing from Croatia.

Following the fashion show, our students thrilled the audience with several incredible presentations. Luiza '24 shared both a song and a speech about Poland; Ale '24 presented about Spain, followed by Helen '23 reading two poems in Chinese; Fatou '23 read an original work in her native language of Pulaar; Rosa '23 and Emily '24 returned to sing two Chinese songs, and Natasha '25 took the stage again to sing a traditional Croatian song; Liv '27 performed an incredible Irish dance; and, last but certainly not least, our Afro–Caribbean dance group, consisting of Chichi '23, Liz '23, Gabby '28, and Anastasia '26 performed songs and dances from Nigeria, Ghana, and Haiti.



In addition to enjoying the night's many presentations, our guests were also treated to delicious student-made foods from across the globe! Cuisine included empanadas, cannoli, pierogies, jollof rice, biryani, chai, and much more. We are so proud of our many international students who shared their amazing cultural traditions with our Linden Hall community!

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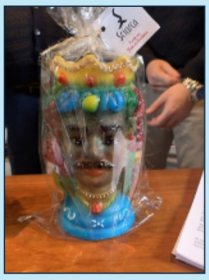
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Celebrating the Taste of Sicily

In January, we were thrilled to welcome Chef Nino Elia and his daughter, Sara, of Lititz's Piccolo Eatery, as well as Chef Giuseppe Sciurca and Valeria Signorino of Sciurca Sicilian Chef! Chef Giuseppe and Valeria were visiting the US from their home in Sicily and were kind enough to present to our students during their stay.



Our amazing guests discussed the 500-year-old Sicilian tradition of pupi di zucchero, known in English as sugar puppets. These fully edible, hollow statuettes of colored sugar are hardened and then painted. Common molds include paladins, dancers, and other traditional figures from Sicilian history. Chef Giuseppe is one of only four chefs in the world who still practice this amazing culinary tradition!



The following week, Piccolo Eatery hosted several of our students for a delicious spaghetti dinner. Following the meal, Chef Giuseppe showed our girls how to paint their very own sugar puppets. We are so grateful to Chef Nino, Sara, Chef Giuseppe, and Valeria for generously providing our students with this unique opportunity to learn about Sicilian culture, cuisine, and history.

Our exciting relationship with Piccolo Eatery is just beginning. Chef Nino, Sara, and their team will host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Linden Hall on Sunday, April 30, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm, to support Lititz's annual Italian Fest. Guests may purchase tickets online at www.URL.org or in person at the door. The cost is $20 for an adult and $10 for a child. We are thrilled to partner with such a wonderful small business and look forward to collaborating with Piccolo Eatery again in the future!