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Spring 2024 Edition

A Message From the Head of School



Dear Linden Hall Community,

As we reflect on the achievements and events of the past semester, it brings me great pleasure to share with you the remarkable successes and memorable moments that have defined our academic and co-curricular endeavors at Linden Hall.

Academically, our students have excelled beyond expectations, showcasing their dedication to learning and the pursuit of excellence. Through collaborative projects, engaging discussions, and innovative learning experiences, they continue to thrive in the dynamic academic environment that Linden Hall provides. Beyond the classroom, students have designed a club focused on scholarly research that seeks to add to a current body of knowledge, not merely summarize it. One student is studying the theory of quantum chromodynamics, which explores the color-change properties of quarks and gluons — not a topic studied by most high school students!

Our co-curricular programs remain a vibrant and integral part of our school. Vespers, a cherished tradition at Linden Hall, offered a serene and reflective space for our community to come together. The captivating performances showcased our students' artistic talents and allowed us to appreciate the beauty and power of the arts in shaping our shared experiences. Moreover, International Night was a unique celebration of cultural diversity, fostering an environment where students could share and appreciate the richness of their backgrounds. It was heartening to witness a unity that transcended borders, bringing together our international and domestic students in a spirit of camaraderie.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting event on the horizon — Alumnae Reunion. This gathering presents a wonderful opportunity for past and present members of the Linden Hall family to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the enduring bonds that tie us together. We look forward to welcoming back our esteemed alumnae, hearing their stories of success, and sharing in the joy of their achievements.

As we embark on the remainder of the academic year, let us carry forward the momentum of our successes and continue to nurture that spirit of collaboration, curiosity, and community that defines Linden Hall. Together, we will build upon the foundation of excellence that has already been laid, ensuring a bright and promising future for all.

Thank you for your unwavering support of our girls. I eagerly anticipate the continued growth and achievements of our extraordinary Linden Hall community.

Warm regards,

Dr. Nan

Vespers: A Continuing Legacy

On December 7 and 8, Linden Hall celebrated its annual Vespers service in the Lititz Moravian Church. Vespers has been a highlight at Linden Hall since the school's founding in 1746. Deeply embedded in the Moravian tradition, early Vespers services were sacred. More recently, however, the programs have begun to include both sacred and secular music. Similarly, Bible verses are now augmented by poetry readings.

This year's Vespers program involved a series of live musical and dramatic reading performances by Linden Hall students, including the recitation of three original student poems. Musical pieces included the Christmas processional "Hodie," performed by the Linden Hall Choir and Myrtle V. Eckert Bell Choir; "Morning Star," a traditional Moravian hymn, sung by four sixth-grade soloists; and a stirring rendition of the seasonal classic "Joy to the World," featuring the Choir and Orchestra.

This year marked the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic that Vespers was held in the Lititz Moravian Church, a happy restoration of an age-old Linden Hall tradition.









Blue & White Week 2024

This year's Blue & White Week was bigger than ever, with countless fun activities, challenges, and competitions between the two teams! The week kicked off on Monday, January 29, with Linden Hall Family Feud, during which students and staff faced off to guess the top answers to a variety of questions: what is the worst quality of a roommate? What faculty/staff member is most likely to break it down on the dance floor? Which faculty/staff member is most likely to survive on a desert island? And more! The White Team finished the game with an impressive lead.

Tuesday saw the first rounds of our weekly badminton tournament, along with a basketball shootout, ping-pong toss, and several "minute-to-win-it" stations. Students also enjoyed participating in a picture scavenger hunt around campus, while others decorated their team flags - the week's winning team would have their flag displayed outdoors on our flagpole for a week!

On Wednesday, the Blue & White teams engaged in a "sing-off" of the alma mater, with both teams emerging victorious. Later in the afternoon, students enjoyed participating in two scavenger hunts: a rubber duck hunt, during which participants searched for small ducks hidden all over campus; and a riddle hunt, where students sought various hidden clues that ultimately led them to find Sully the Lion, the Blue & White Week mascot!

Thursday was replete with athletic competitions, including the final rounds of our badminton tournament. Congratulations to the Blue Team for winning the championship! Students also navigated their way through a blind obstacle course, while teachers and staff took to the battlefield for a dodgeball competition - great job, White Team, for winning both these events!

Friday was the high point of the week's activities, featuring our ever-popular Teacher Torture and Talent Show — including a surprise visit from popular boy band NSYNC. Congratulations to the Blue Team for winning both the Talent Show and Blue & White Week. This year's competition was certainly one that our girls will remember for years to come!

















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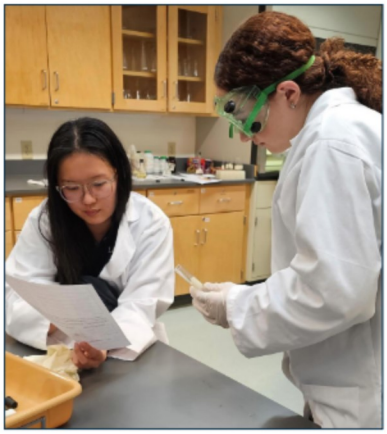
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Academics in Review

The last few months have offered unique educational experiences for our girls, both in and out of the classroom.

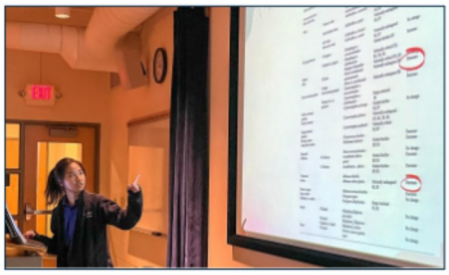
During the first semester, chemistry students experimented to explore the periodic law, which states that elements within the same group exhibit similar characteristics. They tested the reactivity and properties of chlorine, bromine, and iodine by adding the samples of their halogen solutions to different test tubes as well as to different potassium halides, silver nitrate, and ammonia water. These additions revealed additional chemical reactions, providing a comprehensive understanding of halogen characteristics and reactivity series.



Over 40 Linden Hall community members gathered in an auditorium at Penn Cinema to take part in the annual Image and Word Festival, a culmination of Mr. Hondares's "visual literature" course focused on graphic novels and film studies. As "Act One" of the hour-long program, honors students Lauren '24 and Lina '25 presented their semester-long projects. Lauren's project was a horror film based around the theme of secrets, which she created after a semester spent studying the cinematic techniques used by great horror directors. Lina's project was a dark comedy inspired by Edgar Wright and the character archetypes in his films — particularly that of the "loser" protagonist. In "Act Two" of the event, the rest of the class presented their final projects, in which they were tasked with producing short films paying homage to a certain film director.



Mr. Lear's Biology class spent three days presenting detailed projects about invasive species from around the world. Students proposed solutions for how to effectively control their chosen species while minimizing harm to local environments. Presenters also discussed creative methods for assisting native environments in recovery, stressed the dangers of importing invasive species as pets, and explained how quickly invasive species can enter and decimate local landscapes. Regarding the presentations, Mr. Lear stated, "I created my rubric based on presentation criteria that colleges use for their student-led independent research lab presentations. This was the first year the stakes were so high for this project, and I am extremely proud of how the students handled it! They all rose to the challenge, followed the timeline, and spent hours creating projects that reflect college-level work."





Ms. Oxenford's US History class examined six major steps that took the United States from a proclamation of neutrality in 1914 to a formal declaration of war in 1917. Students are researching several primary and secondary sources from 1914 to 1917 to determine the most significant ideas, events, and actions that led to the nation's involvement in World War I.

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International Night 2024

International Night 2024 offered guests the opportunity to enjoy cuisine, fashion, music, and informational presentations from across the globe. Our girls were so happy to share the magnificence of their cultures with fellow students, their families, and members of the public.

The night began with a fashion show, featuring students representing the traditional dress of China, Croatia, Ukraine, Dominica, Uganda, Sierra Leone, and Germany. After the fashion show, attendees enjoyed several musical selections and presentations, including the National Anthem of Dominica, performed by Nali '25; a cultural presentation about northeastern China, given by Mandy '26; "Battle Typhoon," performed on the guzheng by Valerie '28; a K-pop dance from Sara '25, Jessie '26, Emily '25, Jennifer '26, and Jessica '27; and a number of other wonderful performances.

International Night guests also sampled delicious international foods prepared by our students and their families. Selections included gol gappa, chai, samosas, crepes, kreppel, chapati, suya, and more. We are so thankful to our international students for sharing the richness of their cultures with our community!



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