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Spring 2025 Edition



A Message From the Head of School



Dear Linden Hall Family,

The past few months have been filled with exciting events that highlight the spirit, talent, and deep-rooted traditions of Linden Hall.

International Night: A Celebration of Culture and Community

Linden Hall's International Night once again showcased the rich diversity of our student body. This highly anticipated event allowed students to share their cultures through food, music, dance, and traditional attire. The evening featured vibrant performances representing countries from around the world, delicious international cuisine, and interactive presentations that brought global traditions to life. It was a true reflection of the inclusive and dynamic environment that makes Linden Hall so special.

The Arts Shine at Linden Hall

Our arts program continues to thrive, with students showcasing their creativity and talent in multiple disciplines. Visual arts students have displayed their work in Lyet gallery, featuring paintings, sculptures, and mixed-media pieces that reflected their individual artistic journeys. Meanwhile, the performing arts program is preparing to delight audiences with a dynamic stage production, *Six: Teen Edition*, demonstrating the dedication and hard work of our student actors, musicians, and technical crew.

Academic Excellence

Linden Hall students continue to excel in the classroom, demonstrating a commitment to intellectual curiosity, hard work, and academic achievement. Our rigorous curriculum challenges students to think critically, engage in meaningful discussions, and apply their knowledge to real-world problems.

Faculty members provide individualized support and mentorship, ensuring that each student reaches her full potential. Whether through STEM innovations, literary analysis, historical inquiry, or creative problem-solving, our students embody a passion for learning that sets them apart. As we celebrate their achievements, we remain dedicated to fostering a learning environment that prepares them for success in college and beyond.

Celebrating 100 Years of the Equestrian Program

Linden Hall's equestrians have had an outstanding year, earning top honors across multiple competitions. From strong performances in hunter and dressage events to impressive individual and team achievements, our riders have demonstrated skill, dedication, and sportsmanship. Most recently, their success at the IEA Dressage Zone Finals secured a spot at Nationals, marking another exciting milestone. As we celebrate these accomplishments, we also look ahead to a historic moment—Linden Hall's Equestrian Centennial! We invite our community, especially past riders, to join us in the fall, for this special celebration honoring 100 years of the equestrian program.

As we approach the end of the year, we take pride in the achievements, traditions, and sense of community that define Linden Hall. We remain committed to fostering an environment where every student can thrive, discover new possibilities, and leave a lasting impact. Thank you to our students, faculty, families, alumnae, and supporters for making Linden Hall a place where excellence and tradition flourish. We look forward to all that is yet to come!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nan Wodarz".

Dr. Nan Wodarz
Head of School

GIRLS Camp 2025
A photo of two girls in blue camp shirts, one holding a pink object.
Wizarding School July 14-18, 2025
Worlds of Adventure July 21-25, 2025
Girls entering grades 2-8

Register at:
www.LHGGirls.org/summer

Equestrian Camp 2025
A group photo of campers and staff in blue shirts.
Equestrian Overnight Camp
July 20-25, 2025
Girls entering grades 3-8

LINDEN HALL
Summer

A poster for the musical "Six: The Musical Teen Edition". It features five crowns in different colors (yellow, green, blue, purple, red) at the top. The text "LINDEN HALL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS PRESENTS" is above the title "SIX THE MUSICAL TEEN EDITION". Below the title, it says "By Toby Marlow and Lucy Moss".
April 10, 11, & 12, 2025
7:00 PM
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Celebrating Our Global Community

International Night 2025 was a memorable celebration of culture, creativity, and community! From mesmerizing dance performances to soul-stirring poetry, stunning fashion, and global cuisine, our students showcased the beauty of their diverse heritages.

Highlights included a vibrant fashion show featuring styles from Ukraine, Nigeria, South Korea, Austria, Germany, Japan, China, Rwanda, Vietnam, the Commonwealth of Dominica, and Mexico; music & dance performances from India, Uganda, China, Ireland, Korea, Jamaica, and the Afro-Caribbean traditions; poetry & presentations celebrating Nigeria, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Austria, Germany, and the Republic of Georgia; and stunning instrumental performances on the piano, guzheng, and erhu.



Following the performances, guests enjoyed a diverse selection of international dishes, each offering a flavorful glimpse into the cultures celebrated throughout the evening.

A huge thank you to our Student Council, tech crew, facilities staff, and all the families who helped make International Night possible!

Excelling in the Arts

Poetry Out Loud

Linden Hall is proud to recognize Farah '26 for her outstanding performance at this year's regional Poetry Out Loud competition, held at Millersville University's Ware Center in February. Competing against talented students from across the region, Farah captivated the audience with her recitations of "Here" by Joshua Mehigan, "I Remember, I Remember" by Thomas Hood, and "The Idler" by Alice Moore Dunbar-Nelson. Her precise and heartfelt delivery earned her special recognition for achieving 100% accuracy in her recitations.

Reflecting on her experience, Farah shared, "I really enjoyed my time at the Poetry Out Loud competition, during which I was able to showcase three very well-written poems from distinguished authors. It was not only a night of competing but also a chance to learn about poetry from a professional poet herself. Poetry Out Loud was a great learning experience, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to prepare for and participate in the event."



Shakes-Peers Festival

In January, eight Linden Hall students, joined by Theater Director Mr. Foreman, attended the 6th Annual Shakes-Peers Festival at Millersville University. During the event, hosted by the Lancaster Shakespeare Theater, local high school students faced off in a Shakespearean monologue slam performance. Congratulations to Andrianna '26 for her first place win and Nali '25 for her third place finish!



During the monologue slam, Mr. Foreman joined faculty members from the participating schools in a roundtable discussion on Shakespeare education led by Dr. Justin Hopkins, who teaches Shakespeare at Franklin & Marshall College. The afternoon portion of the festival "shook" things up by placing each student in a small group of "peers" from other high schools to rehearse and perform Shakespeare scenes on the fly. Abiageal '27 was a member of the team placing first, Andrianna '26 was a member of the second-place team, and Amina '27 and Kiran '26 were members of the third-place team.

Academics in Action

Physics

Mr. Claridge's physics students have been diving into the world of oscillations, experimenting with a spring-mass system to see how mass impacts oscillation periods! From measuring and predicting values to graphing and analyzing results, they're putting physics theories to the test — some of their predictions have been spot-on, while other numbers have been quite surprising.



Biology

Dr. Cruz's AP Bio class dove into the fascinating world of yeast cells. Students followed the yeast life cycle, observing how these tiny organisms talk to each other. Using microscopes, they sharpened their microscopy skills and uncovered the cellular processes that make life happen. Collaboration was key. Teams worked together to analyze their findings, blending critical thinking with hands-on discovery. From theory to real-world application, our young biologists are making connections — and making science come alive!



English

Mr. Beates's 8th-Grade Humanities English class is beginning a Fiction Focus unit centered on the famous novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. While engaging with the challenging themes present in Lee's work, students are participating in Socratic discussions, Reader's Theater, and reflective writing to explore complex issues involving courage in the face of evil, growing up, practicing empathy, and prejudice in society.



History

Mr. Novick, bedecked in Ancient Greek regalia, held his first class forum in our new History of Ideas elective. This class traces the story of human intellectual achievements from antiquity to the present, studying primary sources as diverse as Aristotle, Descartes, Rousseau, and Marx, among others. Students' first task was to create their own Plato-inspired utopias, where fictitious foundation stories kept social hierarchies in check as a means to maintain a harmonious social order.



Alumnae Reunion Weekend

Save the Date: April 11-13, 2025



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Linden Hall's Equestrian Program: Celebrating 100 Years

In 2025, Linden Hall's equestrian program is celebrating an incredible milestone — its 100th anniversary! We would be thrilled to have you join us for a memorable Centennial Celebration on Sunday, September 21, at Linden Hall. The all-day event will feature a horse show, delicious food trucks, exciting activities, and more. Stay tuned for additional details in the coming months!

If you have ever ridden at Linden Hall or been involved with our equestrian program as an instructor, trainer, or in any other role, we would especially love to have you attend. You will have the opportunity to participate in a special ceremony marking the launch of the Bit and Spur Association, a nod to the original name of Linden Hall's riding club. All Bit and Spur inductees will receive a commemorative pin to mark the historic occasion.

Regardless of whether you can attend the Centennial Celebration in person, we want to hear from you! Please complete our participation form by scanning the QR



code if you have been involved with our equestrian program in any way. By doing so, you will help us gain crucial information about the program's history and development.

Don't miss out on this once-in-a-century celebration of equestrian excellence. Please feel free to reach out to Maya Hollinger, Special Events Coordinator, at mhollinger@lindenhall.org with any questions.

Equestrian Achievements

Our equestrians have performed exceptionally well this year. In the fall, Lily '28 became Champion of the Low Hunter Division at the Commonwealth Junior Amateur Invitational, winning four blue ribbons! A few weeks later, our riders earned three ribbons at their first IEA dressage competition of the year. Then, in January, the whole

equestrian team won Reserve Champion, putting them only one point away from making Dressage Regionals. All participants earned at least one ribbon.

Finally, in mid-February, Maya '25 won the IEA Dressage Zone Finals and earned a spot at Nationals in Missouri! Other highlights from the Finals included Charlotte '26 taking 1st in Team Test, 2nd in Team Flat, and 5th individually—an outstanding performance! In addition to her 1st-place finish, Maya earned two 4th-place finishes in the Open Test Team and Open DSE Team, helping our team secure an overall 5th-place finish.

