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Principal's Message

Mr. Simpson asked me to fill you in on some things related to chemistry at LACHSA. I began this year in a different manner than any of my past years as a teacher. I had four weeks of laboratory experience interspersed with discussions and demonstrations to give the students even more ways to relate to chemistry throughout the year. This experiment in education has exceeded my expectations. Students were fully engaged in all steps of the process. As a result, they have gained a broad-spectrum overview of the course they are encountering. The job of learning chemistry is not easy but these hands-on experiences should provide seed for continued learning throughout the semester and year. I couldn't be more proud of how the students have performed in the lab and within the classroom. In addition, they went out of their way to help me every way possible to make my job easier.

Currently, I am engaged in a serious health problem and the subsequent treatment. My doctor and I have come to the conclusion that it would be in my best interest to take medical leave for the remainder of the year. I do not plan on returning after the year is over. Monday, October 20, was my last day. I have been at LACHSA for over 12 years and have valued the connections I have made and the many students I have had. It was not easy to make this choice but I knew it was necessary. I only hoped that we could get a suitable replacement. Fortunately, we have done exceptionally well in that regard.

Mr. Gustavo Botvinikoff has taken my place as chemistry teacher. He comes to us as a teacher qualified to teach chemistry, physics, and all math subjects. He has taught both chemistry and physics. Teaching is his second career. Before this he has been an electrical engineer and a paralegal. He also speaks four languages and has worked and studied in Europe and his birth home of Argentina.

I will continue to be active in my own pursuits of the arts through music and the visual arts. I will also continue to feed my passion for writing. I plan to attend as many LACHSA performances and shows as possible this year. I wish the best for all of your support in the past and for the support you will offer Mr. Botvinikoff!

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Upcoming Events

October 1-31st
CEDLT Testing (window)

Thursday, October 30th
Town Hall Meeting: VA Students
1:30 -2:15 p.m.

Piano Recital
Music Hall
7:30 p.m.

Hallowe'en

Second Grading Period Ends

Important Announcements

The TV/Film Program has extended the deadline to order last year's shows until WEDNESDAY (10/29/08)! The following shows are available:

Sweet Charity, 11th Annual Music Gala, Ghetto, Inspector General, 2nd Year Shakespeare Project, Machinal, Big River, Graduation 2008

Each DVD is \$25 (graduation is \$45) plus \$5 shipping and handling (yes, for your convenience, WE SHIP THE DVDS DIRECTLY TO YOUR HOUSE!).

TO ORDER: All you have to do is send an email to lachsatsvfilm@aol.com indicating which shows you would like to order and how many by OCTOBER 29th. Once we receive your email, we will send you the payment information.

PLEASE NOTE: For those of you who have already sent in your orders, we received them and the DVDs will be shipped to you at the beginning of November. Thank you for your patience!!

ALSO, many DVDs are available from previous years. Feel free to inquire.

Don't miss this great opportunity to keep these high school memories forever...ORDER NOW!

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