

Trailblazer ● Times

December 10, 2021



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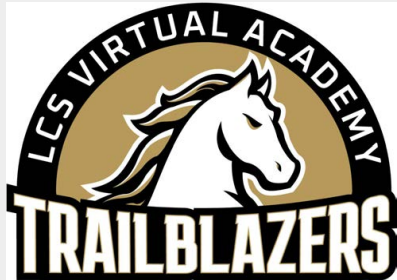
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Mid-Year Parent Survey

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**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM
YOU!**

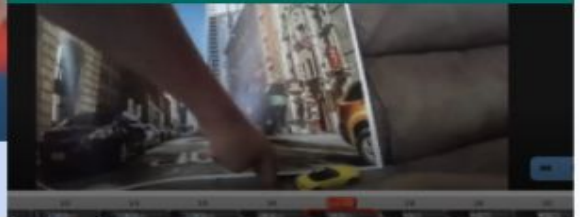
Can you believe it? It's almost the end of the 1st semester! Share how the school year is going for your children on our mid-year survey. Please complete surveys by Friday, December 17th.



Way to Go!



HOW TO MAKE A STOP MOTION



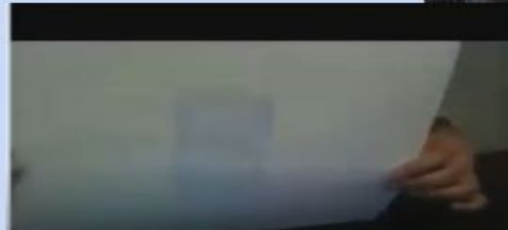
Genius Hour Presentations!

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Pandas belong to the bear family.

Pandas cannot roar like other bears do.

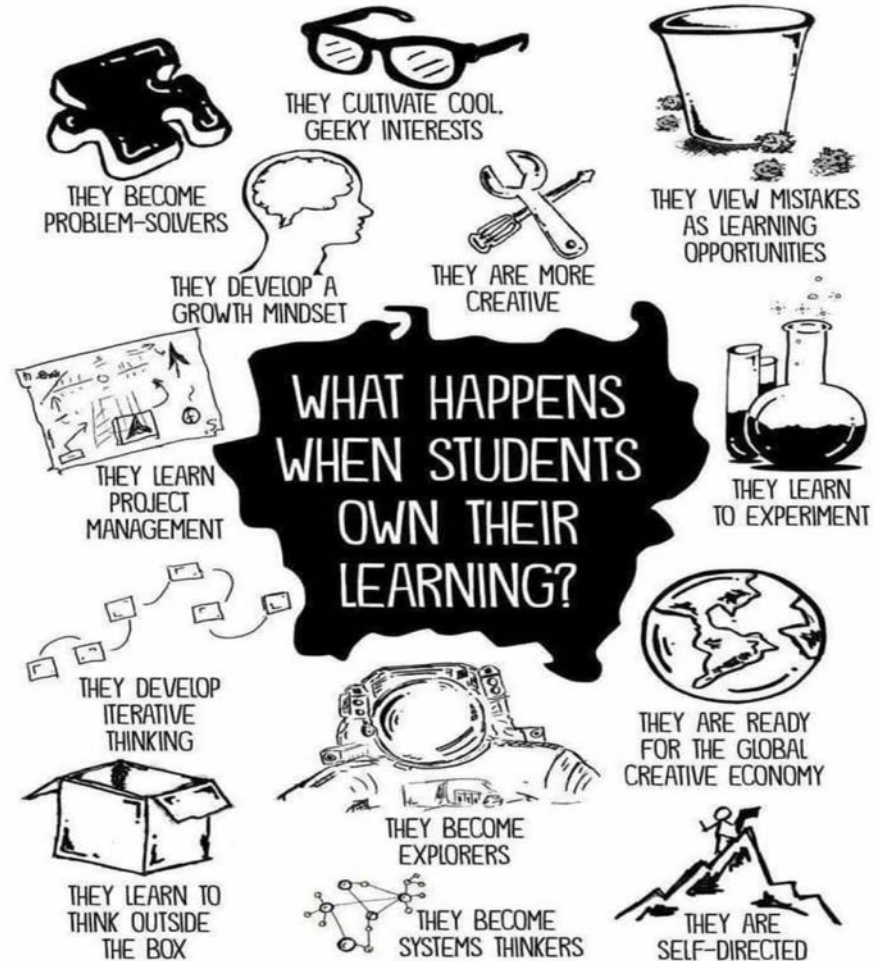


Watch me demonstrate how to make a dress!

Way to go, 3rd graders, on your Genius Hour presentations!

“Our job is not to prepare students for something. Our job is to help students prepare themselves for anything.”

- A.J. Juliani



VIRTUAL EVENT



Stay home & join us

Virtual Event

Thursday,
Dec. 16

6:30 p.m.

We invite you to tune in for our holiday cookie and movie night. Virtual Academy parents and students can bake cookies together. Then kick back and enjoy the show! We hope to see you there!



Do you enjoy baking holiday cookies?

Do you enjoy watching holiday movies?

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83228530137?pwd=Yk9RNHErSHg2c2hoVkZDOU5Td1JKUT09>

Meeting ID: 832 2853 0137

Passcode: 661660



Holiday Sugar Cookie Recipe

Below is the recipe and instructions on making the sugar cookies. We look forward to having you join us as we make them together virtually. Please substitute any items due to food allergies.

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter (2 sticks), room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 ½ tsp vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon water (a bit more if needed)
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt



Holiday Sugar Cookie Recipe Instructions

Please join us from your home at 6:30pm on December 16th as we all enjoy this fun activity!



Step 1. Cream butter, sugar and vanilla.

Step 2. Add egg and water. Beat until light and fluffy.

Step 3. In a new bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. Sift together.

Step 4. Blend dry mixture into creamed mixture, divide dough in half. Wrap each half in waxed paper or plastic wrap and chill for one hour (optional).

Step 5. When you are ready to roll your dough, make sure to flour your working surface. If your dough feels too sticky, add a little bit of flour. If your dough seems too dry, add a tiny bit of water and knead.

Step 6. Roll your dough on the floured surface with a rolling pin. Approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick.

Step 7. Bake at 375 degrees for 6-8 minutes. Watch them carefully. Take out of oven before edges turn brown.

Homemade Icing:

Start with 2 cups of powdered sugar. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1 tablespoon melted butter. Stir in teaspoons of milk one at a time until you reach desired consistency.



Virtual Academy Spirit Week

Week of December 13-17

Monday- Bring Your Pet to Class

Tuesday- Throwback Day (wear something from a different decade/time period)

Wednesday- Hat Day

Thursday- PJ Day (School appropriate of course!)

Friday - Half & Half Day (you pick)

The logo consists of three black circles of varying sizes arranged in a triangular pattern to the left of the text.

Trailblazer TV

Check out our latest episode of our student newscast on our YouTube Channel.

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Genius Hour



GENIUS HOUR

WHERE PASSIONS COME TO LIFE

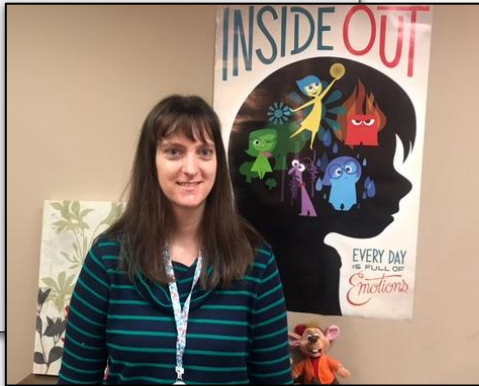
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to watch a video about
Genius Hour!

Starting in January, students will be given the opportunity to participate in Genius Hour at the Virtual Academy. More details will be shared soon!

Counselor's Corner

With Mrs. Edmondson



Junior & Seniors

The 2022 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Lynchburg Community Council Essay Contest is this month. The contest deadline is Dec. 31, 2021.

If you would like to enter the contest, please reach out to me via email (edmondsonkn@lcsedu.net) for more information.

Student Clubs

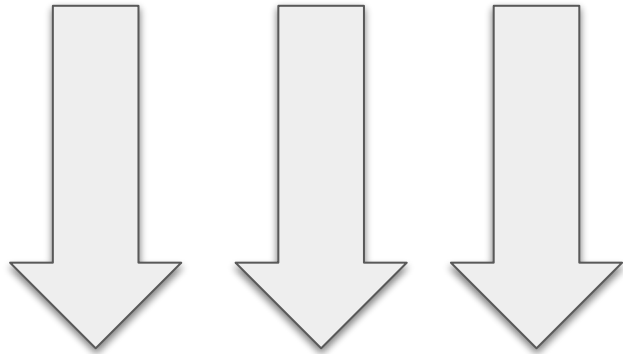
Ever wanted to join a student club? Now is your chance!



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and tell us what clubs you would like the Virtual Academy to offer during the 2nd semester.

●: Reminders



MIDDLE SCHOOL TEXTBOOK AND NOVEL PICKUP/RETURN

**6th grade
Advanced English:
Wonder (Return)
Mrs. Frisby and The
Rats of Nimh NEW**

**7th grade History:
Our America**

**7th grade English:
Wrinkle in Time (Return)
Holes**

**7th grade
Advanced English:
The Giver (Return)
Holes**

**6th grade English:
Hatchet (Return)
Mrs. Frisby and The
Rats of Nimh NEW**

**All 8th grade:
Green Glass
House (Return)
Ghost NEW**

**All middle school:
Intro Literature
Big Ideas Math**

**If your student would
benefit from Science
textbooks, we have the
following:**

- Life Science
- Physical Science
- Principles of Science

HIGH SCHOOL TEXTBOOK & NOVEL PICKUP

9th-grade English:

The Great Gatsby
Brown Girl Dreaming
American Born Chinese
Eats, Shoots, and
Leaves

10th-grade English:

Lord of the Flies
Fahrenheit 451
Julius Caesar
Antigone

11th-grade English:

A Good Man is Hard
to Find
Of Mice and Men
A Raisin in the Sun

12th-grade English:

Hamlet
Frankenstein
Beowulf

AP English Literature and Composition:

Hamlet by William
Shakespeare
Beowulf

AP US Government
AP US History
AP World History
Geometry
Trigonometry

Also, you can access
the following online:

[A Worn Path](#)
[The Jilting of Granny](#)
[Weatherall](#)
[Soldiers Home](#)

You can pick these up at our
office at 701 Thomas Road,
Monday through Friday,
between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Call us at 515-5550 if you
have any questions!

Thank you for viewing this week's



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WE ARE ON THE MOVE!