

## LFC PRESENTS...M IS FOR MUSIC

The Lordship Father's Club is exploring the opportunity of bringing five live music events right here in Lordship at the Community Church. The concerts will be held in March, May, September, November, and a holiday themed concert in December. (Get it? "M" is for music – if the month has the letter "M" in it, we plan to hold a concert.) Concerts will be on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 PM. Tickets will be available in advance, for a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. The Community Church holds up to 200 people – so tickets will be limited.

**The first concert will be held on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> featuring the Larry Haddad Quintet.** Lordship resident and part-time alto saxophonist, Larry will be leading a group that includes a stellar lineup of jazz musicians from the area and New York City. **Jacob Varmus, on trumpet,** is not only one of Larry's closest friends, he is also a Queens based musician, composer, arranger, and instructor who is quite busy with performances throughout New York City. **On guitar, Nobuki Takamen,** also from New York (via Japan) will be coming off a weekend of shows at the Blue Note, the famed Manhattan jazz club. Nobuki has not only toured Japan with his trio, he has also played at some of the greatest jazz festivals in the world, including the Montreal Festival of Jazz and CT's own Hartford Jazz Festival. **On bass will be Preston Murphy,** a Connecticut native, who has been the bassist in the Tony Purrone trio for the past 6 years. Besides working and recording with Tony, Preston is quite busy performing and teaching throughout Fairfield, New Haven counties and beyond. **Drummer Barry Ries** completes the band. Now a resident of Guilford, CT, Barry has played and recorded with countless legends of jazz. One of his more recent and prominent collaborations was playing trumpet in the Joe Lovano Nonet. (Yes, that's right – Barry is primarily a trumpet player, but he is a fantastic drummer, too! So you might just hear him play a little horn!) Check out Jake's and Nobuki's web sites... [www.jacobvarmus.com](http://www.jacobvarmus.com) and [www.nobukitakamen.com](http://www.nobukitakamen.com)

For reservations to the May 18<sup>th</sup> concert, or to learn more about 'M' is for Music or 'Bands by the Beach' contact Larry Haddad.

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### SUMMER MUSIC ON THE BLUFFS

As an extension of the annual concert series, the Lordship Fathers' Club is presenting "Bands by the Beach", outdoor concerts on the bluffs, starting on June 29 (same day as the LFC Beach Picnic and Raffle). Another concert is planned for July 20, and a third will be on August 24. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy some terrific music!



## LFC CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

The Lordship Fathers Club conducted a new event this spring, its first annual Creative Writing Contest. The purpose of the contest was to encourage students to develop enthusiasm for writing, to provide a context to celebrate their writing successes, and to recognize student achievement in arts and academics. We believe this creative writing contest is a complement to the long standing tradition of the LFC Spelling Bee, and the more recent LFC SMARTS Science Expo.



Students in fourth through eighth grades, whom reside in Lordship, or attend Lordship School, were invited to submit creative entries of approximately 350 words, following one of three creative writing prompts:

1. *Describe what you would do if you were locked in your favorite store overnight;*
2. *Imagine yourself as a building; describe your life and memories;*
3. *What do our pets do when we are not around?*

As a first time event, we were quite impressed with participation; nearly 40 entries were submitted from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

The judges definitely had their work cut out for them; scoring was tight! Nearly every entry had one strong point or another, and there was truly a fine line between the winners, honorable mentions, and other entries. The LFC would like to congratulate all of the participants for sharing their creative stories and literary skills; you should all be proud of your efforts! The three winning compositions were awarded with a \$50 gift card and were published in the Lordship Fathers' Club Newsletter for our community to enjoy! Additional creative works selected by our judges appear on the LFC website.

For you future young authors, get ready for next year! Practice your writing as much as you can and have a family member or teacher proofread your writing. They can help you with spelling and grammar (you know, that boring stuff). Read as much as you can and get inspired by the books and stories you love. Who knows, you might just become the next J.K. Rowling – or maybe even John Steinbeck!

# LFC 2014 CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST WINNERS

## "Home Alone Animal Style"

by Angelyn Upchurch – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

One day two dogs Polo and Ziggy were planning their day after their owners left to go on a long day of work. They were planning on having a big party with their cousins Chaos and Crisis. Their neighbors Cooper, Bailey, and some others were invited too.

After the owners left, Polo went with Crisis to Animal City to pick out supplies and costumes. At the house, Ziggy and Bailey jumped back and forth from bed to bed yeling "Ya! Ya! Ya! Were going to have a party. Why Cooper and Chaos played on the Xbox while Polo and Crisis planned the big party.

All the animals put up the decorations in the house and called their friends. Ziggy, Crisis, and Bailey put on their outfits. Then the big dogs Polo, Cooper, and Chaos put their outfits on and the party began.

Polo and Cooper made lots of delicious foods and treats for everyone to munch on. After they ate, they made the living room in to a dance area. The little dogs walked into the dance area and boggied down. All the animals stoked and applauded.

Soon after the big dogs challenged the little dogs to a dance contest. Both groups strutted their stuff and were awesome dancers. However, because the little dogs were more agile and could do more tricks, and they won the contest.

The party had to end. The owners would soon be home. All of the animals worked together to clean the house. It was sparkling from their spit shine! They heard the key going into the door. All the animals left out the back door. As the owners came in, the animals were going out. Polo and Ziggy were found snoozing in their dog bed. The owners never knew what happened.

## "Lost And Found"

by Ceili Roberts – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

"May all the customers exit the store please," boomed a voice over the loudspeaker. I was in the Barnes and Noble childrens section browsing around all the colorful books. Of course I didn't notice the people moving out. I then ran over to the door to walk out of the store to go home. Then to my surprise the tinted door was locked. I tried to open the door once more. It still wouldn't budge. Then an overjoyed look appeared across my face. I was locked in Barnes and Noble! "Yes!" I screamed. This was now off my bucket list. Then I thought, as much as I wanted to be here, I wanted to go home. All of a sudden, my stomach started to growl. I thought, where can I get food? The café! I yelled, and off I went.

I had finally reached the café. I then saw a cappuccino machine with a huge cookie right before myself. I ran behind the counter and seized the giant cookie. I then decided to spice things up a bit. I was going to make a cappuccino. I took 1/3 espresso, 1/3 of steamed milk, and 1/3 of foam. I put it all together and got the perfect cappuccino. I took a sip of the warm cappuccino. Before you knew it, I was jumping everywhere. In fact, I jumped around the entire store until I ended up in the Harry Potter section.

I had tightened my grip on the smooth wand. Then I brought it up and yelled "Lumos"! Not a spark flew out of it. "Must be a fake" I said. I then I decided to go and check out books in the Harry Potter section. After I found the 5<sup>th</sup> book The Order of the Phoenix, I went and sat in the most comfortable beanbag chair. As I turned the pages my eyes grew heavy and I fell asleep. All of a sudden, I felt a cold hand grip my shoulder. It was my Mom. She had come back and found me! All was good.

## "Trapped In A Store Overnight"

by Riley Shea - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Help! I'm stuck in a store. At least I'm with my Mom. The good news is that we are stuck in my favorite store Target. I feel safe because I'm with my Mom. It would be scary, as if I were having a nightmare if I was with a stranger.

Then, we decided to go on a adventure. I felt like I was in a action-packed movie. I went straight to the toy section. It felt like Christmas morning. My Mom ran over to the clothing department. She felt like a fashion model on a runway.

Next, I dashed to the electronics while my Mom booked to the shoe. It was like a surprise birthday party to see the key to unlock the iPods and iPads. I couldn't open the case fast enough. As I looked up, I saw my Mom comeing with boxes of shoes. She needed an assistant to hold all her stuff.

After that, I turned up the music full blast. My eardrums felt as if they were going to burst. We turned off the lights and found a disco ball. I felt like a D.J. in a night club. My Mom and I decided to have a fashion show. We turned on one of the aisles in to a catwalk.

Next, the two of us thought it would be fun to have a race around the store. We each grabbed a carriage and ran our separate ways. Our game was to see who could fill their cart the fastest, and get to the cash register first. It was like we were on a game show.

Suddenly, all the lights went on and the store opened for business. My Mom and I looked at each other. At the same time we said, "What a disaster!" Next thing I knew I sat up in bed and wondered if I was dreaming. My Mom walked into my bedroom and said, "Want to go to Target today?"