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LFA & LSF's Winter Carnival Fun - What a Blast!

While it was certainly cold and wintry outside the last weekend of January, there was a lot of heat being generated inside Brooks Gym during Lincoln's annual Winter Carnival. After Friday evening's exciting, fun-filled (and hot!) PTA Family Bingo Night, Saturday afternoon saw a flurry of families return to the gym, this time for the "Energy Blaster," a Winter Carnival event co-sponsored by the Lincoln Family Association (LFA) and the Lincoln School Foundation (LSF).

The LFA hosted a kids' fun center with two bouncy houses, one each for big and little children, and a jousting stage where daring kids donned safety helmets and used long padded tubes to knock each other off a balance beam, all surrounded by a safety platform. Picture two minutes in the ring for each match and a long line of kids who couldn't get enough for the entire two hours! The most common refrains: "Is it my turn yet?" "When can I go again?" and "This is a blast!". Especially fun to watch were the younger ones highly determined to knock their older siblings off - and even more entertaining were the couple of moms who had a chance at knocking out a friend...but all in fun!

Basketball and hockey games were organized at the other end of the gym, thanks to Lincoln high school volunteers Melinda & Cammie Vercollone and Oliver Baltay, and middle school volunteers Georgia Baltay, Maggie Dwyer and Cate Ruland. The LSF set up its food and raffle tables, providing waters and healthy snacks, as well as balloons and bouncy balls for the kids. While the gym was abuzz with all this "Energy Blaster" activity, the LSF hosted a raffle drawing for prizes donated by members and local merchants. There were lots of toys, games and "snowy day fun stuff" for the taking - and many participants went home with a prize.

The LSF would like to sincerely thank Donelan's Supermarket of Lincoln for the \$100 gift certificate (congratulations, James DeNormandie!) and fruit baskets, The WhistleStop Cafe for the gift certificate for a free lunch for two once a month for a year (congratulations, Jamie Patterson!), AKA Bistro for the \$50 gift certificate (congratulations, Tony Liepert!) and Something Special for several donated games and toys. Their generosity was greatly appreciated and made for a winning raffle event raising more money for the LSF's many grant projects. And

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finally, a big thank you to the Lincoln Recreation Department for another successful Winter Carnival, and to all the Lincoln residents who supported this and the many events around town. It was a blast of a weekend. We'll see you all next year!

The Lincoln School Foundation is an educational non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the students, faculty and administration of the Lincoln schools. The LSF awards privately-funded grants which enrich curriculum, extend professional development and enhance the school and community partnership.

The Lincoln Family Association is a community group for Lincoln families to provide social activities, fun and support for parents and their children. It is a non-profit volunteer organization that thrives because of the enthusiasm and energy of its members and the support of the community.