

SIDE NOTES

DJ Doc and LEI students will be hosting a CD release party!

- **When?** Feb 23 from 6-8 pm!
- **Where?** Ensemble Theatre across the hall from LEI!
- There will also be an Open Mic session at the party!
- Students can stay after Ink Spot or come with parents at 6 pm.



Winter Quarter Announcements

FUNdraising for LEI

On February 29th, the **California Pizza Kitchen** will be partnering with Lake Erie Ink for an exciting **Leap Year** fundraiser! Bring your copy of the Philanthropizza flyer—or this newsletter!—to the California Pizza Kitchen and **20% of your check will benefit Lake Erie Ink!**

The California Pizza Kitchen is located in Legacy Village, on Cedar Road. They can be reached at (216) 382-4907.

Special thanks to our guests at LEI this month:

- Ralph Solonitz
- Eagan Rackley
- Afi-Odelia Scruggs

DJ Doc

Reported by: Jordyn Stitt

On January 10th, we met DJ Doc. We asked him why he wanted to be a DJ. He said that he heard Hip Hop and he thought it sounded very powerful and when he plays his music he feels electric. He also said that he wants to be a DJ forever!



Interested in getting involved? Contact us!

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Philanthropizza.

Please join us at California Pizza Kitchen for a flavorsome fundraising event. All you need to do is bring in this flyer on our scheduled date and present it to your server when ordering. 20% of your check will benefit our organization. So come out and enjoy something delicious from the CPK menu. Your taste buds will thank you, and so will we.

Lake Erie Ink: A Writing Space for Youth
Lake Erie Ink
A writing space for youth
California Pizza Kitchen Legacy Village
(216) 382-4907
Wednesday February 29, 2012

**Thanks for your support.
We can't wait to see you.**

Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gratuity.
Manager, please attach this flyer to the guest check.

February Workshop: Playwriting

Playwrights of all ages are invited to these workshops on February 11 and 25, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm to learn how to set the stage, create unforgettable characters and develop a strong story line.

Register on our website:

www.lakeerieink.org

Volunteer of the Month: Mikale



Mikale working with students at the Ink Spot.

Mikale Thomas has been volunteering at Lake Erie Ink for two years, ever since her English teacher recommended her to the organization. She is currently a Junior at Cleveland Heights High School and is interested in studying Biochemistry when she goes to college. Nevertheless, Mikale loves to write—and has been writing since she was seven. She especially loves writing fiction because she feels there is more

room for creativity, especially in short stories. She loves LEI because of the kids—they're interesting, funny, and incredible writing skills.

Mikale's favorite novels include *The Hunger Game* series because of its combination of action and romance—it's "the epitome of teen fiction all in one book!" She also sees music as tied to writing and reading because each are creative outlets which she enjoys. Mikale plays the viola and is a member of a contemporary youth orchestra.

Writer's Corner!

Quick tips for writers, young and old!

Create a Simple Timeline

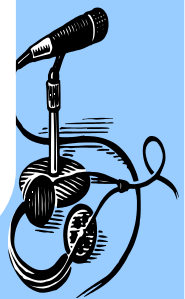
An easy way to stay consistent with your narrative is to create a timeline. After deciding how much "time" will pass over the course of your story, you can jot down the main events from beginning to end. This will also help you decide where to *start* telling your story—not every story begins at the beginning.

Put on your thinking cap. Put your brain in motion. Throw out your limits and focus on devotion. Put your energy and attention into matter of invention. Put out the effort and think of something new.

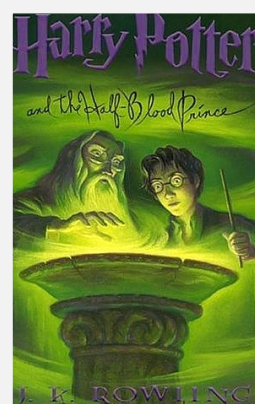
Innovation. Invention. Creation. Exploration.

Wake up your sleepy brain. Time to find a new gear. Throw out those habits that bog you down in your fear. Put your attitude on intention, think of something new.

Jaman Rivers' rap
with DJ Doc



The sixth novel in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series.



Book of the Month: *Harry Potter*

Chosen by Carriona Rivers, *Harry Potter* is full of adventure. She loves the tricks and spells found throughout J. K. Rowling's Wizarding World. Her favorite character is

Harry Potter because of his bravery and because he is true to himself throughout the series.

Carriona's favorite novel in the series is *The Half-Blood Prince* because of the secrets Harry discovers about

his family and about his enemy, Lord Voldemort.

She would recommend this series to people who enjoy journeys and magic. Carriona thinks these books are definitely for "people who like to discover new