

A weekly publication of the Lake Harriet Community School PTA

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## From the Principal's Desk

### High School Course Registration

The following events are for families with eight graders entering the schools, if they want to be more involved in the registration process:

Southwest = Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> (last name alpha A-K) and Thursday May 3 (last name alpha L-Z) at 6:30 p.m. in the SW auditorium

Washburn = Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - last names A-K at 6:30 p.m. and last names L-Z at 7:15 p.m. Enter doors 3 (49<sup>th</sup> Street) or 10 (50<sup>th</sup> Street), program in the auditorium.

South = Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the SH auditorium

Sincerely,  
Merry Tilleson, A.P.

### Testing Time

Parents of 3-8<sup>th</sup> graders: It's testing time again. Our spring testing schedule is in full swing and began right after spring break.

Our online MCA Math (3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) testing and our online MCA Science (5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> only) testing will take place between April 9 and May 18. All of our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take the MCA paper and pencil reading test on April 17 and 18. Again like in the fall and winter we will be doing spring online MAP testing and this will take place between May 8 and May 31.

Sincerely,  
Merry Tilleson, A

### ***ESSAY CONTEST:***

***Topic: How gratitude influences our lives.***

#### **Student Essay Contest**

This year the Upper Campus is holding an essay contest for grades 3-8. If it goes well this may become an annual event. Join us this year by writing an essay on: "How gratitude influences our lives."

**Deadline:** All entries must be received no later than **May 11**. Please email your entry to [julie.hirsch@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:julie.hirsch@mpls.k12.mn.us) or place it in her mailbox in the main office by May 11. The PBIS Committee and the Literacy Coach will review all entries. Two people will review each essay to determine an average score using the rubric shown on the back of this document. Please click on the link for more detailed contest information.

### **DRAGONFEST CARNIVAL THIS WEEK!**

**April 27 Upper Campus 5:30 – 8:30**

Tickets go on sale this week at the schools

Volunteers still needed for favorite games! *Go here:* ([http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/2012\\_Carnival\\_Volunteers.html](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/2012_Carnival_Volunteers.html)) to do so and/or to sign up as Cake & Junk Food Walk donors.

A heartfelt SHOUT OUT to all the amazing small business owners, managers, and workers of Fulton & Linden Hills Neighborhoods for sponsoring the carnival and contributing to the silent auction! Seriously.

**Find all this year's sponsors listed on the website**

[http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/thank\\_you\\_dragonfest\\_carnival\\_sponsors.html](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/thank_you_dragonfest_carnival_sponsors.html)

**Lake Harriet Community School Instrumental Music Program Spring Concerts**

Wind Ensemble (Grades 6-8) will perform in their annual spring concert on Thursday, April 26 at 3:10 in the school gym. In addition to a program of Marches, Concert Band works, and Contemporary Wind works, the Wind Ensemble will have the world premier of two pieces written especially for them by musician-composer Mark Vandermyde.

The Chamber Orchestra (Grades 4-5) will perform in their annual spring concert on Tuesday, May 8, at 2:30 in the school gym. Our Chamber Orchestra will perform a program that includes classical, fiddle music, and contemporary orchestra arrangements.

The Concert Band (Grades 4-5) will perform in their annual spring concert on Friday, May 11, at 2:30 p.m. in the school gym. Marches, Overtures, novelty band works and a concert band works will round out the program for the concert. The members of the Wind Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, and Concert band have all been working hard toward these performances. We look forward to seeing families, friends, and community members at our upcoming performances.

**PARTIES GALORE UPDATES**

Parties this month in April:

Kindergarten Art Party at Simply Jane Studio - Saturday, April 28th 6-8pm

Parties in May:

Second Grade Family Bowling Party - Sunday, May 6th 12-2pm TICKETS AVAILABLE

Casino Night - Saturday, May 12th 7-11pm Only 5 TICKETS LEFT

4th Grade Mom's Night Out - Friday, May 18th 7-11pm TICKETS AVAILABLE

8th Grade Music Party - Friday, May 18th 5-9pm TICKETS AVAILABLE

5th Grade Trivia Night and Wall of Wonderful Beverages Raffle - Saturday, May 19th 7pm TICKETS AVAILABLE

7th Grade All-American BBQ - Saturday, May 19th 5:30-9:30pm ONLY 11 TICKETS LEFT

**Buy your tickets today!**

Visit our Parties Galore Website to learn more about parties and purchase tickets.

[http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Parties\\_Galore.html](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Parties_Galore.html)

**DANCE BASH 2012**

**8TH GRADE DANCE CONTEST**

**On Friday, May 18th, at 2:30**, the 8th grade students will be competing in the eighth annual 8th Grade Dance Contest. Over the years, this dance contest has become a highlight of the school year. The students in Mr. DePerry's PE classes are taking part in a 3 week dance unit, practicing and performing dances to country and modern music. The 8th graders are divided into groups of 6 or 7 and asked to find music and put together a 90 second dance routine. Over the course of the dance unit, they must collaboratively design, practice, and master their dance routines. The culmination is 14 dance groups performing on stage in front of the student body and a panel of judges. Parents are welcome to attend. You will be amazed!!

As in the past, we are giving prizes out to the top three groups. As in the years past, parents have helped donate prizes for the dance contest. Once again, I am reaching out to the parents to help with the prizes for this very fun event. We need 7 prizes for each place. First-place prizes are \$20.00 gift cards to Southdale AMC Movie Theater; second place prizes are \$15.00 gift cards to Target; and third-place prizes are \$10.00 gift cards to Dunn Brothers. The 8th graders are looking forward to this contest, and they have some great dance routines in development. If you would like to help with the dance prizes or need information on the dance contest, please contact Mr. DePerry. This is a great tradition! Thanks, and let the dancing begin!!

## **ATTENTION: PARENTS OF 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS!**

### **We need a Kindergarten picture of your child/children!**

Only 28 Kindergarten pictures have been received! If you have not already turned in your child's Kindergarten picture(s), please read below!

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Ceremony Committee would like to request a kindergarten-age photo of your child (size range can be 3" x 5" to 8" x 10"). This photo will be displayed, along with the current 8<sup>th</sup> grade photo, on the large screen as your child crosses the stage to receive their certificate. This portion of the program has been a huge hit in the past years, as it shows how much the students have grown and how far they have come. This photo does not have to be an official school photo, but should be of *JUST* your child around the kindergarten age. There are two ways in which photos can be submitted - drop it off at the UC office (there is a mailbox for 8<sup>th</sup> grade photos), or call [612-353-4259](tel:612-353-4259) and arrangements can be made for Tarneka to pick it up. Please remember to label the back of your photo with your child's name. Your picture will be returned at the ceremony. You wouldn't want to miss this, so please get your photo in soon. We would like to have all pictures in-hand by April 30th.

## **LAKE HARRIET HEROES**

Congratulations to the March Lake Harriet Heroes at Upper Campus! These students were chosen because they are respectful, responsible, safe, and ready to learn everyday they come to school. 3-5: Henry M., Caroline S., Bo K., Walter S., Fiona K., Bjorn, G., Sam H., Jack W., Dylan P., Isaac R., Jacob H., Robbie G., Carter W. 6-8: Phoebe S., Emma P., Patrick T., Mitchell G., Charlotte H., Charlie H., August P., Lindsey W., Hannah M., Jon J., Jon V.

## **Community News**

### **Summer Registration for Park Programs Now Open**

Summer Registration is open for all park programs at Linden Hills and Pershing Park beginning 9 am on SAT April 14- visit [minneapolisparcs.org](http://minneapolisparcs.org) for more info Some spots remain for T-ball, Pitching Machine baseball (register at Linden Hills), Softball and Baseball (3rd grade and older) and Track (Register at Pershing).

### **Running Club**

The Community Education Lake Harriet Running Club is back and ANYONE (students, parents, or staff) can still sign up to participate. More information:

[https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get\\_information.php?event\\_id=5531](https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=5531)

### **Sleepy Tigers Mandarin Club Summer Camp**

Sleepy Tigers Mandarin Club Summer Camp July 30th--Aug 10th, Monday thru Friday, 9:30am-11:30am Chinese Cities & Traditions/Festivals Join us to "visit" Chinese cities, "taste" the food, learn traditions, culture, art and more! Details please visit [www.sleepytigers.com](http://www.sleepytigers.com). Registration ends on May 4th, 2012

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**Submissions:** email to maryanne.lavin@gmail.com or use the online submission form at:

<http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/connection1.html>.

Please try to limit each submission to approximately 150 words in length.