

A weekly publication of the Lake Harriet Community School PTA

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## **MSP School Choice Information Fair**

It's time to choose a school! Join us at the Minneapolis Public Schools Information Fair! Learn about Pre-K – Grade 8 school options at MPS. Saturday, January 21 • 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. • Hyatt Regency, 1300 Nicollet Mall

## **School Enrollment Cards Are Due February 29**

February 29<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for school enrollment cards. If LHCS families have neighbors with kindergarten age children for fall enrollment, please remind your neighbor to get in their kindergarten enrollment card.

## **LHCS night at the Roller Garden January 19**

Join LHCS friends and families for a fun night of roller-skating at the Roller Garden Thursday, Jan. 19! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for food. Skating starts at 6 p.m. This is a fundraiser for Lake Harriet and a fun night for the whole family. A detailed flier will be sent home in your child's backpack.

The Roller Garden is located at 5622 West Lake St., Saint Louis Park, 55416. Questions? Contact Tanya Mellen at [tmellen@comcast.net](mailto:tmellen@comcast.net). See you there!

## **Read-a-Thon Starts Soon!**

What's fierce and reads like a champion? Get ready for some Olympic sized fun with the 2012 LHCS Read-a-Thon kicking off in February. It's a race for the gold! Stay tuned for more details next week.

We still need volunteers to help with this event. Please contact Amy Mimick at [amymimick@yahoo.com](mailto:amymimick@yahoo.com) if you are interested in helping with the used book sale or donating prizes for the participants.

## **Safe Routes to School Parent Walk-to-School Workshop**

*Saturday, January 14, 2012 from 9:45-11:30 am - please help us spread the word!*

Though this workshop is geared towards parents, grandparents and guardians, it is appropriate for anyone interested in walking and biking to school efforts. The workshop will feature details of walk/bike-to-school events, walking buses and pedestrian safety when leading these efforts. Community organizations that support walking and biking efforts such as the Minneapolis Bike Walk Ambassadors and Trips for Kids will also be on hand.

All participants will be entered in a raffle that will include prizes like a subscription to the bike sharing system Nice Ride, stop paddles and vests, and hula hoops for your school's playground. You should go home with a lot of print resources, a new friend or two, and some incentives to jump start your next walk-to-school effort.

## **LHCS Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to our LHCS super-spellers who qualified for the school-wide spelling bee: Aidan B, Nat C, Emma C, John C, Ali D, Grace H, Aditya K, Nico K, Andrea K, John L, Sam L, Evan L, Julia M, Ben M, Nathaniel M, Georgia P, Simon T, Max V, and Kaitlyn V.

The Spelling Bee will be held this Wednesday, January 11, at 10 a.m. in the gym. Due to space constraints, only family members of participants can attend. Good luck spellers!

## **Literacy Updates**

The site Literacy Coaches have added numerous web links for your use that support and enhance learning. Please go our page on the school web page <http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/> and look under 'Parent and

Student Resources', or just click on [http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/web\\_links\\_for\\_your\\_consideration.html](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/web_links_for_your_consideration.html) .

Enjoy and please let Karen Ruhs know if there are sites you'd like to added or deleted.

### **NEEDED: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Volunteers**

Here is a great opportunity for you to be part of a great tradition at Lake Harriet Community School! The MPS has a yearly District-wide math competition for fifth grade students. This year it will be on Saturday, April 28, 2012. All schools are invited to participate and in the past years Lake Harriet students have always done a wonderful job of demonstrating their math skills.

We need a few parent volunteers who would be willing to coordinate a before or after-school group of interested fifth grade students to prepare for the competition. Lake Harriet will provide the classroom, materials and support for you. If you are hesitant because you might think your math skills are rusty, a parent volunteer who is working with the Middle Grades "Math Counts" group said that he can certainly help out.

Your responsibility would be to coordinate everything and be at the sessions each time. The practice materials, calculators, and stopwatch will be made available to you. I will also be available to assist you by giving insight of how to set up and practice in order to prepare for the competition. I will also be at the competition in April. If you would like a copy of the practice test and answers, e-mail me and I will send it to you.

We would like to start this group at the end of January or beginning of February, so if you would be interested in possibility being a part of this, please contact me at [Kim.Kirk@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Kim.Kirk@mpls.k12.mn.us). Thank you.  
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### **Community Updates**

#### **Last Chance for \$30 Home Energy Visit**

The cost for Community Energy Services (CES), Minneapolis' premier residential energy efficiency program, will be increasing in March 2012. To receive a home visit for just \$30 you must attend a presentation and receive your home visit prior to March 31, 2012. Join over 4,000 Minneapolis homeowners who have already participated!

Attending a FREE Community Energy Services presentation qualifies you for a customized home energy visit from a team of energy professionals who will install energy savings materials and identify opportunities for energy efficiency upgrades in your home. To register for a presentation, visit [mncses.org](http://mncses.org) or call (612) 219-7334. Upcoming presentations include January 19th at Hale Elementary at 6:30 pm, Jan 21st at Jefferson Community School at 10 am, and Feb 4th at Burroughs Community School at 10 am. More information and presentation dates are available online at [www.mncee.org](http://www.mncee.org).

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