



A weekly publication of the Lake Harriet Community School PTA

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From the Principals' desks

Hi Lake Harriet families,

It is testing time again. We will begin doing winter MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing starting on Tuesday, January 25th. Please note that this winter the second grade teachers have elected not do the MAP testing. All third and fifth graders, however, will be tested and only selected students in the fourth grade as well as the Middle Grades will be tested (based on updates on our students at these grade levels with academic interventions).

Our testing window this winter ends on Wednesday, February 16th.

We are also fortunate to be selected by the Federal Government to have our fourth graders complete the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) for 2011. The NAEP assessment is a nationally representative measure of trends in achievement of U.S. elementary and secondary students in various subjects. All parents/guardians have received a letter explaining the test in more detail. There is no studying necessary for this test which will be given to all our fourth graders on Thursday, February 17th.

Many parents/guardians have asked how can they help their child prepare for these tests as well as the future (spring) standardized tests. The best advice I can give is to make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before each test, have your child eat a healthy breakfast on the day of each test, remind your child to dress comfortably on the day of the test and most importantly get your child to school on time the day of the test.

Thank you all for your continued support of Lake Harriet and your child's academic success.

Sincerely,
Merry Tilleson, A.P. LHCS

PARENT PICK-UP AT 4:00 PM

The snow has added another complication to our **PARENT PICK-UP PLANS AT LOWER CAMPUS**. The roads have become narrower and narrower. Buses are having difficulty driving down Chowen Ave. between 40th and 41st. Please do not park on the **East** side of this block during dismissal time. Residents do park there and we are exploring if there is anything that can be done to address this problem.

Please make sure you wait for your children on the corner of 41st and Chowen or outside door #2. Do not wait outside door #6. Know that the guidelines are there for child safety. Thanks for all your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Ellen Murphy, POSA at Lower Campus

SCIENCE FAIR 2011 - GET READY!

Tuesday, March 15th, 6:00-8:00pm Upper Campus

Registration fliers will be distributed in classes next week and a link for online sign up will be posted in next week's Connection.

Lake Harriet's Outstanding Job in Math League

On Thursday, January 20, Lake Harriet hosted Carondelet School for the fifth and final Math Meet of the 2010-2011 season of the Minnesota Junior High Math League. Despite all the eager anticipation for Winter Activity Day, 18 hardy LHCS middle-schoolers arrived at 8:00 a.m. to work on challenging math problems.

LHCS ended up taking home the first and second place trophies for the top teams in the Minneapolis-Southwest division! Other LHCS award winners, based on their performance throughout the entire season, included Peter L. (1st in the division), Nathaniel L. (2nd), Seth C.P. (3rd), Alexander F. (4th), John L. (5th), Cameron F. (8th), and Becca T. (10th). Great job!

The meet was sponsored by the Lake Harriet MATHCOUNTS club.

Are you having problems receiving the Connect Online Newsletter?

If you or someone you know is signed up to get the Connect Online Newsletter, but has not been receiving it in their inbox, there are a few things you can try. Enter lhcspta@gmail.com in your address book and/or enter lhcspta@gmail.com in your "safe senders" list.

If you think that school email address is already in your address book, please double check because the email address has changed over the past years. If you still don't receive the Connect Online after trying this, please contact Gwen Spurgat at gwen.spurgat@objectpartners.com.

Reflecting on the Year

"Reflecting on the Year" is this year's theme to LHCS's annual yearbook. What makes a yearbook so memorable is lots of pictures of the wonderful events that have happened throughout the year. It is not a yearbook without photos! Parents -- please share some of the great pictures you have taken over the school year. Putting them on a CD works best. You can leave it for me in the office.

Thank you,
Lynn Borden, yearbook advisor, mikelynn90@yahoo.com

Give Kids a Smile

The Minnesota Dental Association and thousands of Minnesota dental professionals are sponsoring FREE dental care to low-income children on Friday, February 4 and Saturday, February 5. The dental care will be available in many locations. To find a participating dental office, parents may call United Way (Dial 2-1-1) or 1-800-543-7709. Operators will have a list of participating dental offices and will be able to direct people to a location in their area. Parents will then call the dental office to schedule an appointment. An online list of participating dental offices will also be available at www.mndental.org. All patients must have appointments in advance and be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Services will vary from preventive care (cleanings, sealants and fluoride treatments) to restorative care (fillings). Typically, clinics treat children ranging in age from 3 to age 18. When calling for an appointment, parents should mention the 'Give Kids a Smile' program, ask about any age requirements and ask about specific services at that location. Learn more at www.mndental.org.

Parties Galore Fundraiser!

January means that it is time to start thinking Parties Galore. For those of you who are new to LHCS, Parties Galore is a spring fundraiser where LHCS parents offer to host parties and families buy tickets to attend. Last year Parties Galore raised \$11,000.

In past years, we have had great all-school theme parties and grade-level parties. Great examples of all-school theme parties include cocktail parties, knitting class or dinner with a local author.

Grade-level parties receive the greatest turnout and best feedback. They are a great way for parents to get to know the other parents in their child's grade. Grade-level parties have included a 4th grade mom's tea, a Goodbye LHCS Hello High School party for 8th grade parents and a 6th grade BBQ - the

possibilities are endless. Get together with friends and brainstorm! You set the date (between April and June), time, type of party and the number of people.

We need your help to make this fun fundraiser a success this year. Please throw a party to benefit LHCS. Email Barbie Alampi at balampi@comcast.net, Hilary Davidson at hilarydavidson@yahoo.com, Liz Kinney at lizkinney@gmail.com or Laura Stegenga at laurastegenga@yahoo.com with questions or to sign up to host an all school party or a grade level party.

Please sign up for a party before February 4th.

Lake Harriet Mathletes Do Well on American Mathematics Competition

AMC 8 Results:

Special Honors

School Winner: Nathaniel L.

Distinction: Nathaniel L. (top 1% nationwide)

School Team: Nathaniel L., Peter L., Addy A., Seth C.P.

Honor Roll: Nathaniel L., Peter L., Addy A., Seth C.P.

School Certificate of Merit: Lake Harriet Community School.

8th Grade

Award	Name
Gold	Nathaniel L.
Silver	Peter L.
Bronze	Addy A., Seth C.P.

7th Grade

Gold	Ben M.
Silver	Emma C., Ivy F.
Bronze	Ellen B., Chloe S., Kassra T.

6th Grade

Gold	John L. & Will L.
Silver	Isabelle J.
Bronze	Sonya C., Catherine M., Jack W.

Others in Top 23

Score	Name
14	Sammie C.
13	Karl S., Becca T.
12	Jack J.i, Alex K.
10	Emma P., Sam S.

On November 16, 2010, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students had the opportunity to participate in the 26th annual American Mathematics Competitions 8 (AMC 8) contest offered at Lake Harriet Community School and sponsored by the LHCS MATHCOUNTS Club. Last year the AMC 8 contest involved over 150,000 students worldwide.

The AMC8 challenges students with mathematics that is new, different, and "outside of the box." The problems on the contest are difficult, but designed to be within the reach of students. We encourage all LHCS kids to join MATHCOUNTS and enter next year's AMC 8.

You can learn more about the test by doing a Google search for "AMC 8," or by going to <http://amc.maa.org/e-exams/e4-amc08/amc8.shtml>.

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