



A weekly publication of the Lake Harriet Community School PTA

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From the Principals' Desks:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Whoever said Service Learning was meant for older children? The students at LHCS are proving this statement is false. Some of the projects students have participated in this year have been extremely effective in teaching caring for our global neighbors and caring for our environment.

When an earthquake struck Haiti last year, Lake Harriet students moved into gear and raised close to \$10,000 to supply food packets to the earthquake victims in Haiti. This year, it was quite obvious that important Haitian needs were still not being addressed and LHCS students, led by our very active Student Council, focused on housing needs. The Diversity Committee, in partnership with the American Refugee Committee (ARC), designed a tapestry/quilt project for our students' participation. Each LHCS child drew a personal sketch on the tapestry. Now this supportive art piece will find its home in Terrain Acra Camp in Port-au-Prince as a symbol of our connection to the Haitian People.

Another of LHCS' global learning projects focused on the Tsunami disaster in Japan. As a way of showing solidarity with these victims, our children participated in a teacher directed project wherein 1,000 origami paper hearts are being made to be sent to the Tsunami victims. Again, an expression of our solidarity with the people of Japan.

Caring sparked a unique participation in Earth Day this year. The practical thinking of our 2nd graders developed a project based on used toys. Students brought their used toys to school for a Garage Sale. \$1,000 was raised as students purchased "new" toys at a minimal cost. The money will be divided between Linden Hills Park (repairing the tennis courts) and Wood Lake Nature Center.

Lastly, during Read-a-thon Days, a book exchange took place. Children dropped used books from home into boxes at school and in exchange took books home to enjoy new stories/readings. Again, another environmental nod! Young students have experienced the excitement of being responsible stewards. Our hope is that their future will exemplify good stewardship.

Sincerely,

Ellen Murphy, POSA at Lake Harriet Lower Campus

From the lunchroom manager:

Dear parent/guardians of Lake Harriet Upper campus:

I am writing to ask that all outstanding breakfast and lunch bills be paid in full this spring prior to the end of the school year.

Send all moneys to the lunchroom.

Note: if bills are not paid they will follow your student to the next Minneapolis Public school that they attend.

Sincerely,

Pat Nagle, Lunchroom Manager

Lower Campus Field Day

The lower campus FIELD DAY is Friday, May 27th! All lower campus students will be involved in activities outside for most of the day. Please help them to dress appropriately for the weather and with good sturdy shoes on that day.

If you have a portable shelter that you would not mind setting up for the day, please contact Ms. Chase.

Ms. Chase can use many volunteers; if you are interested, please contact Ms. Chase at carol.chase@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Transportation Forms for the Lower Campus

Look for transportation forms to come home today with all Lower Campus students. These are necessary for confirmation of the correct information for fall busing. Even if your student does not require busing, please complete and return forms by Friday May 20. A second request will be sent home for those not returned. Thank you for your assistance.

Paula Stoltz-Transportation Coordinator LHLC-668-3213.

8th Grade Dance Contest

On Friday, May 20th, at 2:30, the 8th grade students will be competing in the seventh 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 2 1/2 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 and 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!

Back-to-School Rescue

It's that time of year again! Time to check off one thing from your fall back-to-school to-do list now. Lake Harriet and Innisbrook are providing a school supply pack option. We have taken the Back-To-School supply lists from the teachers and had Innisbrook assemble packages you can purchase online. Each package comes with the exact supplies your teacher is requesting for the 2011-2012 school year. Plus, a couple of free extras are also included: name labels, field trip money envelopes, a "note for the teacher" notepad and a memory box.

This year we have also added a Wish List packet option to cover the requests of the Art, Music and Media departments which are also in need of supplies that are not included in the standard packet. You can also purchase additional packets to donate to your child's classroom to help others in our school community.

This is a great way to ensure a stress-free return to school and to fundraise for LHCS. Place an order now and your child's classroom supplies will be waiting for you to pick-up, with a valid photo I.D., at the all-school Ice Cream Social.

Watch your child's backpack for the order form or check on the school website. **Hurry, supplies must be ordered by June 1.**

Updated Supply Lists

Lake Harriet Upper Campus Supply List – 2011-2012 School Year

5th GRADE

- 8-Three-ring binder page dividers
- 2 – Package Writing Paper, wide ruled lined with margins for three Ring Binder
- 6 – Spiral notebook, wide ruled with tear out pages
- Number 2 pencils 24 ct (not recycled wood or plastic decorated wrapped)
- 1 – Colored Markers Washable 8-10 ct
- 1 – Colored Pencils 8-10 ct
- 1 – Scotch tape
- 1 – pair of Scissors
- 3 – Large Erasers
- 2 – Kleenex Tissue Box
- 2 – packets of 3" x 3" Post-it Notes
- 1- 2" Three-ring binder with a sleeve on the cover
- 6- 2 Pocket plastic folders. One each in the following colors: red, yellow, green, blue, orange and black
- 5- Plastic sleeves for 3-ring binders
- 1-12" ruler with centimeters
- 1-packet hole reinforces
- 1-handheld pencil sharpener
- 1-Zippered pencil case

OPTIONAL:

- Box of staples
- Packing tape
- Glue bottles
- Masking tape
- 1-ream white paper
- 1-ream color paper
- Flash drive

ADDITIONAL ITEMS REQUESTED BUT NOT INCLUDED IN PRE-ORDERED PACKETS

- Used Tennis balls

GRADES 3-8 ART SUPPLY LIST

- Watercolor paper (cold or hot pressed) 24"X36" or 12"X18"
- Drafting pencils 4H to 6B range
- Erasers -kneaded/gum or rubber
- Drawing paper - (Archival, medium weight) 12"X18" or 18"X24"
- Acrylic paint
- Gloss medium varnish

- Watercolor refills - black, blue, yellow, red, green
- Markers - black, fine-tip, felt, flair - box of 12 (8 boxes)
- Fixative - 4 cans
- Paint brushes - bristle or synthetic, fine-tip rounds, filberts
- Illustration Board - any size
- White board markers
- Staplers
- Folders for storing artwork - approximate size 12"X18"
- Markers assorted colors and sizes
- Colored pencils assorted colors
- Tag board - white and black

GRADES 3-8 MUSIC SUPPLY LIST

- Duct tape
- Clear package tape
- Scotch tape
- Three ring binders
- Sharpie pens
- #2 pencils
- Package of lined paper
- 409 and Windex
- Floor cleaner
- 1 – 3-Ring Binder

**Please note Wish List items are not included in School Supply packets and will need to be purchased separately.

U/CAMPUS MEDIA SUPPLY WISH LIST

- Rolls of Scotch Book Tape - 3"X 540"
- Book jacket cover plastic on roll 14"X 200'
- #2 pencils

Media Center Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed on Friday, June 10th from 10am-noon to get the UC-Media Center bookshelves re-organized after a year of steady use by students. This is a great job for anyone who loves books and appreciates the resources available in the Media Center. Call Leandra with any questions at 612/929-0572.

Tickets on Sale Now for Parties Galore Fundraisers



These parties are available online now for purchase, go to <http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/> and click on the yellow Parties Galore Button.

We haven't met our fundraising goal for the year, so by attending these parties you are supporting our school all while having a great time! Hurry, parties will fill up fast. Keep your eyes on the website for more parties that are in the works.

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THIS WEEK:

Thursday, May 19th - Lake Harriet Moms - Girls' Night Out at Hot Mama!

(Must buy by May 20th): Tuesday, June 14th - LHCS Night at the Twins Game! - Against the Chicago White Sox

Friday May 20th - 6th Grade Party

Saturday May 21st - All School Casino Night

Saturday, May 21 - 4th Grade Backyard BBQ and Meat Raffle

Sun, May 22nd - 1st Grade Bowling Party

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Friday, June 3 - 2nd Grade Mom's Cocktail Party

Saturday, June 4th - 3rd Grade Mamasitas Fiesta

Saturday, June 4th - 7th Grade - All America BBQ!

Saturday, June 4th - 8th Grade - " Farewell Lake Harriet . . . Hello, High School!"

Saturday, June 11th - All School Fiesta

Reams of Paper Needed

The Upper Campus Office is accepting donations until the end of the school year of reams of white, copy paper for school use. Any donations would be appreciated by both staff and teachers.

Scholastic Book Fair Coordinator Needed for the 2011-2012 School Year

Please consider chairing (or finding a friend with whom you can co-chair) the Scholastic book fair that will take place during conferences on October 20th and 21st, 2011. With the help of a great Scholastic Representative, lots of detailed documentation from past years and a never-ending pool of volunteers, this event practically runs itself!

If you are interested, please contact Peggy Kjorstad Kaatz at kaatzpjs@hotmail.com or Peggy Whisler at Peggy@thewislers.com. Thank you!

Countdown to the Sleep Out for Shelter on May 20

The number of students and families getting involved with the Sleep Out for Shelter (SOFS) event on May 20th continues to grow. This week, the Student Council will select the winning entries for the "Top 10 Reasons to Sleep Out for Shelter" contest, and those whose ideas are chosen will win a box of DQ Dilly Bars. All students who participate in the SOFS or any of the related activities leading up to the event, will be entered in prize drawings for a chance to win camping equipment, a rock climbing class and gift cards to local restaurants and shops.

You can sign up online at http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/sleep_out_for_shelter.html or stop by either school office and complete a printed registration form. Pledge Sheets for use in collecting donations are also available online and in the offices. Families who register to participate will receive a Sleep Out Toolkit, created by the American Refugee Committee, which contains a wealth of information, including a reading list created by The Advocates for Human Rights, and activities to help participants reflect on the

challenges that people face after experiencing a devastating emergency.

Don't miss this opportunity to join with our school teachers, staff, students and families to make a positive impact both in Haiti and here in our own community.

Upper Campus Art Show and Middle Grades Orchestra Concert

Date: Thursday, May 19 Art Show - Grades 3 through 8

Time: 6 PM - 8 PM

Location: Atrium, cafeteria and hallways

6th - 8th Grade Orchestra and Ensembles

Time: 7 PM

Location: Cafeteria

Please join us!

Spring Concert Season Arrives– Don't miss it!

The student musicians of Lake Harriet always look forward to their spring performances. We invite you to share in our musical experiences. Please join us for the performances listed below.

Please mark your calendars!

Thursday, May 26, 2011 • LHUC Gym

Grades 3-5 perform at 10am

Grades 6-8 perform at 2:30pm *including orchestra*.

We hope to see you there!

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