

Dear Connection Reader,

Welcome to **Connect Online**, a weekly email that links you to all the LHCS news and highlights of the week to keep you informed and involved. But remember, all of this news and more is always available at our [Lake Harriet Community School website](#).

If you have an article that you would like to have considered for publication, use the [online submission form](#) which is also found on the Connection page of the LHCS website.



Upcoming Events

link directly to the online [LHCS Calendar](#)

- **Tue, Nov 15** - All School PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, UC Media Center
***NEW DATE**
- **Wed, Nov 23 - NO SCHOOL**, Flex Duty Day for Teachers
- **Thur and Fri, Nov 24-25 -NO SCHOOL**, Thanksgiving Break
- **Tue, Nov 29** - Site Council Meeting, 5:00 - 6:30 pm, UC Media Center

Notes from the PTA:

Our next PTA meeting is TONIGHT!
Tuesday, November 15th
from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
at the Upper Campus Media Center.
All are welcome!

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Bully Poster Contest

Congratulations to the two winners of the Upper Campus Bully Poster Contest: 4th grader Cozette H. and 6th grader Georgia P.! All upper campus students created a poster that depicts our school anti-bullying rules:

- 1) We do not bully students.
- 2) We help students who are bullied.
- 3) We include students who are left out.
- 4) We tell an adult at school & home when somebody is being bullied.

FROM THE OFFICE

2011-12 Pledge Drive -Pledge to the Max- Begins on November 16.

Each year the LHCS PTA counts on your support! Your donations through the Pledge Drive fund the activities and experiences that give your student an education on par with private schools. Donations through the Pledge Drive are 100% tax deductible and 100% of every dollar goes directly to support LHCS programs.

What programs are supported? Take a look - many of these experiences would not exist without PTA funding. Art Adventure, Middle Grades Orchestra, Food education via the Midwest Food Connection, Chess Club, Science Fair, Media Center replenishment ... and [more!](#)

On Wednesday November 16, start your commitment to LHCS through your donation to the Pledge Drive Direct, efficient and 100% tax deductible.



You can pledge any day, any time, any amount and as often as you like throughout the school year. **Every time you donate your student feels the benefits.**

We had many creative submissions, but Cozette and Georgia were the favorites. Look for the posters on our school walls in the next few weeks. Thanks to all who participated.

Learn to Wrestle

A wrestling clinic for grades 3-8 will be held next Wednesday and Thursday (November 16 and 17) in the gym at the Upper Campus from 4:15 - 5:30. Please bring shorts, t-shirt and sneakers or wrestling shoes. The clinicians will be Southwest High School varsity wrestling coaches and captains. Please contact Paul Porter with questions at Paul.Porter@mpls.k12.mn.us.

2011-2012 School Directory

Looking to have playdates? Planning a birthday party? Need to connect with other parents? You need the new School Directory! Contact Ann Smith at lhcsvolunteer@gmail.com or stop by the Upper Campus office to get a copy. It's only \$10 and worth far more! Or join the PTA (also \$10), get PTA membership benefits, and the directory is FREE! Scholarships are available (please contact amymimick@yahoo.com, all requests will remain confidential).

REMINDERS OF NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Don't Forget the Free Day for LHCS at the Bakken!

Join us for the Lake Harriet Celebration Day on November 19th! Enjoy free admission for all Lake Harriet staff, students, and families. See examples of work about engineering and inventions that 6th grade students have done with Bakken staff and participate in hands-on activities for the whole family. The Bakken is at 3537 Zenith Ave. S., Minneapolis. For more information, contact the Bakken at www.theBakken.org or 612-926-3878.

Reminder: Lake Harriet Middle Grades Basketball

The winter sports season is right around

School News

Gratitude Works

School psychologists, teachers, and students in the district are participating in the Gratitude Works program as part of National School Psychology Awareness Week November 14-18, 2011. Sponsored by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), the Gratitude Works program seeks to reinforce students' practice of gratitude as one of many pro-social behaviors that can foster individual resilience and well-being as well as contribute to overall positive school climate.

Students at Lake Harriet will engage in various activities this month to express their gratitude. Some will write letters of gratitude to individuals who have made a difference in their lives or the lives of others. Some classes will share their gratitude with each other during their classroom meetings. And other classrooms will write about what they are grateful for during language arts. These activities help students develop a more positive school experience by increasing their capacity to appreciate others.

To find out what you can do with your child at home to help foster gratitude, click the title link.

You can also follow this link for more [Tips for Parents: Fostering an Attitude of Gratitude.](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can provide any further information. Thank you for supporting your school, staff, and quality psychological services.

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Read-a-Thon Request

Planning for the February 2012 Read-a-

the corner. Middle grade boys and girls who are interested in playing for the Lake Harriet school team should make sure to have a physical on file with the school nurse before try-outs. The season starts November 28th for both programs. If you have any questions about the upcoming season, please contact Mr. DePerry.

Thanks again! LHCS Friends and Families ROCKED the Book Fair!

This year's Fair was the best ever! Proceeds from the Book Fair are directed through the LHCS PTA to the Media Centers, Book Rooms and to classroom curriculum materials. Thanks to the volunteers for this event and to everyone who bought books, SpiritWear and the LHCS Directory.

thon for Grades K-5 is well underway. We have a big goal this year and are looking for individuals or businesses who can donate prizes to help incent our voracious readers. Also, we are looking for more volunteers to help with our opening ceremony and book drive. We want to make this year's event the best one yet! If interested in donating or volunteering, please contact Kelly Ellis at knsellis1@comcast.net or Dana Hofmann-Geye at dana.hofmann-geye@thrivent.com.

Relevant Community News*

Park Programs at Pershing and Linden Hills

Winter Programs begin after the new year! Activities range from 'Fun & Fit' after school fun programs to keep your school age kids active through the long winter to yoga for adults- we have something for everyone! You can view all programs online @ www.minneapolisparks.org beginning Dec 1, 2011. Register for these activities beginning Dec 5 at 6:00 pm.

SWAC Winter Sports Registration for Basketball, Hockey and Wrestling deadline is Sunday, November 27. Read more about registration [here](#).

Winter Break Day Camps with Abrakadoodle at Linden Hills! Looking for fun things to do for your child and friends over Winter Break? We are hosting amazing day camps that your kids will love - many themes available for boys and girls- check out page 9-10 in our fall brochure.

Linden Hills Park Hockey Equipment Swap- For four consecutive Sundays from Nov 27 to Dec 18th, 12:30-3:30 pm - we'll take in your old equipment, you can trade up sizes or you can purchase used equipment via donation to SWAC. For more information contact lindenhill@minneapolisparks.org.

*Community News is news submitted by the LHCS community; it is not school sponsored.

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Lake Harriet Community School PTA

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