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Parties Galore - Casino Night!

Casino Night 2015 Come in out of the cold and enjoy one of the most successful parties of the year! Try your hand at some casino games and get in on raffle prizes all while enjoying drinks and appetizers with LHCS parents and friends! Party starts at 7:00pm. Games begin at 8:00pm. Must be 21 years or older.

Where: Sandy & Chris Holt's Home 4866 West Lake Harriet Pkwy

When: Saturday, February 7, 2015 7:00pm – 11:00pm

Cost: \$35/Person #Tickets Available: 75 Hosted By: Sandy & Chris Holt, Cathy & Bob Wiesner, Maggie & Brian Bebler, Beth Murphy, Amy & Troy Fulton, Beth & Steve Larcoran, Val & Craig Rittler, Heather & Matt Hunt

Parties Galore - 5th Grade Bingo

5th GRADE BINGO EXTRAVAGANZA Come one, come all 5th grade parents to this year's Bingo Extravaganza! Please join us for a night of competitive bingo, prizes, food and fun! Ticket price includes dinner and drinks...Bingo cards extra so bring cash to play! Must be 21 years or older.

Where: Vicki And Greg's House 5036 Thomas Avenue S

When: Saturday, April 18, 2015 6:00pm - ??

Cost: \$30/person #Tickets Available: 50 Hosted By: Vicki Surprise & Greg Wiley, Connie & Tom Walsh, Carol & Mike Bechay, Matt & Liz Shors, Karin & Scott Maida, Karie & Christian Dean, Michael & Pauline Croy

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

Questions or party ideas? Contact Maggie Bebler at magsla@aol.com or Sara Johnson at ssj0116@gmail.com.

Presenters needed for STE(A)M at UPPER Campus

STE(A)M at the lower campus has been a huge success; we are hoping to expand this great opportunity and bring it to the UPPER campus Thursday, January 28th, 2:30-3:45. We need

presenters and volunteers - please contact Trisha Power at trisha@buildwithbella.com if you are interested.

We are looking for presenters who can lead a 75 minute presentation/activity on any of the following (but not limited to): bike repair, skate board repair, photography, DJ, vocal or musical teacher, HR or resume writer, illustrator, painter/artist, architect, interior designer, fashion designer, actor, social media expert, environmentalist, doctor/nurse, engineer, chef, chemist, fitness, sports... This will be an enriching experience for our 4th-8th graders please let me know if you have an interest or job that you're willing to share with the students.

Thank you!!
Trisha Power

High School Request Process

The high school request process will begin Monday, December 15th. Families at that time can fill out the form online, print the form from the website and mail in or come into one of the placement offices. Because guide books will not be available until the school fair student placement has created mini guides that will be mailed to the students homes beginning Wednesday, December 17th. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me at 612.668.1837.

LHCS Plays Famous Dave's

Famous Dave's in Uptown will be featuring the LHCS Jazz Band, staff band, student bands and headliner, Principal Schleisman's Rolling Stones cover band. Everyone welcome...no advance ticket sales...donations taken at the door and all proceeds go directly to the PTA.

Where: Famous Dave's BBQ in Uptown
3001 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis 55408
When: Saturday, January 31, 2015
3:00pm - 7:00pm
Cost: \$5/Person or \$20/Family suggested donation

Science Fair 2015 - Save the Date!

Save the date for "Night of Curiosity" - Thurs. March 12th, 6:00-8:00pm. Grades K-8 at the Upper Campus. Look for more information in January! Also I need volunteers to help request donations for prizes. Please contact Cynthia Lunder if you are interested: lunderfam@me.com

Lower Campus Jungle!

The "Jungle" is coming to the lower campus! From Tuesday, Jan. 7th (Day 3) - Thursday, Jan. 16th (Day 2) all lower campus classes will be participating in the "Jungle" during physical education times. This is usually one of the highlights of the year; the students love it! It is the climax to our body management unit. Students are invited to & have permission to bring one stuffed animal (It does not have to be a jungle-related animal) to place in the jungle during their class times. Also, it is very important, for safety reasons, that children have proper gym shoes. Without proper shoes, they may miss parts of the jungle. Class schedules can be found on Ms. Chase's web page. You are more than welcome to stop in to see the Jungle in action! If you have questions, feel free to contact Ms. Chase.

Spelling BEE 2015 is Coming!

Get ready for the Spelling Bee 2015! It will be held on Wednesday, January 14th. Check back for further information to be posted in the near future.

COME TEACH IN OUR ALC AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We have a need for a teacher for our ALC After School program to teach a 4th/5th grade math group two days a week. If you are a currently licensed teacher who is interested in being part of the LHCS after school program, we would love to have you come aboard!

Please contact Kim Kirk with more details about schedules and salary. She can be reached at Kim.Kirk@mpls.k12.mn.us

Minneapolis Kids Jr.

Minneapolis Kids Jr. is up and running! Minneapolis Kids Jr. offers a safe, nurturing, educational, and recreational experience specifically designed for children entering kindergarten the following school year. Children are encouraged to pursue interests, and develop friendships, independence, and confidence. The program runs at the Lake Harriet Lower (10AM-1PM) and incorporates curriculum from Mother Goose Time (www.mothergoosetime.com).

Please see the Minneapolis Kids website for more information (<https://mplskids.mpls.k12.mn.us>).

Winter Weather and School Closings

Minneapolis Public Schools sometimes cancels classes when winter weather makes it unsafe for students to get to and from school.

MPS will likely cancel classes if the National Weather Service predicts that:

- The wind chill will be -35°F (-37°C) or colder at 6:30 am.

MPS will consider canceling classes if the National Weather Service predicts that:

- More than 6 inches of snow will fall in 12 hours.
- More than 8 inches of snow will fall in 24 hours.

Every winter storm is different, so it is possible that classes will still be held even if wind chill or snowfall reaches these limits. The safety and well-being of students and staff is a top priority, and the decision to close school is a complex one. We do everything possible to keep schools open because:

- Our schools provide students with a safe and warm place to learn.
- Some students rely on the school district for breakfast and lunch.
- Some families do not have child care options for their children while they are at work.

MPS will try to notify families by 6 pm the day before the cancellation. If conditions have become more hazardous than expected overnight, families will be notified by 5:30 am the day of the cancellation. Here is how you can stay informed:

- Call your school now to make sure your correct phone number and email address are on file.
- Check the MPS website or your school website.

- Follow MPS on Twitter @MPS_News or on Facebook at facebook.com/minneapolis.schools.
- Watch for closures on local news channels.

For complete details about our practices around winter weather, visit www.mpls.k12.mn.us/school_closing.

Lost & Found

If you are missing any items, please take a look in the Lost and Found.

The Lower Campus Lost and Found is located near the art room. Any items left will be donated during the holiday break.

The Upper Campus Lost and Found is located by the gym entrance.

Weight Watchers Group

We would like to invite any interested parents or family members to please join us.

We are starting up a Weight Watchers at the Lower Campus

Details:

Friday mornings 7:45 a.m. – 8:20/8:30 a.m. (weigh in 7:45 -8:00 and meeting start at 8:00)

In Room A205

Enter Door #3 on Drew

Cost for 12 weeks = \$156.00 (You can put it on a credit card or write a check)

We have several interested staff members but we need 15 people to start.

If you are interested please email Sheri.sisler@mpls.k12.mn.us (Kindergarten teacher).

Service Provided

PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS - INTERESTED? Hello. My name is Jennifer Gottenborg and I have the pleasure of working at Lake Harriet Lower as an Instructional Specialist. Beginning in January, I will be accepting students for piano lessons. I have over 20 years of experience teaching, and am an experienced musician, playing both piano and organ. If you are interested in your child beginning lessons, please contact me at 763.438.2858. I live in Mendota Heights, off 55 West and Lexington Avenue. Thank you!

Save the Date Read-A-Thon

The 2015 Read-A-Thon is just around the corner. This year's theme is "Read to the Peak" and our readers are going on an expedition. Key dates to remember: Saturday, January 31 - Read A Thon starts Thursday February 5 6:30 - 8 PM- Family Author Night with local author Lori Evert, who will be reading "Tiny Wish" and signing books. Sunday, February 8 12:00 - 5:00 PM Book Fair at Wild Rumpus. More details coming in the future, along with requests for volunteers. Read A Thon Chair, Charity Coates davidandchar@comcast.net

Marker Recycling Continues at Lower Campus

Last school year, Lower Campus collected 3900 markers to be recycled into fuel through the Crayola Colorcycle program. Let's try to break that record this school year! A large collection bin

is located near the front entrance in the Commons area of Lower Campus and individual collection pails are in each classroom. Please recycle your dried up or unusable markers - any brand, any kind!

MPS Goes Mobile: Now you can receive MPS text alerts on your cell. Just Text "YES" to 68453.

Community News:

Let's Start a Coder Dojo at Southwest H.S.! Parent Volunteers Needed!

What is a Coder Dojo? It's a volunteer-led, global movement of free coding clubs that offer youth and teens exposure to coding and the world of information technology. There is a vast need in the Twin Cities where the few clubs fill instantly and are turning away lots of kids.

To start a Coder Dojo at Southwest we need parent volunteers willing to commit 2-3 hours a month on an evening or weekend.

You do not need to know anything about coding--you will learn right alongside the kids.

You do need to be comfortable using a PC or Mac and accessing the internet.

Interested? Email madeleinelowry@hotmail.com.
We hope to get started in January.

SWAC Wrestling

Looking for a fun winter sport? SWAC wrestling is great exercise, fun and develops balance and strength for all other sports. Open to K-8, co-ed, no equipment or experience required. Registration is still available at Linden Hills or Pershing parks. Questions? Contact Mark Vandermyde at 612-859-2414

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Submissions: email to Mark Fullerton: marksatva@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.