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New Items:

Volunteers Needed for Hearing Tests 1/19

First grade hearing tests will take place Thursday, January 19. Tests begin at 9:45 and will take about 4 hours. Help out all morning, or split the job with another parent. Please contact Nikki Niermann to sign up nniermann@gmail.com.

Refrain from Idling during Parent Pickup

Please turn off your car when you sit and wait. A complaint came from neighbors that say the exhaust from the idling cars is coming into their homes. They are asking our parents to please be considerate so that the police are not called.

Parent pick Up at Lower REMINDER

This note is for those of you who do parent pick-up. The school would like to remind families that due to high sidewalk traffic, bus safety, and icy conditions, the only place teachers will be releasing students to families after school is at the corner of 40th St and Drew Ave. We apologize and know that parking can be a challenge at dismissal time and with the cold weather we're all tempted to make the shortest walk possible to our cars. However, kids coming in and out of lines at various points along the dismissal line is a safety concern, and as such all classes have been directed to release students only at the designated corner.

Thanks for helping with this!

Mery Tilleson

After School Classes at Lake Harriet

Register now for Community Ed After School classes on mplscommunityed.com. We're offering new exciting programs with partner organizations including GoSolar, Active Solutions, and Sweets Kendama. Paper flyers will be sent home to students - electronic flyer available at

youth.mpls.k12.mn.us/lake_harriet. Register early as classes fill quickly. Email Steven.Bodger@mpls.k12.mn.us or call 612.668.3330 with questions.

Famous Dave's Music Event - Save the Date

The highly anticipated fundraiser and concert at Famous Dave's has been moved from this month to next. Come support our school and our amazing music program on February 4, from 2-7 at Famous Dave's in Calhoun Square.

STEM & Career Exploration Expo

The STEM & Career Exploration Expo is on Thursday, Feb. 2, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. All MPS 8th graders are invited to participate.

Find more information, including a video, about previous year's STEM Expo on this page. (<http://stem.mpls.k12.mn.us/mpsstemexpo>) Contact Jill Bjorklund if you have any questions at 612-668-0656.

Previously Run Articles:

Lake Harriet Lower Citizens of the Month (expires Jan 10)

Congratulations to our December Citizens at Lower Campus! We recognized these students as positive school leaders.

Kindergarten: Ella S, Bjorn B, Olivia W, Isabella S, Natalie T, Liam S, Sydney C, Jenr K, Bodhi H, Hudson H, Winnie S, Jack W
First: Naomi R, Hadley H, Theo H, Evelyn O, Gretchen W, Liam D, Aalya H, Ronin D, Ivy P, Henry L
Second: Eleanor P, Peyton M, Samir P, Senita T, Miles C, Eva W, Luke F, Maren J, Jack L, Lola M
Third: Kate K, Ari S, Norah L, Lucas I, Kaden K, Annie S, Anatalya G, Noah B, Haris H, Sequoia B

Welcome New Staff! (expires Jan 10)

In December we welcomed two new staff members to LHCS.

Wendy Frantz is our new middle school health and DAPE (Developmental Adapted Physical Education) teacher at the upper campus, and kindergarten dance/movement teacher at the lower campus.

Sarah Jorgenson is our new associate educator and testing coordinator at upper campus.

Join us for a Fredtalk! (expires Jan 10)

Please join Lake Harriet Community School Site Council academic subcommittee for our own "Fredtalk": Creativity and Play - the Fun Mindset. Fred Cheng, our very own Advanced Differentiation Specialist, will be sharing concepts and ideas on how to engage our kids in fun activities outside of school. There will be light refreshments and food available. There will be time after the talk to discuss the ideas and explore the concepts further.

Location: Lake Harriet Upper Campus Library
When: February 9, 6:30

Roller Garden Fundraiser (expires Jan 10)

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Family Author Night Feb 7 (expires January 10)

Minneapolis author and illustrator, Michael Hall, will be the featured author at this year's Family Author Night:

February 7 6-8 PM
Lower Campus Cafeteria.

Michael Hall is the author/illustrator of The New York Times bestseller, My Heart Is Like a Zoo, as well as the critically acclaimed Perfect Square, It's an Orange Aardvark, Red: A Crayon's Story, and Frankencrayon.

Used Book Sale Feb 23 & 24 (expires January 10)

Please start collecting your used books for the annual LCHS Used Book Sale-Upper and Lower Campuses on Feb 23 & 24. Drop off sites will be announced in January.

St. Louis Park Little League Registration starts January 1st! (expires January 10)

St. Louis Park Little League provides an opportunity for every child age 5 to 12 years old to learn to play baseball in a fun and positive atmosphere. To register or learn more, visit our website www.slplittleleague.com.

Registration opens January 1st. Register prior to January 31st and receive a discount. St Louis Park Little League is affordable and every player receives access to a full year of baseball programming.

- Awesome Uniforms
- Winter, spring, and fall workouts and clinics
- 3 months of regular season practices and games
- Tournaments
- Social and group events St Louis Park Little League offers baseball and community
- Over 400 kids participate each year
- You and your child will make new friends
- A chance to volunteer in our community

Register Now! Your TEAM is waiting for you!
www.facebook.com/slplittleleague

Questions: Contact Matt Moran at slplpresident@gmail.com.

Southwest HS Performing Arts (expires January 10)

Hot Notes on a Cold Night Cabaret
Saturday, January 21 at 7 p.m.

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 3
450 Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis

Don't miss the best party of the year in support of Southwest High School's exceptional performing arts programs. Hot Notes features student and alumni entertainers, fun with friends old and new, and dancing to our award-winning Jazz Big Band!

Get your tickets now at:

<http://events.readysetauction.com/southwesthighschoolperformingartscouncil/hotnotes2017>

January 24-26, 7 pm One Acts, Main Stage, (part of the State High School League competition)
SWHS

February 1-4, 7 pm - You Can't Take It With You, Unhinged Student Theatre Company
performances, Black box, SWHS

February 7, 7pm - Choir Concert, SWHS

February 13, 7 pm - Band Concert w/ Lake Harriet and Anthony Middle Schools

February 15, 7 pm - Orchestra Concert w/ Lake Harriet Middle School

February 23, 7 pm - Guitar Concert, SWHS Commons

Help us keep our hallways safe and clear! (expires January 10)

After the winter break, we are asking students that ride scooters to school to store (folded) them in lockers or leave them by the bike rack on Washburn. With snow boots, instruments, and school projects, our hallways become cluttered quickly and we need safe pathways for all students to be able to travel between classrooms. If you are able to fold your scooter and store it in a locker, please make sure to walk the scooter into the building and place it in your locker as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation!

Thinking Putty Craze (expires January 10)

We have seen an increase of students bringing Thinking Putty to school. Thinking Putty, a putty like substance that comes in cool colors and can be magnetic, may be used by students that struggle with focus during class. Unfortunately, Thinking Putty has become a distraction in the classroom and has been used to plug up toilets and sinks in our Upper campus bathrooms. We ask that students not bring Thinking Putty to class/school without approval from a teacher or office staff.

Readathon Starts January 27th (expires January 10)

Mark your calendar! The 2017 LHCS Readathon will be January 27-February 24.

Kindergarten-5th grade students will read and keep track of the minutes they have read (outside of school time). They may collect pledges as a school fundraiser if they wish. Forms and money will be due by NOON on March 3. There will be prizes to earn as well as some giveaways. The awards assembly will be March 17 AM. Bikes and helmets will be awarded to the student from each grade reading the most minutes.

Parents will need to take an active role in helping their student(s) keep track of the minutes. Students had some very creative math last year and were reading 10 hours a day?!

Four 8th Grade Band Students Achieve Great Things (expires January 10)

Four Lake Harriet 8th grade students have been chosen to represent Minneapolis Public Schools at the Central Minnesota Band Directors Association 6-8 Honor Band on January 14th at Elk River High School. The students will spend the day in rehearsal with 98 other student musicians from schools around Central Minnesota. The afternoon concludes with a festival concert at 5:00 p.m; all are welcome for the performance.

Please congratulate these students; They are the only MPS students to achieve this honor.

Murphy S., Clarinet

Adeline W., Bass Clarinet

Joseph P., Bari sax

Dillon G., Tuba

Community News:

Volunteers Needed

Attention Families

Do you have some time to volunteer for Southwest High School students? Numerous opportunities are available. We are recruiting for four committees. The purpose of the four are listed below.

If you are interested please forward you name to:

Southwest High School, 3414 W. 47th St. 55410 or email -- bill.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us.

We will get it to the committee and you will get a response quickly. Some meet before and after school.

Budget Committee

Purpose:

To develop the annual school budget in cooperation with the building administration. The budget committee shall advise the administration of the financial needs of the successful operation of the school, its programs, activities, curriculum and graduation requirements.

Calendar Committee

Purpose:

To develop the school year calendar for two consecutive years in advance so that staff, families and students can have time to plan and prepare for the following school year. Such items as incoming student orientation dates, grading periods, semester beginning and end dates, dates of finals, etc. are proposed by the Committee. This proposed calendar is presented by the committee chair to the Leadership Council for approval.

Curriculum Committee

Purpose:

The purpose of the Curriculum Committee is the consideration, revision and adoption of new and revised courses and the deletion of unneeded courses and/or programs. Specific curriculum matters will also be discussed and voted on.

Schedule Committee

Purpose:

To develop the master schedule for the school year. The schedule shall meet the academic needs of the programs, curriculum and graduation requirements. The schedule committee shall establish a master schedule for each of the determined grading periods. The master schedule is prepared by and is the responsibility and authority of the Schedule Committee.

Others to be announced soon:

Positive School Wide Engagement Team

Equity Team

Operations

Student Activities

and many others in the coming weeks.

Thank you.

Bill Smith

Southwest High School, Principal

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Published every Tuesday. Deadline for submission is 4pm the preceding Thursday.

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.