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TWENTY-FIRST ISSUE FOR '14-'15

Notes of importance to our Lower campus families/parents:

1. Please welcome Amy Ikonen our new school secretary. Please stop in the office and meet her.
2. All drop off and pick up needs to happen on 41st and we ask that you please enter only through Door #1. Note: door #3 is for the Minneapolis Kids program. If you are picking up and or dropping off students after the start of the day you must check in with the secretary in the office. For the safety of our students she will buzz you in and we must insist that you stop and check in with her.
3. All TDALE (Advanced Learner) results will be available at the end of the month.

Lower Camus Drop off reminder: PLEASE READ

We are doing some review of the rules with students and feel that our parents need a review as well.

A reminder to drop students off at door #1 on 41st Street. Walkers to enter #1 as well.

There were increasing #s coming in at door 3 and we really need to keep it less congested for the Special Ed bus arrival. We also can't monitor at door 3.

Health News--Give Kids a Smile Program

On February 6 and 7, 2015, free dental services for children in need will be available in many locations across the state. Parents can start reserving appointments after January 1. A complete list of clinics is posted at mndental.org/gkas. Parents are encouraged to check the website after Jan. 1 and call the nearest clinic to secure an appointment for their child(ren). Parents can also call United Way 2-1-1 (just dial 2-1-1) or 800-543-7709 for assistance identifying a conveniently located clinic.

1st Annual Family Gathering/State of the School Address

Please save **January 29** to attend the first annual Family Gathering potluck/pizza dinner. The Equity & Diversity subcommittee of the Site Council has planned this dinner as an opportunity for new families to meet other families, share a meal that has meaning to your family and hear

about the state of the school all in one evening. The dinner will be from 6:00 – 7:00 and we are asking families to sign up to bring something to share. The State of the School meeting will be from 7:00 -8:00 and childcare will be available. If you are willing to bring something to share you can sign up here: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0449ABA62CA4FA7-family

Leaders needed for the Junior Great Books Program

If you signed your child up to participate in Junior Great Books this year, please consider volunteering to be a parent leader. Leading a group is very easy because the Junior Great Books program provides excellent Leader Guides which help parents facilitate and lead thoughtful discussions. The program will start the week of January 19th and will run through spring break. It is possible to co-lead a group. Second and third grade groups will meet on Wednesday mornings at the lower campus from 8:40 - 9:25. Fourth and fifth grade groups will meet at the upper campus on Thursday mornings from 8:40 - 9:25. Please contact Liz Shors if you are interested in volunteering: lizshors@gmail.com

Yearbooks On Sale

Yearbooks are now on sale!

To Order Visit: <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/>
CODE: 7964715

We also need photos for the yearbook! Please leave a CD or jump drive in the yearbook mailbox at upper campus. Or email [lhcsyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:lhcyearbook@gmail.com). High resolution photos only, please mark with the teacher/grade of the students.

Volunteers Needed for Family Author Night

Help make Family Author Night (February 5th 6:30-8:00 PM at Lower Campus) a success. The following volunteer positions are available:

Book Distribution (4) www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094EAEAA29A3FD0-family
Set up (2) www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094EAEAA29A3FD0-family1
Purchase Snacks (1) www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094EAEAA29A3FD0-family2
Sell Snacks (3) www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094EAEAA29A3FD0-family3
Activities Station (2) www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094EAEAA29A3FD0-family

Pre-Order You Own Copy of Tiny Wish for Family Author Night

Join Anja, the star of the New York Times Bestseller, The Christmas Wish! Anja and her family, author Lori Evert, and photographer, Per Breiehagen, will share a short multi-media presentation about their books, then read and sign copies of their new book, The Tiny Wish. There will be “Tiny Wish activities” following the presentation. To preorder your own copies The Tiny Wish or The Christmas Wish, use the links below. You can order unsigned copies or Lori will sign your own copy prior to Family Author Night. Skip the lines and pick up your own copy at the event.

The Tiny Wish Unsigned

<https://www.mypaynetapps.com/pay.php?item=10300414186671050597387164906>

The Tiny Wish Pre-signed

<https://www.mypaynetapps.com/pay.php?item=10300414186665694181225138897>

The Christmas Wish Unsigned

<https://www.mypaynetapps.com/pay.php?item=10300414186680904041568555423>.

The Christmas Wish Pre-signed

<https://www.mypaynetapps.com/pay.php?item=1030041418668289705207868526>

Register Today with Amazon Smile - it's FREE!

Do you ever shop at Amazon.com? LHCS is now registered with Amazon Smile! Simply go to smile.amazon.com, select PTA Minnesota Congress Lake Harriet Community School PTA as your charity, and for every purchase you make our school will receive .05% back! Quick, easy and free!

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.

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 – Note the Date Correction!

The previous newsletter had the incorrect date for the Science Fair- "Night of Curiosity" will be Thurs. March **12th**, 6:00-8:00pm, not Thursday, March 20th. 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.

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).

Thanks for coming to SOUP WITH THE SUPE on 12.2.14, but if you couldn't make it, please read the following Q&A from the event. Q&A from the conversation with Superintendent Johnson here (please add link).

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 "The 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.