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New Items:

Lake Harriet Spelling Bee Winner (expires 2/7)

Congratulations Kirin D. (7th Grade) for correctly spelling "castellated" to win Lake Harriet's 2017 Spelling Bee! Kirin is off to represent LHCS at the district wide Bee February 2. Congratulations and good luck!!

A special thank you and congratulations to our two 2nd place winners Jonathan F. (7th Grade) and Mason P. (8th Grade) who exhibited exemplary sportsmanship.

Family Author Night-Meet Michael Hall (expires 2/7)

Michael Hall, author and illustrator, will be giving a presentation on Tuesday, Feb 7 at LC lunchroom. His books will be available for purchase and signing at 6 PM. All his books are hardcover and will be sold for \$14-16. All are welcome and there will be a free snack available!

Mr. Hall's book "Red: A Crayon's Story" is one of the nominated books for this year's Star Of the North Award (this award is for picture books and is geared toward grades K-2). He also had a book that was nominated in last year's program "It's an Orange Aardvark" -- in fact, it was the top voter getter at our school (even though it didn't win the state vote). Looking for some great books to add to your Readathon minutes? Check out the books nominated for the Maud Hart Lovelace and Star of the North Book Awards, available in both the Upper and Lower Campus Media Centers. In March, you can vote for YOUR favorite book for each of the awards.

Visit <http://www.maudhartlovelace.org/> and <http://www.starofthenorthaward.org/> for more information about this fun state-wide program.

Questions? Contact Sue Hendrickson (smhendrickson@earthlink.net; 612-924-6018).

Girls on the Run Spring Season Registration Opens Feb 1st (expires 2/7)

Girls on the Run registration begin February 1st! Girls on the Run is an afterschool program that uses the power of running to prepare 3rd - 5th grade girls for a lifetime of self-respect and

healthy living. Over the course of the 10-week, 20-lesson season, girls learn life-changing lessons about healthy friendships, teamwork, decision-making, self-respect and more, all while preparing to run a 5k. Open to all 3rd - 5th grade girls; no previous running experience required, and need-based financial aid is available. There are Middle School Heart & Sole options at neighboring schools or the Southdale YMCA.

Register today! Our LHCS Spring 2017 season will be each Tuesday & Thursday 4:05-5:35 (Lower) and 4:15-5:45 (Upper) from March 20 - June 5, culminating with the Girls on the Run 5k on June 3. Space is limited so register early! Lottery registration open February 1 - February 5. Lottery occurs February 6th. Regular registration after that date with any available slots.

Visit www.gotrtwincities.org or contact Lynn Wilbur at LynnMarieWilbur@gmail.com or 612-670-4172 for more information.

LHCS Geographic Bee (expires 2/7)

Congratulations to this year's LHCS Geographic Bee Final Qualifiers!

They were: Theo D. (8), Bowen K. (8), Joel T. (6), Qais S. (8), Jonas G. (7), Dillon G. (7), Hank G. (6), Roxy R. (7), Everett A. (6), Frank L. (8), Augusta C. (8), Eli S-L (8), Mitchell P. (7), Calvin L. (8), Landon M. (6), and Dmitry P. (8).

In the final competition, held on January 25th, third place went to Roxy R. (7), second place to Joel T. (6), and the LHCS Geographic Bee Champion is Mitchell P. (7). Congratulations to all!

Mitchell now moves on to the Minnesota Geographic Bee qualifying test.

Chess Tournament results (expires 2/7)

We would like to congratulate all Lake Harriet students who participated in the Check It Out Chess Tournament on Saturday, January 21st at Sanford Middle School! Some of our top finishers included Shayna B. (top female award in K-3 section), Justin B. (1st place in 7-12 section), Kieran R. (4th place in 7-12 section). Justin and Kieran combined to win 3rd place as a team in the 7-12 section.

Location of the next tournament held in March will be announced soon. Contact Steve Bodger, the Community Education Coordinator at LHCS, at Steven.Bodger@mpls.k12.mn.us with questions.

JUNGLE: Lower Campus PE (expires 2/7)

The "Jungle" is coming to the lower campus! From Tuesday, Jan. 31st (Day 1) - Thursday, Feb. 9th (Day 4) all lower campus classes will participate 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.

Previously Run Articles:

Questions and Answers about the ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs (expires 1/31)

What are the ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs?

The ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs are English language proficiency assessments used to meet federal and state legislative requirements. These assessments are used to monitor English learners' progress as they develop academic language skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

Why do we give these tests?

ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs scores provide valuable information about English language development to families and schools. Families can use proficiency level scores and descriptions to understand the progress their child is making and to engage with schools to support their child's learning.

Teachers and schools can use the scores to monitor student progress in acquiring English, plan instruction, and evaluate their language development programs. Schools also use these scores to determine if a student is ready to exit an English language program.

School and district-level test results are used in federal and state accountability measurements.

Who must take these tests?

All English learners in grades K–12 in public schools are required to participate annually in an English language proficiency assessment. With very few exceptions, all English learners take the ACCESS for ELLs.

Students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 plan may be eligible for accommodations. Paper accommodations include large print and braille test booklets.

Some students with significant cognitive disabilities may be eligible to take the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs instead of the ACCESS for ELLs. See the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Participation Guidelines. (Go to Districts, Schools and Educators > Statewide Testing > Minnesota Tests.)

How are tests administered?

Most students take the ACCESS for ELLs on computer, but there are exceptions depending upon grade and domain (reading, writing, listening, or speaking).

Teachers work one-on-one with students to administer the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs using paper materials.

Luxury Garage Sale (expires 1/31)

Party Idea: Come join Lake Harriet Moms for a night out and to shop for Lake Harriet. Join us for shopping, drinks and desserts from Rose Street Patisserie.

Proceed of Purchases goes toward Lake Harriet PTA Venue:

Luxury Garage Sale

5051 France Ave. S.

Date: Friday, Feb 24

http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Parties_Galore

Time: 6-9pm

Hosts: Kelly Kearley

Cost: \$ 35.00 per person 60 # of tix available.

Southwest Performing Arts (expires 1/31)

Southwest High School Performing Arts Calendar Come support our amazing theatre students!

January 24-26, 7 pm One Acts, "Love/Sick" & "Eleemosynary" Main Stage, (35-minute plays produced for the MN State One Act Competition. Tickets at the door). SWHS

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

To find our more or purchase tickets go to <http://southwesttheatre.org/>

Request Forms for Kindergarten & High School Due February 4, 2017 (expires 1/31)

School Request Forms for the 2017-18 school year are due Saturday, February 4. This applies to children entering Kindergarten, students switching schools in fall and students entering high school. Requests submitted on or before February 4, 2017 will be included in the school request lottery.

Before submitting your request, please take the time to review your school options by typing in your home address into the Online Request Center.

<http://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us/>

Families who submit their requests after February 4, 2017 will have their requests considered on a space-available basis. Please note that if you complete the online request form, there is no need to complete the paper form.

Softball Fundraiser Supporting Girls Grades 7-12 (expires 1/31)

Softball Fundraiser Supporting Girls Grades 7-12 *All ages welcome > Link:

http://bit.ly/softball_fundraiser

Join us on February 25th from 8am-2pm for all you can eat pancakes and sausage to benefit Southwest High School's Fastpitch Softball Program at the legendary Cuzzy's Bar & Grill downtown Minneapolis. Beverages and gratuity extra.

Order your tickets online here

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfae8S50uhQE5i3N6pe3uP08tVumXpyREohzkS1kUWcz_cQ4A/viewform?c=0&w=1), or e-mail us at swhssoftballboosters@gmail.com to get connected with a player.

What: SWHS Softball Boosters All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

When: Saturday, February 25th 2017 from 8am-2pm

Where: Cuzzy's - 507 N Washington Ave Mpls, MN 55401

Why: Benefits Southwest High School's Fastpitch Softball Program Grades 7-12

How Much? \$10.00 per ticket

Order Online Here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfae8S50uhQE5i3N6pe3uP08tVumXpyREohzkS1kUWcz_cQ4A/viewform?c=0&w=1

GEMs/GISE Program (expires 1/31)

The Lower campus has a GEMs/GISE program for 3rd grade students as part of our after school program on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The following students attended the GEMs Lego Robotics tournament Saturday Jan. 14th at Anne Sullivan Community School (in the 4th – 8th grade division). Congrats to all of the students!!!!

Amber C
Abigail D
Natalia G
Johnna K
Norah L
Abigail O
Julia R
Keira W

Save the date for 3rd and 4th Grade Parties! (expires 1/31)

- 3rd Grade: March 24-3rd grade party! Details to come. Hold the date!
- April 29-5th grade party! Details to come. Hold the date!

BURN BABY YOGABURN (expires 1/31)

ALL SCHOOL BURN BABY YOGABURN

All proceeds from this event go to the LHCS PTA! YogaFit will offer a private yoga class suitable for all levels of experience. Following class, enjoy by wine and cheese from YogaFit as a reward for your efforts! YogaFit donates 5% of monthly membership dues from LHCS parents back to the school!

Date: Saturday, March 4 Class Start

Time: 6:00 p.m. Social

Hours: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Location: At YogaFit Studio, 4507 France Avenue S., next to Great Wall

Up to 30 guests, 18 and over. Must be 21 to consume alcohol. Simply click here to buy your tickets and reserve your spot at a party today!

Thank you for your ongoing support! Questions? Contact Maggie Bebler or Jason Fincke

Previously Run Articles:

Mid-Year Conferences (expires 1/31)

Mid-year conferences are being adjusted this year to better accommodate parent working schedules. Conferences will be from 4:00-8:00 on Wednesday, February 15 and Thursday, February 16. We hope this change will be more convenient for families.

Yearbook photos due February 1 (expires 1/31)

All photos taken at school events and in the classroom during the first half of the year, should be submitted no later than February 1 to your child's classroom Room Rep. For middle grades, please email lakeharriet.yearbook@gmail.com or inquire how to upload directly to Lifetouch's site. Any photos taken during the second half of the year should be submitted as soon as possible to ensure there is enough time to include them in the yearbook. We are counting on you to help us get great photos of our kids!

ABC's of Literacy Training for K-3 Volunteers (expires 1/31)

3:00-6:00pm - Wednesday, January 25, 2017

The ABCs of Reading is a hands-on workshop that prepares adults to become reading tutors for children in grades K-3. The training is appropriate for classroom volunteers and tutors who work with kids in afterschool programs. For more information click here:

http://volmps.mpls.k12.mn.us/other_training_opportunities.

To RSVP, please call 612-668-3880

Minneapolis Youth Lacrosse – Registration Now Open (expires 2/9)

Registration is now open for both boys and girls lacrosse. Boys & Girls in grades 3-8 are welcome to play! Lacrosse is a fun, fast moving, and active sport that promotes teamwork, hand/eye coordination, and great exercise. It is a spring/summer/fall sport and is a great compliment to hockey to stay in shape during the off-season. Check us out at www.mpls-lacrosse.com for more information and to register! Registration for spring lacrosse is now open. New & experienced players welcome. Several of your LHCS classmates play lacrosse and can tell you how much fun it is. Questions? Contact LHCS parent Mark McCleary @ mwmccleary@gmail.com for more information.

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Millers Baseball Registration Now Open (expires 1/31)

Registration Now Open! Sign-up your child for 10U-11U travelling baseball, or 8U-10U recreational development baseball with the Minneapolis Millers. Watch them experience and learn the game, good sportsmanship, and teamwork, while making memories that last a lifetime. To learn more, go to: <http://www.myba.us>.

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.