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TWENTY-SECOND ISSUE FOR '15-'16

New Items:

Rubies win Robotics Award at State Tournament! (expires February 23)

The Rubies, a FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics team (the next level above GISE & GEMS), won the prestigious Control award and were finalists for the Motivate award at the FTC State Tournament on February 6th. The Control award is given to the team who best masters robot intelligence through the use of sensors and software while the Motivate award celebrates teams exemplifying the core values of the program through outreach, team-building, and enthusiasm. The Rubies consist of LHCS 8th grader and lead programmer Rachel S as well as 9th graders (and LHCS alumni) Izzy M, Isabella K, Ava K, and Adelaide F. Competing against students in up to 12th grade they were the only first year team to win a judged award. Congratulations girls! For more details see their press release at <http://www.pr.com/press-release/657620>.

Camp St. Croix Meeting (expires February 23)

Hello 6th grade families. We will be having an information night for the Camp St. Croix overnight trip on Thursday, February 25. At this meeting we will explain and distribute the necessary forms for the trip, we will explain the role of chaperones and what is needed to be a chaperone, quickly go over an example of the types of activities students will be engaged in, and answer as many questions as possible. The meeting will be in the Media Center from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

Seeking High School Volunteers (expires March 1)

Former Lake Harriet students attending SouthWest? Youth Frontiers is coming to Lake Harriet Upper Campus to do an all-day Kindness Retreat with our 4th grade students on Thursday, March 3rd from 10-3pm. We need to recruit high school students to serve as small group leaders for the day. Leaders will be trained that morning at 9:15 prior to the retreat. Email Lynne McCoy LHUC Social Worker at Lynne.McCoy@mpls.k12.mn.us if you are interested or want more information.

History Day (expires February 23)

Seventh Grade National History Day Open House -- Thurs. March 3rd from 7:00 -8:30 pm.

You are welcome to join us at 7 pm to walk around the media center and nearby rooms to see this year's NHD projects that the seventh graders have created to go with the theme, "Exploration, Encounter and Exchange in History." There will be a schedule available when you arrive for documentary and performance showings. The award ceremony will be @ 8:15 pm in the atrium when we will announce who will advance to the MPS History Day competition at North High on Sat. March 12th . If you have questions, please contact Ms. Krawetz.

Black History Month Kick-Off (expires February 23)

Monday, March 8 was National African American Parent Involvement Day. Each campus hosted a student assembly to kick-off Black History month and to celebrate African American cultural and civil rights history.

LOWER CAMPUS

Five of our 3rd Graders worked hard with Maggie Quinlan, our Social Worker, to present an oration of excerpts from Dr. Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech. We were then visited by Duniya, a West African drumming and dance group, who performed traditional Guinea drumming and dancing for our K-3 students. This was a great cultural experience for our staff and students!

UPPER CAMPUS

Why do we celebrate Black History month? This was a question answered by our guest speaker, lifetime civil rights activist, Dr. Josie Johnson. Dr. Johnson, a dear friend of one of our LHCS families, was present at Dr. King's "I have a dream" speech. She told the students that Dr. King expressed a wish that one day his four children would be judged by their character and not the color of their skin. She then asked students to consider moments when they see someone being judged, or treated badly, and to do something about it. She asked them to make an effort to speak to someone they might not normally speak to because they seem different. Specifically, she asked students to start a written record of these moments and what they did to make a difference.

Thank you to the following performers who made the day special and wowed us with their participation.

LHCS 3rd Grade orators for performing excerpts of Dr. King's speech at BOTH campuses!

Duniya Dance Company (lower campus).

LHCS alumni Alexis H. for a beautiful solo dance performance (upper campus).

And LHCS Middle School Choir for an acapella performance of South African songs of activism in honor of Nelson Mandella (upper campus).

2nd Annual Winter Walk to School Day (expires February 23)

We had 135 students and their parents walk to school on the 2nd Annual Winter Walk to School Day on February 3rd. Many students and families met at the Linden Hills Dunn Brothers Coffee where they enjoyed discounted coffee and hot cocoa before the .8 mile trek to school. Thanks to Dunn Brothers!

Walkers received stickers for their participation and the classroom with the highest participation won fleece hats. Way to go room A124!

Family Friendly Schools (expires February 23)

Increasing student academic and social emotional success requires family involvement and voice in our homes, schools, and district.

How Family Friendly Is Your School?

- Friendly signs inside and out in all languages spoken at the school, welcome families and visitors.
- Front office staff are friendly, recognize visitors right away, provide information easily, and answer the phone in a way that makes people glad they have called.
- Current student work is displayed throughout the building.
- All programs and activities for families focus on student achievement. They help families understand what their children are learning and promote high standards.


-Beyond the Bake Sale-The Essential Guide to Family-School Partnerships (2006) by Anne T. Henderson, Karen L. Mapp, Vivian R. Johnson, and Don Davies.

School Choice Cards are Due by March 5, 2016 (expires February 23)

The School Fair Showcase on Saturday was a great success. It is always fun to meet and talk with prospective parents as they get ready to send their young children off to school. Choice cards are due by Saturday March 5, 2016. Here is information to help you navigate the enrollment process and options in Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) from pre-kindergarten to high school.

- Student Placement Website link (<http://studentplacement.mpls.k12.mn.us/>)
- Who needs to request a school link
- Request Cards link (https://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us/request_cards_2)
- Special Education Services provided at all schools link (https://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us/special_education_services_provided_at_all_schools)
- Early Childhood Education & School Readiness link (https://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us/early_childhood_education_school_readiness)
- Expanded School Options Program link (https://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us/expanded_school_options_program)
- Frequently asked questions link (https://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us/frequently_asked_questions)

Contact us with questions.

English: 612.668.1840 

Hmoob: 612.668.1836

Español: 612.668.3700

Somali: 612.668.3700

Oromo: 612.668.3700

Multilingual Enrollment Information Line: 612.668.1842

Press 1 for English, 2 for Spanish, 3 for Hmong, 4 for Somali

Area C Meetings are becoming Board of Education Districts (BOE) 4 & 6 Parent Advisory Council Meetings (expires February 23)

The Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement has been working to restructure the Area meetings. Our work must align with our Strategic Plan: Acceleration 2020, so that everything we do supports academic and social emotional success for all students. To be sure we are including all families the boundaries for the meetings have changed and now follow the Board of Education Districts (BOE districts). The first meetings are set to launch this month.

What: Board of Education Districts 4&6 Family & Community Meeting

When: February 25, 2016

Where: Lyndale Community School, 312 West 34th St.

Time: 6:00-7:30pm - Media Center

Format: Roundtable discussion about changes, objectives, the new structure and putting together a steering committee to guide the work.

Map of BOE district 4 link (<http://board.mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/d4.jpg>), district 6 link (<http://board.mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/d6.jpg>)

Who: Everyone is welcome no matter where you live or where your children attend school. Community members are always welcome.

Childcare will be available for ages 3 & Up, Spanish and Somali interpreters will be available. Light refreshments will be served.

http://osfce.mpls.k12.mn.us/area_c_pac.html

Questions or comments: Gael Ellis 612-382-0546

Citizens and HEROEs (expires February 23)

Congratulations to our January Citizens and HEROes! We recognized these students as positive contributors to our school community. Kindergarten: Josephine H, Joel L, Benjamin V, Amelia S, Willow O, Thomas W, Silas H, Maddy H, Henry H, Joey G First: Harrison G, Tess B, Eleanor P, Sebastian R, Bubba V, Ian J, Viola M, Samuel R, Tessa F, Samir P Second: Abby O, Maia B, Annabelle K, Haris H, Lydia P, John S, Carson H, Katrin W, Ava T, Milin D Third: Mason P, Lila P, Taletta J, Zara B, Liv Pearson, Beckett N, Natasha F, Evan L, Jonah P Grade 4: Sophie J, Eloise M, Oliver S, Adeline S Grade 5: Khalil S, Cody K, Conner D, Shreya R, Berit S Grade 6: Jake H, Corrine T, Zoe H, Logan S, Michael S, Luke L, Ben K, Mariette F Grade 7: Frank L, Blake S, Heather S, Paige S, Lucia T, Elliot M Grade 8: Emily R, Luke J, Abdurahman M, Nick M, Sophia K, Cozette H

Previously Run Articles:

Used Book Drive (expires Feb. 16)

Please donate your gently used books to the LHCS Used Book Sale. Drop off sites are UC Media Center and LC Room 123A. The Used Book Sale will be February 25-26 and books will be priced at 50 cents-\$1.00. UC Proceeds will go to the UC Media Center. LC Proceeds will go to the LHCS PTA. Unsold books will be donated to a treatment center that is requesting books for their clients and families! Stock up on some books for the last days of the Readathon! Reading is SNOWmuch fun!

UC Overdue Library Books (expires Feb. 16)

Overdue book notices went out to Upper Campus students last week. Please ask your student if he/she received one. If the books have already been turned in, terrific! If your student has not turned in his/her overdue books, please encourage a rigorous search (backpack, locker, bed, car, etc). If a book is lost or damaged, don't worry - students should simply talk to the library staff to figure out next steps. We want ALL students to be able to use this wonderful resource. Contact gretchen.lieving@mpls.k12.mn.us with any questions.

Thanks!

Girls on the Run (expires Feb. 16)

Exciting news: Girls on the Run returns to Lake Harriet this spring! 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. Register today!

Our Spring 2016 season will be each Tuesday & Thursday 4:05-5:35 (Lower campus) and 4:15-5:45 (Upper Campus) from March 22- June 7, culminating with the Girls on the Run 5k on June 4. Join us! Space is limited so register early.

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

Heart & Sole (expires Feb. 16)

Exciting news: Girls on the Run's new middle school program called Heart & Sole is coming to Lake Harriet! Heart & Sole is a 10-week before school program for 6th-8th grade girls, providing a positive, structured space for them to learn about themselves, explore new ideas, cultivate empathy, strengthen connections and develop life skills that will help them as they move through adolescence and beyond. The program teaches life skills such as: team building, creating a support system, boundary setting, making connections and friendships, problem-solving, emotional regulation, self-care, overcoming obstacles and more, all while preparing to run a 5k. Open to all 6th-8th grade girls; no previous running experience required, and need-based financial aid is available. Register today!

Our Spring 2016 season will be each Tuesday and Thursday 8-9:30 a.m. from March 22 - June 7, culminating with the Girls on the Run 5k on June 4. Join us! Space is limited so register early.

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Register for the All-School Science Fair! (expires Feb. 16)

Online registration is now open for the 2016 Science Fair! Blast Off with Science on Thursday, March 10, from 6-8 p.m. at the Upper Campus. This fun event is a creative way to get all students excited about science. To register and get more information and ideas for projects, visit http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/science_fair_3 Volunteers are needed to make it a success! Sign-up at <http://bit.ly/20qmsUM>.

Questions? Email lhcssciencefair@gmail.com.

Please submit Box Tops for Education! (Expires Feb. 16)

Please submit box tops by Friday, February 19th. Remember, our goal is to earn \$1500.00 in submissions this year so please ask family and friends to collect them as well. Box tops may be submitted to either campus.

Little Kids Rock! Songwriting Exhibition Deadline April 1 (expires Apr. 1)

Hello Composers! It's that time of year again! Little Kids Rock just released the details for this year's Songwriting Exhibition. The deadline is April 1st. Check out this link for the details!
<http://www.littlekidsrock.org/thehang/songwritingexhibition2016/>.

Let me know if you will need help recording your song. Have fun! Ms. Cuff

Save the Dates:

Fulton Brewery Party- April 8.

S'Winter Time 4th Grade party- April 15th.

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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.