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## **TWENTY-FIFTH ISSUE FOR '14-'15**

### **Camp St. Croix Trip Deadline**

6th grade families, please turn in your St. Croix Trip forms by **Wednesday, March 4**. We will have an informational meeting that same day, Wednesday, March 4, at 6:00 in Room 112 for any families that have questions or concerns. Please contact Walter Schleisman or Jeff Tousignant if you can not attend this meeting or have any additional issues to discuss. Check [here](#) for more information about the trip.

[http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/6th\\_grade\\_camp\\_st\\_croix\\_trip\\_information.html](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/6th_grade_camp_st_croix_trip_information.html)

### **Science Fair Registration extended!**

Registration has been extended and now ends this Thursday March 5th! Please make sure to register at:[http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/science\\_fair\\_3](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/science_fair_3)

### **Science Fair Judges Needed**

We still need judges for the Science Fair! The Science Fair is a success because of parent volunteers - please make sure to sign up at: <https://bit.ly/SFVolunteer>

### **Baseball and Softball Tryouts**

Include 2 weeks

6th, 7th and 8th grade students are able to try out for the school baseball and softball teams.

Baseball tryouts will be held March 10, 11, and 12 from 7:45-9:15 a.m. in the upper campus gym.

Softball tryouts will be held March 9, 10, and 11 from 4:20-5:50 p.m. in the upper campus gym.

For both teams the 1st official day of practice is March 16th.

Please note:

\* Make sure you come dressed for try-outs, and with a glove

\* Make sure you have a physical on file

For more information, please visit the LHCS Sports web page:

<http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Sports>

### **Read-A-Thon Minutes Tally and Pledge Forms Due**

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Hello all Explorers and LHCS Families,

We have finished our 2015 Read-A-Thon Expedition! Thanks everyone for coming to Family Author Night, Wild Rumpus Book Fair and reading "To the Peak" this year.

Beginning March 2, tally and pledge forms along with money can be turned into your classroom teacher until March 6 at 1pm. Please place all items in your own envelope. You don't want to miss out on any of the awesome prizes! These must be received by Friday, March 6 by 1pm in order to be eligible for the t-shirts, sport bags, prize drawings and class participation parties. IMPORTANT NOTE: Your first and last name, grade and teacher MUST be on these forms along with completed total calculations to be considered for prizes!

Don't have your forms? No problem! Download an extra copy on our website:

<http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/rat>

For any questions, please contact Read-A-Thon Chair, Charity Coates at [davidandchar@comcast.net](mailto:davidandchar@comcast.net) or 612-998-2702

### **Lake Harriet Lower Campus continues Reading Corp Program**

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Lake Harriet Lower Campus has been awarded a grant to continue the reading corp program next year.

The program will provide 4 tutors to Lake Harriet Lower:

- Full-time, Elementary Literacy Tutor(s): 1
- Part-time, Elementary Literacy Tutor(s): 2
- Full-time, Kindergarten-Focused Literacy Tutor(s): 1

For more information about the program, visit the Reading Corp website (<http://www.serveminnesota.org/about/reading-corps-research>)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade MCA tests**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade MCA tests are coming this spring:

- MCA Reading testing = March 16-26
- MCA Math testing = April 15-24

### **Site Council Seeking Applicants for 2015/16 School Year**

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Lake Harriet Community School (LHCS) Site Council is currently seeking new parent representatives for the 2015-16 school year. The Site Council is the school's site leadership team. As the advisory and planning body for LHCS, it is a forum for staff and parents to provide direction to the administration and to enhance student achievement. Parent members represent

the interests of all Lake Harriet students and parents and serve as a vital communication link to school administration and staff. There are open positions for both parent and community members. Members serve a two-year term, with an optional third term. All Site Council members serve on a subcommittee with a specific focus. Some areas that the Site Council have concentrated on in the past include School Communications, Academics and STEM, and Equity and Diversity. Be involved, make a difference. Consider applying for Site Council today. For more information about Site Council and how to apply click here ([http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/online\\_application](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/online_application))

### **Volunteer Forms for Field Trip Chaperones**

Spring field trips are right around the corner! Do you want to chaperone? If so, please make sure you've filled out the TWO necessary volunteer forms. Click this link for complete details <http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Volunteer>.

Please contact [gretchen.lieving@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:gretchen.lieving@mpls.k12.mn.us) with any questions or if you want to check to see if your forms are on file & current. Thanks for supporting our LHCS kids & community!

### **2015-2016 MATHCOUNTS Volunteers Needed!**

MATHCOUNTS is an inclusive math enrichment program for 6th - 8th graders who like math. The primary goal is to give kids a chance to work together to tackle challenging math problems in a fun, low-pressure environment. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the MATHCOUNTS Competition Series. 5 LHCS students are moving on to the state competition this year! Sessions are held once a week before school from October through March.

We need YOUR involvement to keep the program strong! Some parent volunteers are leaving as their children move on to high school; can you help fill their shoes? We need coaches who enjoy math and problem-solving. You don't need to be a mathematician or a teacher; MATHCOUNTS provides the materials and students provide the brainpower. We also need volunteers to simply assist and mentor teams. We welcome ALL who are interested!

Parent of a 5th grader next year? We're considering adding 5th grade and holding two separate sessions (one easier, one more advanced). This would require additional coaches. If your child might be interested, please step forward!

We're excited to continue the MATHCOUNTS program and are looking forward to next year. Please consider donating your time and talents!

Questions? E-mail Colin Gardner-Springer, [colin@gardner-springer.com](mailto:colin@gardner-springer.com), or Gretchen Lieving, [gretchen.lieving@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:gretchen.lieving@mpls.k12.mn.us).

### **Rock Band Concert!**

Include through 3/10

Please join us for our Rock Band concert on Wednesday, March 11th from 2:30-4pm in the Lake Harriet Upper Campus gym. This concert will feature all of the 6th, 7th & 8th grade Rock Band students. Email Jen Cuff ([jennifer.cuff@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:jennifer.cuff@mpls.k12.mn.us)) with questions, or if you are interested in volunteering to help with this or any other upcoming concert(s).

### **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. High resolution photos only, please mark with the teacher/grade of the students.

### **Parties Galore: All School Afternoon at Target Field**

Requested to be included 2/24 through 4/7

Join LHCS families in cheering on the Minnesota Twins as they take on the Chicago White Sox! This year, we've moved to the Great Clips section to ensure fun for the whole family! Each ticket includes a \$10 concession credit for any food and drinks while you enjoy the game. Special feature on Sundays: head down to the field after the game and the kids can run around the bases! Note: Ticket Sales will close April 10, 2015 so get them while you can!! Where: Target Field, Great Clips Section When: Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 1:10pm Cost: \$45 per ticket (includes \$10 concession credit) #Tickets Available: 77 seats Hosted By: The Bertram Family and the Dewey Family

### **4th Grade Cinco De Mayo Fiesta**

You don't have to go south of the border to join in this fun-filled Mexican tradition! Grab your sombrero and enjoy fajitas and a variety of Mexican bebidas, with LHCS 4th grade parents. Don't forget to bring some extra dinero for fun raffle prizes. Where: Casa de Brad & Margo Farrell 4122 Linden Hills Blvd. When: May 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm Cost: \$30/person #Tickets Available: 60 Hosted By: Brad & Margo Farrell, J. & Rebekah Forrest, Brian & Melissa Taney

### **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](mailto:magsla@aol.com) or Sara Johnson at [ssj0116@gmail.com](mailto:ssj0116@gmail.com).

### **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.

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

### **Community News:**

#### **Remember to Sign Up For the Science Fair!**

Don't forget to register for the Science Fair- A Night of Curiosity! We have several categories to choose from this year and a new one - "The Science behind Science Fiction". Registration is due March 3rd - You can register online at: [http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/science\\_fair\\_3](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/science_fair_3) We also need volunteers!! Please sign up: at <https://bit.ly/SFVolunteer> For questions email Cynthia Lunder at [lhcssciencefair@gmail.com](mailto:lhcssciencefair@gmail.com).

#### **Girls on the Run**

Include through 3/16

Girls on the Run is coming back to Lake Harriet Upper and Lower Campuses this spring! Girls on the Run is an after-school 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 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. Registration opens February 16. Our Spring 2015 season will be each Tuesday & Thursday 4:15-5:45 from March 16 - June 2, culminating with the Girls on the Run Twin Cities 5k on Saturday, May 30, 2015. Join us! Visit [www.gotrincities.org](http://www.gotrincities.org) or contact Lynn Wilbur at [lynnwilbur@visi.com](mailto:lynnwilbur@visi.com) or 612-670-4172 for more information.

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<http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/connection1.html>.

Please try to limit each submission to approximately 150 words in length.