



# Lake Harriet Community School News

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## **TWENTY-FOURTH ISSUE FOR '12-'13**

### **High School Go To Card Information**

Minneapolis Public Schools chose to use Metro Transit rather than school sponsored buses. Next year all MPS High school students will have Go-To Card eligibility based on the following criteria:  
Students who live within the attendance zone and outside the school walk zone.  
Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch that live inside the attendance zone.

Note: Students who attend a high school outside of their attendance zone or district are not transportation eligible and will not be eligible for a Go-To Card.

Depending on availability, students who live inside the walk zone, but do not qualify for the free card, bus cards will be for sale at a reduced rate (Check with C&C offices as listed below).

To qualify and receive Go-To Pass, contact C&C staff at school sites:

Southwest: 612-668-3064,

Washburn: 612-668-8107

South: 612-668-4376,

North: 612-668-1712,

Henry: 612-668-1948,

Edison: 612-668-1314,

Roosevelt: 612-668-4887

-If you have parent and community concerns:

Jon Ledeboer 612-466-1602 or Jonathan.Ledeboer@mpls.k12.mn.us.

If you haven't been following the district's Go To Card decisions, following is a re-cap of reasons MPS chose public transportation:

The Go To pass allows students to use Metro Transit from 5 a.m. until 10 p.m. 7 days a week. It offers students scheduling flexibility and access to a wide variety of learning opportunities in the community.

Students have more opportunities to remain at school for academic programs, sports and other activities beyond the regular school day.

The program supports improved student attendance and retention. Student whereabouts may be tracked through Metro Transit's website ([metrotransit.org](http://metrotransit.org)) with individual serial and tracking numbers on each card.

### **Free Trees!**

Dear Parent, Our school is participating in the 4th Annual Neighborhood Forest program, whose aim is to provide free trees to kids to plant on Earth Day. We endorse this project and are excited to give kids a way to beautify and green our communities. Fill out the following online registration form by March 1st and receive a free Tamarack tree (6-12 inches in size) during Earth Week (April 22-29). Planting instructions and species information will be emailed a few days prior to the trees arriving. Register to receive a free tree for Earth Day to plant with your child: <http://www.neighborhoodforest.org/parent-registration/?school=Njk=&cyear=2013>.

Thank you for your support and participation. For more information about this program, please visit [www.neighborhoodforest.org](http://www.neighborhoodforest.org).

### **Read-A-Thon Debrief**

Our Divers did it! By now, they've resurfaced, washed out their dive suits and charted their accomplishments! Thank you to all the parents, guardians and staff for supporting our K – 5 students during the month of February.

**Tally and pledge forms along with money can be turned in to classroom teachers starting March 4. Collection will continue until March 8.**

The Read-a-Thon team requests that you keep the following in mind when submitting the Minutes Read Tally and Pledge forms and pledge money:

1. **Put all forms and pledge money in an envelope and turn into to your classroom teacher.** This will keep the forms and the money from becoming separated and will also help the teachers and keep our very important tally volunteer happy!
2. All **forms should include the participants first and last name, grade and teacher/classroom number.**
3. All Parents/Guardians are asked to **review the Minutes Read Tally and Pledge forms for accuracy.** Unrealistic reading minutes will be verified with parents/guardians if needed before prizes are distributed.
4. Participants should **add up the amount of minutes on the Minutes Read Tally form.** This takes extra time for our tally volunteer and should be done before turning the forms in.
5. Did your Diver(s) earn more than \$75 in pledges? If so, please have them **specify a t-shirt size** on the bottom of the Pledge form. The default size will be a Youth Medium if nothing is marked.
6. **Divers who only choose to read and not collect pledges during the Read-a-Thon are still eligible to win the many awesome prizes up for grabs so be sure to turn in a completed Minutes Read Tally form.**
7. **Extra forms** can be found by clicking the Read-a-Thon icon on the right hand side of the LHCS website.

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We encourage all participants to turn in their forms sooner than later so divers can be eligible for all our fantastic prizes, including the classroom participation parties!

## **2013 Science Fair**

2013 SCIENCE FAIR Thursday, March 14 from 6-8pm at the Upper Campus  
Registration is closed but everyone is invited to attend, whether you're displaying a project or not. There will be over 200 students displaying projects plus some very special exhibits. Come celebrate science learning and our LHCS community! More info at [http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/science\\_fair\\_3.html](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/science_fair_3.html)

## **Immunization for Sports**

Before your child can enter 7th grade, he or she must have the proper immunizations and, if he/she wants to play sports, an updated physical exam on file. The immunization reports of the 6th graders (soon to be 7th graders) are ready to go home with students next week. Please take care of this as soon as possible to ensure that your child can enroll for school in the fall.

## **Parties Galore needs Volunteers!**

Still looking for 8th grade parents to host party (email [magsla@aol.com](mailto:magsla@aol.com) for more information)

Flyers will be distributed next week. Sign-up will be in the next few weeks!

## **From the Health Office**

Dear Parents, I am looking for parent volunteers for the annual Phillips eye screening. Two volunteers per shift are needed. The screening dates and shift times are as follows:

Lower Campus:

3/5 9:45-12:45 (one shift filled, need one)

12:45-3:45 3/6 9:45-1:15 Upper Campus: 3/7 9:45-12:45 12:45-3:45

The rescreen dates are 3/13 for Lower Campus and 3/14 for Upper Campus. Parent volunteers will not be needed on that date.

Thank-you,  
Kathy Frey, RN,  
Licensed School Nurse

Upper Campus Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
Lower Campus Tuesday and Thursday

UC phone: 612-668-3315, fax: 612-668-3320

LC phone: 612-668-3222. fax: 612-668-3220

When health is absent, wisdom cannot reveal itself, art cannot manifest, strength cannot fight, wealth becomes useless, and intelligence cannot be applied. Herophilus

## **Community News**

### **Anthony Middle School Musical**

Anthony Middle School students are going to be performing in their annual school musical in less than two weeks. This year they are performing Beauty and the Beast Jr. They would like to

invite friends, teammates, kids and families from all nearby schools to come watch. Performances are March 13-14 at 6:30 pm and Friday, March 15 at 7:00pm at Anthony Middle School. Tickets: Students-\$5.00 and Adults-\$8.00.

### **Turn on the Lights**

YOU ARE INVITED TO TURN ON THE LIGHTS! We are thrilled to announce plans for installation of permanent lights for our athletic field at Southwest High School. The realization of this long-term goal has been made possible by Harvey Feldman, Class of 1961, who has offered to match, dollar-for-dollar, any funds raised up to \$300,000! The first phase of this project will include the lights and also renaming Southwest Stadium after two of Southwest's legendary coaches, Art Fredrickson & Dave Peterson. We also have long-range goals that include an upgraded ticket/concession booth, improved entrance, new scoreboard, artificial turf, and much more.

Please join us March 16th, for a Gala Event at Atlas Grill, to "Turn on the Lights." At this grand event you will have the opportunity to meet current Southwest Coaches, Athletes, Fredrickson and Peterson Family Members, The Lighting Committee, and hear all of the exciting details.

WHEN: March 16th, 2013

TIME: 6:00 to 10:00 PM

WHERE: Atlas Grill, 200 South 6th St., Minneapolis, MN 55402

COST: \$40.00

Light Refreshments, Cash Bar, Silent Auction, Buy a Tile, Lifetime Southwest Athletic Passes, and much more!!! Any Questions Call the Athletic Office at: 612.668.3035

### **FYI: What does the neighborhood think?**

The Turn on the Lights project was presented to the Fulton Neighborhood Association in December. Concerns were raised regarding parking, waste, security and bike racks. A desire was also expressed for neighborhood use of the track. The Project will need City approval. Formal notification will be given to homes within the affected area. We are committed to addressing the needs of the neighborhood.

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**Submissions:** email to Mark Fullerton: [marksatva@gmail.com](mailto: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.