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New Items:

Dragonfest Sponsor & Auction Update (expires 3/29)

The 2016 DragonFest Carnival Train is rolling and you can still get on it! New sponsors and auction donors are essential to keeping this huge school PTA fundraiser growing each year. Tell your friends and SIGN UP HERE (LINK TO:

http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/carnival_sponsor_form) to become a supporter, or contact LHCSCarnivalSponsors@gmail.com for more information. Contributions are tax deductible. The deadline to be included on our fantastic DragonFest poster has been extended to APRIL 1.

Welcome (back) and thank you to the following sponsors who have already committed, many of whom are LHCS parents: Object Partners, Red Cow, Ronel Builders and Remodelers, Perspectives Vision Clinic, Sweets Kendamas, Boehnke Creative, Hair Police, Nightingale, The Fixx Workout Studio, Bodyline Massage Therapy, Sunnyside Gardens, Elliott Law Offices, Borman Law Firm, Park Chrysler Jeep, Bavolak Electric, Jim Fisher-Coldwell Banker Burnet, House of Music, Pearson Orthodontics, & Settergren's of Linden Hills.

Check out and bookmark the LHCS 2016 Sponsor and Silent Auction Page (LINK TO: 2016 SPONSOR/AUCTION PAGE) Support these awesome businesses; they support your kids!

Minneapolis Youth Chorus (expires 3/29)

The Minneapolis Youth Chorus, a partnership between the Minnesota Chorale and the Minneapolis Public Schools, is accepting new singers for its tenth season, which begins this August. MYC seeks to enrich the lives of MPS students by providing them with opportunities to develop their musical gifts in an environment dedicated to the celebration of diversity and the pursuit of artistic excellence. The program is offered at no charge to participants: all costs are borne by the Minnesota Chorale.

In 2012, MYC and the Minnesota Chorale launched Prelude, a junior choir for singers in grades 3, 4 and 5. MYC singers are enrolled in grades 6 through 9.

Admission to both choruses takes place via annual voice checks. This year, voice checks for

current 3rd through 7th graders will be held at Jefferson Community School on two Mondays, April 11 & 18: from 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. for Prelude singers (entering grades 3 – 5), and from 7 to 7:30 p.m. for MYC singers (entering grades 6 & 7), in the Jefferson School auditorium. No prepared song or reservation is necessary for the voice check. Students may simply arrive at Jefferson School with a parent or guardian. For further information about MYC and Prelude, please visit www.mnchorale.org/myc.

History Day Update (expires 3/29)

Congratulations to ALL of the Lake Harriet Upper Campus students who participated in MPS District History Day on Sat. March 12 at North High Community School.

The following students received special recognition for their projects, or will be advancing to Minnesota State History Day, Sun. May 1st at the University of Minnesota:

Honorable Mentions:

Iris P., Theo D. Oliva S., Sonja M., Josie S., Sanders S., and James J.

Minnesota State History Day Qualifiers:

Alison B., Rachel S., Mitra K., Brita L., Bella W., Cole K., Liam R., Bella R., Maia H-W, Ava S., Murphy S., Hannah P., Lucie R., Erica L, Ellie H. and Ella H.

Go dragon; we are so proud of you!

Upper Campus Yearbook Pics Wanted (expires 3/29)

Want to be in the 2016 yearbook? The LHCS Yearbook Staff is still accepting your fun, candid photos for the yearbook. Photos from sports, activities, national history day, science fair, and more... are welcome! Please email your pics to csmitkowski@yahoo.com or text to (612) 437-6478.

3rd Annual BINGO EXTRAVAGANZA - All Grades (expires 3/22)

3rd Annual BINGO EXTRAVAGANZA- open to all grades at Lake Harriet this year. Come to a night of BINGO, prizes, great company + fun-this is not your grandmas BINGO! Dinner, Beer + Wine + great prizes included in ticket price. BINGO cards extra.

When: Saturday May 21st, 2016 6:00pm- ??

Where: Vicki + Greg's House 5036 Thomas Ave South

Cost: \$30.00 per person # of tickets available 48 Adults only.

HOSTS: Vic Surprise, Greg Wiley, Pauline and Michael Croy, Karie and Christian Dean, Connie and Tom Walsh, Liz and Matt Shors, Karin and Scott Maida, Carol and Mike Bechay

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

STE(A)M DAY PRESENTERS NEEDED!!! (expires 3/29)

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!!! Are you an engineer? Do you love to cook? Is design your thing? Do you love photography, gardening or butterflies? Do you enjoy sharing music? We are looking for parents, grandparents, and community members to share their interests, crafts, and passions with students on STE(A)M DAY, Friday, May 6th. Please contact Heather Hunt to sign up! hfishhunt@yahoo.com.

5th Grade Kentucky Derby Party (expires 3/29)

The hosts that brought you three years of Cinco de Mayo parties are now bringing you a Kentucky Derby Party! Grab your hats and come watch the live broadcast of the Kentucky Derby – this is America's most beloved horserace taking place at Churchill Downs continuously since 1875! Your hosts are working hard to put together an event that will emulate the deeply rooted traditions of the Kentucky Derby (with LHCS style fun). Join us for heavy derby style bites, mint juleps and other beverages and surprises.

Party start time is 4:00 p.m. with the main event race starting around 5:30 p.m.

Date: Saturday, May 7, 2016

Time: 4:00 p.m - 10:00 p.m.

Price: \$40 per ticket Tickets: 65

Place: Home of Margo & Brad Farrell, 2709 West 47th Street (please note new address)

Hosted by: Margo & Brad Farrell; Rebekah & J. Forrest; Melissa & Brian Taney; Liz Banfield & Rob McPherson http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Parties_Galore.

Thank You! (expires 3/29)

Thank you for your generosity, well-wishes, nice cards and kind words. I am very appreciative. - Mr. Carlson

Free Trees! (expires 3/29)

Our school is participating in the 7th 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 April 5 and receive a free maple tree (6-12 inches in size) during Earth Week (April 18-22). Planting instructions and species information will be emailed a few days prior to the trees arriving. Register (on a laptop, tablet or desktop computer) to receive a free tree for Earth Day to plant with your child: <http://www.neighborhoodforest.org/parent-registration/?school=Njk=&year=2016>.

Thank you for your support and participation. For more information about this program, please visit www.neighborhoodforest.org.

Students succeed at MATHCOUNTS State Competition (expires 3/29)

Four Lake Harriet Students competed at the MATHCOUNTS State Competition on March 12th. Our team of Anders U, Emma M, Sigrid S, and Dmitry P placed 14th overall. This was a terrific result for us; most higher placing schools are significantly larger! Our team qualified for State by winning the MATHCOUNTS Chapter Competition on February 5th; they were joined at the Chapter competition by Cal C-P, Phoenix F, Rachel S, Reese C-P, Samantha N, and Simon C. Anders was first overall at our Chapter competition with Rachel close behind in second. Congratulations team!

Earth Day Garage Sale (expires 3/29)

Save the date - the annual second grade Earth Day Garage Sale will be April 12 and 13th! Doing some spring cleaning? The second graders will be accepting items for the sale right after spring break. Bring your toys, games, sporting good, arts and craft supplies, etc. to school between April 6 and 8. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to local charities.

Previously Run Articles:

Upper Spirit Week (expires March 22)

Upper Campus Spirit Week March 21-24 Monday: Jersey/Sport day Tuesday: Twin day Wednesday: Pajama day Thursday: Color day - each grade wears same color 4th blue 5th pink 6th gray 7th green 8th purple.

Dragonfest Carnival Seeks Business Sponsors & Silent Auction Donations! (expires March 22)

DragonFest 2016 is Friday, April 29 from 5:30-8:30 pm at the Upper Campus. Business Sponsors pay for the ENTIRE event so all proceeds from the Carnival and the Peaceful Parent Lounge Silent Auction go directly to the LHCS PTA to fund opportunities of enrichment, education and experience for our kids. Last year's proceeds topped \$25,000!

Submit your Online Sponsorship/Silent Auction Donation Form (link: http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/carnival_sponsor_form) or contact Ingrid at LHCSCarnivalSponsors@gmail.com for more information.

See a full listing of last year's sponsors and auction donors here (link: http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/dragonfest_carnival_sponsors_2).

Call for Submissions (expires March 22)

Calling All Artists! DragonFest is quickly approaching, and we need a super cool dragon to put on the posters! Please do your best, most colorful work on a letter sized paper, and place it in the bins in the UC office or the LC reception area. Winner will receive a free pass for the entire night of the carnival, so don't forget your name and grade! Dragons are due Wednesday, March 23rd. Questions can be sent to sara@boehnkecreative.com. Thanks and good luck!

LH Citizens and HEROes (expires March 22)

Congratulations to our February Citizens and HEROes! We recognized these students as positive contributors to our school community.

Kindergarten: Lewis K, Evelyn O, Myla J, Payton E, Henry M, Maya M, Greta T, Cal P, Charlie P, Isabelle M

First: Kaysa W, Aiden S, Maeve S, Jack L, Hank W, Peyton M, Orly S, August F, Clay K, Lenny S

Second: Claire K, Wyatt L, Annie S, Maja B, Erick C, Willa T, Parker T, Jovianne L, Mason E, Lydia G

Third: Jillian N, River S, Siena L, Finn G, Norman L, Nithali P, Porter K, Andie G, Grace D, Bennett E Grade 4: Carter G, Ronan D, Stella B, Samir S

Grade 5: Elli G, Adam S

Grade 6: Roxy R, Max S, William T, Ellie D, Kate S, Marin T, Abby A, Audrey C Grade 7: Alex L, Bella R, Zaden C, Bella W, Darcy R Grade 8: Sam H, Ping R, Peyton D, Teo O, Isaac V, August M.

Whole School meeting on Upper Campus Math Pathways (expires March 22)

Do you wonder what math class your UC student is in? Do you have a 3rd grader, about to enter the UC math program? Would you like an overview of the UC math program? Join Principal Walter Schleisman (and UC Math Staff members) on Tuesday, March 15 at 7 pm in the UC Media Center, for a comprehensive overview of the math program at UC. Principal Schleisman will

outline the math curriculum options as well as the strategy for ensuring students receive the "right math" for their learning level. No RSVP needed. See you there!

Connecting Parents to Educational Opportunities (CPEO) (expires March 22)

Program overview:

CPEO is a program designed for parents that brings schools, parents, and the community together as equal partners in the education of students. CPEO provides a framework for the creation of a community in which parents and teachers collaborate to transform students' educational environment, both at home and at school, so that all students can achieve their greatest academic potential.

Program Specifics:

Program runs for a total of 7 weeks with classes occurring one evening each week. Dinner and childcare are provided.

Available for parents of students in the elementary, middle, and high school age ranges.

Program instruction is available in English, Hmong, Spanish, and Somali. Parents are taught in the language of their choice and the facilitators of the program are ethnic and language specific. Additional CPEO Program available for Native American Families.

CPEO Curriculum Highlights

Lost and Found (expires March 22)

Missing a glove? Please check the Lost and Found at each campus. All clothing items left at the Upper and Lower campuses Lost and Found will be donated to charity on Thursday, March 24th. In order to help the school return lost items to students, please label personal items with the student's name. Students and/or families will be contacted prior to donation for any clearly labeled items.

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.

Community News:

Lake Harriet Community Education

Lake Harriet Community Education spring flyers were passed out to students last week. If your child did not receive one there are extras outside the Community Education Office at Lake Harriet Upper and by the reception desk at the Lower Campus. The flyer can also be found on the Lake Harriet Website under Extracurriculars. Please call Gary Wineman at 612-668-3330 for further information.

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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.