

THIRTY-FIRST ISSUE FOR '13-'14

Wellness Week

We are excited to announce that May 5-9 is the first MPS Wellness Week! Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) cares about the health and wellness of our students, families and staff. Schools are invited to participate in a different, fun and active event each day. Included is a brief description of the week's events and ways that your family can be active at home!

Monday, May 5: Biking Challenge

Today kicked off Wellness Week and launched a summer biking challenge for staff.
Family Wellness: Explore your neighborhood – take some time and go for a bike ride or on a walk with your family.

Tuesday, May 6: Recess for All

At 10 a.m. today, all MPS students and staff are invited to be active together with a movement activity.
Family Wellness: Take some time to play, either inside or outside. Play a game of tag or hide and seek, try some jumping jacks or even practice some yoga!

Wednesday, May 7: National Bike and Walk to School or Work Day

MPS encourages students and staff to bike or walk to school today. Last fall, approximately 28 schools and 5,800 students participated in National Bike to School Day. Today is also the annual MPS Developmentally Adapted Physical Education (DAPE) Bike Day event.
Family Wellness: Join in and walk or bike your kids to schools – or take some time today and go for family bike ride or walk to support the cause!

Thursday, May 8: Double Dutch Tournament!

Double Dutch is back! MPS is hosting a middle-school double Dutch tournament from 5-7 p.m. at Washburn High School.
Family Wellness: Attend this free event. Please join us to cheer on the participating teams or grab a jump rope and try jumping rope with your family.

Friday, May 9: True Food Taste Test

Minneapolis Public Schools is working to bring healthy, flavorful menu items to students and staff. Today about 15,000 students will try a zesty quinoa salad at lunch as part of a True Food Taste Test.
Follow this link (<http://sss.mpls.k12.mn.us/hkfs>) for more info.

From Principal Schleisman

Dear Lake Harriet Community School Parents and Families,
I am writing to ask parents and guardians to continue to talk to their children about the harmful effects of bullying, particularly electronic aggression or cyber bullying. I would also encourage parents and guardians to closely monitor the programs, apps and browsing habits of your student(s).

Our school has had past electronic aggression incidents with ask.fm and Snapchat. Ask.fm is a website that allows a member to ask a question that other – usually anonymous – members answer. The content of the site is often adult-themed and inappropriate for middle school age children. Some people use the site to harass others anonymously. Snapchat is an app that students use on their phones/iPods. Because the photos or posts disappear after a set period of time some students mistakenly believe that they can post inappropriate items without being noticed. Most phones allow screen shots, however, and those screen shots can then be shared.

Minneapolis Public Schools takes electronic aggression very seriously and has procedures in place to investigate and make sure students feel supported and safe at school. If school district staff is able to determine the author of the aggressive posts, we take appropriate action including applying the MPS discipline policy.

Additionally, MPS provides programming to support students in building a positive peer-to-peer school culture in which any type of bullying is unacceptable and provides resources for parents to talk to their children about electronic aggression, what they do on the Internet and how to report inappropriate behavior.

The Office of Student Support Services at MPS provides useful information to help parents identify if his or her child is a victim of electronic aggression, or if his or her child may be witnessing or participating in electronic aggression. For more information, go to <http://sss.mpls.k12.mn.us/>

Your support in helping Lake Harriet Community School combat all forms of bullying is greatly appreciated. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please call the main office at 612.668.3310.

Parent Party at Steel Toe Brewing and MORE

7th Grade Parent Night at Steel Toe Brewing There's a party brewing for LHCS Parents and friends at Steel Toe Brewery in St. Louis Park...come join the fun! Must be 21 years or older. Ticket price includes two drink tickets and food truck will be available for cash purchase. Where: Steel Toe Brewing 4848 W. 35th Street, St. Louis Park When: Thursday, April 24, 2014 5:00pm-8:00pm.

Parties Galore
Friday, April 25 5:30pm - 8:30pm
CARNIVAL OASIS -Adult Only-
4828 Washburn Avenue S

Take a break from this year's carnival chaos and come by for some grown-up conversation and cheer!
Hosted By: Charity & Dave Coates and Drew Lamosse & Kris Johansen
Adults only and please make sure that your children are well-supervised in your brief absence!
\$10 includes two drinks and a little calm!

Friday, April 25
5:30pm-8:30pm -Adult Only-
7th Grade Parent Night at Steel Toe Brewing
4848 W. 35th Street, St. Louis Park

There's a party brewing for LHCS Parents and friends at Steel Toe Brewery in St. Louis Park...come join the fun!
Must be 21 years or older.
Cost: \$30: includes two drink tickets.
Food truck will be available for cash purchase.
Hosted by: Heidi Youngdahl, Cara Hartzell, Mary Fisher, Colleen Kepler, Liz Young

Saturday, May 3
6pm - ? -Adult Only-
4th Grade Bingo Extravaganza!
5036 Thomas Avenue S (Vicki And Greg's)

Competitive bingo, prizes, food/drink, music and fun.
Cost: \$25.00 Bring some extra \$\$ for chances to win some additional prizes!

**Thursday, May 1
7:00pm – 9:00pm
Hot Mama Shopping Party
Hot Mama: 3914 W. 50th Street, Edina**

Shop til you drop! 10-15% all shopping proceeds go directly to LHCS.

Cost: \$10

Hosted By: Lisa Elliot, Karen Knapp, Kirstin Gregerson, Krista Margolis, Preethi Stoltman

**May 9
5:30 pm -?
Tap into some LHCS spirit at the locally-owned Fulton Brewery.
Fulton Brewery: 414 6th Avenue N, Minneapolis**

Cost: \$25.00: includes an official Fulton pint glass and a chance to win some more fun Fulton goods!

A food truck with delicious dining will be parked outside for those craving a bite to eat...cheers!

Hosted by: Megan Collins, Mekea Duffy, Krista Margolis, Trisha Power

Pancake Breakfast!

Looking for something to do Sunday morning after the carnival....

Family pancake breakfast at the Lake Harriet Masonic Lodge. Proceeds benefit LHCS! Flyer!

SCOOTER CITY!

SCOOTER CITY will soon be happening at the lower campus. For one week (Mon. April 28 – Fri. May 2), all physical education classes will be participating in Scooter City. If you are interested in volunteering during your child's PE class time, Ms. Chase would love to hear from you! You can help run the "restaurant", "car wash", etc. You can contact Ms. Chase by email (cchase@mpls.k12.mn.us) or voice mail (668-7593).

Lost and found!

The clothes and other items in the lost and found need to be claimed. All clothes left in the Upper and Lower Campus lost and found will be donated to charity on Tuesday, April 29th.

Lake Harriet Community School Middle Grades Orchestra Spring Concert

The Lake Harriet Community School Middle Grades Orchestra (Grades 6-8) will perform in concert on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 3:15 in the school gym. This new performing ensemble will play a program that will include works by Beethoven, Brahms, Dukas, Mozart, Sousa, and original works by Clark and Niehaus. The students have been working hard towards this performance. We invite all families and community members to attend.

STE(A)M Day

STE(A)M Day has been set for Friday, May 2nd (2:05-3:45) and we are looking for volunteers to help! STE(A)M Day was started from the Advanced Learners Talent Development program and is a great opportunity for the kids to learn about jobs and talents in our community. We need presenters as well as many volunteers who can help in the classrooms on this exciting day for the kids. Please contact Trisha Power at trisha@buildwithbella.com if you have a job or talent that you would like to share or if you are available to help in the classrooms. Thank you!

UC Media Center Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help in the UC media center. Shifts available are: EVERY Wednesday from 3:10-4:00 or EVERY Friday from 3:10-4:00. Responsibilities include: checking books in and out, shelving books, MC projects and more. Training will be provided. If interested, please email Peggy Whisler at peggy@thewhislers.com. Thank you!

DRAGONFEST IS THIS FRIDAY! Attend! Volunteer!!

April 25 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at the Upper Campus. Rain or shine. Sign up now to volunteer for a shift! Games will be cancelled if there aren't enough bodies to run them. (link to http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/2014_carnival_volunteers.html).

Presale tickets are available at both campuses from 9:00 to 9:40am on the day of the carnival (Friday, April 25th). Tickets are 3 for \$1 and games and food cost anywhere from 1 to 10 tickets each.

SILENT AUCTION IN PARENT LOUNGE AT THE CARNIVAL

Feeling overwhelmed at the Carnival? Kids deserted you for their friends? Break away to a space of quiet relaxation & soothing music in the Peaceful Parent Lounge (UC Media Center). Free Dunn Bros coffee/decaf. Adult treats by Nightingale. Massage by Marnie See of Bodyline & (new!) HealthSource of Mpls Uptown. There will be a place for small children to color & chill out.

The LOCAL BUSINESS SILENT AUCTION runs 5:30 to 8:30pm sharp. You NEED NOT be present to win. All auction proceeds benefit our kids via the LHCS PTA!

Bid early & often on these generously donated silent auction items:

Gift Cards from: Sunnyside Gardens, Nightingale, Edina Grill, Lunds, General Sports, Clancy's Meats and Fish, Tilia, Zumbro, Kyatchi, Cavé Vin, Lake & Irving, The Malt Shop, Bibelot, Hello Pizza, George & the Dragon, & Settergren's of Linden Hills.

Services from: Calhoun Cycle, Knutson Custom Remodelers, Borman Law Firm, Woof Central, Bodyline, Soderberg Painting Plus, & a kid party from Wee Pop.

Classes from: The Fixx, House of Music, The Linden Tree, Blooma Yoga, & BodyWisdom.

Baskets from: Cookies by Design, Innisbrook, South Lake Pediatrics, Brookside Dentistry, root salon, Vinaigrette, Wild Rumpus, Great Harvest, & Alora Ambiance.

Plus these other cool items: Blu Dot Bunjo Bungee chairs, Sonicare Toothbrush from Boger Dental, Heated Neck Wrap from lovecrate.com, a Custom Gallery Wrap Canvas Print from Linhoff Photo, Banjo Brothers bike bags, plus Awesome Twins Tickets (donated by both John Kaatz & Sergei Voyakin), and a framed photograph by Tim Dewey.

See a complete list of sponsors and auction donors (LINK PLEASE) here. One last HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF THEM!

http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/dragonfest_carnival_sponsors_needed.html

Yearbook Photos Needed!

We are now accepting photos for the 2013-14 yearbook! To submit hi-res photos, you can send leave a CD at the office, share a dropbox folder or email to: lhcyearbook@gmail.com.

Please try to include the grade of students in the photos.

Target Take Charge of Education

Designate LHCS as the recipient of the donations from your Target purchases. More information on the school page, http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Target_Take_Charge_of_Education or at the Target website (<https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home?catalogId=10051&langId=-1&storeId=10151&krpto=cQCCHDKsCxhgmutHxyj48%2BIHQzAFPvRjj%2BCK5QYor4h0nGk1rMzYurJKChjT8LUqnEixjccfX%0AJRWY3V0ESQ%3D%3D&ddkey=http:redcard/tcoe/home>).

Double Dutch Competition

The MPS Student Engagement Department and Student Support Services are co-sponsoring a Middle School Double Dutch Competition! The event is open to all 6-8 grade MPS students and will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2014, from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Washburn High School. Dinner and transportation, to and from the event, WILL be provided that day for all registered teams. An adult sponsor/coach will be needed to register the teams and chaperone on the day of the event. Double Dutch ropes will be provided if schools need them, just email Sarah Dutton, sarah.dutton@mpls.k12.mn.us or Kelleen Neiber, kelleen.neiber@mpls.k12.mn.us, with your request. For more information about the competition please visit the Double Dutch Competition web page on the MPS website.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER YEARBOOKS!

Yearbook sales END in 2 weeks! Make sure to get your order in now!

To order visit: <http://ybpay.com>

Access Code: 7964714

Lake Harriet Community School is a Minnesota School of Excellence

Did you know... the School of Excellence survey identified only two areas for Lake Harriet Community School to work on?

The first was discussed in an article the last newsletter, the second area for growth that was identified was one of the standards related to Knowledge and Data.

Specifically 14% of the surveys came back indicating that "Students are taught to use data to make informed decisions in their own learning" needs to be worked on.

How have we been working on this?

At Lake Harriet:

- All teaching teams have worked on this standard through the teacher Standards of Effective Instruction (SOEI) observations. SOEI data indicate that teachers are asking students to evaluate their own work or another student's work base on a rubric
- other learners.....
- Instructional Leadership Team (representative grade-level, specialist and support staff teams at both Lower and Upper Campus) met with the MPS Director of Talent Development, Melanie Crawford, to specifically look at the data for our advanced learners and are in the process of including this aspect while planning professional development for next year based on that data.

Specifically at the Lower Campus:

- We continually look at student data through the Professional Learning Centers (each grade level teaching team meeting is structured as a PLC to plan and implement improvement).

Specifically at the Upper campus:

- In August of this year our staff had a professional development session on 'Student Self-Assessment' from Charlotte Schuld.

Our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) is starting to evaluate each student's work for this standard using the "student work protocol".

Principal Schleisman's Blog

Be sure to read Principal Schleisman's blog at <http://walterschleisman.blogspot.com/2013/10/conference-week.html>.

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

Community News

Support local shops and our schools! It's up to us to keep the shop local movement going! We'll be celebrating our store and The Teachers of Southwest High School. Present [this flyer](http://southwest.mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/livelaughloveflyerswhs.pdf) (<http://southwest.mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/livelaughloveflyerswhs.pdf>) at time of purchase and Live, Laugh, Love Gifts will donate 10% of your purchase price to SW High School during the week of April 21st thru April 25th.

Spread the word... Tell Your Friends. We're proof that small makes a big impact.

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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.