



# Lake Harriet Community School News

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## **FIFTEENTH ISSUE FOR '14-'15**

### **Important Dates for the Remainder of the School Year**

Tuesday, May 5, 7:00 PM, Middle School Band & Orchestra, Jazz Band & Choir

Thursday, May 7, 7:30pm, Grades 4 & 5 Band/Orchestra concert

Tuesday, May 12, 6:00pm – PTA meeting at UC Media Center

FYI! Wednesday, May 13 – Lower Campus vocal concert. Specific times are listed below.  
Kindergarten 10:00-10:10, 2nd 10:20-10:40, 1st 10:50-11:10, 3rd 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 21, 6:00pm – 8:00pm – UC Art Show (Grades 4-8)

FYI! Friday, May 22 – Grades 1 through 3 Field Day – wear sunscreen! (Rain date is Wed, May 27). The Kindergarteners will have “Park Day” fun instead.

Friday, May 22 – Last day to order school supply packs!  
<http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/schoolsupplies>

Friday, May 22 – Grades 4 through 6 Field Day

Thursday, June 4 – Year end picnic at Pershing (more to come about volunteer needs)

Thursday, June 4, 2pm – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Ceremony LHCS Upper Campus Gym

Friday, June 5 – Last day of school

### **DragonFest 2015 - One for the Memory Bank!**

It was wet, it was crazy, it was a huge success for the PTA. We hope you have all recovered by now. As a fundraiser it was, again, a record breaker. The Carnival Team would like to thank Bridget O'Boyle for her 3rd and final year at the helm of this beast. Welcome and thank you to Nikki Niermann for taking over her job.

Once last enormous thank you to all our Sponsors and Silent Auction Donors ([http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/dragonfest\\_carnival\\_sponsors\\_2](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/dragonfest_carnival_sponsors_2)) and to everyone who came to bid on our wonderful assortment of items.

Two apologies:

1. For spelling Clancey's Meats and Fish incorrectly throughout the entire season.
2. For somehow losing the "A" in Pizza Luce in the carnival booklet.

See you next year, the last Friday in April, for DragonFest 2016.

Contact [LHCSCarnivalSponsors@gmail.com](mailto:LHCSCarnivalSponsors@gmail.com) if you'd like to be on the list for sponsorship or auction donation next year.

### **Spring Concert at LHCS Lower Campus**

Here are the scheduled times for the Spring Concert:

Wednesday, May 13th

K 10:00-10:10

2 10:20-10:40

1 10:50-11:10

3rd grade is at 7pm

All concerts are in the gym.

### **Clothes Drive**

Anishinabe Academy and Anne Sullivan schools In Minneapolis Public Schools share one building in the Seward Neighborhood. These schools both have a student population at 97% free/reduced lunch and they need our help! They are in need of extra clothes to keep at the school nurse's office for their students' use.

Specifically, they are looking for new or gently used elastic band sweat/athletic pants and leggings for both boys and girls grades K – 8. As you are clearing out your kids' outgrown clothes this spring, please consider donating them. They could also use socks and underpants (for 2nd grade – middle school girls) and underpants for boys, as well as t-shirts for girls.

If you are on a Target run or going to garage sales , please consider picking up some of these necessity items. A donation box will be available at the LHCS Upper Campus by the gym entrance. Thank you for pitching in!

### **Lower Campus Field Day Rain Day Correction**

The rain date for the lower campus field day was incorrectly printed on the letters that went home. The rain day (if needed) is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27th. Sorry for the confusion.  
Carol Chase

### **Upper Campus Book Room VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Do you like organizing? Do you want to know what your kids are reading or get ideas for books they should read? If YES, you may be perfect for this gig! We are looking for a volunteer (or two) to spend 1 hr/wk in the Upper Campus Teachers' Book Room to organize, inventory, maintain a master list, and repair damaged books. Flexible hours and great training available. Please contact [gretchen.lieving@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:gretchen.lieving@mpls.k12.mn.us) if interested. Thanks for considering!

## **Upper Campus Overdue Library Books!**

Upper Campus students will be receiving notices this week if they have overdue library books. We want to recover as many books as possible so that students won't be stuck with fines at the end of the year. PLEASE ask your child if he/she has received an overdue notice and, if so, encourage a rigorous search for the book(s). Oftentimes, students strongly believe a book has been returned but then it shows up in the oddest places. Please contact me with any questions. Thanks for your help! Gretchen Lieving Upper Campus Library Coordinator  
gretchen.lieving@mpls.k12.mn.us

## **2014 MPS School Garden Survey**

Minneapolis Public Schools Culinary and Nutrition Services and Youth Farm are excited to share the results of the 2014 MPS School Garden Survey with you. Thank you for taking the time to fill it out and for providing valuable information about your school's interest in school gardens.

The MPS School Garden Map and final summary report will be available after May 1 at [http://nutritionservices.mpls.k12.mn.us/school\\_gardens](http://nutritionservices.mpls.k12.mn.us/school_gardens).

This survey helped identify the current landscape of school gardens in the district and the areas that need the most support. The summary provides some of the major findings including data, quotes, and photos from several school gardens in the district. The results demonstrate a widespread interest in and support for school gardens throughout the district. MPS Culinary and Nutrition Services and Youth Farm look forward to growing their partnership to support school gardens and create opportunities for food, farming, and nutrition-based education.

For more information, please feel free to contact [school.gardens@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:school.gardens@mpls.k12.mn.us) or call 612-668-2854.

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## **Support LHCS PTA: Shop Live, Laugh, Love Gifts!**

Live, Laugh, Love Gifts It's up to us to keep the shop local movement going! We will be celebrating our store and Lake Harriet Community School. Print out, or present an electronic version of the flyer at time of purchase and Live, Laugh, Love Gifts will donate 15% of your purchase price to Lake Harriet Community School: Monday, May 4th, 10am -6pm Tuesday, May 5th 10am -6pm Wednesday, May 6th 10am -6pm Spread the word...tell your friends! We are proof that small makes a big impact. Live, Laugh, Love Gifts (50th & France Shops) 5019 France Avenue South 952-929-0701 Additional Hours: Monday thru Saturday: 10 -6 Sunday: 12-4 [liveloughlovegifts.com](http://liveloughlovegifts.com). (Link to flyer)

Contact Sara Johnson [ssj0116@gmail.com](mailto:ssj0116@gmail.com) or Maggie Bebler [magsla@aol.com](mailto:magsla@aol.com) with questions.

## **In the Interim: MPS Legislative Call to Action**

MPS partners and friends,

We need your help to ensure that the Legislature makes a strong investment in public education this year.

The State has a \$1.9 billion surplus. The Governor proposes \$695 million in new education funding. The House and Senate should agree to his funding level. Let's not shortchange education; instead, let's invest in education.

The proposed House education finance bill changes a key education funding formula that helps schools with the highest concentration of poor students provide additional educational opportunities. If this bill goes into effect, the district's poorest schools would get less funding in the future to work with at-risk students.

The House education finance bill also places more of the school funding burden onto Minneapolis taxpayers. The shift of facilities aid and integration aid from state funding to local property tax levy will mean a \$5.5 million dollar increase in property taxes.

The Senate proposal would only grant a 1% increase in the basic education formula, which would still result in MPS education cuts as 1% is an insufficient amount to keep up with inflation. In turn, this would result in \$13 million of projected cuts to district staffing and programs in the 2015-16 school year. The House bill provides even less in basic funding, meaning more significant cuts.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Call Governor Dayton and thank him for investing in education and ask that he continue to fight for meaningful increases in education funding.
2. Also call the other lawmakers listed below to tell them we need substantial new investments in our schools.
3. Spread the word! Tell your family and friends, especially if they live in suburban communities, to contact their lawmakers and the ones listed below.
4. When you speak to lawmakers, please be calm and respectful. To find out who your representative is, visit <http://www.gis.leg.mn/OpenLayers/districts>.

\*\*Note to Minneapolis Public Schools staff: By law, district staff are not allowed to do advocacy on district time or use any district phone, email, computer or other district equipment.

#### WHO YOU SHOULD CONTACT

Senate Majority Leader Tom Bakk  
5 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Capitol, Room 232  
St. Paul, MN 55155-1606  
Phone 651-296-8881

E-12 Education Finance Chair Chuck Wiger  
5 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Capitol, Room 205  
St. Paul, MN 55155-1606  
phone 651-296-6820

House Speaker Kurt Daudt  
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100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Phone 651-296-5364

House Education Finance Chair Jenifer Loon  
449 State Office Building  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155  
phone 651-296-7449

Governor Mark Dayton  
Office of the Governor & Lt Governor  
116 Veterans Service Building  
20 W 12th Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155  
Phone 651-201-3400

Sincerely,

Michael Goar  
Interim Superintendent

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Performance Night**

Come watch your 3rd-grade children perform in a variety of venues!

- Multi-media “Prezi” Presentations
- Art Show
- Dance
- Vocal / Instrumental

6:00 to 6:45  
Art/Media Presentations in the Commons Area

6:50 to 7:30  
Musical Performance in the Gym

Wednesday, May 13th 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

### **Student Leaders**

Lower Campus selected 13 3rd-graders to become Student Leaders. These students will meet this spring to plan various events and activities to strengthen our school community. Stay tuned for future communication on the exciting projects this group dreams up! 3rd-Grade Leaders: Piper K, Hayden B, Gus O, Ariana A, Eloise M, Mason D, Lillian B, Elsie S, Cyrus J, Berit C, Kate M, Grace D, and Carter G

### **Wheelies/Tennis shoes with wheels**

This notice is to all parents at both campuses. If your child has a pair of these shoes with wheels attached, please make sure that the wheels are locked into place. We are not allowing the students to wheel around the school or the playground area during the school day. It has become a safety concern so please help us to enforce the no use of these wheelies at school policy.

Sincerely,  
LHCS Staff

### **Lake Harriet HERO**

Congratulations to the March Lake Harriet HEROes at Upper Campus! These students were chosen because they have done an excellent job in meeting our school-wide expectations of respect, responsibility, safety, and engagement in learning. Way to go!! Jack B, Arianna F, Alicia M, Finn H, Gray M Mustaf M, Michael A, Max S, Nicholas W, Lily S, Mason P, Bella W, Kyra C, Brita L, Erin D, Elizabeth S, Meagan B, Sam H, August M, Elaina S, Lily W, Sophia S, John C, Bella P, Grace D, Isabella K

### **Citizen of the Month**

Congratulations to our Lower Campus Citizens of the Month for the month of March. We recognized these students as positive contributors to our school community.

Kindergarten: Will S, Kaysa W, Isabelle M, Clayton K, Theo P, Fiona A, Samir P, Mae S, Gia G, and Ryan L

First: Hendrix B, Lux P, Grey H, Ava T, Amber C, Violet H, Avery P, Owen M, Helen C, and Matthew H Second Gigi F, Haley D, Bret M, Hazel E, Sam V, Jocelyn F, Mia W, River S, Jack J, Jillian N

Third: Jordyn S, Calvin R, Ronan D, Amra K, Sophia W, Rohan L, Maya M, Lewis W, Charlie A and Silja B

### **School Supply Packs Now on Sale!**

Yep, that's right! School isn't even out yet it's time to think about taking full advantage of the one stop shopping school supply packs offer you for next fall! The LHCS PTA is happy to bring this convenient service to all families. A small portion of each sale will go back to the school for classroom enrichment opportunities.

Online ordering will be available from April 20 – May 22. Don't miss out!

Kits will be shipped directly to the appropriate campus for pick up at the Open House/Curriculum Nights. No extra kits will be available for sale.

Please link to this: <http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/schoolsupplies>.

### **Join us to discuss Pink Brain, Blue Brain by Lise Eliot**

The Site Council's Academics Subcommittee welcomes Barry Wadsworth and Nicole Bridge of Minneapolis Public Schools to present information from the book Pink Brain, Blue Brain by Lise Eliot and facilitate a discussion about whether gender differences in behavior are inherent or learned, and what parents and educators can do to challenge gender norms and teach children of both genders to reach their potential academically and socially. For more information, check out Lise Eliot's website at <http://www.liseeliot.com/pink-brain-blue-brain>.

Date: Tuesday, May 26 Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Upper Campus Media Center Join us for this important discussion!

## **SAVE the DATE: 8th Grade Recognition Ceremony**

- Thursday, June 4, 2015
- 2:00 pm
- LHCS Upper Campus Gymnasium

## **STE(A)M at Lower Campus**

Volunteers needed for STE(A)M at Lower campus, Friday May 1st. You do NOT need to present or plan anything...I simply need additional hands to oversee kids with activities that our wonderful presenters are doing. If you are available to help be an extra set of hands in a classroom, please email [trisha@buildwithbella.com](mailto:trisha@buildwithbella.com) Thank you so much!!!

## **Minneapolis Kids Jr.**

Minneapolis Kids Jr. is up and running. Minneapolis Kids Jr. offers a safe, nurturing, educational, and recreational experience specifically designed for children entering kindergarten the following school year. Children are encouraged to pursue interests, and develop friendships, independence, and confidence. The program runs at the Lake Harriet Lower (10AM-1PM) and will incorporate curriculum from Mother Goose Time. ([www.mothergoosetime.com](http://www.mothergoosetime.com)) Please see the Minneapolis Kids website for more information. Registration begins Monday, May 4th.

## **Experience life-changing growth. Become a Minnesota Reading Corps tutor.**

Would you love to help children grow their reading skills, succeed in school and get extra support? If your answer is yes, you can be trained to serve as a tutor with Minnesota Reading Corps at Lake Harriet Lower. Whether you want to explore an educational career, reenter the workforce, or give back to your community, you can succeed as a tutor.

Last year, Minnesota Reading Corps provided direct services to over 30,000 children in more than 700 schools across the state. As a tutor, you'll see a student's progress – in their test scores, in their other school work and in their eyes as they light up with the satisfaction of knowing they can do it. No child wants to stand out because they can't learn as quickly as other kids. We're helping more kids catch up and soar on their own. And you can be part of it.

In addition to our extensive paid training, tutors receive on-site support from specially trained school mentors. Tutors are paid a living allowance, and are eligible for an education award of up to \$5,645 and federal student loan forbearance. Tutors 55 or older may gift the award to a child or grandchild.

You can help by telling a friend or family member about our school's open positions and openings statewide! Applicants can learn more and apply at [www.MinnesotaReadingCorps.org](http://www.MinnesotaReadingCorps.org). Strong preference is given to tutors who can begin in August. Send questions to [recruitment@servemnaction.org](mailto:recruitment@servemnaction.org) or call 866-859-2825.

## **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!

### **Parties Galore: Tap Room Tour 2015**

Join LHCS parents for a day of biking and tasting! Back again from last year, but we are visiting two new breweries this year to keep it fresh! The day's agenda includes LynLake Brewing, just off the Midtown Greenway bike path at Lyndale and Lake, Day Block Brewery on Washington Ave in Downtown, and finally Sisyphus Brewing tucked away near Dunwoody and The Walker. The entire route will be almost exclusively on dedicated bike paths and we will provide several tour chaperones that will ensure all levels of cyclists are welcome, and nobody gets left behind! The route will begin at the south end of Lake Calhoun and will also provide safe and easy ways for people to bike back to Linden Hills at any point during the tour. Must be 21 years of age. Participants responsible for food and drink purchases, but special giveaways are in the works.

Where: Start/End at south side of Lake Calhoun.

When: Saturday, May 30, 2014 11:15am - 5:30pm Cost: \$30 per ticket #Tickets Available: 50  
Hosted By: Ben Klaas, Wendy Volkman, Larry Stephan, Tommy Gardner, John Fisher, and Craig Rittler

### **Parties Galore: Yogafit**

Come and join other LHCS parents and friends at the new YogaFit Studios in Linden Hills for a fun and relaxing evening. You will start with a restorative class led by a YogaFit instructor (which is for ALL levels, including level 0 for those who have never done yoga). After class, stay for wine, cheese, crackers, and socialization provided by YogaFit. YogaFit will also have a small gift for all who attend. For more information on YogaFit, see [www.yogafitstudios.com](http://www.yogafitstudios.com).

Where: YogaFit Studios 4507 France Avenue S, next to Chatterbox & Great Wall Restaurants  
When: Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 6:00pm Cost: \$20/Person

100% ticket sales go to PTA, [http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/parties\\_galore](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/parties_galore)

Hosted By: Ashok Dhariwal, YogaFit Owner & Melissa Taney, LHCS Parent

### **Parties Galore: Family Bowling Party**

Celebrate the end of the school year with your Lake Harriet Community School friends! We will bowl and have other family activities. A raffle and food will be available for purchase. We send a special shot out to families new to the LHCS community...come join the fun!

Where: Park Tavern, 3401 Louisiana Ave S, St Louis Park, MN  
When: Sunday, May 31, 2015 12:00am-2:00pm  
Cost: \$5/person includes shoes  
#Tickets Available: 100  
Hosted by The Equity Team

### **Parties Galore: Bubbles and Bling**

Bubbles and Bling 2015 Grab some friends and join LHCS parents and faculty for a champagne brunch on Lake Minnetonka. The event will include mimosas, light appetizers and will feature Hot Ice, designer costume jewelry at fabulous prices! 20% of all jewelry sold will go directly to Lake Harriet Community School. Where: Susan Shuff's Home 16749 Gray's Bay Boulevard Wayzata,



MN 55391 When: Sunday, May 31, 2015 11:00am-1:00pm Cost: \$25 #Tickets Available: 70  
Hosted by the LHCS First Grade Team: Sue Shuff, Jane Lyga-Jones, Kellie Perez, Nancy Johnson,  
Bounna Chhun

### **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

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

### **Community News:**

#### **Lululemon Edina Trunk Show to benefit Bullying Prevention**

The Fulton Neighborhood Association awarded Lakes Martial Arts a grant this year for a bullying prevention seminar, a 90-minute action packed learning experience for kids ages 6-12. Our first Bully Prevention program on April 25 is full; however we are raising funds for at least 2-3 more seminars over the next few months. Join us Saturday, May 9, 2015 from noon-2pm (the day before Mother's Day), for a fundraiser to stop bullying. Lululemon supports our cause and will offer a trunk sale in which 40% proceeds from any purchase will fund our mission.

Where >> Pershing Park Recreation Center, 3523 W 48th St, Minneapolis, MN 55410 Lululemon representatives will be available to answer questions and have product on hand. Spread the word and come early! Coffee and treats provided.

To learn more: <http://www.southwestjournal.com/news/features/black-belt-launches-free-bullying-prevention-class> <http://www.lakesmartialarts.com/blog/2015/3/26/my-story-about-being-bullied>

#### **Southwest High School Girls Soccer**

An interest meeting for HS Girls' Soccer will be held Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 8:00 PM in the West Gym. Meet the coaches, find out about tryouts, and learn about the Laker Soccer Camp, June 8-12.

Any questions can be forwarded to Mr. Whitehead, [simon.whitehead@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:simon.whitehead@mpls.k12.mn.us).

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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.