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Turn in Your Boxtops!

Please turn in any boxtops by Thursday, June 4th. This way you don't have to hold onto them over the summer!

Performance DVDs

Parent and Videographer, Gregg Townsend, has been gathering LHUS footage of student performances this past academic school year. He is making DVD compilations of these performances available to Lake Harriet families. Each DVD will include over 2 hours of footage. The performance DVD titles are: 4th & 5th Grade Band, Orchestra & Music Performances Middle School Band, Orchestra & Choir Performances Chorale Ensembles, Rock Band and Jazz Performances School Play - Charlotte's Web 8th Grade Dance Bash / Dance Competition.

You may order any or all of these DVD titles by having your student obtain an order form / envelope from Music Teacher, Ms. Cuff, or from PE Teacher, Mr. DePerry. In addition the order form will be available at this week's Play performances on Thursday and Friday and at the 8th Grade Dance Competition this Friday.

State History Day Results

On Sat. May 2, nineteen LHUC seventh graders participated in Minnesota History Day at the U of M and presented their historical research projects on the theme, "Leadership and Legacy in History." We are so proud of "ALL" of our students who worked so hard to improved their NHD projects for the state competition.

National History Day Qualifier: Rachel S. received 2nd place for her individual performance, Leadership and Legacy in Social Reform: Dorothea Dix and the Massachusetts Memorial, and will represent Minnesota at National History Day in College Park, Maryland in June.

LHUC Special Awards: Sonia C. received 3rd place and a Topical Prize in Women's History for her historical research paper, Ida B. Wells: The Voice of the Hanging Tree. Trey G. received 5th Place for his exhibit board, Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Interstate Highway System. Ellie S. received an honorable mention award for her exhibit board, Joan Ganz Cooney: A Leader in

Educational TV. Emma M. & Olivia W. received an honorable mention award for their exhibit board, Ida B. Wells: Fighting Injustice. Katie H. & Maddy G.G. received an honorable mention award for their exhibit board, Chasing the Clouds Away: Joan Ganz Cooney and the Making of Sesame Street

Jr Iron Chef Winners!

Lake Harriet Upper Student Castor P. and Hmong International Academy student Nou T. won the Minneapolis Junior Iron Chef Competition. They were among eight Middle School students selected to compete. Their two dishes were favored by an esteemed panel of judges, which included Superintendent Goar, School Board Members, City Council Members, and Minneapolis Food Critics.

Vote Now! Little Kids Rock Songwriting Exhibition 2015!

Vote now for the Little Kids Rock Songwriting Exhibition 2015 online showcase!

We have 11 student entries from our school listed below in order of appearance:

General Submission: "Jammin' Jaguar" by Sofie & Bryn, Grade 5, Minneapolis "Go Cheetah" by Sofie & Bryn, Grade 5, Minneapolis "I Can Do Anything" by Reece & Audrey, Grade 5, Minneapolis "A World Of Possibilities" by Maggie & Misha, Grade 4, Minneapolis "I Have A Home" by Audrey, Grade 5, Minneapolis "Brighter Day 1" by Lucy, Grade 5, Minneapolis

Relationship Song: "Memories" by Anja & Allison, Grade 4, Minneapolis "Except for Me" by Sage, Grade 8, Minneapolis "Witches" by Leah, Grade 8, Minneapolis.

Instrumental: "Rockin Rhythm" by Ben, Aidan, Cody & Gunnar, Grade 4, Minneapolis "Rhythm" by Ben, Aidan & Gunnar, Grade 4, Minneapolis.

Log on to: <http://www.littlekidsrock.org/songwriting2015/>, "like" your favorite songs & spread the word! Songs with the most "likes" in each category and grade level will receive grand prizes. Voting is this week only, May 6th-13th. Good luck to all Lake Harriet composers!!

Jen Cuff

LHUC Vocal Music

Lake Harriet HERO

Congratulations to the April Lake Harriet Heroes at Upper Campus! These students were chosen because they demonstrated outstanding levels of respect, responsibility, safety, and engagement in learning. Henry M, Josie B, Paris G, Emmett K, Jane R, Talia C, Sophia M, Mariette F, Isabel W, Remy O, Andrew W, Forest B, Sylvia L, Emma F, Bo K, Gabe V, Adam T, Mollie C, Nicole G, Tionnia M, Emily R, Isadora W, Olivia Y, Jocie C, Ethan N, Gabbie G, and Kieren H.

8th GRADE STUDENTS

There will be an informal gathering and celebration for 8th grade students at Linden Hills Park 4-6pm on Thursday, June 4th, following the 8th grade recognition ceremony. Please join us, rain or shine.

Parent Liaison Position

The Lake Harriet Upper Campus has budgeted for a ~15 hour per week Parent Liaison. We are seeking an individual with knowledge of the LHCS community and school, experience with volunteers, and interest in organizing events. Job responsibilities include maintaining the volunteer database, planning for special events, coordinating tours with PTA volunteers, answering basic parent questions about curriculum/staffing/student life, and attending the district meetings for liaisons. The position is a contract with the School District and does not include benefits. If you are interested please submit a resume at the Upper Campus office.

LHCS Play - Charlotte's Web

Come see Charlotte's Web performed by many talented Lake Harriet students - May 14th and 15th at 7:00pm in the Upper Campus Gym. Admission is free for all Lake Harriet Community School family and friends.

yumPower School Challenge Program- Family Survey

Lake Harriet Lower Elementary recently participated in the yumPower School Challenge. This 3-week program inspires elementary students to try five fruits and/or vegetables every day. For the past three weeks, students tracked their fruits and veggies every day in the classroom. They also watched short videos that helped them power up with fruits, veggies, and physical activity. We hope you enjoyed the activities and recipes in the family PowerPack magazine!

yumPower is truly a community movement, and we value your feedback on the School Challenge in order to improve future programming. Please complete the yumPower School Challenge Survey at your earliest convenience by clicking the below link or copying and pasting it into your browser. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/yumPowerFamily2015>

If you have any questions about the survey or yumPower School Challenge program, please contact Megan Thompson at megan.j.thompson2@healthpartners.com or 952-883-6828.

Important Dates for the Remainder of the School Year

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

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

May 14 & 15 - Charlotte's Web performed at 7pm in the Upper Campus Gym. Admission is free.

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

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 – 8th Grade recognition ceremony 2pm

Friday, June 5 – Last day of school

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!

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 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

3rd 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.

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

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.mothersgoosetime.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. Strong preference is given to tutors who can begin in August. Send questions to recruitment@servemnation.org or call 866-859-2825.

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.

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

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

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Juggle Jam Performance May 15th & 16th

Juggle Jam is the pinnacle performance for JUGHEADS Youth Juggling Company and is the only show that features the entire cast of over 120 JUGHEADS jugglers! May 15 & 16 @ 7pm Hopkins HS Auditorium 2400 Lindberg Drive - Minnetonka, MN 55305. Don't delay getting your tickets! All seats for the show are reserved.

Music Association of Minnetonka (MAM) - Choir Camp 2015

CHOIR CAMP 2015 -LITERALLY, MUSIC: SONGS AND STORIES. Where does music come from, and why?

Solve the mystery of how words and music come together, in this brand-new, week-long choir camp for young people. Professional story-tellers will bring characters to life, and gifted music directors will help participants share their own ideas about stories through singing songs and playing Orff instruments.

WHEN: June 15-19, 2015

WHERE: Clear Springs Elementary School: 5701 Highway 101 Minnetonka, MN.

WHO: Students entering 3rd to 8th grade in the fall of 2015. No auditions are required. All interested singers welcome.

TIME: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (care available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

For more information, go to www.musicassociation.org. To register call (952) 939-8203.

Linden Hills Neighborhood Council Needs Silent Auction Specialists!

Would you like to engage and help your community? Looking for some fundraising experience? Would you like free food tickets for the delicious food trucks? Do you like awesome festivals?

Linden Hills Neighborhood Council is looking for people to help with their annual silent auction at the Linden Hills festival – SUN May 17th! Help with setup, check out and answering questions needed.

Interested parties please email info@lindenhills.org Thanks for any consideration on helping this fabulous neighborhood tradition reach its fundraising goals which in turn fund many worthwhile projects like park initiatives, the solar panels above Settergren's hardware and much more!

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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.