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New Items:

VOLUNTEERING AT LHCS

Parent involvement is a key component of student success. If you are a parent, grandparent or guardian please consider volunteering at LHCS. To find out about volunteer opportunities, please subscribe to the school newsletter, watch for emails about volunteering from the school PTA and for emails from your student's classroom teacher or room representative.

All volunteers must complete a Volunteer Form. This form needs to be completed just once and can be done online at <http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/volunteer>.

If you have completed this form in the past 9 years, you do not need to do so again unless you have personal information that needs to be updated.

All volunteers must review the Minneapolis Public Schools Volunteer Policy that can be found here http://volmps.mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/mps_policies_procedures.pdf.

When you complete the Volunteer Form you are confirming that you have read and agree to the MPS Volunteer Policies.

Anxious to get started? Click here

[<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=30E0E4EA4AD2FA2F85-lake&useFullSite=true>]

to sign up for project leadership opportunities with the PTA and watch for those emails...

MATHCOUNTS - Calling ALL Middle Schoolers! (expires 9/6)

Does your 6th, 7th, or 8th grader like solving math problems and working with others to learn new math concepts? If so, it's time to sign her/him up for MATHCOUNTS!

This club is open to ALL middle schoolers. We meet Monday mornings throughout the year from 8:25-9:25am in room 207. The club gives kids a chance to work together to tackle challenging math problems in a fun, low-pressure environment. Interested students also have a chance to

compete in local and national competitions. It is led by parent volunteers and generously funded by the PTA!

For information or to register online visit <http://mathcounts.lakeharrietschool.com/> or look for a form sent home from school. Registration is due by Sept. 7th; our first meeting is Sept. 12th. We're excited for another great MATHCOUNTS season!

New Payment System for the Cafeteria accounts (expires 9/6)

Dear Parents,

In an effort to serve you better, Minneapolis Public Schools is proud to offer SchoolCafé, a safe and secure way for parents to make online payments to your children's cafeteria accounts, view your child's cafeteria account balances, review daily spending and purchases and receive low balance reminders.

Click here to get started! [link\(http://nutritionservices.mpls.k12.mn.us/payment\)](http://nutritionservices.mpls.k12.mn.us/payment).

Student Handbook (expires 9/13)

Did you know LHCS has a student handbook? Check it out here (http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Student_Handbook425) to find out all sorts of interesting things about our wonderful school.

GOTR Fall Season (expires 9/15)

Girls on the Run Fall Dates! Girls on the Run is for girls grades 3-5. Heart and Sole is the new middle school program specifically designed for 6-8 grade girls. Online registration is open at [GOTRTwinCities.org](http://www.gotrtwincities.org) (link: <http://www.gotrtwincities.org/html/>). Practice begins September 6th.

Practice 5K will be October 27, 28, or 29th. GOTR 5K is November 12th. Lower Campus, Upper Campus, and Middle Schools Heart and Sole programs will all meet Tuesday and Thursday after school. Upper Campus GOTR will also offer before school Tuesday and Thursday 8-9:30.

Questions: Email LynnMarieWilbur@gmail.com or 612-670-4172.

Say Hi to your new Superintendent (expires 9/6)

Superintendent Ed Graff is new to Minneapolis public schools and he's eager to meet you. Join us one of these community events to hear what he has in store for this school year.

District 6 - Sunday, Sept 18 noon-2pm Nicollet Open Streets

If you can't make that one, you can also meet him at:

Wednesday Sept 7 6-730pm at Brian Coyle Center, 420 15th Ave S.

Saturday, Sept 10 9-10:30am at Turtle Bread - 4762 Chicago Ave S

Saturday Sept 10, 1-2:30pm Open Streets Broadway Outside the Davis Center, 1250 W Broadway Ave

Vote YES for Kids! (expires 9/6)

Minneapolis students start school this week. This is the perfect opportunity to talk to your friends, family and neighbors about the Minneapolis Public Schools referendum campaign. House parties are a great way to talk about the campaign in a very personal way.

Will you host a house party on behalf of the Vote YES for Kids campaign? If so, click here (link: <http://yesformplskids.org/houseparty>) for our easy-to-use house party toolkit.

One neighbor or friend talking to another is the best way to persuade a person to vote for the referendum and we need your help to make sure the referendum campaign reaches every voter in Minneapolis.

Thank you, and remember to vote YES on November 8th!

The Vote YES for Kids campaign team

Classroom Parent Volunteers Needed: Junior Achievement (expires 9/6)

Junior Achievement teaches students at Lake Harriet how they can impact the world around them as individuals, workers and consumers. JA teaches basics about finance, career, and college readiness. As a volunteer, you will visit a classroom, during the school day, for 5 visits ranging from 30-45 minutes a visit. All fun, interactive materials come with step-by step instruction to ensure that your volunteer experience is a positive one. Classroom visits can be in the Fall, Winter, or Spring.

For questions, please contact Amy Speck at ajmspeck@gmail.com or 651-216-2256.

Tissues and Coffee (expires 9/6)

New Kindergarten families - please join us in the lunchroom/commons area at 9:30am on Wednesday August 31 for donuts, coffee and perhaps a few tears as you send your kindergarteners off on their first day. We will have representatives from the school to answer questions and provide you with critical information as you start your journey at Lake Harriet.

Please pre-submit any questions in advance to sarahkknudsen@me.com (two k's!) and nell_aldrich@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there and welcoming you to Lake Harriet Community School

Previously Run Articles:

School Supply Lists and Kit Pickup (expire 8/30)

School Supply lists for Grades K - 8 can be located at the following link:
<http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/schoolsupplies>.

Thank you to all that pre-purchased school supply kits last spring through Staples Schoolkidz. Over \$1,500 was raised for the PTA!

Please be sure to pick up your pre-ordered school supply kits and other accessories you may have ordered in the spring at the following campus events:

LOWER (K –3) OPEN HOUSE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL:
Wednesday, August 24th @ 5pm

UPPER (4 – 5) OPEN HOUSE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL:
Thursday, August 25th @ 5pm

Kits are located in the gym of each campus and are organized by grade and then by letter of last name.

There are no extra kits for sale.

Are you unable to attend the open house(s)? Please see if a friend can pick yours up and bring it to the student's classroom that night.

Any leftover kits will be delivered to your child's classroom for the first day of school.

Email Amy Mimick (amymimick@yahoo.com) with questions.

Thanks.

Summer 6 Reading! Are you done? (expire 8/30)

Upper Campus Students: Have you finished your Summer 6 Reading? If so, be sure to fill out this reading log. If not, there's still time!!!

Remember, read just 6 books over the summer, record them on the front of the form, and return it the first week of school. Read whatever YOU want to read that is roughly at your reading level.

Why? Most of all, to keep your brain working and your imagination soaring. Also, to get a Tootsie Pop, a chance to win a free book in a raffle, and 2 credits for middle schoolers on your Fall Language Arts reading logs.

So KEEP READING & BRING IN YOUR SUMMER 6 FORM the first week of school. We're looking forward to seeing you in the UC Library!

Different School Year Start Dates and Out-of-School Days for SWHS ONLY (expire 8/30)

Due to construction at Southwest High School, they have a different school start schedule and a few of the "teacher service days" are actually school days. For a family with children in different schools this can make a big difference. Please make sure you check both the District calendar and the Southwest calendar.

Major difference between the District Calendar and the Southwest Calendar

Southwest Calendar – 9th Grade begin – Thursday, September 1 9th grade ONLY – Friday, September 2

Southwest Calendar – grades 9-12 begin on Tuesday, September 6

November 3, 2016 - District Calendar – Teacher Prep Day

November 3, 2016 Southwest Calendar – regular School Day Grades 9-12

November 23, 2016 - District Calendar – Teachers Do Not Report

November 23, 2016 Southwest Calendar – regular School Day Grades 9-12

There is NO difference in Winter or Spring Break dates, End of Quarters, Parent Conference and National Holidays.

Join the Cross Country Fun! (expire 8/30)

Do you enjoy running, fun with friends and trying new things? If you will be a seventh or eighth grader this school year, the Southwest Lakers Cross Country Team wants YOU!

The season officially started August 15th, but we'd love to see you! Join friends, meet new folks, and get ready for a fun Fall Season!

Optional, 2-a-day practices start soon after school is back in session! Athletic forms are available on the Southwest Athletics webpage. They must be complete and signed off before you can attend practice.

Email Gianna Bari Lassiter at Gianna_BL@msn.com or call 612-269-8242 with any questions. Happy Running!

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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.