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Family Literacy Resource Portal

The Family Literacy Resource Portal is dedicated to cultivating innovative learning opportunities for every student. We recognize the vital role of parental involvement in student education, and strive to strengthen the partnership with parents in our district. The Family Literacy Resource Portal (link: http://ela.mpls.k12.mn.us/family_literacy_resource_portal) will assist parents, caregivers, teachers, and tutors in finding information to support student successes in literacy.

Love To Read? Elementary Literacy Tutor Training - Our next Elementary Literacy Tutor Training will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2:00-4:00pm. If you are interested in attending this two-hour training, please RSVP by sending us an email (kaylie.burnsgahagan@mpls.k12.mn.us) or calling 612.668.3880.

MN Thursdays

For Minnesota Thursdays, we serve an entirely locally-sourced meal on the first Thursday of every month at all MPS schools! It's a way to highlight our Farm to School program, support the local food economy, and offer students fresh, seasonal options. More. Link: http://nutritionservices.mpls.k12.mn.us/minnesota_thursdays

Volunteer MPS

Check out our website (link: <http://volmps.mpls.k12.mn.us/>) for lots of information and opportunities!

Ready to Volunteer?

Fill out an application. (Link: http://volmps.mpls.k12.mn.us/vol_info)

Attend an orientation. (Check with your school site to see if you should sign up for district orientation.)

Upcoming Orientation Dates

Wednesday, September 2 1:00-2:30pm

Thursday, September 17 3:00-4:30pm

Contact Kaylie Burns Gahagan with any questions about volunteering.

Talent Development and Advanced Academics

What is ENRICHMENT?

Enjoyable and challenging learning experiences that are constructed around students' interests, learning styles, and preferred modes of expression. MPS offers enrichment opportunities for ALL students, as well as opportunities for students to expand on those areas of personal interest.

Parent Resources: link: http://talentdevelopment.mpls.k12.mn.us/parent_resources

Talent Development and Advanced Academics (link: <http://talentdevelopment.mpls.k12.mn.us/>)

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)

Why should I come to a SEAC meeting?

To learn more about special education.

To have your voice heard

To have input on planning in the department and district

Meet other families of children with special needs

more information

SEAC Meeting

October 1, 2015

6:30-8:00 pm

Davis Center

Rm S1-435

1250 West Broadway

More information: (link: http://speced.mpls.k12.mn.us/advisory_council_2)

Lake Harriet Lower Curriculum Night

The Lake Harriet Lower Curriculum Night will be September 24th in the Lower Campus gym.

The schedule is as follows:

6:00 – 6:10 p.m. Welcome and General Information from Principal Tilleson

6:10 - 6:30 p.m. Specialist presentation (Art, Media, Music and Physical Education)

6:30 – 6:50 p.m. Kindergarten presentation (Carlson, Colonga, Delebo, Sisler and Wright)

6:50 - 7:10 p.m. 1st grade presentation (Clarke, Johnson, Lyga-Jones, Perez and Shuff)

7:10 – 7:30 p.m. 2nd grade presentation (Devens, Emerson, Harich, Jurgens and Mattson)

7:30 – 7:50 p.m. 3rd grade presentation (Hallen, Hollembeak, Pier, Porter and Saly)

7:50 – 8:00 p.m. Front door #1 atrium/Foyer area =

- PTA table
- Sprit Wear Sales table
- Community Education table
- Minneapolis Kids table
- Family Liaison table (for background checks etc.)
- University Language Center table (for information about the before and after school Spanish program)

Farm To School Community BBQ

The 4th annual Farm to School Community BBQ will be on September 24, 2015 from 5-7:30 at the Nutrition Center – 812 Plymouth Ave North! Please spread the word to families that it will be a free event with fun hands-on activities, free local food, live farm animals, and a corn shucking contest! More information here (http://nutritionservices.mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/2015_mps_bbq_9-24-15_beet.jpg).

Art Adventure volunteers needed!!

Art Adventure is a PTA-sponsored art enrichment program for grades K-5. Volunteers attend a training session at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, then present artwork and plan an art project with the classroom. No art experience is required! This is a great way to interact with the kids in your child's classroom. We still need volunteers for the following teachers: Delebo, Perez, Saly, Hallen, Badenhoff, Marchetti, and Larson. Interested? Email Anne Bauers (anne.bauers@gmail.com) or Megan Sigelman (megan.sigelman@gmail.com).

Previously Run Articles:

MATHCOUNTS - Calling ALL Middle Schoolers!

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 him/ her up for MATHCOUNTS! This club is open to ALL middle schoolers. We will 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 will also have a chance to compete in local and national competitions. It is led by parent volunteers and generously funded by the PTA so it's FREE!

TO REGISTER, visit mathcounts.lakeharrietschool.com OR look for a registration form that will be given to students this week in Advisory and can be returned to the Upper Campus main office. Deadline is Sept 9th.

We're excited for a great MATHCOUNTS season!

Attention Parents! – Innisbrook Fundraiser Begins September 8



Be One in a Minion!

One of Lake Harriet Community School PTA's largest fundraisers of the year begins Tuesday, September 8 and ends Tuesday, September 22. Your youngest or only student will be bringing home the fundraiser materials Tuesday, September 8. Please look for it and review with your student(s). What it is: LHCS PTA uses Innisbrook as their partner in raising funds to support PTA-funded staff salaries, enrichment programs, classroom grants, and teacher stipends. LHCS students and families sell and purchase items, such as gift wrap and gifts, Helen Grace chocolates and frozen cookie dough, from the company's catalogs or online store and up to 50% of the proceeds gets paid to the LHCS PTA! Our goal this year is \$70,000, and we need your help

to achieve it. New and improved this year – the ordering process is being simplified to save you time. We appreciate your support of LHCS! Questions? Innisbrook Fundraiser Chairs: Nikki Niermann (nikkiloulou@gmail.com) Sarah Knudsen (sarahkknudsen@me.com)

A Note from the Nurse

This is a reminder that we cannot give allergy medication (or any other type of medication) to your child without a doctor's order. Please have your physician fill out the attached form (link here) and return it to your child's school with the medications needed during school (this includes emergency medication like inhalers or epi pens).

Upper Campus fax- 612-688-3320

Lower Campus fax- 612-668-3220

Ball Chasers Wanted!

Hello Families, Southwest Athletics offers an opportunity for children 9 years old and above to participate as a ball boy or ball girl at the Southwest Varsity Men's soccer home games. We need volunteers for every home game, Ball kids receive free admission to the game and \$5.00, with a drink and snack from the concessions stand. Participants may also sign up a friend to volunteer for their game. All ball boys and girls should plan to arrive 15 min prior to game start and remain until the end of the game. Participation is limited to 4 for each game, so be sure to register your child soon! For more information about Southwest's Ball Boy/Girl Program, to check availability of games or to register a child or group to participate, please contact: Todd Knutson at 612-251-1041 or at todd@toddknutson.com. 2015 Varsity Home Game Schedule Sep 1: Buffalo, 7:00 pm Sep 12: South, TBA (Super Soccer Saturday) JV and Varsity available this day. Sep 15: Champlin Park, 7:30 pm Sep 19: Stillwater, 1:00pm Sep 24: Washburn, 5:00pm (Senior and youth Day) Oct 1: Edison, 5:00 pm Oct 10: North St Paul, 3:00 pm

UC Library Summer 6 Reading!

Hey 5th-8th graders! Did you read 6 books over the summer? If so, great job helping to prevent that dreaded "summer slide!" Stop into the UC Library the first week of school to drop off your reading log and pick up your reward. Remember, middle school students, you may also count 2 books towards your first quarter class reading log!

Run for the Parks Fundraiser

Annual Run for the Parks 5K Run, Walk, Stroll is September 13 at Lake Harriet. Sign up for team Lake Harriet Community School and we receive \$5 back per person! Team code is zas63tew. Great way to support the parks and our school! For more info see <https://www.events.runningroom.com/site/?raceId=12279>.

Southwest Cross Country

Southwest Cross Country invites you to join our team. We want both boys and girls. No running experience necessary, no one is cut from the team. It is now official Minneapolis Public School Policy that middle school students are welcome to play sports at their assigned high school (Southwest for Anthony students). The season starts on August 17th, but if you miss the first week due to family vacation, no problem. You just have to have your forms in by September 4th.

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run is returning to Lake Harriet this fall and registration is currently open! The Girls on the Run program promotes healthy living in 3rd-5th grade girls who train for a 5K event while learning life-changing lessons about teamwork, decision-making, self-respect, and more. Also new this year, we will have one team at lower and one or two teams at upper campus. Our Fall 2015 season will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:05-5:35 pm at Lower Campus, and 4:15-5:45 at Upper Campus. The season will begin Tuesday, September 8th and conclude with a 5K race on Saturday, November 14, with final practice on November 17th. Register through a link on www.gotrtwincities.org.

Questions? Contact Lynn Wilbur (LH Parent) at lynnwilbur@visi.com or 612-670-4172.

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

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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.