



Lake Harriet Community School News

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New Items:

School Psychological Services Lake Harriet Community School 2016-17 (expires 9/13)

I am happy to be back this year working at Lake Harriet. I wanted to share my schedule and role in the building so you know what I do and how to reach me.

My role this year will include:

- Special Education assessment and consultation
- Problem-Solving Team (Response To Intervention) intervention planning for students needing extra support
- Positive Engagement Team to enhance school climate
- Student Leadership/Council
- Peer Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- Consultation with staff and parents regarding student concerns
- Short-term Counseling for students

I will be at Lake Harriet Upper on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Lower on Fridays. I work at 3 total sites, so email is the best way to reach me: julie.hirsch@mpls.k12.mn.us.

This next paragraph sums up the role of a School Psychologist, but please let me know if you'd like more information or have questions.

School psychologists are uniquely qualified members of school teams that support students' ability to learn and teachers' ability to teach. They apply expertise in mental health, learning, and behavior, to help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally. School psychologists partner with families, teachers, school administrators, and other professionals to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home, school, and the community.

I wish you all a great school year!

Julie

Julie Hirsch, Ph.D., NCSP

Safety Patrol Volunteers Needed at Upper Campus (expires 9/13)

The Lake Harriet Upper Campus Safety Patrol is looking for 3 - 4 volunteers to help our Safety Patrol students. If interested in volunteering for a few mornings or afternoons, please email Ashley Gillingham at ashley.gillingham@mpls.k12.mn.us. We hope to get Safety Patrol running in the next couple of weeks!

Grand Opening and 75th Anniversary for Southwest High School (expires 9/13)

Please join us on October 8th from 1:30-4:30 pm to see the new construction updates and celebrate our 75 years of educating Minneapolis students. Explore on your own, or join a student-led tour.

See the Cafeteria • Classrooms • Media Center • Administration Offices • and More!

Join us at 2:00pm for the Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony

All are invited! Alumni • Parents • Students • Teachers • Community
<http://www.southwestfoundation.org/events/>

WEAR PURPLE!

Cub Scout Pack 46 (expires 9/13)

Cub Scout Pack 46, based in Linden Hills and with many LHCS members, is now signing up new members! Cub scouts is a program for boys in kindergarten through 5th grade.

Interested in learning more? Attend our Parent Orientation meeting at 6:30 pm on Sept. 7, at St. Thomas the Apostle church, 2914 W 44th St. You can also learn more and register at our website: minneapolisclubscouts.com.

Questions? Contact recruitment lead Anne Bauers at anne.bauers@gmail.com.

Upper Campus Parent Pickup-Dropoff (expires 9/13)

For those dropping off or picking up students at upper campus please use the Washburn Avenue entrance. Please do not park within 20 feet of crosswalks and be alert to students crossing street. DO NOT drop-off or pick-up students on Vincent Avenue when buses are present.

Club's Choice (former Innisbrook) is here (expires 9/16)

Parents - we listened to your feedback on Innisbrook and have made some significant changes this year on our school's largest fundraiser. We have a new vendor, Club's Choice, a much easier process and a less pressure approach for the kids and for you as parents. The sale dates this year are 9/16 to 9/26. Expect packets to come home with your children with more information.

In the meantime, you are welcome to check out <http://clubschoiceraising.com>. After clicking the link, go to Order Online and enter the following school code:LAK248. Start looking at what is available - new this year: bulbs for your fall planting!

Contact Sarah Knudsen (sarahknudsen@me.com) or Nikki Niermann(nniermann@gmail.com). Thank you for your support of our school. Profits earned will DIRECTLY benefit you and your

students through PTA funding for staff salaries, stipends, enrichment programs, and education grants.

Fall Girls Basketball Updates (expires 9/13)

Fall Girls Basketball Clinic

I wanted to let our past SW Girls Basketball Summer Camp attendees know that the SW Girls Basketball program is working with the Timberwolves/Lynx organization on putting together a 2 to 3 hour girls basketball clinic at SW or Lake Harriet on a Saturday in late October or early November. Nothing is definite yet, but please give me an idea if your daughter might be interested. We will probably have it open for 1st through 8th grade girls.

MPLS Lakers Traveling Basketball

Also, the MPLS Lakers Traveling Basketball Association is holding tryouts on September 23 and 24 at MCTC. This is for the upcoming winter basketball season. Details can be found on the website mplslakers.org. Also, see the attached flyer.

AAU Basketball

Finally, some people have asked me about AAU basketball, which runs in the spring and into the summer. This is a fun way to really bring skills to another level. There are many good AAU clubs, but I'm associated with the MN Suns, and am aware that they are holding tryouts on September 10, with a make-up date on Sept 11. Here's the details:

Minnesota Suns AAU Girls Basketball Tryouts for 2017 Club Season (Girls only)
\$20 tryout fee. Cash only. Payable at the door

Saturday September 10th at Robbinsdale Cooper High School, New Hope MN (drive around back to the Community Center Gyms)
7th and 8th graders tryout at 9:00 am - 10:30 am
3rd - 6th grade 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
9th - 11th grade 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Makeup date will be Sunday September 11th at Robbinsdale Cooper High School (drive around back to the Community Center Gyms)
3rd graders through 7th graders tryout 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
More info on the website: mnsuns.com

Please let me know if you have questions about any of this or any other basketball options or opportunities for your girls.

Thanks,

Dan Froehlich
Head Girls Basketball Coach - Southwest High School
Girls AAU Coach - MN Suns
Co-coaching Director - MPLS Lakers
612-209-0241

Welcome New Families, Teachers and Staff! (expires 9/13)

If you are receiving this newsletter for the first time, Welcome to Lake Harriet Community School! A team of volunteers sends our LHCS Newsletter to parents every Tuesday. The newsletter is filled with information about what is happening at the school. We hope you will find it useful.

If you would like to add another email or to add a new article to the newsletter, use the links on the right side bar of the LHCS Website. If you would like to unsubscribe at any time, use the link at the bottom of this and every newsletter.

We will be adding new families as the information becomes available. If you would like to see any articles that were published in previous newsletters, archived articles are always on the LHCS Website and can be accessed from the bottom of the home page.

If you aren't already, please consider becoming a member of our PTA or checking out this list of volunteer opportunities (Link:

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

Also, be sure to join the Lake Harriet Community School Facebook group. It's a great resource for staying connected for events, and info! Join our page (link: <https://www.facebook.com/LakeHarrietCommunitySchoolNews/>)!

And if you are interested in more, join our LHCS Advocacy Facebook Page, a parent-only advocacy page with items of interest regarding school, district and sometimes broader education.

The MPS district has a mobile app and tools to connect with families as well, including the ability to set preferences. Find out more here (link: http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/school_messenger).

In case you missed it: Superintendent State of the Schools Event (expires 9/13)

On Friday, August 26, Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) kicked off the start of the 2016-17 school year with an AWESOME and hope-filled "State of the Schools" event. This event included students, teachers, staff and members of the community as well as Superintendent Ed Graff's vision of an educational environment focused on students, invested in teachers/staff and engaged with the community and an encouraging message from Mayor Hodges.

We recommend watching! We think you'll be impressed. Watch here (link:

<http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/stateoftheschools>). If you have limited time:

Superintendent Graff's vision: 20:30-51:20

Superintendent Graff at the piano ;) with Prince music. (We also recognized some Lake Harriet Students!) at 51:20 - 58:02

Hodges' remarks: 6:30

More choir: 15:30

Also, we encourage you to meet your new Superintendent.

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 6-7:30pm 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.

MPS Referendum Factual Information (expires 9/20)

On Nov. 8, Minneapolis voters will be asked to renew the school district's current operating referendum authorization, which expires after the 2016-17 school year. If passed, funding would help Minneapolis Public Schools manage class sizes and provide supportive services and activities for students. The request would authorize the referendum for nine years and be annually adjusted for inflation. Property taxes are not projected to increase if the referendum renewal passes. Learn more here (link: <http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016>).

Vote YES for Kids! (*change Gwen added initial disclaimer) (expires 9/13)

(Note: the Minneapolis Public Schools District is unable to campaign for the Referendum, but this publication and the website is run by the LHCS PTA and is therefore able to endorse a position.)

Minneapolis students started 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.

VOLUNTEERING AT LHCS (expires 9/13)

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.

"New volunteer opportunities: Upper Campus classroom help, Carnival chair positions and more!"

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...

Previously Run Articles:

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 (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)

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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 presubmit 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.

Different School Year Start Dates and Out-of-School Days for SWHS ONLY (expire 8/30; keep reminders of future dates, or remove)

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:

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.

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Published every Tuesday. Deadline for submission is 4pm the preceding Thursday.

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.