



Lake Harriet Community School News

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FOURTH ISSUE FOR '16-'17

New Items:

Bus Transportation (expires 9/20)

Dear Families,

We know there have been some difficulties with bus transportation this year. We apologize and are working diligently to correct these issues.

In addition, we want you to be aware there may be further delays on Monday, September 12, due to a potential driver shortage. It is difficult to determine which routes may be impacted in advance, so we ask for your continued patience as we try to resolve ongoing issues and plan for Monday's bus service.

Our goal is to safely and efficiently transport students to school so they arrive ready to learn, and then safely return them home to their families. As always, the district transportation center is available at 612-668-2300 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your understanding during this time.

Sincerely,

Scott James
Director of Transportation
Minneapolis Public Schools

Fall Girls Basketball Clinic (expires 9/20)

The girls' basketball clinic will be Saturday, October 29 at the SW High School gym. The Timberwolves/Lynx Basketball Academy organization will work with the players. In addition, players from the defending City Co-Champion SW Lady Lakers program will be helping out the instructors from the Timberwolves/Lynx organization.

The Clinic will run from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Saturday October 29 at the SW High School Gym. Cost will be \$40 if registered by October 1, \$50 thereafter.

Participants will receive:

- A voucher for a free Timberwolves ticket
- A voucher for a free Lynx ticket
- Poster
- Wristbands
- Sweatbands
- various other free Wolves/Lynx items

This will also serve as a fundraiser for the SW Girls Basketball Program.

Reserve a spot by emailing Dan Froehlich at dfroeh@gmail.com to confirm your daughter's attendance. Send a check for \$40, made payable to the SW Girls Basketball Boosters, to 5223 Vincent Ave So, Mpls, MN 55410.

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.

Thanks,

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

Meet the Superintendent. One More Chance! (expires 9/13)

Superintendent Ed Graff is new to Minneapolis Public Schools, and he's eager to meet you. Join us at a community reception to hear what he has in store for this school year.

Sunday, Sept. 18 12-2 pm
Nicollet Open Streets (In front of Butter Bakery)

Volunteering at LHCS (expires (expires 9/20)

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...

Background check- If you think you will help out in a way where you would be unsupervised by a teacher or alone with children such as field trips, tutoring etc., you will need to complete a **Criminal Background Check form**. Visit <http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Volunteer> to download the form and read other important information.
Background checks are good for 2 years.

Volunteers needed- We need your help to fill several key positions still open for this school year. Several new positions have been added to the signupgenius: Classroom assistant at the Upper Campus, School Supply Chair, Carnival Chair positions and more.

We also need to fill the Picture Day Coordinator at the Upper Campus position as soon as possible. Do not feel overwhelmed, someone will train you.

Please volunteer today. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4ea4ad2fa2f85-lake>.

Questions? Please contact Nikki Niermann nniermann@gmail.com.

Looking for 7th-8th grade Skiers! (expires 10/3)

Do you enjoy downhill (alpine) skiing? Would you like to learn how to ski race? The Minneapolis Alpine Ski Team (MAST) may be just for you. Slalom ski racing is a varsity sport of Minneapolis Public Schools and MAST is Minneapolis' slalom racing team.

MAST is open to Minneapolis students in grades 7-12. No racing experience is necessary. We offer excellent coaching and training, a fun and friendly team atmosphere, exciting competitions against other high school ski teams, and the chance to participate in the fastest, non-motorized sport in the world!

Learn more about MAST and sign up for the team at www.mplsalpineski.org. Interested athletes should sign up right away, as space is limited and will fill up. It is never too soon ---or too late--
- to learn to ski race.

Previously Run Articles:

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!

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://clubschoicefundraising.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 (sarahkknudsen@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.

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).

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! (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.

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.

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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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.