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Picture Day

Smile! Friday, October 6, 2017 is Picture Day at both the Lower and Upper campuses. If you would like to help staff and students throughout the day, please sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0E4EA4AD2FA2F85-picture

GISE/GEMS Application Forms Now Available

GEMS (Girls in Engineering Math and Science) and GISE (Guys In Science and Engineering) clubs for grades 4-8 will be starting soon! Students may pick up an application form from Mr. T in Room 103. Forms are due September 22. For more information on GEMS/GISE, please visit http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/gems_gise_program Questions? Contact Karen Bridges at bridges.karen@gmail.com or Jeffrey Passey at jwpassey@q.com.

New Fall Fundraiser Coming Soon

Fundraising has changed at LHCS this year. We are no longer doing the big Club's Choice/Innisbrook sale in the fall. Instead we are excited to introduce Dragon Dash - a fitness based fundraiser. This event will take place October 3-12 so look for more information in the coming weeks. Dragon Dash is part of our fundraising commitment to make sure all fundraisers focus on 1. Supporting Educational Growth (Read-a-Thon) 2. Engaging with Local Communities (Carnival) and 3. Encouraging Leadership in our Students (Dragon Dash).

Walk & Bike to School Day – October 4th

LHCS is participating in "Walk and Bike to School Day" on Wednesday, Oct. 4th. This is a national effort to celebrate the benefits of walking and biking. Please join our Lake Harriet Wellness efforts and walk or bike on October 4th!

Oktoberfest & Hammerschlagen ALL SCHOOL parents night out!

Calling all Lake Harriet Lower and Upper Parents! The hosts who brought you 6 years of Cinco de Mayo and Kentucky Derby events are mixing things up this year and hosting an Oktoberfest & Hammerschlagen party this fall! (For those of you who are new to the school these "Parties Galore" events happen throughout the year. The cost of admission goes towards funding our PTA! It's a great way to help raise money in a fun way! We'd love to see lots of new faces as we kick off the new school year with our first party).

Tell your friends of all grade levels - this is an ALL SCHOOL event. Tickets are limited and they usually sell fast! Your price of admission includes traditional German food and beverage, Hammerschlagen tables, schnapps tastings, and much, much more!

Remember to bring cash or checkbook for the famous bead game and ever popular live auction prizes.

Date: Saturday, October 14th
Time: 7:00 PM
Cost: \$35 each
Place: 2709 West 47th Street

Hosts: Margo & Brad Farrell, Rebekah & J. Forrest, Sara Malin Mackey & Pat Mackey, Liz Banfield & Rob McPherson, Melissa & Brian Taney

To buy tickets go to the following link: http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Parties_Galore

Questions? Please contact Melissa Taney melissataney@gmail.com

Curriculum Nights

September 19, 5:30 – 6:30 Grades 1-3 at the Lower Campus (*please note the time change)

Please note: The specialist team (art, media, music and physical education) will not be here this evening so if you are a new family or have questions for a member of this team please attend the Kindergarten night (September 12) or email them directly. Please come and join us to hear about the curriculum that your child will be exposed to this school year. We will be displaying our new literacy materials called 'Benchmark" in the foyer of the school along with a district literacy staff member who will be present to answer any specific questions you may have that the classroom teachers can't. Each team (1st, 2nd and 3rd) has a plan for the evening and they will communicate it to you through their weekly correspondence. If you can't make it...no worries, email your child's teacher and we will get back to you with the information that you are seeking!

September 26, 6:00 – 8:00 Grades 4-8 at the Upper Campus

Fall Assessments

This fall, all students in K – 8 will take an adaptive computer test in reading and math. Much shorter than the MAP test, the Fastbridge assessment tool allows teachers to quickly screen all students in grade level skills. Dates of fall testing can be found on the Lake Harriet website and please email Ashley Gillingham (ashley.gillingham@mpls.k12.mn.us) with any questions. Student assessment results will be available during fall conferences. (Please see [attached document for more info](#)).

What does it mean to be a walker at Lower?

Lake Harriet Lower offers the opportunity for students with their parents' permission to walk home from school. Students are walked to the corners of 41th and Drew and/or 41th and Chowen by their classroom teacher. They are met at the corner by our specialist staff (the art, music, media or physical education teacher) who will be wearing a safety vest and holding a patrol flag. The Specialist staff will safely walk your child across the street.

We ask parents that are allowing their children to walk to please educate your child how to get home once they have been crossed. We understand that you will need to walk with them a time or two until they learn their way, after which we ask that they walk on their own and you meet them at home.

This opportunity is for walkers only. If you are a parent who is picking up your child you must park your car and wait on the corner of 40th and Drew (our parent pick-up corner) with the other parents.

Parking at the Lower Campus

We wanted to make sure parents are aware that there is NO PARKING on any "school-side" of the streets around the perimeter of school property from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. (41st, 42nd, Chowen and Drew). So, for instance you cannot park on the North side of 41st Street – it has been designated as a *drop off only zone* before and after school – your car can be towed if you park your car and go into the school. However, you may park on the South side of 41st Street. If you are coming into the school with your child please park *across* from the school and enter Door #1. Our doors open at 9:25 and lock at 9:35 a.m. Now that we are through the second week of school, in an effort to build independence, we encourage parents to say good-bye to their children in the foyer or front door of the school and allow the students to walk to class by themselves.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Merry Tilleson – Principal, Lower Campus
(Please see [attached diagram](#))

Community News

Community Ed Registration Open

Registration opened September 18th for Community Education After School classes on mplscommunityed.com Community Education After School Classes begin October 9th (select classes begin earlier). We are excited to offer fun classes like Dashing Dinosaurs, Advanced Chess, Magic the Gathering Club, EnvironMentors (a new service learning class) and more! Registration flyers will be sent home with every student this week. Our website: http://youth.mpls.k12.mn.us/lake_harriet has digital copies of each flyer as well as updated program information.

Minneapolis Lakers Traveling Basketball

Minneapolis Lakers Youth Basketball Tryouts for 4th – 8th grade boys and girls are September 22 – 23. Go to the following link for more info: <http://www.mplsakers.org/tryout>

Morning Fitness

The upper campus Health and 4th/5th PE teacher, Ms. Frantz, is volunteer-leading a morning fitness class for staff/parents for ten Thursdays this fall, beginning September 21st. The class will be held at the upper campus and rotate between yoga/Pilates one week and boot camp the next. Ms. Frantz is a certified personal trainer and group fitness instructor (including certifications in both Yoga and Pilates). The class can be found through Community Education, along with the full schedule. \$20 is being charged to be put toward the purchase of equipment. Here is the link to sign up <https://minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com/course/10418/adult-enrichment-fall-2017/lake-harriet-staff-and-parent-fitness-lake-harriet>

Contact Ms. Frantz with questions at wendy.frantz@mpls.k12.mn.us

Submissions: email to Anne Arden: annearden@yahoo.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.