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Volunteers Needed in UC Media Center

Are you looking for a fun way to spend time with kids and books? The Upper Campus Media Center really needs your help! Staff time in the Media Center is very limited so we rely on volunteers to help kids find books and information. We have a particular need for volunteers Friday mornings, mid-day Thursdays and Fridays, and afternoons Wednesdays and Fridays. But we can work around your schedule. Whether you have 20 minutes occasionally, or can commit to a 2 hour shift, we have a job for you!

If you're interested, please contact Amy Tibbs, Media Center Volunteer Coordinator, at tibzog@earthlink.net or 612-860-4811.

School of Excellence video

This past June we celebrated our great school with students, staff, dignitaries, parents and even a DRAGON at the Minneapolis Convention Center Auditorium. A great time was had by all! We danced, cheered, laughed and watched an awesome video showing why LHCS is excellent.

Click here to watch the video! (player.vimeo.com/video/97285597 width="500" height="281" frameborder="0" webkitallowfullscreen mozallowfullscreen allowfullscreen></iframe>)

Scholastic Book Fair Volunteers

The Lake Harriet Scholastic Book Fair is around the corner. This event benefits everyone. Families have the opportunity to bulk up their home libraries and select holiday gifts, while supporting the PTA and the incredible programs they provide for our students.

The fair takes place at both campuses over the course of three days-:

October 30th from 4 pm-8 pm,
October 31st from 8 am-3 pm and
November 1st from 10 am- 2 pm.

We need volunteers will help organize books and check out customers. We will need to schedule TWO volunteers for each TWO hour shift at the Lower Campus and THREE volunteers for each TWO hour shift at the Upper Campus. Please click on the SIGN UP GENIUS links below to find a time that works for you.

[Lower Campus sign up.](#) Email [Mekea Duffy](#) with questions.

[Upper Campus sign up.](#) Email [Trisha Power](#) with questions.

Lower Campus: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084cada729a0f49-scholastic/>

Contact Mekea Duffy at mekeaduffy@gmail.com with questions.

Upper Campus: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d44aea82ea2fb6-lake>

Contact Trisha Power at Trisha@buildwithbella.com

Innisbrook Pick Up Dates

Thank you for your support of the 2014 Innisbrook fundraiser! We've surpassed \$63,000 in sales!

Please plan to pick up orders on Thursday, October 30. Pick up is in the Upper Campus gym after school until 8:00 p.m. If you ordered frozen items (e.g., cookie dough, cakes, pretzels, etc.), they will arrive frozen, but will be thawing in the gym during the afternoon and evening. We do not have freezers to store these orders in, so they must be collected by 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30. Other uncollected orders will be available for pick up on the gym stage on Friday, October 31.

Watch for prize results soon!

International Walk to School Day

October 8 is **International Walk to School Day**. Minneapolis Public Schools will join families around the world to celebrate the joys and benefits of walking or biking to school. We will celebrate this day as Walk and Bike to School and Work Day! Join us if you can.

Solar Panels at Lake Harriet Lower

Lake Harriet was selected as a school to receive Solar Panel based on a lottery through Xcel Energy. Other MSP sites selected are: Folwell, Green, Olson, Ramsey, Washburn, and Kenny.

Project Scope: We are installing Solar Panels on the roof; each panel will be tied into our Electrical Panel in the building. The solar panels help supplement energy, and the District benefits from rebates from Xcel Energy.

This benefits our curriculum because when complete, there will be a web based monitoring device called eGauge that will be tied into the solar panels. We will have the ability to log in and monitor how many Kw of energy are being produced from the sun (they also measure the energy savings by # of trees saved, cars off the road, etc. to make it kid friendly.)

More information to follow.

Reminders about Unsigned Parking Restrictions

from the City of Minneapolis

For the safety of all children, please review these important reminders on traffic and parking safety. Vehicles parked in violation of these ordinances—even temporarily—create a hazard for the safe passage of pedestrians as sight lines can be diminished. Please be aware that Traffic Control has been doing targeted enforcement of school and residential areas.

The City of Minneapolis has a number of unsigned street parking restrictions:

- Too close to a stop sign or Traffic Signal - vehicles are not allowed to park within 30 feet of a stop sign or traffic signal and within 20 feet of an intersection corner unless otherwise indicated.
- Blocked driveway - vehicles are not allowed to park within 5 feet of a driveway or alley.
- On a sidewalk - vehicles are not allowed to stop on sidewalks, crosswalks or boulevards.
- Drivers should never double park to load or discharge children from their vehicles. This puts kids in the dangerous position of crossing a lane of traffic without seeing or being seen by other motorists.
- Drivers should never park temporarily on the wrong side of the street (for instance, facing south directly in front of the Minneapolis Kids entrance) to load or discharge children from their vehicles—no matter how convenient that spot is!

Thank you for your cooperation in making LHCS a safe environment for everyone.

Marker Recycling Continues at Lower Campus

Last school year, Lower Campus collected 3900 markers to be recycled into fuel through the Crayola Colorcycle program. Let's try to break that record this school year! A large collection bin is located near the front entrance in the Commons area of Lower Campus and individual collection pails are in each classroom. Please recycle your dried up or unusable markers - any brand, any kind!

STE(A)M Day at Lower Campus

STE(A)M Day at the Lower Campus is scheduled for Friday, December 5th from 2:20-3:30 and we are looking for Presenters as well as Volunteers to help make this day successful. This is an "Advanced Learners Talent Development Program" that gives kids the opportunity to grow and experience Science, Technology, Engineering, (Arts) and Math in exciting ways that they would not typically experience in the classroom. It is a day where volunteers and parents throughout our community come into the classroom and teach about interests and/or jobs that are STE(A)M focused; giving our kids the opportunity to expand their knowledge and grow. Please contact Trisha Power, trisha@buildwithbella.com if you are interested in presenting or volunteering for this event. We would love to have some new presenters i.e. photographer, dance instructor, drama/theater, hydrologist, painter/artist, nurse/doctor/radiologist, marine biologist...let's see what we can come up with. Thank you!

Washburn 8th Grade Tours

Attention 8th Grade Families:

It is time to start thinking about high school! Washburn High School has planned tours for 8th graders and their families. Stay tuned for Southwest and other MPS high school information.

Washburn Tours:

Thursday 12/11 9 - 10am
Tuesday 12/16 9 - 10am
Friday 1/9 9 - 10am
Tuesday 1/20 9 - 10am
Friday 1/30 9 - 10am
Thursday 2/5 9 - 10am
Monday 2/9 9 - 10am
Thursday 2/19 9 - 10am & 5 - 6 PM
Tuesday 2/24 - 9 - 10am & 5 - 6 PM

Reservations are required. Families may either call or email Rebecca Felland-Syring, the Washburn Parent Liaison (refel001@mpls.k12.mn.us, or 612-668-3440), with the following information:

8th grade student's name, school the student is attending now, parent(s) email address(es), parent phone number(s), how many people will be attending, and the date (from one of the above) the family would like to attend.

Space is limited and reservations are required, so please contact her as soon as possible.

School Board Election

On November 4, 2014, Minneapolis residents will elect five new school board members, including two citywide representatives. LHCS-Attendance-Area parents can vote for only the two citywide representatives. There are four citywide candidates.

Board members shape this city's public school system, and are a major part of deciding if we have equitably funded schools that focus on educating the whole child.

There are two scheduled School Board Forums to ensure that our voices will be heard in this year's school board race. Please join us learning more about the issues and candidates in this year's Minneapolis school board race!

- 1) Thu Oct 2 6-8pm. Mpls Urban League organized by the Coalition for Critical Change,
- 2) Mon Oct 13 630-830pm. Bryant Lake Bowl organized by Theatre for Public Policy

LHCS SITE COUNCIL UPDATE

This posting is the first in a new monthly series created for The Connection by the LHCS Site Council. In an effort to increase communication between the Site Council and LHCS community, a brief overview of the monthly meetings will be posted here. Meeting minutes will continue to be posted on the Site Council web page, but in an effort to communicate more efficiently, this posting will give a snapshot of current issues and important updates.

This is a good posting to read if you are interested in the bigger picture at LHCS including MPS district news,

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

Community News:

Join the Minneapolis Alpine Ski Team (MAST)

Calling All 7th and 8th graders!

Join the fastest non-motorized sport in the world!

Do you enjoy downhill skiing? Would you like to learn how to ski race?
The Minneapolis Alpine Ski Team (MAST) may be just for you.

MAST is THE downhill ski racing team of the Minneapolis Public Schools for Minneapolis students and residents 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! Our team is very welcoming and supportive of its seventh and eighth grade students, so don't be shy about joining now. Our eighteen coaches are excited to teach you how to ski with perfect technique. Start now and by the time you enter high school you will be on your way to becoming an outstanding ski racer.

Interested athletes and parents are strongly encouraged to attend the MAST Information Meeting at Southwest High School on MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014.

6:30PM NEW Family Orientation in the Southwest HS Cafeteria.

7:15PM NEW/RETURNING Family '14-'15 Season Orientation in the SW Media Center.

Learn more about MAST by checking out our website at www.mplsalpineski.org. You can also contact our Head Coach, Mark Conway, 612-275-8392, or email markrobertconway58@gmail.com.

It is never too soon ---or too late--- to learn to ski race.

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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.