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My Life Plan has Come to Lake Harriet Middle School

My Life Plan is a series of lessons that focus on career and post-secondary exploration and planning. Students will complete milestones (lessons or experiences) starting in 6th grade which help them make informed decisions on post-secondary options.

Our 6th grade academic extensions staff along with a district hired counselor will deliver the lessons several times (5 lessons) during the year. The lessons for the 6th graders involve:

- Learning how to use Naviance, an online program to help students navigate through their post-secondary options. Identifying their personal/social, academic, and career needs.
- Learning skills to successfully transition to Middle School.
- Identifying their learning style and learn strategies to assist in their learning.
- Taking interest inventories to explore careers and post-secondary options.
- Setting goals and create an academic plan for Middle School.

Our 7th graders will complete My Life Plan during their social studies classes. These lessons are a continuation from last year and include:

- Reintroducing Naviance and My Life Plan. Students also identify their personal/social, academic and career needs.
- Learning skills to successfully collaborate at school, work and in the community.
- Learning the connection between income and expenses and how it relates to careers.
- Creating an educational plan to assist in meeting their education and career goals.

Our 8th graders will complete My Life Plan during their Spanish classes. These lessons will include:

- Learning about My Life Plan and how to use Naviance. Students will also identify their personal/social, academic and career needs.
- Practicing decision making strategies and learning about their high school choice process.
- Understanding their EXPLORE test results and how it relates to college readiness, skill proficiencies, college planning, career interests and the importance of rigorous high school course work.
- Creating a high school course plan.

In addition, this district counselor may be available for additional counseling support to include: academic support and planning, individual counseling (personal/social, academic, career), post-secondary/career preparation and exploration, EXPLORE test interpretation support and HS transition/choice process support

School Psychology Awareness Week

School Psychology Awareness Week was Nov. 11-15. This year's theme is "We Are All In! Teams Work!" and the focus is on helping students and colleagues recognize, employ and enhance team-related skills. School psychologists help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally and emotionally. They collaborate with educators, parents and other professionals to create safe, healthy and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home, school and the community for all students. Every school in Minneapolis is assigned a school psychologist. Julie Hirsch is the School Psychologist assigned to Lake Harriet School. You may contact Julie by calling 668-3318 or email her at julie.hirsch@mpls.k12.mn.us. She works at both campuses and is available on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Enrollment Plan

On Nov. 12 Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) presented updated five-year enrollment plan recommendations to the Minneapolis Board of Education. The plan is driven by proposed academic programs that will serve MPS' growing and changing student populations.

The updated recommendations reflect extensive in-person and online community engagement and an in-depth analysis of stakeholder input. Please visit the five-year enrollment plan page on the MPS website (http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/five-year_enrollment_plan.html) to review additional information.

Follow-up community meetings are scheduled to hear your input on the proposal. We hope you will be able to join us for the remaining meetings:

Zone 3/Area C:

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6 p.m.
Washburn High School
201 W. 49th St., Minneapolis, MN 55419

Dual Immersion:

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6 p.m.
Windom Dual Immersion School
5821 Wentworth Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55419

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6 p.m.
Anwatin Middle School
256 Upton Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55405

(Zone 1/Area A was on Monday, Nov. 18, 6 p.m. and Zone 2/Area B was on Thursday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m.)

If you have questions or concerns, please email enrollmentplan@mpls.k12.mn.us or contact your associate superintendent at 612.668.0140. The school board is scheduled to vote on a final plan on Dec. 10.

2014 Pledge Drive

The LHCS pledge drive has begun! The Pledge Drive is the only fundraiser that turns 100% of your dollars directly back to the LHCS PTA and the enrichment programs students love. 100% tax deductible! Many donation options are available. Donate via credit card or check, on-line or by mail. Many companies match donations!

Visit the [Pledge Drive](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Annual_Pledge_Drive489.html) (http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Annual_Pledge_Drive489.html) page or [click here to donate](https://www.mypaynetapps.com/pay.php?mip=6721187109459621165905715) (<https://www.mypaynetapps.com/pay.php?mip=6721187109459621165905715>).

Raise money for Lake Harriet and save 5% at Target!

Have you designated your Target REDcard debit or credit to Lake Harriet? Cards must be designated during the November 1-December 31 timeframe. Here's how:

1. Visit [target.com/tcoe](https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home?utm_source=Nov+12+2013+Bulletin&utm_campaign=October+29+2013&utm_medium=email&ref=sr_shorturl_tcoe) (https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home?utm_source=Nov+12+2013+Bulletin&utm_campaign=October+29+2013&utm_medium=email&ref=sr_shorturl_tcoe).
2. Search for Minneapolis, MN schools.
3. Select Lake Harriet Lower Campus or Upper Campus as your designated school (this can be changed as often as you like, so alternate monthly!)
4. Enter your Target REDcard information to link to Lake Harriet.
5. Remember to invite grandparents, alumni, friends and neighbors to participate as well. The more people we involve, the more the program works for our school!

Southwest Girls Chipotle Fundraiser!

The SW Girls Basketball Program is having a fundraiser next Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Calhoun Chipotle. The program will receive 50% of all sales at that location between 5 and 8 p.m. from all customers who show one of the attached flyers! Please plan your dinner there that evening, and support our girls' basketball players in the process!

Thanks, Dan Froehlich

Barnes and Noble Gift and Book Fair

Lake Harriet Community School's Fundraiser at Barnes and Noble is fast approaching! On Wednesday, December 4, 5:00 to 9:00, join us and help raise money for our school at the Barnes and Noble at the Galleria in Edina. Join us for food, games, crafts, and story-time by LHCS teachers while you get some holiday shopping done! Also enjoy a live concert by our school choir! A percentage of purchases will go to the school. You can also shop all day at the store or friends and family can shop at their local B&N by using our school code at check-out on that day. The code is #11139565. If you can't make it to the store on December 4, you can shop online from Dec 4 - 9 using the code at checkout.

Contact lisa@elliottlaw.net with questions or if you would like to volunteer!

Levy Update

A levy helps fund important educational programs and services that are not fully funded by the state.

MPS is committed to using its levy authority to meet the needs of present and future students and to only levy for what schools need. We are proposing no increase in the school district levy

for property taxes payable in 2014. The school district currently levies for \$172.4 million. Taxpayers would see no change on the school district levy for 2014.

There will be a public meeting on the proposed levy:

When: Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Davis Center, 1250 W. Broadway Ave., 55411

Principal Schleisman's Blog

Be sure to read Principal Schleisman's blog at

<http://walterschleisman.blogspot.com/2013/10/conference-week.html>.

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

School of Excellence

Did you know...

The self-study was divided into six national standards. (More on each standard in future connections)

Standard 6 = Community Engagement. This standard discussed actively engaging the community to create shared responsibility for student performance and development.

In our self-study, the majority of respondents ranked this standard with a 4 or 5. For each standard there were several indicators. The ranking was 1-5, 5 indicating Outstanding and 1 being below average.

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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.