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Welcome Some New Staff!

Dan Tanz: Special Education Teacher/Middle School WINGS



I am a licensed special education teacher, and have been teaching in Minneapolis Public Schools since 2004. I have licensure in the following three areas of special education: Developmental Cognitive Disability (DCD), Learning Disabilities (LD), and Emotional Behavioral Disabilities (EBD).

I received my Masters in Special Education from the University of St. Thomas in 2004. My philosophy in education is to respect all students, include them, challenge them at their academic and emotional level, and provide a safe, caring environment for learning, growth, and personal development. I believe that communication is key, as are clear expectations, positive reinforcement, and a meaningful learning experience. I have a strong focus on literacy, and value creativity and collaboration. I also have a son who will be two this May, and enjoy playing guitar, filmmaking, and spending time by the lakes.

Leif Hallen: 3rd Grade



I received my undergraduate degree from Mankato State and my Master's degree from UW-River Falls. I am excited to be teaching at Lake Harriet. I have worked in the building as a short- and long-call substitute for the last several years. I have gotten to know many students and families over the years and feel very comfortable here. I enjoy spending my free time outdoors, especially fishing, hunting, and playing golf. I also spend time with my wife and four school-aged children.

Amy Hollebeak: 3rd Grade



Since I was very young I have always wanted to be a teacher. After graduating from Kellogg High School in Little Canada, I attended UW River Falls where I received a BS in Elementary Education with a minor in Spanish. Upon graduation, I worked at a school in St. Paul for several years before coming to MPS. I have been working in MPS for 17 years. During that time I received a MA in Elementary Education from St. Catherine's. I have devoted my life to instilling a love of learning to my students. I am passionate about working with families and children to ensure this happens for children. I believe that children learn concepts best from working with materials rather than by direct instruction alone. In my free time, my daughter Kaitlynn and I enjoy traveling, picking strawberries in my family's strawberry patch and driving around in our '67 Mustang convertible.

Ian Hunter: Middle School Math



This is my first year of teaching. I completed my student teaching at South High School in Minneapolis. I attended the University of Alaska—Anchorage and the University of Minnesota—Twin Cities for my undergraduate studies. I received my teaching degree also from the U. of MN. I live in St. Paul and have two children, ages 3 ½ and 2 months. I enjoy cross-country skiing, running, and camping.

Scholastic Book Fair Thank You!

We want to give a huge THANK YOU for all students, staff, parents, and especially volunteers who supported our Scholastic Book Fair last month! It was a fun and rewarding couple of days! We made nearly \$18,000 in sales, about 60% of which goes directly to our school libraries. That will go far in helping our libraries grow! Also a special thanks to all who participated in our fundraising effort for Sheridan Elementary! We raised nearly \$700, which will purchase 250-300 books for students in need. And for those who didn't know, Scholastic gives credit to our school for participating in this fundraising program, which means we also received an additional \$400 for our own library because of our dedication to helping others. Thanks again to all of you!

Student Council Announcements

Cathy Maki was elected Student Council President.
Grace Abbott was elected Vice President.

The student council has planned monthly theme days. December 12 will be Mustache Day for both campuses.

Learn About the Proposed 4% Property Tax Increase

The MPS school board has proposed a 4 percent property tax levy increase. The increase is intended to generate funds to invest in facilities to maintain the quality of Minneapolis public schools and to create additional space to accommodate growing enrollment.

Learn more at a public meeting tonight, Tuesday, December 11 at 6 pm at the Davis Center, 1250 West Broadway, Minneapolis, 55411.

Lower Campus JUNGLE!

The "Jungle" is coming to the lower campus! From Dec. 13th to Dec. 19th (Thurs.-Wed.), all lower campus classes will be participating in the "Jungle" during physical education times. This is usually one of the highlights of the year; the students love it! It is the climax to our body management unit. Students are invited to & have permission to bring one stuffed animal (It does not have to be a jungle-related animal) to place in the jungle during their class times. Also, it is very important for safety reasons that children have proper gym shoes for the jungle (and

always). Class schedules can be found on Ms. Chase's web page. You are more than welcome to stop in to see the Jungle in action! If you have questions, feel free to contact Ms. Chase.

No Chess Club Til After the New Year

There will be no Chess Club until January 11 after this Friday.

Busing will not be provided until this time.

If you have any questions please contact Gary Wineman at 612-668-3330.

Lake Harriet Spelling Bee

The annual Lake Harriet School Spelling Bee will be held on Wednesday, January 9th, 2013, from 10-11:30 AM in the gymnasium. Up to 20 students in grades 5th-8th will compete, with the winner moving on to the 2013 district spelling bee on January 24th, 2013. Good luck to all the students in grades 5th through 8th during their classroom spell-down the week of December 10th!

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Shop at Target & give back to LHCS.

We know of a terrific way to raise funds for Lake Harriet Community School. It's easy, and all you have to do is use your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. You save 5% off all your purchases and we will receive a percentage of the amount of each purchase in the form of a cash donation from Target through the Take Charge of Education® program. It's easy. Just visit www.target.com/tcoe, or call [1-800-316-6142](tel:1-800-316-6142) to designate Lake Harriet Community School. *The school ID for LHCS is: 64892.* So, if you're going to Target anyway, please consider using your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. Big thanks to those who are already doing their part to make a great school even better. Grandparents, alumni, neighbors and friends can take part, too!

Don't have a Target card that designates LHCS? Just visit <http://www.target.com/tcoe> to sign up.

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