



Lake Harriet Community School News

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SIXTEENTH ISSUE FOR '16-'17

New Items:

Active Solutions at Lake Harriet Schools!

Active Solutions is pleased to announce that we have entered into a partnership with Community Education at Lake Harriet Upper and Lower schools. This winter we will be running after school Winter Physical Education Adventure classes and Winter Break All Day Gym Camps. We are also planning to run after school Fishing, Biking and Kayaking Adventures in the spring.

Details for all classes is available on the Active Solutions and Minneapolis Community Education's websites. Registration for after school classes will be handle through Minneapolis Community Education and all day camp registration will be handled through Active Solutions. Winter PE Adventures Lower Campus (Grades K-3).

Wednesdays

02/08/2017-03/01/2017

3:50PM-5:20PM

Location: Lake Harriet Lower

Lead Instructor(s): Pat Caldwell

Winter PE Adventures Upper Campus (Grades 4-8)

Mondays

02/06/2017-03/06/2017 (class will not meet 02/20/2017)

4:10PM-5:40PM

Location: Lake Harriet Upper

Lead Instructor(s): Pat Caldwell

Lake Harriet Upper Winter Break All Day Gym Camp #1 (Grades 5-8)

Monday

12/19/2016

8:00AM-4:00PM

Location: Lake Harriet Upper Gym

Lead Instructor(s): Jon DePerry

Lake Harriet Upper Winter Break All Day Gym Camp #2 (Grades 5-8)

Tuesday

12/20/2016

8:00AM-4:00PM

Location: Lake Harriet Upper Gym

Lead Instructor(s): Jon DePerry

Thank you,

Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Hill and Mr. DePerry

New Safe in Our Schools Survey

Dear parents,

We understand that our previous invitation to participate in the focus groups for the Safe in Our Schools initiative provided short notice. We heard your request for additional options and would like to offer you more opportunities in January. Whether it's a focused area or a parent at-large group, we would like to have you. If you're interested in participating in one of the focus groups, please register below:

- Somali registration: <http://bit.ly/2fliDuH>
Friday, Jan. 27, 6 - 8 p.m. at Davis Center Room: N1-052 (during SPAC meeting)
- Hmong Registration: <http://bit.ly/2gmPS5X>
Wednesday, Jan. 18, 6 - 8 p.m. at Davis Center Room: N5- 083 (during HPAC meeting)
- African American Registration: <http://bit.ly/2eKycA6>
Monday, Jan. 9, 6 - 8 p.m. at Davis Center Room: N1-051 (during AAPAC meeting)
- Latino/Hispanic registration: <http://bit.ly/2gyHtsa>
Thursday, Jan. 26, 6 - 8 p.m. at Whittier International School (during LPAC meeting)
- American Indian registration: <http://bit.ly/2gmMDLE>
Wednesday, Jan. 25, 3 - 4:30 p.m. at Anishinabe
- LGBTQ registration: <http://bit.ly/2g108j0>
Wednesday, Jan. 11, 6 - 8 p.m. at Davis Center Room: S1-433 (during LGBTQ PAC meeting)
- Special Education registration: <http://bit.ly/2f4LrGR>
Thursday, Jan. 5, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Davis Center Room: S1-435
- Parent/community (at-large) registration: <http://bit.ly/2gbyziP>
Monday, Jan. 23, 6 - 8 p.m. at Davis Center Assembly Room.

If you are unable to make it, please know that your voice matters. We have developed language specific surveys below to gather your input:

- English: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SIOS_Parent_Survey
- Somali: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SIOS_Parent_Survey_Somali
- Hmong: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SIOS_Parent_Survey_Hmong
- Spanish: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SIOS_Parent_Survey_Spanish

Thank you for your feedback on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Michael Thomas
 Chief of Academics, Leadership & Learning
 Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson
 Director of Family & Partnerships

Winter MAP and FAST Testing

The MPS winter testing window will be Jan. 3 – 25. Lower Campus students will take the FAST assessment in reading and math and it will take about 20 minutes to complete each test. Upper Campus will take the MAP assessment and it will take about 50 minutes to complete each test. These tests give teachers a snapshot of your child’s instructional level and measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of math and reading. At the end of the testing window, we will provide academic growth data for your student.

We understand that January is a busy month and we want to do our best to ease test anxiety. Here are some helpful tips to support your student(s):

Make sure your student has a healthy breakfast at home or picks up school breakfast on testing day

Remind students that these tests are not graded or a competition and any scores are used to help teachers to make decisions and improve instruction.

Talk to your student about doing his/her best

Pick and practice a calming strategy – this might include deep breathing, counting backwards to 10, or visualizing a favorite place or person

If you would like your student to opt-out of testing this winter (and you didn’t fill out a form this fall), please pick up a 2016-2017 Parent Assessment Refusal form in the office at either campus.

Please contact Ashley Gillingham, Assistant Principal, at ashley.gillingham@mpls.k12.mn.us with any questions or concerns.

Citizens and Heroes

Congratulations to our November Citizens and HEROes! We recognized these students as positive contributors to our school community.

Kindergarten: Devin H, Chloe K, Bentley B, Silas A, Billy H, Sofia O, Ruby Be, Jack K, DeMajanae H, Owen K, Amelia P, Clark L

First: Charlie W, Oz E, Lila D, Max D, Amelia S,, Max O, Nina A, Truman L, Elliott H, Marshall J

Second: Eli T, Isla C, Tessa F, Finn H, Ellie M, Asher S, Jemma R, Miles V, Jordyn M, Will M

Third: Jeryn A, Jack C, Fatimah S, Avery P, Abby O, Grey H, Ava M, Mary B, Emma L, Rocco Z, Jacob M, Hazel S

Grade 4: Norman L, Andie G, Hazel E Grade 5: Simon M, Erin W, Anna V, Sophie J

Grade 6: Joy M, Arianna F, Logan W, Morgan T, Berit S, Henry M

Grade 7: Max S, Connor M, Ella C, Allison H, Lindsey F, Ben T Grade 8: Lucinda E, Erin D, Tavares F, Gints P, Leif R, Ava S

Part-Time/Full-Time Opportunity in Education

Lake Harriet Lower Campus (K-3) is looking for part-time and full-time Reading Corps tutors. Applicants need to apply by the end of December as the final training for tutors will be in January (in order to serve this school year). If you or anyone you know might be interested, please have them contact Jennifer, the Internal Reading Corps coach at Jennifer.Gottenborg@mpls.k12.mn.us.

For more information about Reading Corps, visit <https://minnesotareadingcorps.org/>.

Lost & Found

Parents, please check the lost and found for items that your student might have left at school. At the Lower campus the lost and found is located across from the art room near door #7. At the Upper campus there are two locations. Check the Atrium near the gym or on the second floor across from the science rooms. Any items remaining after December 15, 2016 will be donated to charity.

SWAC Basketball - Fundamental and Squirt Player Wanted!

Registration for 2017 SWAC 6U (Fundamentals) and 8U (Squirt) basketball is still open and we need more players!

Click here to download a registration form: <http://swac.info/signup.html>.

Registration forms and payment can be dropped off at Pershing Park or sent to:

Diane Moe
Pershing Park Recreation Center
3523 W. 48th Street
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
612-370-4812 office;
612-886-2578 fax dmoe@minneapolisparcs.org

Thank you for your support of SWAC sports!

Recap of Site Council Book Club - "Waking Up White"

Thank you to the Site Council Equity Team and to the 15 parents and staff who showed up for a conversation about the book "Waking Up White" by Debby Irving. A special thank you to parent

Kathy Seipp for facilitating the conversation and helping everyone navigate questions about race, our personal stories and what's next.

Soccer Camp!

Concordia St Paul Soccer will be hosting it's annual Soccer Camp - Wednesday and Thursday December 21-22 9am-11.30am. Kids from ages 6-13 of all levels of experience are welcome to take part. We can also make sure friends are put in the same groups! It's a great chance for the kids to run off some pre holiday energy and play some soccer - parents are welcome to stay and watch or go run some Holiday errands. It's a fun based camp with lots of skills, games and a world cup tournament. Coaches will be CSP staff and players. It's held in our CSP Dome All the details are here -

http://cugoldenbears.com/sports/2012/7/4/SOC_0704123032.aspx?path=wsoc

Previously Run Articles:

Junior Great Books (expires Dec 13)

The Junior Great Books program is coming soon!

The nine week program will start the week of January 18th for grades 2/3 and January 19th for grades 4/5. In the JGB program, students read age appropriate short stories and discuss the material in small groups using a shared inquiry approach. The discussion groups, led by parent volunteers, help students increase their comprehension, interpretive thinking, and oral and written language skills.

Second and third grade groups meet on Wednesday mornings at the lower campus from 8:40 - 9:25.

Fourth and fifth grade groups meet at the upper campus on Thursday mornings from 8:40 - 9:25.

Permission slips for students to participate and parents to volunteer as leaders will be coming home this week. You can also access a form through the attached link (Gwen, do you have the link?). The deadline to sign up for Junior Great Books is December 15th.

Please contact Liz Shors: lizshors@gmail.com, (612) 401-7777 with any questions.

Directory Sale at winter Concert \$5 (expires Dec 13)

School directories will be on sale at the Lower Campus Winter Music Concert, Wednesday, December 14th. \$5 - Cash or Check.

Winter boredom, you have met your match! Use your directory to schedule play dates. All students are listed in alphabetical order as well as by class. Or, tracking those pesky addresses down for holiday cards (snail mail or virtual) is now a thing of the past. Did you just meet the parent of your child's friend and now can't remember their name? Not to fear my friend, you can easily look them up in your handy dandy school directory.

Stop buy and pick yours up on concert day or any day at the front desk.

Thank you for Approving the Referendum (expires Dec 13)

Dear MPS families and Minneapolis community members,

We are deeply grateful to the voters of Minneapolis who demonstrated their commitment to our students, schools and community by renewing the school referendum on Election Day.

We use referendum funding to manage class sizes and provide supportive services and activities for students. In the 2016-2017 school year, referendum revenue accounts for 13% of our budget and funds more than 750 positions. We rely on this revenue, as well as state and federal funding and grants, to provide high- quality educational programs in Minneapolis.

By renewing the referendum authorization for nine years, voters have made a long-term investment in our students and in their community.

We are committed to using these resources in the most effective way to continually improve student achievement.

Again, I greatly appreciate your support of Minneapolis Public Schools.

Sincerely,
Ed Graff
Superintendent Minneapolis Public Schools

Safe in Our Schools (expires 12/13)

Safe in Our Schools is a new engagement initiative of the Minneapolis Public Schools intended to help us learn and better understand what strategies will increase safety and create a more welcoming school environment. Our goal is to work together to foster a school community that supports all students, families, community members and staff.

Below are important opportunities for parents to become involved. To ensure that all voices are heard, we are scheduling focus groups to hear directly from various stakeholders, including parents, on how we can better maintain a safe and welcoming environment. If you're interested in participating in one of the focus groups, please register below:

- Hmong Registration: <http://bit.ly/2gmPS5X>
Wednesday, Jan. 18, 6 – 8 p.m. at Davis Center Rm: N1 – 051
- African American Registration: <http://bit.ly/2eKycA6>
Thursday, Jan. 5, 6 – 8 p.m. at Davis Center Rm: N5-083
- Spanish registration: <http://bit.ly/2gyHtsa>
Thursday, Jan. 26, 6 – 8 p.m. at Whittier International School

Space is limited for the focus groups, please register early so we can accommodate you. If you are unable to make it, please know that your voice matters. We have developed language specific surveys below to gather your input:

- English: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SIOS_Parent_Survey
- Somali: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SIOS_Parent_Survey_Somali
- Hmong: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SIOS_Parent_Survey_Hmong
- Spanish: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SIOS_Parent_Survey_Spanish

We appreciate your willingness to share in this exciting engagement initiative.

If you have questions or want to learn more about efforts to improve school climate and safety at MPS, please visit the OSS website at <http://emss.mpls.k12.mn.us> or call 612.668.0177.

Sincerely,

Michael Thomas
Chief of Academics, Leadership & Learning

Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson
Director of Family & Partnerships

Southwest High School Information Night and 8th Grade Tours (expires 12/13)

High School Information Night for the Class of 2021 is on Thursday, December 8 from 6-8pm. Southwest provides a variety of dates and times to accommodate all schedules. We are unable to accommodate private tours or shadowing. There is no need to register or sign up for a tour – just join us on a date that works for your family.

Enter SW on 47th St. through Door 1. Please be mindful of parking restrictions in our neighborhood.

OTHER TOUR DATES:

Morning Tour Dates (9:30 – 10:30 am)
December 13, 2016
January 9, 2017
January 18, 2017
February, 2, 2017
February 13, 2017
February 24, 2017

Afternoon Tour Dates (5:30-6:30 pm)
January 18, 2017
February 9, 2017

http://southwest.mpls.k12.mn.us/8th_grade_tours_class_of_2021.html

UC Health Office Wish List (expires 12/13)

We are looking for gently used clothing donations for the upper campus health office. We especially need:

Pants: boys and girls sizes small (8-10) to extra large (14-16)
New underwear: boys and girls sizes small (8-10) to extra large (14-16)
New socks
Lightweight blanket (small)
Natural cleaning wipes (no fragrance) (2)
30qt Storage bins to stow items

Please contact Rhonda Bonnabeau at rhonda.bonnabeau@mpls.k12.mn.us if you have items to donate. Thank you for your help!

Winter Fundraiser for Ski Equipment (expires Jan 3)

Please join LHCS in a WINTER FUN fundraiser to support Mr. DePerry's cross country ski curriculum and Barnebirkie field trip. Mr. DePerry has been teaching cross country skiing and taking students to the Barnebirkie for over 20 years. He has used the same ski equipment from MPS each year, and the skis show it.

Please support the ski equipment drive by attending this festive, social event. All funds collected through ticket sales and raffle will go towards purchasing much needed ski equipment for DePerry's P.E. class and Barnebirkie trip.

Join us for drinks, appetizers, live music and most importantly, a great cause at 1010 W Lake St, Minneapolis, MN 55408 on January 6, 2017, from 7pm-midnight!

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased on LHCS's Parties Galore.

If you have items to donate for the raffle, please contact Mr. DePerry at jon.deperry@mpls.k12.mn.us Thank you!

Peer Mediation for Grades 4-8 (expires 12/13)

Information about Peer Mediation for Grades 4-8

Students in grades 4-8 can use the Peer Mediation Program to help resolve peer to peer conflict and learn to advocate for themselves. A teacher, student, or mediator can request a mediation. Forms are available in the school office, or online.

If you have questions about the program, contact Julie Hirsch, School Psychologist, at julie.hirsch@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-3318.

http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/peer_mediation_request_form.

Inclement Weather Policy (expires 12/13)

Winter weather is here, and it will stay for a while. Rarely, we may have to close school to help ensure the safety of our students and staff. If we do, we will let you know as soon as possible by phone, text, social media, and website or through your local news station.

Call us at 612-668-3210 to update your contact information. Check out our inclement weather policy (link: http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/school_closing) to know more about why we might cancel school.

Hats & Mittens (expires 12/13)

Lake Harriet is once again supporting Hats & Mittens, a local non-profit, by collecting GENTLY USED or NEW Hats and Mittens for TWO week December 5-16th. All sizes are welcome!!! Lower Campus will have a collection box in the front entrance. Upper Campus will have a collection box near the office. Please contact Cindy Horgan if you have any questions.

For more information, check out hatsandmittens.org. All items donated to Lake Harriet will go towards the mission of ensuring that all Minnesota children in need have a warm hat and mittens during our cold winters. Thank you!!

Release Day Camps! (expires 12/13)

Join us for a creative release day at Simply Jane Studio! Registration is now open for release days on December 19 and 21. Morning, afternoon, and full-day sessions are available. We are also open for drop-in painting at 10:00 AM on all school release days unless otherwise noted in our online calendar.

<http://simplyjanestudio.com/release-days/>

PTA Needs Your Support! (expires 12/15)

Our pledge drive is underway and we need your help as we are currently significantly under our goal of 100% participation. Any amount counts! We will extend the drive into December to give you a chance to donate.

The Pledge Drive donate button is on the front page of our school's website (link: <https://www.schoolpay.com/parent/mip/1155871447183996434445929107>). A self addressed, stamped envelope went home with your children during the first week of November. thank you for your gift, as it helps to support critical programs that enrich the lives of our students every day.

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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.