



# Lake Harriet Community School News

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## **SIXTEENTH ISSUE FOR '13-'14**

### **Leaders needed for the Junior Great Books Program**

If you signed your child up to participate in Junior Great Books this year, please consider volunteering to be a parent leader. Leading a group is very easy because the Junior Great Books program provides excellent Leader Guides which help parents facilitate and lead thoughtful discussions. The program will start the week of January 13th and will run through spring break. The Junior Great Books program is great way to increase students' comprehension, interpretive thinking, and oral and written language skills as well as their ability to search for meaning in stories and consider different points of view. Second and third grade groups will meet on Wednesday mornings at the lower campus from 8:40 - 9:25. Fourth and fifth grade groups will meet at the upper campus on Thursday mornings from 8:40 - 9:25. Please contact Liz Shors if you are interested in volunteering: (612) 401-7777 (cell), lizshors@gmail.com.

### **Lake Harriet Spelling Bee 2013-14 Finalists**

The results are in. CONGRATULATIONS to our top spellers. All 17 of them will be competing for the top spot this Tuesday, December 17th, at 10 AM in the gym.

Julia M. Andrea K. Aditya K. Alycia T. Katarina S. Nico K. Alexander M. Grace L. Cooperlu N. Emma M. Evan L. John C. Noah S. Rachel S. Max V. Georgia P. Nathan S.

### **Calling all parents and students to the lost and found:**

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, the Upper and Lower Campus' will be donating all of the lost and found items to a local charity. Please try to get up to the school sometime between now and then to look through the lost and found (first floor atrium near the gym and second floor near Room 208; Lower Ccampus is by the nurse's office) for items that may be yours.

### **Note to 8th grade parents:**

This year the EXPLORE test results will be shared with your student on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Katy Hemmah, Licensed School Counselor from the Office of College & Career Readiness, will be at the upper campus and will go over the results with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders, then they will bring the test

results home with them. Ask your student for the results and have them share the results with you!

### **Winter Concert**

The Lower Campus Winter Concert is planned for December 18th. Each grade will perform at the assigned time in the gym:

10:00-10:15 1<sup>st</sup> grade

10:25-10:40 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

10:50-11:05 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

### **2014 Pledge Drive**

DID YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE??

December 2013 is the last month to make charitable donations for deduction in the 2013 Tax Year.

HAVE YOU INCLUDED THE LHCS PLEDGE DRIVE IN YOUR GIVING?

Your gift to the LHCS pledge drive

- is 100 % tax deductible
- applies directly to your student's enrichment experiences as LHCS
- can be donated on-line with an immediate tax receipt
- often goes even farther with corporate matching!

NOW IS THE TIME! Go to the links below to make your donation today. Any donations received before 12/31 are 2013 tax year applicable.

Thank you for your support.

Visit the [Pledge Drive](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Annual_Pledge_Drive489.html) ([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>).

### **Directories are available**

Directories are now available in the office at upper and lower campus.

### **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.

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**Submissions:** email to Mark Fullerton: [marksatva@gmail.com](mailto: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.