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Reminder – last day of school is this Friday, June 8th

RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS!!!

Please remind your children that **all library books must be returned this week** to the Upper and Lower campuses. We ask that you encourage a rigorous search for missing books. Thanks for your help! For questions, please email gretchen.lieving@mpls.k12.mn.us at the Upper Campus or nancie.delebo@mpls.k12.mn.us at the Lower Campus.

8th Grade Party

8th Graders are invited to a party to celebrate their final year at LHCS!

Thursday, June 7th, 4:30 - 7:00 pm

3833 York Ave S (Spurgat's Home)

We will have a few fun activities and provide hotdogs, chips, pop and cookies

Parents are welcome to stay as well

LHCS Donations will be accepted

We hope to see you there! Email with questions: gwen.spurgat@objectpartners.com

Family Coordinator Position

Lake Harriet seeks an independent contractor for 20 hours/week position as a Family Coordinator for the school year (38 weeks). Interviews will be conducted the week of June 11th. Starts next school year. Click here for more information.

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

UC Summer 6 Reading Challenge (Gwen and Jason – see Gretchen's note below)

Have you heard of the dreaded "summer slide?" It happens over the summer when students lose skills they worked so hard for during the school year because they aren't practicing those skills.

But don't worry, there's an easy way to offset this phenomenon in reading ...READ! Lake Harriet Summer 6 Reading Challenge (for Upper Campus): We've challenged all incoming 4th-8th graders to read at least 6 books over the summer.

The only criteria is that the books should be ones that your kid WANTS to read and are roughly at his/ her reading level. Click here ([put the link here](#)) for the Summer 6 Reading form or contact gretchen.lieving@mpls.k12.mn.us with any questions. Students should fill out the front with books they read over the summer and return the form in the fall. There will be small rewards plus the personal satisfaction of reading some awesome books. We also encourage you to visit www.hclib.org for book recommendations, free special events and public library locations. Remember, libraries & bookstores are fun places to visit and air-conditioned!

In third paragraph, please: * link this google doc where it says "Click here" <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iJUE-Q73dplppM-t--Zv-xuNF9HVIFeLpSzVwSlqujE/edit> - shorten my email with a link if possible

Valley Fair

As you know, the last two days of school were cancelled, one of which was scheduled to be our middle grades trip to Valley Fair. After looking at our spring schedule, we felt we didn't have enough time to finish all of our events (field day, triathlon, recognition ceremony, dance bash), meet our curriculum goals and still devote a day to go to Valley Fair. We polled students about having a PTA-sponsored Valley Fair event after school was out on June 11, but less than half the students wanted to do this. This year we will not be going to Valley Fair, but hope to bring back this tradition next year.

Unified Team accomplishments

On May 25, our Unified Team participated in a track and field event at the University of

Minnesota. Our team took part in sprint and relay races, long jump, tug of war, shot put and partner races. Our students had a great time! This was the last of our events for the year. We also participated in bowling and basketball. Being a part of Unified has been a great experience. Student athletes were great role models for inclusion; everyone can play and everyone belongs. It has been a privilege to coach this team and be a part of something really special at our school.

A big shout out to Anita Adams and her MPLS kids summer crew who raised money for Special Olympics. They generously gave us the money which we used for pictures for participants, snacks for after events and for a pizza party to celebrate our fantastic year on May 30.

We will definitely continue Unified next year. If you have a graduate heading to SW they are starting a Unified Club hoping to promote more inclusion at the high school level.

Cary Sfikas (Special Education Teacher)

Middle School Specialist sign-up

All students currently in grades 5, 6 and 7 should complete this google form to indicate their specialist preferences for the 2018-2019 school year: <https://goo.gl/forms/aXGX96z5jJZzJaCk2> (the link is also available from the Middle School page of the Lake Harriet website).

Students must choose either two-day visual art or a two-day music option. The two-day music options are choir, band and guitar orchestra. Choir and band will be performing groups, guitar orchestra is designed for students who want to learn or improve their guitar skills. All students will automatically have PE and Health one day a week.

The fifth day will be an elective day. The choices are Advanced PE, Rock Band, Wellness, and Visual Art. Some classes (specifically Advanced PE) could become over-enrolled. In that case, we will look at the previous two years of rosters and give preference to students who have not had a chance to be in Advanced PE. Not all students will receive their top choices, but we will do our best.

Elective Course Descriptions:

Advanced PE - students participate in more demanding PE activities. This course includes a triathlon as a capstone event.

Art - designed for students in music who also want visual art. This course will cover various art concepts.

Wellness - students do yoga, strength training, design healthy activities/games and discuss health topics.

Rock Band - students will work in small groups to learn songs.

Questions? Call the Upper Campus Office at 612-668-3310

5th & 6th Grade Math Competitions

Congratulations to LHCS 5th & 6th graders who competed in the MPS math competitions in the past month. Here's a shout out to 5th graders Oliver E, Theo B-Z, Jayce B, Reece J, Kai H, Evie S, Nithali P, Evan B, Will F, Evan M, Beckett K, Andrew W and Matthew W as well as 6th graders Milo S, Grace D, Emily S, Olyn R, Simon M, Zeke B, Meghan M, Darby Z, Sophie J, Ariana A, Intelligent A and Mason D. They all gave up five early mornings before school to practice and then competed against a host of other MPS teams in 3-hour competitions on a Saturday morning this past month. They represented LHCS very well.

- 5th grade award winners included Will F, Evan M, Jayce B, Andrew W, Theo B-Z and Reece J.
- 6th grade award winners included Zeke B, Grace D, Emily S, Sophie J, Ariana A and Darcy Z. In addition, the 6th grader group placed third in the overall school award category for aggregate performance.

Way to go Mathletes!

Box Tops "Silent Fundraiser" for PTA

Box Tops for Education is sponsored by General Mills. It is an easy way for LHCS to make money for our PTA! Box tops can be found on hundreds of General Mills products; each box top clipped and submitted is worth 10 cents for LHCS! For more information please visit the website. You can drop off your box-tops in the office at either campus by June 6. We redeem box-tops throughout the year since they do have expiration dates. If you have further questions please email Rhonda Geere at rkgeere@gmail.com

Lost and Found items

Please pick up any Lost and Found at items at both LC and UC by June 8th. After that the will be donated to charity.

Last Reminder to Order 2018-2019 School Supplies!

A reminder to go to https://www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com/list.php?school_zip=55410 to purchase your child's K – Grade 5 back to school kit for next year. The ordering is easy and quick. Kits will be shipped directly to the appropriate campus for pick up at the Open House nights in August. (NOTE: School supply packs are NOT available for Grades 6 – 8).

Ordering Instructions:

1. Go to the Supply website https://www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com/list.php?school_zip=55410
2. Choose either Lake Harriet Lower or Upper.

REMINDER: Choose NEXT YEAR's grade pack!

Questions: Contact LHCS PTA School Supply Chair, Amy Mimick (amymimick@yahoo.com).

<http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/schoolsupplies>

8th Grade families - Reminder

Information about all the 8th grade year-end events can be found on the Middle School page of the school website. http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/middle_grades_6-8

Mark your calendars today! Notice that due to the size of this class, all events are limited to 2 guests per student. If you have any questions, contact the school office, or email Rhonda Bonnabeau Rhonda.Bonnabeau@mpls.k12.mn.us

8th Grade Recognition Day: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Friday, June 8 is the **8th Grade Recognition Ceremony**. While this is not a graduation, this is a ceremony where we honor our 8th grade students and celebrate the time they have spent at LHCS. It is a major milestone event for our school and we need help to make it successful! Please volunteer if you can!

*Volunteers will be contacted by someone from the 8th Grade Recognition committee with further instruction. If you have questions about volunteering, please contact Kjerstin Cameron at kjerstincameron@gmail.com

Click here to sign-up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4ea4ad2fa2f85-8thgrade3>

Community News:

Free Breakfast/Lunch for students in need this summer

Beginning June 4, if you know a student in grades K to 12 who is in need of breakfast and lunch this summer, text "FOOD" to 877877. You'll get a message back that asks you to text your zip code (you can also text the child's zip code). The next message you get will be a list of schools closest to that zip code where kids can get free meals this summer. Please copy, paste, and post! Even if you aren't in need, someone else's kids are. No child deserves to go hungry, ever. #endchildhoodhunger

SWHS Girls' Soccer Camp!

When: June 11 – 14, 11:00 – 1:00 PM (could add a second section from 9:00 – 11:00, if needed)

Where: SWHS Stadium

Who: Current and Potential High School players

Register: <https://swwomensoccer.weebly.com/>

Led by varsity coach Taylor Greathouse, this camp is the one opportunity for all current and potential players to work with and be seen by Coach Greathouse before the August tryouts. It's a wonderful opportunity and very inexpensive summer soccer activity at just \$100 (Camp T-Shirt included). There will also be specific focus on goalie training during the camp for participants interested in goaltending. **Incoming 8th and 9th graders are strongly encouraged to participate.**

June 11 will be from 11-1 pm for all participants. June 12 – 14 could be divided into 2 sections depending on how many people sign up.

Questions? Contact Carl Flink at 612-812-3260 carllindsayflink@gmail.com

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Published every Tuesday. Deadline for submission is 4pm the preceding Thursday.

Submissions: email to Anne Arden: annearden@yahoo.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.