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## School News



### Strike Information Communication

With the impending teacher strike, many families are asking

"What is the latest?" and "What can we do?"

Please add your name and e-mail address to this [Google Sheet](#) if you would like to "opt in" to receive communication about the strike and how you can support our educators.

You will receive e-mail updates from Tanya Orstad and Bethany Miller, LHCS Parents for Strike Info & Support.

[Google Sheet](#)



### Summer School

GEMS/GISE (Girls in Engineering, Math and Science/Guys in Science and Engineering) STEM

Academy helps students uncover the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in a six-week, all-day program. Students participate in project-based and problem-based learning, using a hands-on and minds-on approach that integrates the skills of reading and math. Knowledgeable staff help immerse students in high-interest and rigorous STEM experiences designed to provide relevant, real-world connections and career explorations. Students have the option of participating in GEMS, GISE or combined groups. Students entering grades K-8 are eligible to participate.

**Main Summer Session Site**  
[access all summer information here](#)

**GEMS/GISE/STEM Academy**  
all K-4 GG sites are also offering extended day enrichment with transportation (this summer extended day is new this year)

**Virtual STEM Academy (1-8)**

**Discovery & Learning Academy (K-5)**

**Kindergarten Summer Scholars Academies**



### Last Day to Donate to the Read-a-Thon!

The Read-a-Thon fundraising campaign deadline is March 5! We've raised \$15,086 toward our goal of \$45,000 and we need your help to cross the finish line. Please [donate online](#).

The Read-a-Thon is an important annual fundraiser for LHCS. **This is a great way to support our incredible teachers, staff, and students.** Funds raised will be distributed via grants to teachers and staff for projects that will enrich the school experience for all students.

#### Submit Read-a-Thon totals

Final tallies must be submitted [using this form](#) by March 5 in order to be considered for prizes.

### LHCS Communications Team



The PTA is looking for two volunteers to join the Communications

Team to assist in the following capacities:

The annual DragonFest Carnival is one of our students' favorite events and a successful fundraiser for the Lake Harriet School Community. We are currently looking for two key positions to help make this event a success.

1. **Carnival Co-Chair** - work along side the current carnival chair and past carnival chair to help orchestrate and plan the overall event.
2. **Carnival Volunteer Chair** - help recruit, coordinate, and assign positions for the day of the carnival.

If interested, please e-mail Elana Rosen at [lhcssignup@gmail.com](mailto:lhcssignup@gmail.com)



### LHCS DragonFest is Coming Soon!

**Save the date! Friday, April 29, 2022 from 5:30-8:30 PM at Upper**

**Campus.** To learn more about how you can sponsor, donate or have your child participate in the art contest, [please click here](#). Our carnival is an annual event that was canceled the past two years due to the pandemic. We have an amazing team of volunteers working hard to make this an epic event for our LHCS community. Please consider donating or volunteering for a shift when the sign up becomes available. Go Dragons!



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### PTA Meeting and Strike Updates

Our monthly LHCS PTA meeting will be held in the UC Media Center on **March 8, 2022** from 6:30-7:30 PM. Please join us to hear updates from our principals and learn more about how we support our teachers and school community. If you can't join us in person, please e-mail [LHCSmembership@gmail.com](mailto:LHCSmembership@gmail.com) for a Zoom link. Thank you for supporting your PTA.

**National PTA Guidance Regarding a Potential Strike:** PTA meetings and other business will continue throughout the strike negotiations and if the strike occurs. The role of the PTA in situations of teacher

**Website:** Our website managers assist with updates to PTA pages on the school website, as well as posting news items from our weekly newsletter. Expected hours are less than one a week.

**Newsletter Editor Support:** On occasion, there will be need for someone to take over editing duties on a temporary basis.

If either of these positions are your area of expertise please contact Elana Rosen at [lhcssignup@gmail.com](mailto:lhcssignup@gmail.com) or Mike Mierendorf at [communications@lhcs-pta.info](mailto:communications@lhcs-pta.info)



### PAALs Parent Information and Parent Night

We are a resource for all families of MPS advanced learners. We're the Minneapolis chapter of the MN Council for Gifted & Talented. PAALs stands for "Parents Advocating for Advanced Learners."

Our mission is to engage and support families of advanced learners in Minneapolis, and to advocate and collaborate with MPS to ensure the needs of all advanced learners are consistently being met.

Our relationship with MPS leadership and the Talent Development department is collaborative and strong, and we are part of the District Parent Advisory Council.

PAALs is a grassroots, non-profit group, run by MPS parent volunteers. We've grown significantly over the past several years, but unfortunately, still have not been able to reach or connect with *all* families. One thing we consistently offer is events, speakers, and trainings for families.

Our next event:  
PAALs Parent Night

Tuesday, March 15 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
via Zoom

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 839 6623 6269  
Passcode: 130501

*Want to connect with other parents of advanced learners? In the mood for some levity or fun? Come to the MCGT Minneapolis - PAALs Parent Night for a chance to chat, commiserate, and laugh*

negotiations, sanctions and strikes is to inform on the progress of the negotiations, share facts and dispel confusion. The PTA unit itself should stay neutral in their position. We will continue to stay abreast of the situation and inform the community of new information and resources for families should a stoppage of work occur.

The newsletter is produced and edited by LHCS PTA volunteers. Community members can submit news to be included in the newsletter. Parent groups, that are not the PTA, can support different positions on the strike and use the newsletter as a place to share opportunities for meeting, gathering and assisting. The publishing of these opportunities is a service to members of our community, but should not be considered an endorsement by the PTA entity.

*with other parents who understand the joys and challenges of supporting an advanced learner in the midst of a pandemic.*  
*This event will be interactive and playful, with a focus on having fun and building community. We hope to see you there!*



## 2021-2022 Yearbook

It's time to order 2021-2022 LHCS K-5 yearbooks!

[Click here to order!](#)

Our school code is: 7964722. Deadline to order is: March 25.

## Upcoming Events Summary

**Site Council Meeting:** March 8, 5:30-6:30 PM  
**PTA Meeting:** March 8, 6:30-7:30 PM  
**Third Quarter Ends:** March 31  
**No School:** April 1

For all upcoming school events please refer to the [school calendar](#).

## Community News

Lower Campus (K-2) 4030 Chowen Ave. S. 612.668.3210  
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