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School News

Message from the Principals: Welcome to the New School Year



Welcome to the new school year at Lower Campus. I am looking forward to a new year together with many new families and kindergarten students. These first days of school are so exciting. I love experiencing the first days of school through the eyes of our little learners. This is a unique year, since the majority of our students have never experienced a full year of in-person learning. We will continue to help all our students gain comfort, confidence, and build relationships. The strength and resiliency of our community will continue to pull us through the challenges ahead. Cheers to 2021-2022!

Angie Ness

Principal, Lower Campus



Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Upper Campus! My name is Mr. Schleisman and I am starting my ninth year as principal. This year we are excited to welcome our 3rd and 4th graders arriving from lower campus, as well as all the new to Lake Harriet students joining us. This is going to be a great year. With the new grade configuration at upper we are all going to be creating new traditions together. We will likely face some challenges from the ongoing Covid pandemic, but Lake Harriet has a strong tradition of community support and together we will succeed.

Walter Schleisman

Principal, Upper Campus



Upper Campus Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Information about arrival and dismissal is available [here](#).

In summary, Vincent is for buses, Washburn is for cars. It is important that all cars drive north on Washburn so students do not have to cross the street.

School doors open at 9:05, school starts at 9:20 and dismissal is at 3:50.



Free COVID-19 vaccine and testing

Free vaccines available to anyone 12 years and older. Being fully vaccinated is the best way to be protected against COVID-19. Vaccines are free to everyone, no matter their immigration

status. No identification or insurance is required when getting vaccinated. To find out where you can get a free vaccine, visit: Find [Free Vaccine Locations](#).

Families have several options to get free COVID-19 testing for their students. Take-home test kits are available through your school. Families can also find free tests for their student and other family members through the [Minnesota Department of Health](#) and the [State of Minnesota](#).



Lunchroom Volunteers Needed, Fast!

Looking for a FUN, EASY, LOW TIME COMMITMENT volunteer opportunity at school? The PTA is looking for parents who can help in the lunchroom periodically. You'd be helping students

Deciding when to keep your student

sort their waste between compost, recycling, and trash - and keeping chaos to a minimum! It's a great opportunity to watch your child interacting with friends at lunch and it's a quick, simple way to get involved and help make the lunchroom a "greener" place.

The shift is 11-1:30, generally about once a month. You have the option to coordinate with a friend if you want to split the shift.

If you're interested, please take a few seconds to fill out this short [interest form](#) and someone will follow up with you shortly.



PickUp Patrol

This year we are continuing to use PickUp Patrol to help us track dismissals.

The Pickup Patrol web app is free to parents and you can use it from your smartphone or computer. The app is not accessed through the app stores. Instead, you'll simply add it to your phone's home screen for easy access.

Please register and submit your default dismissal plans in www.pickuppatrol.net

For Attendance: Please notify the school office when your student will be absent, arriving late or leaving early.

For Dismissal Changes: Submit changes to your student's regular dismissal plans via pickup patrol. For example:

- Your student normally rides the bus but is getting picked up today.
- Your student usually goes to aftercare but is leaving early for an appointment.



Here Comes The Bus (HCTB)

Here Comes The Bus is an easy-to-use website and mobile device app which allows parents to view the location of their child's school bus on a computer, tablet or smartphone. Parents and caregivers are able to view the location of their child's school bus, in addition to receiving email alerts and push notifications when the bus enters a notification radius as set by the parent.

- Locate the child's bus before and after school
- Receive a notification when the bus is located near the stop
- Confirm the child's bus has arrived at school and at the bus stop
- Here Comes The Bus tracks all yellow school buses on to and from school routes and afterschool activities routes to a student's primary pick up / drop off location (such as a home address). Minneapolis Public Schools requests that students are waiting at their assigned bus stop 5 minutes prior to their scheduled pick up



home if they're sick

MPS has a [guide for families](#) to help them decide when they should keep their students

home from in-person learning if they are feeling unwell. The guide outlines the symptoms to look for that mean students should stay home.

Families can also help schools stay open and prevent the spread of COVID-19 by doing the following:

- Keep students home if they are sick. EVERY DAY, check to see if your student has symptoms of being sick.
- Keep your student home if they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Teach your student to wear their face covering (mask) on the bus and at school.

The guide includes other important information for families:

- What to expect if your student is sick at school.
- Make sure your school has your current contact information.
- Have a plan for who can pick up your student if they are sick at school
- MPS process for reporting COVID-19 cases to families.

NOTE: If your student has to quarantine due to being exposed to COVID-19, families should contact the school for lesson plans.

If a student becomes sick at school A dedicated space near the nurse's office will be set aside for any student who starts to show symptoms of COVID-19. This illness room will be clearly marked and air flow from this room to other rooms will be protected with additional HEPA filters.

The student will be separated from others until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian. Transportation will be provided to any student whose parent/guardian cannot pick them up in a reasonable time.

If your student must stay home due to having COVID-19 or being in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, your student will need to stay home for 14 days to quarantine. Refer to the [MPS policy on Quarantining](#)

If your student is well, but needs to quarantine, they can keep up with their coursework through distance learning. [Follow these quarantine tips](#) from the Minnesota Department of Health.



Health Office Information

Our Licensed School Nurse Sarah Holden, RN, MSN, will be on site at Lake Harriet Lower on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Pam Higgins, LPN is the nurse on site in the health office daily.

Contact details for the health office are:

time to support an efficient transportation system.

Please remember, Here Comes The Bus tracks buses, not students. Minneapolis Public Schools does not participate in HCTB's Student Ridership program.

For more information or to install the app please visit the [website](#).



Parent Crossing Guard Volunteers Needed

We are looking for parent volunteers to help create safe crosswalks until we have the student crossing guard program running again.

If you are able to help at either 9:00 or 3:45, please email ryan.simonson@mpls.k12.mn.us.

We expect to have a robust student program system in place sometime in October.



Join the LHCS Garden Team

The LHCS Garden Team was founded spring of 2021, when volunteers weeded (and weeded, and weeded some more!), then added a Pollinator Garden to the front entrance of Lower Campus. The PTA has provided us additional funding for the 2021/2022 school year to continue our efforts of nurturing the schoolyards. With your support we hope to increase quality green spaces at Lower and Upper Campuses. Adding plant biodiversity to the schoolyards helps sustain local wildlife, sequester carbon, filter water runoff, and invites our urban youth to interact with the natural world.

If you would like to help us maintain this space and tackle additional gardening projects, please join the LHCS Garden Team! No gardening experience necessary.

Volunteer opportunities for September:

- Sept. 15, 22, 29 @ 9:15 am: Mornings in the Garden

Other needs:

- Mulch, natural (10 bags)
- Graphic designer volunteer (to design a logo)
- Landscape designer volunteer (for new nature play area/outdoor classroom)
- Ongoing weed pulling

For more about our team and happenings, visit our [website](#), sign up for events [here](#), and follow us on instagram (lhcsgardenteam)!

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The Health office staff read all Health Information Forms submitted for students, and will follow up with parents for students with higher health concerns. If your child has asthma, diabetes, significant allergies, seizures or other higher concerns and you have not already discussed the concern with the school nurse, or there are changes to your student's health plan, please contact the Health Office or Licensed School Nurse directly.

Medication Authorization Forms, Immunization information, etc. can be found on the Lake Harriet website at https://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Health_Services

Remember: all medications administered at school need yearly signed authorization from parent and provider. You may want to obtain this information prior to in-person school start.

We look forward to seeing your students again soon.

First Day of School Grades 1 and up: Wednesday September 10th.
First Day of School Pre-K & Kindergarten: Friday September 12th.
PTA Meeting: Tues September 14 - 6:30 pm, Upper Campus Media Center
Site Council Meeting: Tues September 14 - 5:00 pm, Upper Campus Media Center

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

Community News



You're invited to the Fulton Fall Festival!

Please join us Saturday, September 11th at Pershing Park from 11-3 for the Fulton Fall Festival.

There will be live music during the day including former LHCS students, and LHCS's teacher band The Team Players will perform at noon. Food will be available to purchase at three different food trucks - La Tortilla, Potter's Pasties, and Thumb's cookies.

There will also be a 9/11 remembrance, bike parade, online silent auction featuring neighborhood businesses, games, and DJ Dave Premack will be playing music between performances.

For more information visit:
<https://fultonneighborhood.org>



Soccer Fans Needed

Come support the SW Lakers Girls Soccer Team! We are looking for super fans, future SW athletes, soccer lovers and friends of the community to cheer on our SW team. Home games are: 8/30, 9/2, 9/9, 9/10 and Super Soccer Saturday 10/2.

Times vary so check the [SW website](#).

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