



A weekly publication of the Lake Harriet Community School PTA

March 1, 2011

### **From the Desk of the Principal:**

Please join us for a K-2 Literacy + Math Activity Night on Thursday, March 3rd, from 7:00-8:00PM in the gym of Lower Campus. Learn more about "Words Their Way" and *Investigations Math Program* by engaging in word sorts lead by Brenda Schultz, Literacy Coach, and math activities lead by Marium Toure, District math specialist.

Ellen Murphy

### **UPPER CAMPUS LOST AND FOUND**

We are again looking at a small mountain of clothing and lunch boxes. The lunch boxes are beginning to give off offensive odors. It is time to take home your children's lost articles. We will again be donating unclaimed items that are still here after March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,

Mary Q. Rynchek

Principal

### **Science Fair – Last Call for Registration!**

This is the last call to sign up for the Science Fair, which will take place on Tuesday, March 15 from 6-8 p.m. at the Upper Campus. All participants will receive a ribbon and a chance to win cool prizes. The Bakken Museum will also be there with a "shocking" display.

More information, links to project ideas and **online registration** is available at [http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/science\\_fair\\_3.html](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/science_fair_3.html) **Deadline for registration is March 4th.**

### **School Advocate**

Are you looking for an opportunity to get more involved in district-wide issues? Are you interested in the district level decisions that impact LHCS? Would you like to be an advocate for LHCS within the district and larger community? If so, being a member of the District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) could be the right place for you! The LHCS Site Council is currently looking for an interested parent to serve in this vital role.

Please contact Fiona Lefebvre, Site Council Co-Chair, [fiona\\_lefebvre@hotmail.com](mailto:fiona_lefebvre@hotmail.com) by March 31, to learn more and find out how to get involved.

### **Read-a-Thon Results**

Thank you to all who helped with the Read a Thon this year! Thank you Ellen Murphy, Toyo Lang, Kelly and Scott Ellis, Jimmy and Jen Peterson, and Lisa LeGrand. We raised almost \$12,000 in two weeks!

The classes that read the most will have a pizza party at school. Times and dates will be arranged with the teachers. LC class winner is: Ms. Jergens, and the UC winner is Ms. Boerboon. Congratulations!

LC top three readers were: Luke L., Eli S.L., and Alex L..

UC top three readers were: Elaine S.B., Madeleine H., and Luke J..

All six top readers will receive a gift card to the Wild Rumpus bookstore.

Other readers who read the most per grade will receive gift certificates to Simply Jane, The Linden Tree, Turtle Bread and Sebastian Joe's. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Prizes will be given to your teachers right away and T-Shirts will be here in a few weeks.

K: Sisler: Aidan M. and Sophia C.. Carlson: Leif L. and Jack D. Delebo: Adam S. 1st: Lyja-Jones: Summer J. Chun: Lily Spurgat Johnson: Sophia B.P.: Greyson W. 2nd: Cologna: Saunder S.S.: Luke LeGrand Mattson/Osland: Brita Lieving Harrich: Alex Lassiter Jergens: Kieran R. Devens: Eli Showalter-L. 3rd: Porter: Isaac R.D. O'Hara: Noah W. Boerboon: Elaine S.B. Jorde: Luke J. 4th: Nachman: Rachel S. Liepitz: Grace L. Christy: Elena S. Weidenbach: Lars L. 5th: Marchetti: Zoe S. Pier: Aditya K. LeVahn: Claire W. Badenhoff: Nick M.

### **Save the Date for the Easiest, Tastiest Fundraiser Ever!**

Mark March 27<sup>th</sup> on your calendars and join the LHCS PTA for a pancake and waffle breakfast fundraiser provided by the Lake Harriet Masonic Lodge. The Masonic Lodge has generously offered to partner with the PTA by providing a full breakfast of pancakes, waffles, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, milk, coffee and tea. All this is only \$7.00 for an adult donation and \$4.00 for children 6 to 12 (kids under age 5 are free)! Of these amounts, the Lake Harriet Masonic Lodge will give \$3.00 of the adult donation and \$2.00 of the children's donation to the Lake Harriet PTA, and will request a dollar-for-dollar match of those funds from the Minnesota Masonic Foundation.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet community members, mingle with other LHCS families, and have a delicious breakfast, all while raising funds for the PTA! Breakfast will be served from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Watch this space for additional details in the near future!

### **Join the LHCS Green Team**

Join the LHCS Green Team and support organics recycling in the LHCS lower campus cafeteria. Volunteers help the kids separate organics (food scraps, paper, and cardboard) from the rest of their lunch trash. The time commitment is two lunch periods per month (11:25 – 1:40). If you can help, please contact Keren Price ([kprice@pro-ns.net](mailto:kprice@pro-ns.net)). This is a fun and easy program that has a real impact -- on our kids and on our planet!

### **Important Chess News**

As most of you know, Jiten Patel, the Lake Harriet Chess coach has not been able to work with the Lake Harriet Chess Club on Fridays.

Mr. Sam White, a Lake Harriet parent and wonderful chess coach has replaced Jiten. We are excited that Mr. White has initiated rankings and tournament at Lake Harriet.

We are also very pleased that Mr. Alex Adams (Southwest and former Lake Harriet Chess coach) has agreed to help out. Mr. Adams has arranged for another chess coach, Neil Strugnell, to assist in coaching. These coaches will make Lake Harriet one of the best-coached teams in the state.

### **Community Meeting Announcement**

Jennifer Sommersness, a parent at LHCS and an independent educational consultant, will be hosting a community meeting to discuss inclusive practices in neighborhood schools on Wednesday, March 2nd, from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Lynnhurst Park building. All are welcome. Come and be a part of the conversation - it will be worth your while!

Children are welcome to come and play in the common area outside the meeting room, there are ping pong, fooseball and air hockey tables for them to keep busy while we meet.

## **Lake Harriet Jazz Ensemble To Perform at the Minnesota Timberwolves - Los Angeles Lakers Game March 1, 2011**

The Lake Harriet Jazz Ensemble will play at the Target Center arena on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 before the Minnesota Timberwolves and Los Angeles Lakers basketball game. The Jazz Ensemble will perform at 5:45-6:15pm. Members of the Lake Harriet community can purchase special \$20.00 tickets for the game.

For more information, contact Mike Amundson, 612 673-8380 or [amundson@timberwolves.com](mailto:amundson@timberwolves.com). Upper campus students and families can also pickup request forms in the office or Room 109. We hope to see you at Target Center!

## **Science Fair - Where will your ideas take you?**

The Science Fair will take place on Tuesday, March 15 from 6-8 p.m. at the Upper Campus. Don't miss out on this fun, non-competitive event where students in all grades can display projects from any area of science, engineering or technology.

Need project ideas? The school's media centers have set aside books. You can also visit [http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/science\\_fair\\_3.html](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/science_fair_3.html) for links to web resources and to register online. Registration deadline is March 4.

## **Families All Matter Book Project**

Families All Matter Book Project is underway at the LC! Thanks to the generous support of the PTA and the Diversity Committee, we are fortunate to have the Families All Matter Book Project at LHCS. FAM is a creative, fun, and effective way to help nurture a more welcoming and respectful school culture. FAM is a collection of children's books that celebrate many different families, ethnic backgrounds, and family structures. It teaches children how families are different and the same. Our LC teachers have already begun this exciting program. Ask your 1st and 2nd grade students about the books they are reading in class!

For a complete project description, and book list by grade, please visit the Diversity Committee's website: from the LHCS homepage, click on "About Our School:", "Diversity Committee", then "Families All Matter".

## **Evening of Math at Burroughs**

The Minneapolis Chapter of Minnesota Council for Gifted and Talented, in honor of World Maths Day, invites you to An Evening of Math Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Where: Burroughs Community School Auditorium 1601 W. 50th Street

Did you know that the majority of math problems on the SAT deal with concepts that should be mastered in middle school? Have you ever wondered if your student is learning the math they will need to be successful in high school and college level math classes? Presenter Allison Coates, founder of the Middle School Math Institute (MSMI) will speak about what skills and concepts must be mastered by what grade levels for students to be successful in high school and college math. This will culminate in a talk about "Mathematical Mastery and the SAT."

Karl Bunday, founder of Edina Center for Academic Excellence, will present various math options for high ability math students, including classes offered through ECAE, U of M, on-line and summer programs.

## **What Is World Maths Day?**

Tuesday 13th March 2007 saw the launch of the inaugural World Maths Day competition for students ages 5 to 18. Education was combined with the power of the internet to unite school students around the globe. Students play live, 60 second mental math games against their peers from around the world. Register your student at: This event is free and open to the public. Child Care is available for children age 3 and up.

PLEASE RSVP for childcare. Questions, contact Patricia Bergh, [patriciambergh@visi.com](mailto:patriciambergh@visi.com)

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**Submissions:** email to [anna1028@gmail.com](mailto:anna1028@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.