

A weekly publication of the Lake Harriet Community School PTA

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## NEWS OF THE NOW

### **The May issue of *News Of the Now* is available online**

*News of Now, from the LH middle*, is an online newspaper, featuring stories, poetry, advice, polls, photos, cartoons and other outstanding work from our mysterious, magical 4th-8th graders of Lake Harriet Community School. [http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/news\\_of\\_now](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/news_of_now)

## GIRLS ON THE RUN RETURNING TO LAKE HARRIET

Campus Girls on the Run Twin Cities, Inc. inspires young girls in the 3rd to 5th grades to be joyful, healthy and confident by combining training for a 3.1 mile race with important lessons about body image, healthy living, friendship and more - and in Fall 2012, Girls on the Run will expand to two groups at Lake Harriet Upper Campus! Attend an informational session at the Lake Harriet Upper Campus on Tuesday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m. Registration forms will be distributed at this time. For more information visit [www.gotrtwincities.org](http://www.gotrtwincities.org) or contact Lynn Wilbur at [lynnwilbur@visi.comor](mailto:lynnwilbur@visi.comor) or [612-670-4172](tel:612-670-4172).

## MUSIC PROGRAM SPRING CONCERTS

LOWER CAMPUS Wednesday May 16th 9:50 – 11:00 ROOM SCHEDULE: 1st grade, Rooms 102 & 110: 9:50-10:00; 1st Grade, Rooms 105, 107, and 109: 10:10-10:20; 2nd grade, Rooms 201 & 101: 10:30-10:40; 2nd grade, Rooms 202, 203, and 204: 10:50-11:00.

## PARTIES GALORE IN MAY

4th Grade Mom's Night Out - Friday, May 18th 7-11pm TICKETS AVAILABLE

8th Grade Music Party - Friday, May 18th 5-9pm TICKETS AVAILABLE

5th Grade Trivia Night and Wall of Wonderful Beverages Raffle - Saturday, May 19th 7pm Only 1 TICKET LEFT

7th Grade All-American BBQ - Saturday, May 19th 5:30-9:30pm ONLY 7 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Don't miss out on the 4th Grade Mom's Night Out this Friday, May 18th. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with new and old friends. Tickets still available.

8th Grade Music Party still has tickets. Make sure your 8th grader doesn't miss all the fun! Party is this Friday, May 18th.

Join other LHCS families at the Twins on Friday, June 8th. Tickets must be purchased by May 15th.

### **Buy your tickets today!**

Visit our Parties Galore Website to learn more about parties and purchase tickets.  
[http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Parties\\_Galore.html](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Parties_Galore.html)

## CONGRATULATIONS LAKE HARRIET HEROES - APRIL

These students were chosen because they are respectful, responsible, safe, and ready to learn everyday they come to school. 3-5: Charlie B., Zaden C., Ella H., Daniel E., Bobby W., Olivia S., Addie S., Olivia Y., Aaron E., Akshay K., Sage C., Kieren H., Menolly P. 6-8: Randy L., Tommy J., Spencer K., Elyse S., Isiah A., Will L., Gabriella T., Ava Y., Henry C., Olivia G., Taylor N.

## **8TH GRADE DANCE CONTEST**

**On Friday, May 18th, at 2:30**, the 8th grade students will be competing in the eighth annual 8th Grade Dance Contest. Over the years, this dance contest has become a highlight of the school year. The students in Mr. DePerry's PE classes are taking part in a 3 week dance unit, practicing and performing dances to country and modern music. The 8th graders are divided into groups of 6 or 7 and asked to find music and put together a 90 second dance routine. Over the course of the dance unit, they must collaboratively design, practice, and master their dance routines. The culmination is 14 dance groups performing on stage in front of the student body and a panel of judges. Parents are welcome to attend. You will be amazed!!

As in the past, we are giving prizes out to the top three groups. As in the years past, parents have helped donate prizes for the dance contest. Once again, I am reaching out to the parents to help with the prizes for this very fun event. We need 7 prizes for each place. First-place prizes are \$20.00 gift cards to Southdale AMC Movie Theater; second place prizes are \$15.00 gift cards to Target; and third-place prizes are \$10.00 gift cards to Dunn Brothers. The 8th graders are looking forward to this contest, and they have some great dance routines in development. If you would like to help with the dance prizes or need information on the dance contest, please contact Mr. DePerry. This is a great tradition! Thanks, and let the dancing begin!!

## **READ-A-THON OLYMPIANS BREAK RECORDS**

Congratulations to all the Olympians who participated this February for a record breaking fundraising event.

Our Olympians shattered the reading goal of 175,000 minutes and read a whopping 396,239 minutes during the month and raised almost \$24,000 for LHCS! Our top readers at Upper Campus were Adeline S. (12,000 minutes) and Madeleine H. (12,000) and at Lower Campus, Sydney T. (4,110 minutes) and Georgia R. (3,480 minutes). The participants who raised the most pledges at Upper Campus were Eli C. (\$420) and Calvin B. (\$387) and at Lower Campus, Micah C. (\$307) and Ava P. (\$300). All prizes, t-shirts, wristbands and Chipotle Kids Meal cards have been passed out to qualifying Olympians.

We would like to extend thanks to students, parents, teachers, staff and all our wonderful sponsors. If you are interested in being a part of the Read-a-Thon committee next year, email Amy Mimick ([amymimick@yahoo.com](mailto:amymimick@yahoo.com)).

Amy Mimick, Kelly Ellis and Dana Hofmann-Geye

## ***GEMS/GISE Exhibition a success!***

LHCS GEMS and GISE students learned about electrical circuits this past Spring. Groups of students made good use of their new circuit knowledge by making games which were entered into an exhibition/competition at Anishinabe Academy on Saturday, May 12. In addition to the game exhibits, GEMS/GISE students learned about electricity during some very entertaining and informative presentations by staff from the Bakken Museum. Who knew that AC/DC was more than an old rock band?

Click [here](#) to see photos from the event, and visit the [GEMS/GISE](#) page under the Extracurricular section of the school website for more information.

***An SEA's Top Ten Reasons to be GRATEFUL at Lake Harriet Community School, Upper Campus***

By Julie Tweit - Special Education Assistant (SEA)

- #10. Music often greets us when we enter the building. I love to hear the jazz band, school choir, or a group of students taking turns around the grand piano in the hall.
- #9. Pat's smile and warm welcome to the lunchroom triumphs over the automatic "Thank you" when a student enters their PIN.
- #8. School spirit shows not only in the pride students take in wearing Dragon gear, but also in the teamwork and drive for excellence evident on and off the field. When an announcement is made about a student's achievement in any area, genuine appreciation for the accomplishment rings out in applause, smiles, and high fives for their classmates. We celebrate our school! When one member succeeds, we all succeed.
- #7. Because Paula's arm around your shoulder feels great anytime you enter the Principal's office.
- #6. When you do visit Ms. Rynchek in her office, the meeting always brings positive results.
- #5. The student body's positive attitude can be witnessed in the hall, in the gym, in class, at recess, ...in other words, everywhere! I once started to clean one of the desk tops before class began. In an instant, a student asked to help, then another. Soon the whole room sparkled and what would have been a large chore for one person became an easy and pleasurable task for the group.
- #4. Each time you take a break in Room 206, Shari offers you gum or tic tacs.
- #3. Kindness and respect are shown in myriad ways big and small every day by individual students. Examples include: offering help to a fellow classmate on a confusing assignment, waiting with a smile when someone beats you to the door, including someone new in your game, being active audience members when other students perform, etc.
- #2. I have the privilege of calling all the talented, dedicated and fun educators in this school my colleagues.

And finally, the Number 1 Reason to be grateful for LHCS-Upper:

#1. Even though I am technically NOT a student, I still learn something new every day. Sincerely, Julie Tweit, SEA Lake Harriet Community School, Upper Campus

## **Community News**

### **SUMMER PROGRAMS AT THE PARKS**

- Are you looking for ways to get your child involved in a fun and interactive environment? Well, you are in luck! Linden Hills and Pershing Park offer a variety of programs that will keep your child smiling and active all summer. Some spots remain in our many art, sports, and dance and movement camps for all ages. Visit [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) Summer Rec+ Childcare- Do you need child care this summer? Do they like sports, beach trips, awesome field trips and tons of other fun stuff? For much more info- visit [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) Don't wait- spots are going quick! Field Trips- Each Friday we take a trip to a new and exciting destination! Please register one week in advance for each desired trip online [atwww.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) or at Pershing Park or Linden Hills. Wading Pool- Our wading pool traditionally opens when Mpls Public Schools let out weather permitting, this year that is Weds June 6. All MPRB pools are maintained and inspected on a daily basis, including inspection of the drain covers. Please see signage at site about pool rules and regulations and direct any questions to the park building. SWAC Youth Tennis Teams - Ages: 9-14- Hit the courts for a tennis instructional league that emphasizes fun, games, skill development, sportsmanship and friendly competition- Boys and Girls Team Tennis at Pershing Park! Questions contact Linden Hills Park at [612 370 4913](tel:6123704913). Fee: \$40 - register through [www.swac.info](http://www.swac.info) until June 14, or by form available at Linden Hills Park. Late registration begins June 15 and no online registration will be available at that point. Schedule info- All Matches begin week of July 10th. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 pm- Girls matches begin Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 pm- Coaches will contact about practices in Mid-June.

### **TWO CLASS OFFERINGS FOR 2012-13**

Looking Ahead! Next Year Tarneka Harrison will be offering Beginner's Crochet, Dance and more at Lower Campus for Community Education. Also, there will be yearlong Drama Club with opportunities to showcase several times throughout the school year at Upper Campus! I am excited, how about You?

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