



Lake Harriet Community School News

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School News

Safety Update

Given the events of last week, the LHCS staff would like to remind parents of the steps we take to ensure the safety of each child and community member.

At Lower Campus:

- No students leave the building at the Lower Campus unaccompanied by an adult.
- At bus dismissal, students and staff exit the building together. All students who walk are crossed by specialists at 41st and Drew or 41st and Chowen. The staff then walk students down the bus lane (Chowen) turning the corner on 40th and head to 40th and Drew to the parent pick up corner.
- Parents are encouraged to park their cars and meet the teachers and their child at the corner. No parents will be permitted to take students out of the bus line until they arrive at the parent pick up corner.
- There are staff members at the parent pick up corner that wait with the students. Once the buses pull away the students that have yet to be picked up walk inside with staff and can be picked up inside door #1 on 41st.
- All special education buses depart from Drew. The Minneapolis Kids program has their own dismissal at Door #3 on Drew. The After School Adventure program, Community Education classes and the Spanish program have been instructed to have parents enter the building at Door #1 and they must do a face to face exchange in the atrium area at pick up time.

At Upper Campus:

- Normal after school procedures continue at Upper Campus.
- It is recommended students who walk home do so with friends/neighbors. If you need help finding a walking partner for your student, please call the Upper Campus.
- Students staying for after school activities should stay in the building until picked up.

What you can do to help:

- If you feel that either campus is in need of additional safety items, please contact the District. Several parents have suggested additional lighting and cameras. Please contact the Office of Communications, Engagement and External Relations at 612.668.2097



Lower Campus Winter Concerts

All Lower grades will be performing winter songs on Thursday, December 20th in the LHCS Lower gym. You don't want to miss this! Times for each performances are as follows:

- Kindergarten: 9:50-10:00
- 2nd grade: 10:10-10:30
- 3rd grade: 10:40-11:00
- 1st grade: 11:10-11:30



Upper Campus Drop-Off Info

As the weather gets colder, we are noticing students who arrive very early wanting to enter the Upper Campus building. We do not have staff hired to monitor students who arrive early. Students are allowed in at 9:20 to eat breakfast or 9:25 if they aren't eating breakfast. Please do not drop-off or send students early because they will have to wait outside in the cold.

Also, students are not allowed in the building to decorate lockers without a parent chaperone. The parent must sign in and stay with the



UC Tour Guide Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering to be a tour guide for Upper

Campus. Tours will be held throughout the Winter and we can use your help and parent expertise to share Lake Harriet with the interested community. Volunteer sign-up for [Upper Campus here](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact our Family Coordinator, [Kim Kaplan](#) with any questions.



Tours of Lake Harriet Community School

Please welcome your friends and family who may be considering Lake Harriet for next year to sign-up for a tour! There will be tours available at both campuses throughout the next few months. If one of the available tour dates does not work, then they can also contact our family coordinator, [Kim Kaplan](#), to schedule a different time.

Tour sign-ups are available on our school website, or here for [Lower Campus tours](#) and [Upper Campus Tours](#).

Peer Mediation is available at Lake Harriet Upper

Peer Mediation is designed to teach students to find alternative ways to resolve conflicts and to encourage constructive problem solving. Positive effects have been found in elementary, middle, and high schools with children of all ability levels and diverse backgrounds.

At Lake Harriet Upper, a group of 30 student mediators were selected by their teachers and peers for demonstrating good judgment, engendering trust and respect, displaying leadership skills and communicating well with others. The mediators received specific training in conflict resolution and mediation, and learned the importance of remaining unbiased and keeping information confidential.

Students in grades 4-8 can use the Peer Mediation program. A teacher, student, or mediator can request mediation by filling out a request form on the Lake Harriet Web page or in the main office, or by contacting Julie Hirsch (School Psychologist). All mediation is voluntary and each disputant must agree to follow basic ground rules. Please encourage your student to use the Lake Harriet Peer Mediation program if they are having a peer conflict. If you would like more information about Upper's Peer Mediation please contact Julie Hirsch at (612) 668-3318.

Our Peer Mediators: Andie G, Henry H, Dane R, Raquel L, Maeve R, Nithali P, Andrew B, Ava L, Erin W, Carter G, Hayley T, Elizabeth K, Gabe S, Mason D, Grace D, Milo S, Avery S, Aidan M, Elly N, Jack D, Josie B, Arianna F, Colin M, Drew P,

student. Thank you for your cooperation.



LHCS Pledge Drive

LHCS PTA's annual pledge drive continues through December. All donations are 100% tax deductible and all money raised goes directly to the PTA.

Many companies match donations; please check with your employer to maximize your gift.

Envelopes came home in last Tuesday's folders, or you can also [donate online here](#).

For more information please visit [our web page](#).

Thanks to your generosity, the PTA is covering the parent stipend for most field trips for the remainder of the year. We can only do this with your continued support. Please donate today.

Please contact [Anne Schwemm](#), Fundraising Chair, with any questions.

Thank you for your support!



Sign Up: Winter Break All-Day Gym Camps

Sign up now for winter break, all-day gym camps with Active Solutions, Wednesday, 01/02/2019 and Thursday, 01/03/2019. These camps are open to any student from any school. They will take place in the Lake Harriet Upper Campus gym from 8:00am-4:00pm.

Lessons are designed and taught by Lake Harriet Upper PE instructor Jon DePerry and his son, Skyler (Iowa State college student and former Lake Harriet School student), to keep kids engaged in learning activities and to keep their heart rates elevated. Character building, cooperative skills, individual success and safety are all emphasized.

Children will experience many different activities during each day's sessions, mixing individual and team sports. Please bring one very big lunch, two very big snacks, shorts, t-shirts, gym shoes, sweat pants/shirts, water bottle and 2 books to read.

See camp listing for other specific information. Visit us online at [activesolutionsforkids.com](#) for more information and to register. If you have any questions, please email Pat Caldwell at pc.activesolutions@icloud.com or give Pat a call/text at (612) 802-7882, or email Pete Hill at ph.activesolutions@icloud.com or give Pete a call/text at (952) 212-7290.

Needed: Clothing

Finn H, Misha P, Wren V, Ella K, Sylvi B, Jack B,
Morgan T.



Donations at Lower

The Lower Campus health office is in need of the following clothing donations:

- Boys athletic pants sizes 5-8
- Girls leggings or athletic pants sizes 5-8

Upcoming Events Summary

Site Council Meeting- Tuesday, December 18, 5:00pm. Upper Campus

Winter Concert - Thursday, December 20, Lower Campus

Winter Break - Monday, December 24 - Sunday, January 6, 2019

School Resumes - January 7, 2019

Lower Campus (K-3) 4030 Chowen Ave. S. 612.668.3210

Upper Campus (4-8) 4912 Vincent Ave. S. 612.668.3310

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