

# October Newsletter

The monthly newsletter that celebrates our community.



## Important Dates

**Monday, October 10:** No School, Indigenous People's Day

**Monday, October 10:** PIE Executive Committee Nomination Deadline

**Wednesday, October 12:** Bruins Day! Wear Bruins gear on Wednesday!

**Thursday, October 13:** Grade Level Parent Presentation for 11th grade, 6:00-7:00 P.M. (virtual)

**Friday, October 14:** Pajama Day

**Friday, October 14:** All School Bake Sale

**Tuesday, October 18:** Celtics Day! Wear your favorite Celtics gear or anything Green

**Wednesday, October 19:** All School Unity Day Wear Orange

**Wednesday, October 19:** Speaker Series event, 6:00-7:15 P.M. (virtual)

**Thursday, October 20:** Parent Advisory Group meeting, 9:00-10:00 A.M. (virtual)

**Thursday, October 20:** Grade Level Parent Presentation for 10th grade, 6:00-7:00 P.M. (virtual)

**Friday, October 21:** Multi-Tiered System of Support Information Session, 8:00-9:00 A.M. (virtual)

Wednesday, October 26: Grand Friends Day, 10:00-10:45 A.M. (virtual)

Wednesday, October 26: Early Release, 11:00 A.M.

Thursday, October 27: Grade Level Parent Presentation for 9th grade, 6:00-7:00 P.M. (virtual)

Friday, October 28: Orange & Black Day

Friday, October 28: Middle School Halloween Social, 2:45-5:00 P.M.

Friday, October 28: High School Halloween Dance, 7:00-9:00 P.M.

Thursday, November 3: Grade Level Parent Presentation for 8th grade, 6:00-7:00 P.M. (virtual)

Tuesday, November 8: Transition Information Night, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

## Monthly Features

### \* \* STUDENT SPOTLIGHT \* \*

#### Joey Murphy, 9th Grade



Joey Murphy is a 14 and a half year old 9th grader at Learning Prep who recently joined our school community in January of 2022. Joey travels from his hometown of Hudson to West Newton every day, but he doesn't mind the commute, because, as he put it: "I'm in the right school that's going to help me read better and help me with my dyslexia better than my public school did." One of Joey's passions is his involvement in the Boy Scouts. Joey entered the Boy Scouts when he was in the 7th grade and instantly felt he "had joined a family" that was passionate about the same things that he holds dear to his heart; being in nature, respecting wildlife, and being part of a community that represents a cause and mission that "is bigger than me."

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### \* \* STAFF SPOTLIGHT \* \*

#### Michelle Cuddy

Educational Team Facilitator for Grades 10-12

### \* \* PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT \* \*

#### Multi-Tiered System of Supports

By: Amy Plante, Assistant Principal, High School



In many public schools in Massachusetts, there is a system in place to ensure that all students make progress in their academic, organizational, and social emotional programs. This system involves different "tiers" of support, which could mean different programming, differentiated instruction in the classroom, supplemental instruction, or, ultimately, very small group tailored support. This tiered system, or Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), came out of Response to Intervention models, follows Universal Design for Learning principles, and was implemented in 2015 and updated in 2018 in Massachusetts.

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### \* \* LEADERSHIP BLOG \* \*

#### Chapter 766 50th Anniversary

By: Kurt Moellering, Head of School



### What made you want to be an educator?

I have always been interested in social justice, and I really feel like a strong education can help. I had a lot of great experiences in high school (tutoring and volunteering in an after school program for students with social, emotional, and behavioral difficulties), as well as college (tutoring, Teacher Education Program at Holy Cross, and student teaching in Worcester). These experiences were all fantastic and solidified my goal of working in education.

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On September 21st, I was lucky enough to attend a ceremony at the State House celebrating the 50th anniversary of Massachusetts Law Chapter 766. This is the legislation guaranteeing the rights of all young people in Massachusetts with "special needs to an educational program best suited to their needs." This immensely important law, passed half a century ago, paved the way for the first special education law at the federal level, which eventually came to be known as the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).

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## Announcements & Reminders

[Click here for the weekly lunch menu](#)

### Transition Information Night

A panel of professionals will be available to address common transition topics including:

- State Agency Services
- Guardianship
- IDEA vs ADA
- Transition Assessments

Please RSVP by October 21th to Abby Heath at [atheath@learningprep.org](mailto:atheath@learningprep.org)

Click this zoom link to join the event:

[Transition Information Night](#)

### LPS Grand Friends Day

Learning Prep School is thrilled to once again celebrate Grand Friends Day - a special day dedicated to the grandparents, families, and special friends of our students.

*Join us on Wednesday, October 26 from 10:00-10:45 A.M.* as we share school updates, activities, and honor the support you provide to LPS students each and every day.

Due to the positive response from previous years and ability for more Grand Friends to join from across the country, we will once again be holding this event via Zoom.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

### News from Food Service

We are off to a great start this year! We hope that your child is enjoying our breakfast and lunch program. This year, we have incorporated a new initiative that celebrates foods of the world: a high school enrichment class where students are able to learn and create foods from other cultures and countries.

Dishes prepared so far include: Churros (Mexico and Spain), Anzac Cookies (Austrian biscuit cookies), and Colombian Bunuelos and Pupas. In celebrating Hispanic Heritage month, we featured an authentic Hispanic dish on the menu: Arroz con Pollo. It was wonderful to see how many students enjoyed this dish!

We have also been working closely with Horticulture as the students and Gail grow and harvest vegetables and herbs that we incorporate into our dishes. The enthusiasm and pride our students have been expressing is great to see.

If you have any questions about a menu item, your specific child's dietary needs, or feedback, reach out at [lcunniff@learningprep.org](mailto:lcunniff@learningprep.org).



Thank you!  
Lindsay and Mike  
LPS Food Service Department

## Speaker Series Event: "Understanding Anxiety in Children and Adolescents: Recognizing Symptoms and Helpful Strategies"

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

6:00 - 7:15 P.M.

Virtual event via Zoom

*By: Meredith Sullivan, LICSW, Counseling Supervisor, Learning Prep School & Katrina Keenan, M.Ed., School Adjustment Counselor, Learning Prep School*

Anxiety in children and adolescents is at an all-time high. It's no surprise - in addition to living through a pandemic, students still face the attentional demands of 24/7 digital connectivity and the stressors of growing up. In this Speaker Series event, Meredith Sullivan, LICSW, and Katrina Keenan, M.Ed., cover the common symptoms of anxiety and how to recognize them in children and adolescents. They also discuss helpful strategies for coping with symptoms and review how to start looking for effective professional support when strategies at home and school are not enough.

*All Speaker Series events are free and open to the public.*

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

### 2022-2023 Calendar

The [2022-2023 School Year Calendar](#) is now available (updated 5/12/22)

### Get Involved

The next Parent Advisory Group (PAG) meeting is:

**Parent Advisory Group on Thursday, 10/20 from 9-10 A.M. (virtual)**

### Family Directory

Is available via DIRECTORYSPOT. To access:

Download [DirectorySpot](#) from the app store.

Enter your email address as the username.

Click RESET PASSWORD

### Know someone who

### School Store

### Parent Facebook Group

### would benefit from LPS?

If you know someone who may be looking for a place like LPS, please encourage them to attend one of our weekly, Virtual Information Sessions - encourage them to reach out to [Pat Pingeton!](#)

Show off your Panther Pride over the summer by shopping at our [school store!](#)



Join our private Facebook group just parents and guardians called: *LPS Panther Parents & Families Group.*

Click this link to join!  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/803852983897093>

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