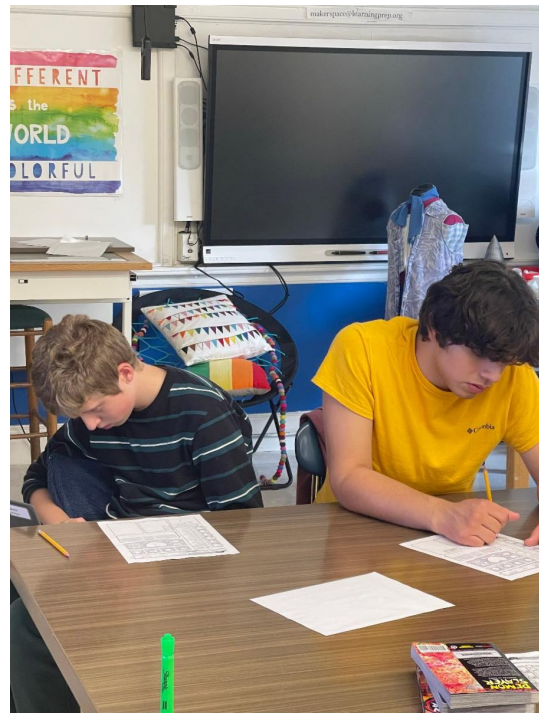




Family Newsletter

October 13, 2023

Smiling and thriving after hours



After School Program is in full swing! (Above left) Middle school students Marge and Laura making cupcakes during their "In the Kitchen" group. (Above right) High School students Abe and Joao Victor focused in their "Dungeons and Dragons" group.

Announcements



LEARNING PREP SCHOOL'S

SPEAKER SERIES

DEVELOPING SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SKILLS & SELF-REGULATION IN OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023
6:00-7:15 PM; VIA ZOOM

This session offers parents, guardians and educators an opportunity to reflect on practical strategies for managing our own social-emotional well-being while coaching our children on ways to develop positive self-regulation skills.



Amy Plante, M.Ed

REGISTER NOW

For more information go to:
learningprep.org/events

Amy joined Learning Prep School in 2021 as the Assistant Principal. She has an undergraduate degree in Psychology, a Master's Degree in Education and is completing a second Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Management. Amy has been an educator for over twenty years. Before joining Learning Prep School she worked as a Special Education teacher, English Language Arts teacher, as well as an instructional coach in public schools in MA and RI.

Special Olympics Basketball 2023-2024 Season

Open to all Learning Prep High School Students of all skill levels (but, space is limited)

Start Date: Wednesday November 8th

Where: LPS Gym

Time: 2:30- 4pm

Cost: \$35.

Practices will always be on Wednesdays, 2:30 - 4pm

Season runs from November - March, 12+ weeks.

What you need:

- A good attitude
- Secure Foot wear
- Water bottle

Games Dates to follow-most are on Sundays. Social Events and Outings will be announced as the season is underway.
End of season will be mid-March and will include a Sports Banquet.

For more information contact katyagard@gmail.com or 617-306-9322

Please note: this is a volunteer run program in partnership with LPS for our 11th year. The mission is to provide a typical team environment where your youth can grow and feel genuine success on their terms. They will learn what it means to be part of a team, commitment to self improvement, and respect of themselves and others.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AS AN ASSISTANT COACH ? *No Experience Necessary*...The more parent volunteers the larger our program can be. Please reach out if you have a few hours on Wednesdays and Sundays !!

LET'S GET TOGETHER!

LEARNING PREP SCHOOL
AND PARTNERS IN EDUCATION (PIE)
INVITE YOU TO A

FAMILY FALL BBQ

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

12:00 - 2:00PM

AT LEARNING PREP SCHOOL
1507 WASHINGTON ST. NEWTON, MA

ALL LPS STUDENTS AND THEIR
FAMILIES ARE INVITED!!
ENJOY TASTY FOOD,
AWESOME GAMES
& LOTS OF FUN!

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

Transition Information Night

Transition Information Night is on **Thursday, November 16** from 6:00-8:00 PM via [this Zoom link](#). A variety of presenters will be discussing transition planning information, including the ADA law and reasonable accommodations, adult agencies including Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, local independent living centers, and long term planning for adults, with topics like guardianship and special needs trusts. Parents and guardians of all high school students are welcome to attend. This event happens annually each fall. Please reach out to [Abby Heath](#) or ext 2244 if you have any questions.

Winter Fair preparations

Words can not express how thankful we are to those that have purchased items from our [Winter Fair Amazon Wish List](#) already We're confident this year's Winter Fair will be the best one yet, thanks to your generous donations!

Our annual Winter Fair will take place on **Friday, December 8**. It is held during the school day to raise money for our Student Council and features games, snacks and an opportunity for students to purchase inexpensive holiday gifts for family and friends.

We'll begin collecting gently used items for our white elephant table in early November. More event details, including the parent volunteer sign up, to come. Please email [Dawn Hurley](#) with any questions. Thank you!

PIE/PAG

PIE (Partners in Education) organizes non-school related events for students & families (amusements parks, family cookouts), co-sponsors fun in school events (speakers, field trips) and fundraises for LPS.

There are 2 parent vacancies on the PIE Executive Committee. The PIE Executive Committee is made up of 5 parents and 5 LPS administrators. We are looking for 1 Middle School Parent and 1 Middle School or High School parent. Nominations have currently closed, stay tuned for updates next week.

PIE (Partners in Education) meetings:

- 11/16/23 9-10 AM (virtual)
- 1/18/24 9-10 AM (virtual)
- 3/21/24 9-10 AM (virtual)
- 5/16/24 9-10 AM (virtual)

PAG (Parent Advisory Group) meetings:

- 10/19/23 9-10 AM (virtual)
- 12/21/23 9-10 AM (virtual)
- 2/15/24 9-10 AM (virtual)
- 4/25/24 9-10 AM (virtual)

Grade Level Parents

12th grade - Laurel Hollinden

11th grade - Kristen Koehler

10th grade - Meredith Lopez

9th grade - Jessie Brauer

8th grade - Katherine Munz

7th grade - Lauren Timmons

6th grade - Christie Ward & Amy Domow

4th/5th grade - Vacant: Please contact [Amy Davis](#) if interested!

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 **Thursday, November 30** from 10:00-10:45 A.M and learn

directly from the students how their lives have been impacted this year by LPS. Show your support on Grand Friends Day and help us raise critical funds to continue our mission of providing a safe and supportive learning environment for every student.

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 REGISTER!](#)

Family Directory

The 2023-24 Family Directory is now available!

Please use the links in the most current newsletter to always have access to the most updated directory, as the link does get updated periodically throughout the year. Happy connecting!

Contacting the school

Our school administrative assistants are in the office 7:30am-3:15pm each school day. Please contact the main office if your student is absent or if there is anything we need to know that day, including any transportation changes.

Middle School:

Clara Caruso at ccaruso@learningprep.org or (617) 965-0764 ext. 1016

High School:

Sherika Williamson at swilliamson@learningprep.org (617) 965-0764 ext. 1100

Important Dates

Thursday
10/19

Parental Advisory Group (PAG) meeting
9:00-10:00 AM, [Zoom](#)
All parents welcome

10th Grade Overview
12:00-1:00 PM, [Zoom](#)
For families to learn about sophomore year at LPS

Wednesday
10/25

Early Release
11:00 AM

Thursday
10/26

9th Grade Overview
12:00-1:00 PM, [Zoom](#)
For families to learn about freshman year at LPS

Friday
10/27 Middle School Halloween Social (grades 6,7,8)
2:45-5:00 PM

High School Costume Party (grades 9-12)
7:00-9:00 PM

Saturday
10/28 **Fall Family BBQ**
12:00-2:00 PM, LPS Campus

Tuesday
10/31 Wear Black & Orange Day

Thursday
11/2 8th Grade Overview
12:00-1:00 PM, [Zoom](#)
For families to learn about the 8th grade year at LPS

Friday
11/3 Blue/Green T-shirt Day

Thursday
11/9 Wear Red, White & Blue Day

Friday
11/10 No school, Veteran's Day

Tuesday
11/14 Free Speaker Series Event: **"Developing Social-Emotional Skills & Self-Regulation in ourselves and our children"**
6:00 PM, Zoom

Thursday
11/16 Transition Information Night
6:00-8:00 PM, [Zoom](#)
More info to come

Friday
11/17 High School Student Council Movie Night
3:00-5:00 PM

Monday
11/20 High School Info Session for LPS Middle School Families
12:30-1:30 PM, Zoom
More info to come

[View All Upcoming Events...](#)

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