



# Family Newsletter

November 10, 2023

## Curious minds at work



*(Above) Scientists in the middle and high school investigating and discovering in science classes.*

## Announcements

### *Bookworm Trophy Leaderboard*

The competition is fierce! Since starting our Reading Plus Bookworm Trophy Leaderboard, students are pushing themselves to get their class to the top of that leaderboard! By request from the students, last week's winners were Martha's freshman and Elaine's

middle schoolers. Congrats!



## *Food Drive*

Student Council's Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive will run from **Tuesday, November 7 - Friday, November 17**. Each Homeroom will get a Food Drive Box to collect non-perishable food items, such as pasta sauce, pasta, canned food, tuna, toothpaste, mac and cheese, etc. The Homeroom that collects the most food items will win a pizza party! All items will be donated to a Local Food Pantry so show your school spirit, 'Panther Pride' & generosity this holiday season!



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](https://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.*

## The Resilience Project

### Language-Based Learning Disabilities: What They Are and How to Help

Language-based learning disabilities can impact a wide range of skills, including reading, listening, speaking, comprehension, written expression, and mathematics. Join us for this talk, followed by an expert panel discussion, about what language-based learning disabilities are, how they may present in kids, and what adults can do to help.

**Wednesday, November 15**  
**7:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Free virtual webinar!**

Click [here](#) to register  
or scan the QR code!



**Jennifer DelRey, PhD**  
*Psychologist*  
Newton-Wellesley Hospital  
Division of Child and  
Adolescent Psychiatry

**Jen Amos, MS, CCC-SLP**  
*Speech and Language  
Pathologist*  
Carroll School, Lower School

**Craig N. Horning, PhD**  
*Founder*  
Beyond Kids Reading

**Kurt Moellering, PhD**  
*Executive Director*  
Learning Prep School

**Stacey Daniels**  
*Senior Leadership*  
Carroll School

### *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:

- IDEA & ADA law and reasonable accommodations
- services at adult agencies including Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
- local independent living centers
- long term planning for adults
- guardianship
- special needs trusts
- Transition Assessments

Parents and guardians of all high school students are welcome to attend. This event happens annually each fall. Please reach out to [Abby Heath](#) at 617-965-0764 ext.

## *High School Info Session for Middle School families*

On **Monday, November 20** at 12:30 PM, we will be hosting a virtual presentation is for current families of the LPS Middle School to learn about the LPS High School Program. This one hour program will provide information on:

- Differences between the middle and high school
- Academics and curriculum
- Transition planning and support
- HS events
- Experiential Learning Program
- Dual Enrollment

Middle school families in grades 6-8 are highly encouraged to attend. [Please register here](#) and a Zoom link will be emailed to you directly.

This event will also be available in the spring as an in-person event, and include a tour.

## *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!](#)

## *Winter Fair preparations*

We're now collecting gently used items for our white elephant table! The white elephant table gives our students the opportunity to purchase items for themselves or holiday gifts for family members and friends. [This flyer](#) has more details about the items we're collecting.

Our annual Winter Fair will take place on **Friday, December 8**. The Winter Fair raises money for our Student Council and will also feature games and snacks.

Any parents or guardians who'd like to volunteer at the Winter Fair [can sign up here](#). 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.

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:

- 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 - Rachael Noonan

## *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!

Updated: 11/1/23

## *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](mailto:ccaruso@learningprep.org) or (617) 965-0764 ext. 1016

High School:

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

## Important Dates

Friday  
11/10

No school, Veteran's Day

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Tuesday  
11/14

Free Speaker Series Event: "Developing Social-Emotional Skills & Self-Regulation in ourselves and our children"  
6:00 PM, [Zoom](#)  
[Register here](#) and event link will be emailed to you.

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Thursday  
11/16

Partners in Education (PIE) Meeting  
9:00-10:00 AM, [Zoom](#)

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Transition Information Night  
6:00-8:00 PM, [Zoom](#)

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Friday  
11/17

Last day for Food Drive

High School Student Council Movie Night  
3:00-5:00 PM

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Monday  
11/20

High School Info Session for LPS Middle School Families  
12:30-1:30 PM, [Zoom](#)  
[Register here](#) and event link will be emailed to you.

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Wednesday  
11/22

All school Pajama Day

Early Release, 11:00 AM

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Thursday  
11/23

No school, Thanksgiving Recess

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Friday  
11/24

No school, Thanksgiving Recess

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Thursday  
11/30

Grand Friends Day  
10:00 AM, [Zoom](#)  
[Register here](#) and event link will be emailed to you.

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Friday

Blue/Green Shirt Day!

12/1

Friday  
12/8

All school Bake Sale

Winter Fair

Thursday  
12/21

[PAG](#) Meeting  
9:00-10:00 AM, [Zoom](#)

Friday  
12/21

Early release, 11:00 AM

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

## Quick Links

Lunch Menu

Parent Facebook  
Group

Staff Directory

Support LPS

2023-24 Calendar

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