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# Family Newsletter

January 19, 2024

# **Grinning with greatness**



(Above) Celebrating last week's MS and HS Students of the Week!

# Announcements

# Student Council Pet Supply Drive

After a very successful Holiday Food Drive, many MS students asked to do a drive to support an animal shelter. We are excited to announce that we will be partnering with the **Buddy Dog Humane Society** in Sudbury, MA!

After the MS Student Council meets with Buddy Dog, a list will be sent out with items that can be donated. Similar to the Food Drive, we will run a contest in both the High School and Middle School with a pizza party for the winning homerooms.

The drive starts Monday, January 22 and goes until Friday, February 2.

## All Middle School event

This even is taking place tomorrow, **Saturday**, **January 20** from 5:30-8:30 PM at 59 Worthen Road, Grace Chapel, Lexington.

If you have not yet RSVP'd but would like to attend please contact Lauren Timmons at laurenstimmons@gmail.com.

# HS Monster Mini Golf

HS Student Council is hosting Indoor Glow-in-the-Dark Mini Golf on **Friday**, **January 26** from 7:00-8:30 PM at Monster Mini Golf in Norwood, MA. The cost is \$20.00 and includes a round of mini golf and a \$6 game card for arcade games. Students are welcome to bring more money for the arcade games or to purchase snacks/drinks. Return Permission Slip and payment to <u>Bob Owens</u>, <u>Meredith</u> <u>Sullivan</u>, or <u>Abby Heath</u> by **Monday**, **January 22**. No late permission slips will be accepted.

## MS Bingo Pizza Party

MS Student Council is hosting a Bingo Pizza Party on **Friday, January 26**, from 2:45-4:30 PM in the cafeteria. The cost is \$10. All Middle School students are invited to stay after school and enjoy an afternoon of hanging with their friends, playing bingo, winning prizes, and enjoying some pizza. Be on the lookout for permission slips which will be sent home next week. For any questions, please contact **Bobby Britt** or **Marla Jacobs**.

# SPEAKER SERIES

# PREPARING YOUR STUDENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT LIFE



# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024 6:00-7:15 PM; VIA ZOOM

This session will provide information to parents, guardians, and educators about the importance of self-determination skills, outside agencies that offer help related to employment and independent living skills, structures that can be put in place at home to support students' growth, and how Learning Prep prioritizes developing independence.

# Michelle Cuddy, M.Ed

Michelle has an undergraduate degree in History, a Master's Degree in Special Education, and has completed a licensure program for Special Education Administration. Joining Learning Prep School in 2009, she is currently the Supervisor of Transition Services and Educational Team Facilitator for grade 12 students, and has previous experience as a special education teacher, MCAS coordinator, tutor, and residential camp director.

# REGISTER NOW

For more information go to: learningprep.org/events

# 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:

- 3/21/24 9-10 AM (virtual)
- 5/16/24 9-10 AM (virtual)

PAG (Parent Advisory Group) meetings:

- 2/15/24 9-10 AM (virtual)
- 4/25/24 9-10 AM (virtual)

Link for all virtual meetings: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89453990390

# You are cordially invited to participate in the Learning Prep School

# **Post High School Fair**

## Friday April 5, 2024

#### 10:00-12:00

Our unique fair focuses primarily on post high school programming for students with language-based learning disabilities and a variety of social communication challenges. This year's fair is open to all LPS high school parents and Sophomore and Junior level students (seniors at parent request).

#### RSVP:

Please respond to Michelle Cuddy at mcuddy@learningprep.org

by March 15, 2024

Save the date!...



...more information coming soon!

# 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 - Amy Domow 4th/5th grade - Rachael Noonan

## Family Directory

The 2023-24 Family Directory is 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: 12/1/23

# Important Dates

Monday 1/22	Pet Supply Drive begins
Friday 1/26	Middle School Student Council Bingo & Pizza Party 2:45-5:00 PM, LPS Cafeteria High School Student Council Monster Mini Golf 7:00-8:30 PM, Norwood MA
Friday 2/2	Blue/Green Shirt Day & Blue/Green event, "Name that Tune" All school Bake sale Last day for Pet Supply Drive
Thursday 2/8	Free Speaker Series event, "Preparing your student for an independent life" 6:00-7:15 PM, Zoom <u>Register here</u>
Friday 2/9	Early Release, Parent Conferences (more info coming soon) 11:00 AM
Monday 2/12	No School, Parent Conferences (more info coming soon)
Wednesday 2/14	All school Wear Red Day
Thursday 2/15	Parent Advisory Group (PAG) meeting 9:00-10:00 AM, <mark>Zoom</mark>
Monday 2/19	No School, February Break
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Friday 2/23

#### View All Upcoming Events...

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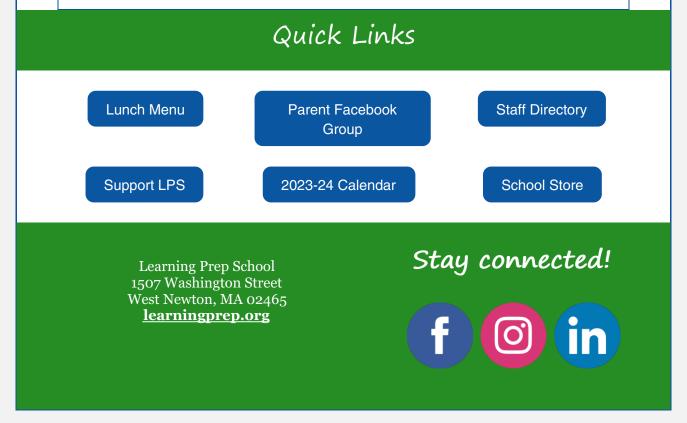
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