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Family Newsletter

February 2, 2024

After hours fun



(Above left) Last Friday both MS & HS Student Councils held events after school. MS students had a Pizza & Bingo party, and HS students visited Monster Mini Golf.

Announcements

Family/Teacher Conferences

You can now sign up for Family/Teacher Conferences on **Monday, February 12**

(with a few faculty members also available on **Friday, February 9**)!

[Click this link to sign up](#) for 10-minute Zoom meetings with our faculty to talk about your student's progress this year.

Contact Cate Wilson at cwilson@learningprep.org with any questions or sign-up issues.

The deadline to sign up is **Thursday, February 8**.

Seeking volunteers & donations

We are looking for volunteers for our 'Sky Full of Stars' Spring Celebration & Night of Giving on April 25, where all the proceeds will go directly to our students!

Below are a few areas where help is needed. Please reach out if you have any additional ideas, or suggestions!

- Join committee for general help with planning
- Create, solicit or donate items for silent auction
- Create, solicit or donate gift baskets for silent auction
- Help generate interest and sell tickets
- Help setting up on day of the event
- Printing program books

We are also looking for donations for the silent auction. If you have anything to donate or have contacts that can help, please reach out to Lisa. All donations are welcomed and appreciated. All proceeds go directly to our students at LPS.

Email, call or text Lisa at **lkalfopoulos@learningprep.org** or 781-572-7198.

Lisa Kalfopoulos
LPS Facilities Manager
Spring Celebration Event Committee Chair

Learning Prep School presents

Sky Full of Stars

Celebration & Night of Giving

Thursday, April 25, 2024

6:00-9:00 PM

Marriott Hotel, Newton MA

TICKETS ON SALE SOON

Lost jacket

This Columbia Jacket (Youth Medium Size 10-12) was found over a week ago and we cannot seem to find its owner. If it belongs to your child, please have them see Clara in the Middle School to retrieve it.





LEARNING PREP SCHOOL'S

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 with employment and independent living skills, and structures that can be put in place at home to support students' growth.

Open to the public!

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.

For more information go to:
learningprep.org/events

REGISTER NOW

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)

**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

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: 1/24/2024

Thursday
2/8

Free Speaker Series event, "Preparing your student for an independent life"
6:00-7:15 PM, [Zoom](#)
[Register here](#)

Deadline to [sign up](#) for Family/Teacher Conferences

Friday
2/9

Early Release
11:00 AM

Monday
2/12

No School, Family/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday
2/14

All school Wear Red Day

Thursday
2/15

Parent Advisory Group (PAG) meeting
9:00-10:00 AM, [Zoom](#)

Monday
2/19

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Friday
2/23

Friday
3/1

Blue/Green Shirt Day

Friday
3/8

Middle School Student Council Zoom Family Scavenger Hunt
Time & details TBA

High School Student Council Early Spring Fling Dance
7:00-9:00 PM

Friday
3/15

All school Wear Green Day

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

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External Resources



Massachusetts Partnerships for Youth (MPY) is pleased to announce its new [MPY Parenting Solutions Library](#). The MPY Parenting Solutions Library is offered at no charge, in partnership with Peace At Home Parenting Solutions, a dynamic hub of trusted knowledge and compassionate support that inspires parents to create positive change for their children, their families and themselves. Through this new partnership, MPY is pleased to offer proven resources to help students' families thrive.



The Boston Ability Center is excited to share several upcoming presentations for parents, educators, SLPs, and students!

Wednesday, January 31st:
Faces, Voices, Social Expectations, and First Impressions: Insights from Autism

Join Dr. Ruth Grossman in a conversation about social communication and autism.

Thursday, Feb 8th:

**Childhood Speech Disorders:
Navigating Diagnosis and
Treatment**

Join Dr. Kristen Allison for a presentation on childhood speech disorders, with resources and tips for diagnosis and treatment.

**Thursday, February 22nd:
Let's Talk about Gestalt Language
Processing**

Join Boston Ability Center Speech-Language Pathologists for a discussion of assessment and treatment for gestalt language processors.

You can register to reserve your spot at **Boston Ability Center Upcoming Events - Wellesley Hills, Ma**

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