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Family Newsletter

March 1, 2024

Learning by doing



(Above left) Middle school students took advantage of the beautiful weather earlier this week to find real examples of measuring area and perimeter. (Above right) High school students learning the importance of handwashing by doing an experiment with pepper and soap, demonstrating how germs are spread.

Announcements

Middle School Family Scavenger Hunt

Join us **Friday, March 8** from 6:30-7:30 PM for a fun Family Scavenger Hunt! The event will be held on Zoom, and is for all Middle School students and their families.

To RSVP, please complete [this Google Form](#). We will send out a Zoom Link for the event the day before the event on Thursday, March 7.

Please contact Marla Jacobs (mjacobs@learningprep.org) or Bobby Britt (bbritt@learningprep.org) with any questions. See you there!

MS Book Fair volunteers

The Middle School Student Council will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair the week before April vacation starting **Wednesday, April 10 - Friday April 12**. We will be looking for family volunteers to help out during the school day to help run the Book Fair.

We will send out a Family Volunteer sign up form as we get closer to the Book Fair itself, but in order to volunteer you will need to fill out a CORI form, which can take a few weeks to be processed. If this is something you may be interested in doing, please email Marla (mjacobs@learningprep.org) or Bobby (bbritt@learningprep.org) and we will send you the paperwork to get started.

Please reach out to Marla or Bobby if you have any questions. Thank you!

Spring Celebration event

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 tlkalfopoulos@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

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:

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

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

Post High School Fair

The annual fair will be on **Friday, April 5** from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. Our unique fair focuses primarily on post high school programming for students with language based learning disabilities, and a variety of social

communication challenges. The fair is open to all LPS high school parents, and LPS 10th and 11th grade students.

The following programs scheduled to attend are (subject to change):

- Beacon College
- Chapel Haven
- College Living Experience
- College Internship Program
- Curry College
- Dean College
- Johnson and Wales
- Lesley Threshold
- Mansfield Hall
- Maplebrook
- Mass Bay Transitional Scholars
- Middlebridge
- SOAR/Embark
- Job Corps
- Lynn University
- Riverview Grow
- Beyond Akeela
- Ramapo
- Easter Seals College Navigator
- Lasell University
- Toni & Guy Hairdressing
- Bridgewater EXCEL
- New England Institute of Technology

To RSVP, contact **Michelle Cuddy** at mcuddy@learningprep.org by March 15.

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

[2023-24 Family Directory \(Excel\)](#)

[2023-24 Family Directory \(PDF\)](#)

Important Dates

Friday
3/8 Middle School Student Council Zoom Family Scavenger Hunt
6:30-7:30 AM
[RSVP here](#)

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

Friday
3/15 All school Wear Green Day

Thursday
3/21 Partners in Education (PIE) meeting
9:00-10:00 AM, [Zoom](#)

Thursday
3/28 No school, Professional Development Day

Friday
3/29 No school, Good Friday

Friday
4/5 Blue/Green Tshirt Day

Post High School Fair
10:00-12:00 PM

Friday
4/12 Early release
11:00 AM

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

Quick Links

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Parent Facebook
Group

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Support LPS

2023-24 Calendar

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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.

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