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# Family Newsletter

March 22, 2024

## Game on



*(Above left) Middle school students learning about life in Mesopotamia and how to play the world's oldest board game, The Royal Game of Ur. (Above right) The whole school participated in a Pep Rally to support our High School Basketball Team's last game.*

## Announcements

*HS Info Session & Tour*

As promised, we are happy to offer an in-person High School Info Session and Tour to all LPS Middle School families. The event will be on **Tuesday, April 2** from 8:00-9:30 AM, here on campus, and 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
- And include a tour of the High School

Middle school families in grades 6-8 are highly encouraged to attend. To RSVP, please complete [this short form](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Korina Martin, Director of Admissions at [kmartin@learningprep.org](mailto:kmartin@learningprep.org).

### *After School Program registration is open!*

The spring session of the After School Program will begin on **Monday, April 8**.

Registration is open now through **Wednesday, April 3**. This session we are offering volleyball, movie making, art, cooking, video games, music appreciation, D&D, and much more! You can find information and register your student at [students.arbitersports.com/learning-prep-school](https://students.arbitersports.com/learning-prep-school).

If you have any questions please email our After School Program Coordinator Marianne Verhaegen at [mverhaegen@learningprep.org](mailto:mverhaegen@learningprep.org).

# LEARNING PREP SCHOOL

## ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE

MAY 1 - 15

MON-FRI 8AM-2PM

SAT 9AM-1PM

Our students have been hard at work all winter and spring in their horticulture classes! Support our amazing school and pick up some beautiful spring plantings for your home and garden:

- Veggies and Herbs
- Flowering Annuals
- Potted Plants
- And More!

SEE YOU AT  
LPS!

📍 1507 Washington St. West Newton, MA

📞 (617) 965-0764

🌐 [www.learningprep.org](http://www.learningprep.org)



### *Middle School family event*

Save the Date for the next Middle School Family Event on **April 6**, 2024 from 5:30-8:30 PM at Grace Chapel in Lexington, MA. More details coming soon!



### *Health screenings*

The Nursing Office will be conducting student health screenings from April through the beginning of June. Please take a moment to review [the attached information](#) with details and the schedule for these screenings. You may reach out the nurses directly by emailing the office at [nurses@learningprep.org](mailto:nurses@learningprep.org) if you have any questions.

## *Summer Program registration is open!*

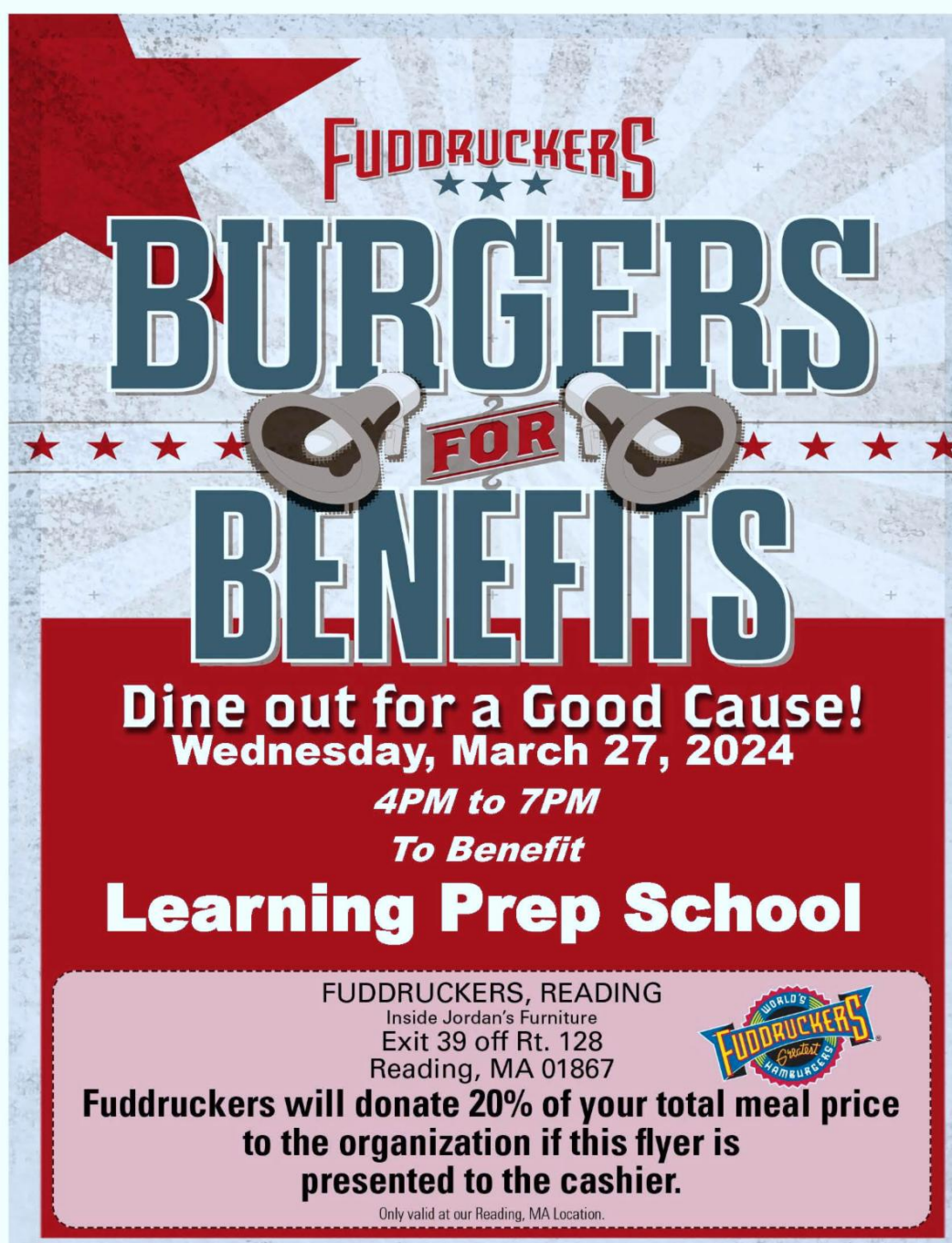
Learning Prep School's 2024 [Summer Program](#) (Extended Year Program referred to as EYP) is a 3-week program designed to maintain progress and prevent substantial regression through structured, fun, and enriching academic and social experiences in a language-based environment. Modeled after our year-round school program, our summer program is open to both current LPS students and the public once again this year!

Program dates are **Monday, July 8 - Friday, July 26**. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8am – 2pm. Tuition is \$4,036 for the full 3 weeks.

[Register now](#)

## *Fundraiser at Fuddruckers*





### *MS Book Fair volunteers*

The Middle School Student Council will host a Scholastic Book Fair from **Tuesday April 9 - Thursday April 11**. This is a great opportunity for your student to purchase books to read and help our school! If you are able to volunteer to work at the Book Fair, please sign up here: [Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up](#). Please write your name, your email address, and the times you are able to volunteer.

All volunteers need to complete a CORI form, please email Marla ([mjacobs@learningprep.org](mailto:mjacobs@learningprep.org)) or Bobby ([bbritt@learningprep.org](mailto:bbritt@learningprep.org)), and we will get a form to you.

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

*Let's celebrate LPS!*

LEARNING PREP SCHOOL PRESENTS

# Sky Full of Stars

Thursday, April 25, 2024  
6-9 PM

Boston Marriott  
2345 Commonwealth Ave Newton, MA



Join us for a cocktail reception and dinner in celebration of Learning Prep's amazing students and community.

All proceeds will go to support the Learning Prep School Family & Friends Fund.

Kindly register by Friday, April 5.

Scan QR code or click below link for:

★ [Sponsorship & ticket purchases](#) ★

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available



\$100  
per ticket

Questions? Contact Lisa Kalfopoulos at  
[lkalfopoulos@learningprep.org](mailto:lkalfopoulos@learningprep.org)

## 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:

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

PAG (Parent Advisory Group) meetings:

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

## *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

## *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

## Important Dates

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Tuesday  
**3/26**

Pajama Day

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Wednesday  
**3/27**

Fundraiser at Fuddruckers  
*4:00-7:00 PM, 50 Walkers Brook Dr, Reading, MA*

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Thursday  
**3/28**

No school, Professional Development Day

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Friday  
**3/29**

No school, Good Friday

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Friday  
**3/29**

No school, Good Friday

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Wednesday  
**4/3**

Deadline to register for After School Program (Spring session)  
[Register here](#)

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Friday  
**4/5**

Blue/Green Tshirt Day  
  
Post High School Fair  
*10:00-12:00 PM*  
  
*High School Student Council Pizza & Trivia*  
*3:00-5:00 PM*

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Saturday  
**4/6**

Middle School Family event  
*5:30-8:30 PM, Lexington, MA*  
Details TBA soon

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Monday  
**4/8**

After School Program (Spring session) begins

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Tuesday

After School Program (Spring session) begins



4/9

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Thursday

4/11

Thursday

4/11

Family Night

6:00-7:30 PM

More details to come

Friday

4/12

Early release

11:00 AM

Monday

4/15

No school, April Break

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Friday

4/19

Thursday

4/25

Parent Advisory Group (PAG) meeting

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

*'Sky Full of Stars' Spring Celebration*

*Boston Newton Marriott, 6:00-9:00 PM*

[Buy tickets here](#)

Wednesday

5/1

Plant Sale begins

Monday-Friday 8:00-2:00 PM, Saturdays 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Friday

5/3

Blue/Green Tshirt Day

Saturday

5/4

Pizza & Pickleball Family Event

*Details TBA soon!*

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

## Quick Links

Parent Facebook  
Group

Support LPS

Lunch Menu

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and early dismissals to:

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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.



### Little League Challenger Division

This fun and instructional league will teach basic skills of baseball & softball. Players will participate in drills, games and be part of a team. Challenger is geared toward children with neurodivergent profiles and/or physical or intellectual differences but inclusive of any player who requires support to play the game.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the program, details and registration information.

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