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Top center: A music themed New Orleans mural in rising flood waters.

## LZHS Jazz Band Seeks Your Help in Bringing the Music Back to New Orleans

On February 9, the Lake Zurich High School (LZHS) Jazz Band will participate in the New Trier Jazz Festival. Each year, the festival has made an effort to raise money for various charities. This year, they have chosen the Tipitinas Foundation



([www.tipitinasfoundation.org](http://www.tipitinasfoundation.org)) which is making a concentrated effort to replace the thousands of musical instruments that were lost in the New Orleans area during Hurricane Katrina.

The LZHS Jazz Band is seeking the community's support in this fund raising effort. Band Director **Joshua Thompson** wants any functional used or new musical instruments

that people would be willing to donate to the Tipitinas Foundation. Musical instruments can be dropped off at the main office of Lake Zurich High School before February 9. The LZHS Jazz Band will then work with New Trier High School and the Tipitinas Foundation to get the instruments into the hands of eager young musicians.

For more information on how you can help, email Joshua Thompson ([josh.thompson@lz95.org](mailto:josh.thompson@lz95.org)) or call him at (847) 540-4319.



Lower center: Young musicians march in New Orleans, LA.

## Sarah Adams Initiative Brings Book Activities to Life

Sarah Adams recently began a new reading initiative to specifically target readers at their own instructional level. One of the groups read **A Single Shard**, by **Linda Sue Park**, which is a heartwarming story about an orphan who apprentices as a potter.

One of the techniques described in the book was a technique called Celadon glazing, which produces a clear greenish tinged glaze. Paring together, **Mrs. Wippman** the gifted specialist and art teacher **Ms. LaJeunesse** created an activity to make the



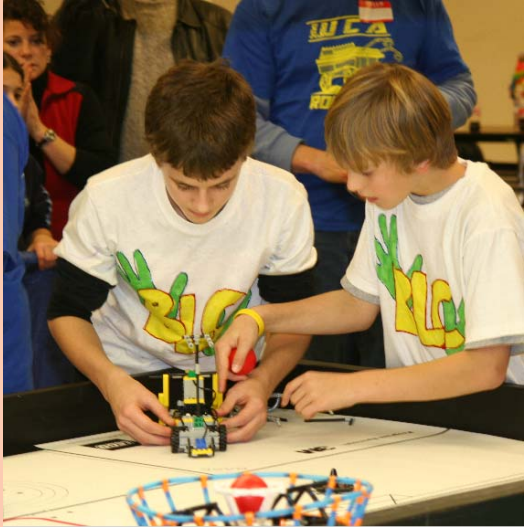
techniques described in the book come alive. Each student created their own Korean teacup, with authentic designs taken from a Korean newspaper, and art books.

After working with the clay, the students really understood the difficulties the potter must have gone through in the book.

According to Wippman, overall, it was a very enriching experience for the students.

Right: Sarah Adams students work on their **A Single Shard** projects. (photo provided)

# Lego Bots Compete at LZHS Saturday, Jan. 12



Tomorrow, January 12, beginning at 8:00 a.m., Lake Zurich High School will host to 16 area teams competing for the chance to move on to the FIRST LEGO® League's "Power Puzzle" Challenge statewide competition. FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is an organization

founded to inspire interest in science and engineering among young people.

How do our personal energy choices to heat our homes, fuel our cars, charge our cell phones, power our computers, or even download music to our iPods impact the environment, economy, and life around the globe? Which resources should we use and why? Explore how energy production and consumption choices affect the planet and our quality of life today, tomorrow, and for future generations. Can FIRST LEGO® League teams find the ultimate solution to this global Power Puzzle?

FIRST and The LEGO® Company created FIRST LEGO® League based on their common belief that fun and learning shouldn't be separate, and that an inspired mind can accomplish anything it sets out to do. Each year a different game challenge is designed which gives kids the opportunity to solve real-world problems. Students, ages nine to fourteen, form teams to design, build and program robots using LEGO® Mindstorms™ Robotics Invention System™ technology. Working with team members, mentors and teachers, students apply engineering know-how, computer programming skills, and presentation techniques as they compete to best solve the annual challenge.

Over 10,000 teams of 100,000 students worldwide will compete in local tournaments culminating in The FIRST LEGO® League World Festival in Atlanta in April 2008.

"FIRST LEGO® League unleashes potential. Kids learn just how much they can accomplish with science and technology. It shows them they can design and create a video game, not just play it", said Dean Kamen, founder of FIRST. Teams in this tournament will include those from Lake Zurich, Barrington, Fox River Grove,

Ingleside, Palatine, Willowbrook and Winnebago. Students will design, build, and program their robot to autonomously perform a complex set of tasks. Additionally, teams will be measured by other factors including a research project, project presentation, and team spirit. The tournament is a fun event and is open to the general public. Admission is free.

More details about the event can be found at the ILFLL InSciTe website at <http://insciteillinois.org>. For any questions not answered by the website, please contact David April at [david.april@syclo.com](mailto:david.april@syclo.com). **About FIRST FIRST**, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, designs accessible and innovative programs to build self-confidence, knowledge and life skills, while motivating young people to pursue opportunities in science, technology and engineering. FIRST sanctions two science competitions, the FIRST Robotics competition for high school students, and the FIRST LEGO League for middle school students. Through the FIRST Robotics competition, today more than 800 teams participate in North America in a total of 23 regional events and a championship event.

For more information, visit these websites: <http://insciteillinois.org> (for information about Illinois events) <http://www.firstlegoleague.org> (for information about FIRST Lego League International) <http://www.usfirst.org> (for information about FIRST).

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## Coach Stortz Joins High School Musical Cast

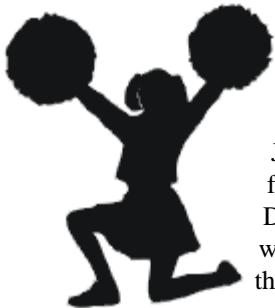


**Bryan Stortz**, head football coach of the Class 7A Championship LZHS Varsity Football Team, will appear as Coach Jack Bolton in the Lake Zurich High School production of *High School Musical* on stage Jan. 25 and 26 at 7 p.m., and Jan 26 & 27 at 2 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center of Lake Zurich High

School. Prices are only \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, students and children.

Don't delay or Coach Stortz may have you running laps! Call the ticket hotline at 847.540.4740, or order on the web at [boxoffice@lz95.org](mailto:boxoffice@lz95.org) and avoid the additional \$2 for tickets at the door.

## Come Cheer for the Cheerleaders this Sunday



Lake Zurich High School will host the North Suburban Conference (NSC) cheerleading championship this Sunday, January 13, with schools from both Lakes and Prairie Divisions competing. There will be one winner in each of the divisions, and then one grand champion of the NSC.

New this year, the Junior Varsity teams of the conference schools will also be competing on Sunday for the one trophy at their level.

In addition to the conference, the LZHS Bears 8th Annual Invitational cheerleading competition will follow the conference championship, making it a very busy day at the high school, as 90 cheer teams will be competing throughout the day. So, drop by and cheer for those that cheer for so many others during the school year.

## Clothes Dryer Safety



A recent fire in a clothes dryer left a family out of their home during the Holidays and has prompted the Lake Zurich Fire/Rescue Department to ask each member of the community to review the following safety tips:

- Empty the lint screen in your dryer after every load of clothes.
- Check the vent area behind your dryer to

make sure that the flexible and/or hard pipe vent connections are tight and that there is no accumulation of lint.

- Make sure that the flexible vent pipe is UL approved (no plastic) and not TOO long. The pipe should be just long enough to allow movement of the dryer for cleaning or service. A flexible vent pipe that is too long will allow lint to collect and build up in the pipe and not be exhausted the way it should.
- Take the dryer and lint pipe apart at least once a year and clean it completely. If you are uncomfortable doing this, call a repair person.
- Make sure the flexible gas line attached to the dryer is UL approved and free from kinks. It should also be connected to a shut off valve on the supply side.
- Make sure an operating smoke detector is placed in close proximity of the laundry area for early smoke detection.

The truth is lint is a collection of fiber particles that are very easily ignited. Campers know that a small amount of lint may even become a campfire with mechanical friction to ignite it. Over a period of time every clothes drying appliance becomes a roost for a varied amount of lint. The heating mechanism, the mechanical actions necessary to rotate the dryer, or the electrical components are all sources of heat that can ignite the lint.

Should you experience a dryer fire, please do the following immediately:

- Call 911 and report a fire
- If possible, turn the appliance off
- If possible, close the door to the room
- Get everyone out of the house

The Lake Zurich Fire/Rescue Department wants you to use our services by helping to protect your family and home. For more information, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 540-5073.

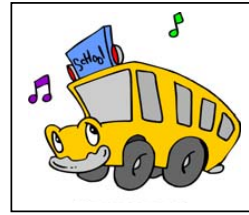
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# Are you ready for Kindergarten?



**Community Unit School District 95's** registration period for Kindergarten will run from:

**February 5 to March 3, 2008**

Learn more about registering your child by attending **Kindergarten Information Night** on **February 5th** beginning at **6 p.m.** at your local elementary school. For more information, contact your local elementary school:

Charles Quentin School	847-438-2420
Isaac Fox School	847-540-7020
May Whitney School	847-438-2351
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# ¿Estas listo para Kindergarten?



El periodo de registro para Kindergarten en el Distrito Escolar 95 es:

**5 de febrero a 3 de marzo, 2008**

Aprenda más sobre el registro para su hijo/a en la junta Noche de Información para Kindergarten el 5 de febrero comenzando a la 6:00 PM en su escuela elemental. Para más información, llame a su escuela local:

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