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## School Board Nominating Petitions Available

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*The mission of Lake Zurich Community Unit School District 95 is to inspire all students to be passionate, continuous learners and to prepare them with the skills to achieve their goals and flourish as responsible, caring citizens in a global community.*

Nominating petition forms for the April 17, 2007 school board election in Community Unit School District 95 are now available. Forms may be picked up in the office of the Superintendent at 400 S. Old Rand Road, Lake Zurich, on any business day between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

A school board candidate's petition must be filled in the same office no earlier than 8 a.m., on Monday, January 29, and no later than 5 p.m., Monday, February 5.

Candidates' names will appear on the election ballot in the order in which their nominating papers are received in the secretary's office.

Three seats on the seven-member Board of Education will be filled at the April 17 election. Candidates elected will serve four-year terms expiring in April, 2011.

To be eligible to serve, a school board member must be, on the date of election, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, a registered voter, and a resident of the State of Illinois and the school district for at least one year immediately preceding the election.

Elections are nonpartisan and board candidates do not indicate a political party affiliation. Candidates should be aware of financial conflict-of-interest limitations set forth in state law.

Nominating papers may be filed by the candidate in person, by mail or by an agent. They consist of the following:

- Nominating petitions signed by at least 50 registered voters residing within the district. Petitions must be securely bound together

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## LZ Cheerleaders Have Busy Weekend

January 14 will be a busy day at Lake Zurich High School (LZHS). Over 80 cheerleading teams will be competing throughout the day in the North Suburban Conference (NSC) Championship. Thirteen teams will participate with the hopes of placing first in the Prairie Division or the Lakes Division. There will be one Grand Champion trophy given to a team who will be the North Suburban Conference Champion.

Following the NSC competition, the day will continue with the Seventh Annual Bears



Cheerleading Invitational with middle school teams, freshman, Co-Ed, JV and Varsity teams. Awards will be given in each division.

In other cheer news, special congratulations go to the Varsity Cheer Squad on taking third place at the National Cheerleading competition in Dallas, TX. With 25 girls competing, LZ was in the Super

Large Varsity division. Over 25 states were represented in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the annual national competition, with nearly 175 teams competing in the two-day event. The top three teams in each division will be televised on April 2 on Fox Sports Network.

## President Teddy Talks

**Right:** Derek Evans as President Roosevelt speaks to students at MSN. (Photo provided by Jackie Haney)



On January 9, President Teddy Roosevelt (actor **Derek Evans**) spoke to the eighth grade Social Studies classes at Middle School North (MSN) about his life and times. The event was sponsored by the MSN PTO.

## Pinocchio, the Musical

“Honesty is the best policy” is just one of the many lessons to be learned from the engaging fairy tale *Pinocchio, A Musical Adventure*. Travel with Pinocchio as he meets Kitty and Fox and finds out he should have listened to his father’s advice: “Don’t talk to strangers.”

*Pinocchio, A Musical Adventure* opens January 26 at 7 p.m. with additional shows on January 27 at 2 & 7 p.m. The last show is January 28 at 2 p.m.

Advanced ticket prices are only \$8 for adults and only \$6 for children (through high school) and seniors. Tickets at the door are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. Call the ticket hotline at 847-540-4740 for reservations.



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with pages numbered consecutively, and each page must carry the notarized signature of the petition circulator.

- Statement of candidacy, which includes a request that the candidate’s name be placed in the official ballot, the address of the candidate, the office sought, and a statement that the candidate is qualified for the office and has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.
- A receipt from the county clerk showing that the candidate has filed the statement of economic interests as noted above.
- A loyalty oath, which is optional. A candidate may choose to file it or not.

Other important dates for candidates are:

- **Tuesday, February 13:** last day for filing objections to a candidate’s nominating papers in the office of Mrs. Marsha Smyser, Secretary to the Board of Education.
- **Thursday, February 15:** last day for a candidate to withdraw from nomination.
- **Tuesday, April 15:** last day to file a notarized declaration of interest to be a write-in candidate.

Further information on becoming a candidate in the April 17 board election may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Marsha Smyser, Secretary to the Board of Education, (847) 540-4963.

For more information about the nature and duties of serving on a school board, contact the Illinois Association of School Boards for a free booklet, “Your School Board and You.” Write IASB, 2921 Baker Drive, Springfield, IL 62703. The booklet is also available at the IASB web site: [www.iasb.com/free\\_pubs.htm](http://www.iasb.com/free_pubs.htm).

## CQ Gem Miners Sparkle

A Lego team comprised of students from Charles Quentin and Sarah Adams competed in the regional Lego Tournament in Lake Forest on December 16 and qualified to compete in the State Tournament today and tomorrow in Arlington Heights.

Team members used Lego Mindstorms and a special software program to pre-program a robot to complete “missions” on the competition table. The team must also complete a technical presentation and make a research presentation before the judges. The theme this year was nanotechnology and the Gem Miners won a trophy for best research presentation. Gem Miners team members are **Kyle Binder, David Crisler, Thomas Petrovic, Savannah Shuster, Taylor Kehnemuyi, Mathew Meyle, Timmy Meyle** and **Michael Venetos**.

## Charity Bash Sets Record

This year's Lake Zurich High School Charity Bash raised \$36,163—more than \$13,000 higher than any previous year! This year's record amount brings the four year total for the Charity Bash to over \$101,000.

According to student council advisor **Chris Bennett**, Over 42 high school student groups planned activities for Charity Bash. Events and activities included ice cream at events, a dodge ball tournament, selling cookies in classes, bake sales during lunch, gift wrapping, a spaghetti dinner for the parents, penny wars between the band-choir-orchestra, a school coffee house, selling gummy bears, and a rock-paper-scissors tournament during the lunches.

The school's alumni kicked in with an Alumni Talent Show, organized by **Mike Nicoletti**, as a tribute to **Billy Misik**, Class of 2003 who passed away from a brain tumor last year. The talent show raised more than \$6,000.

The high school faculty also got into the act with a Student Faculty auction that raised over \$7,800. A large part of the auction's success was the contributions to the auction from 120 local businesses.

In addition to the high school groups, Isaac Fox and Charles Quentin elementary schools and Middle School South participated in the bash by planning hat days and movie nights for their schools.

Taken together, it all added up to both great fun and great funds for this year's charity, the American Brain Tumor Association.

## Get in on the Action!

Community Unit School District 95 is still seeking staff, parents, students and interested community

member volunteers to serve on action teams which will develop the necessary steps for successfully implementing the five strategies of the district's strategic plan. The plan was renewed last spring and approved by the Board of Education on May 25.

The five action teams and their leaders include:

Staff Commitment: **Dr. Deb Bruemmer, Bob Vossel**

Community Commitment: **Ellen Schnur**  
Trust & Collaboration: **Kara Dohman, Rocky Kleinschmidt**

Recruitment/Retention: **Stefan Ladenburger, Noreen Rabe**

Curriculum/Learning Opportunities: **Dr. Nate Carter, Leslie Kovich**

Action teams will begin meeting in January with their final product due next spring.

The finished action plans will then be reviewed by the Strategic Planning Steering Committee before being submitted to the school district and its Board of Education.

If you are willing to participate on an Action Team, simply call the district's Office of Communications, (847) 540-5489. For more information, visit the district's strategic plan web site at [www.lz95.org/strategic](http://www.lz95.org/strategic).



## Finance Forum

The public is invited to a Board Forum on District Finances on January 24, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the Little Auditorium at Lake Zurich High School. Led by Board members **Jame Hussey** and **Roger Tieman**, the forum will focus on such topics as the 2005-06 audit results, the 2006-07 budget, the annual cost per student, and other financial items. Much of the time will be devoted to answering questions from the audience.

## Giving Trees at Isaac Fox



It has become a tradition at Isaac Fox Elementary School to set up Giving Trees on which they collect mittens, hats, gloves, and scarves for the students at Little Fort School in Waukegan. This year's collection resulted in trees that were overflowing in their bounty.

