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Student Journalists Seek Stories of Veterans

Tuesday, November 11, was Veterans Day, a time to remember and honor the contribution of individuals who have served our country in the armed forces in wars past and present. November 11 was also Armistice Day, marking the symbolic end of World War I in 1918. As such, when

President Dwight Eisenhower signed the bill creating the national holiday, he also called on Americans everywhere “to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace.”

Last year, the School District 95 Educational Foundation awarded funds to the broadcast journalism program at Lake Zurich High School to create the Lake Zurich Veterans Memory Project. (A more detailed description of the project follows.) The broadcast journalism students will be conducting interviews of local veterans of all conflicts and donating the footage to the national archives as well as editing the interviews for archiving in Lake Zurich.

The student journalists need your help today. If you know the name of a Lake Zurich veteran of any war of any generation, please email English teacher and broadcast journalism advisor **Mark Dolce** at mark.dolce@lz95.org with 1) the person’s full name; and 2) any helpful information on how to locate or contact that individual. The journalists will then contact that veteran to see if he or she would be interested in participating. The journalists will begin pre-interviews over the next few months with final on-camera interviews happening in the



late winter/spring of 2009. Please feel free to share this information with interested parties outside of the school district.

Description of Project

The name of the project is the Lake Zurich Veterans Memory Project, based on and inspired by the Veterans History Project, an

initiative by **Ken Burns**, the renowned documentary filmmaker who made the monumental documentary series on World War II entitled ‘The War’. The project will seek to document through video interviews, the lives and experiences of local veterans of foreign wars and conflicts, including the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The project will be carried out primarily by students in the Broadcast Journalism II classes at the high school. They will be responsible for conducting research and pre-interview work, and filming and editing the interviews of local veterans. The interview footage will then be donated to the federally administered Veterans History Project (<http://www.loc.gov/vets/>), and the edited interviews will be made available locally, perhaps at local libraries and historical societies. The goals of the project include not only preserving the memories of local veterans, but allowing the students the opportunity to enhance their interviewing skills and perhaps more important, to expose them to the experience of fellow citizens of a different generation. The ancillary benefit of the project will be increased community awareness of the lives of veterans.

LZHS Band to Play at Northwestern U. Bball Game



On Monday, December 15, the Lake Zurich High School (LZHS) pep band will be serving as the home pep band for a Northwestern University (NU) men’s basketball game at Welsh-Ryan Arena. The band will begin playing at 6:30 p.m., with a 7:00 p.m. tip-off.

“With NU students on break, they’ve asked us to come and add our special sort of enthusiasm to the game,” said band director **Joshua Thompson**.

The NU pep band performance will come the day after the LZHS band’s holiday concert on December 14, and then playing at the LZHS basketball game on Tuesday night, December 16, so it will be a busy week for the students who play at both games.

Far Right: The LZHS Cross Country team. (photo courtesy of Courtney May)

North Musicians Play at IMEA Fest

Well done Middle School North (MSN) Band and Orchestra students! Last month, MSN was well represented at the

Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) Festival as five of the students performed with their groups in front of a crowd of 2,000. To make it into these prestigious



groups, band and orchestra students from northern Illinois participated in a rigorous audition process and earned themselves a spot in their respective groups.

For the band, about 450 students from Northern Illinois auditioned for 125 places and in orchestra approximately 200 students auditioned for 125 places. Middle School North students who were selected to participate were: **Owen Zhu, Jori Edgington, and Jeffrey Kornfeld** from the band and **Desiree Rowan, and Casey Dahl** from the MSN orchestra. Congratulations to these fine student musicians!

The groups sounded great as some of the best student musicians from northern Illinois got the chance to play together. Since the students are not usually together there was a lot of work to do on the day of the festival. Every student had prepared their music ahead of time on their own, but the long rehearsals on that day were the first time they had all played in their group. All the groups rehearsed for about four and a half hours before the big concert that afternoon. All the hard work, the years of practicing and the hours of exhausting rehearsal paid off. Anyone who heard the concert was amazed at the ability of these highly competent students. They played difficult music at a level usually only heard in high school.

Congratulations again to these outstanding students who made it into this prestigious IMEA Festival and well done to the band and orchestra for their ongoing work in producing excellent music at MSN!

Cross Country Runners Take Conference!



The Lake Zurich High School boys cross country team hot-footed it to a conference championship and qualified for state as a team. **Gerry Perez** was conference, regional, and sectional champ. At the state cross country meet he placed tenth, making him an all-state athlete. All seven of the varsity runners were all-conference: Perez, **Andrew Morrison, Francisco Soto, Paul Geimer, Jordan Pavlovich, Jake Paulus and Pat Juras**). **Jon Smith** was the freshman conference champ. The junior varsity (JV) team were also the JV conference champs. **J.B. Hanson** is the team's head coach and **Courtney May** the assistant coach.

Watch Out!



It's Coming...

November 18

SCHOOL DISTRICT 95
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Middle School Parents Go Back to School



Middle school parents from both Middle School North and Middle School South went back to school November 5 to attend Parent University-Part I to learn from and ask questions of MSS Principal **David Gardner**, MSN Counselor **Jackie Giese**, and **Dr. Timothy Hull**.

The forum, coordinated by Parent University, was designed to give parents what they have asked for - a more frequent opportunity to get together with other parents to discuss issues that they are experiencing in their family, coupled with a workshop focusing on how to better communicate with their children.

The 3-person panel addressed questions like:

- What are some of the situations that your child is exposed to in middle school?
- What difficult decisions are they faced with each day?
- What can you do to help your child make the right choices?
- How is your child coping with peer pressure at this difficult age?

Dr. Hull also talked about the price of privilege and dealing with parental pressure. As part of his discussion, Dr. Hull addressed topics from a book written by **Madeline Levine**: *"The Price of Privilege; How Parental Pressure and Material Advantage Are Creating a Generation of Disconnected and Unhappy Kids"*.

While focusing on middle schools, the free event was open to all interested parents.

MSN Artwork Featured at Ela Public Library



In addition to the treasure trove of books, CDs, DVDs and other media at the Ela Area Public Library, patrons have been able to view 60 pieces of art from students in all three grade levels at Middle School North that has been on display of the second floor of the library by the north windows.

If you haven't seen this beautiful artwork, you should stop by the library; check out the art and a few books before November 16. At that time, MSN art teacher **Jacqui Bevan** will change out the display with other art, which will be on display until the first week of December.

Far Left: Parents listen to the panel at Parent University - Part I at Middle School North. (photo courtesy of **Jeff Platt**)

Above: A display of Middle School North art work at the Ela Area Public Library. (photo provided by **Jacqueline Bevan**)

Where are they now?



Anna Steltenpohl, a 2002 graduate of Lake Zurich High School, is currently playing **Second Oboe/English Horn** for the Rochester (NY) Philharmonic Orchestra. Steltenpohl is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music and The Juilliard School in New York City.

She has performed as principal oboe with the New York City Ballet Orchestra, Honolulu Symphony,

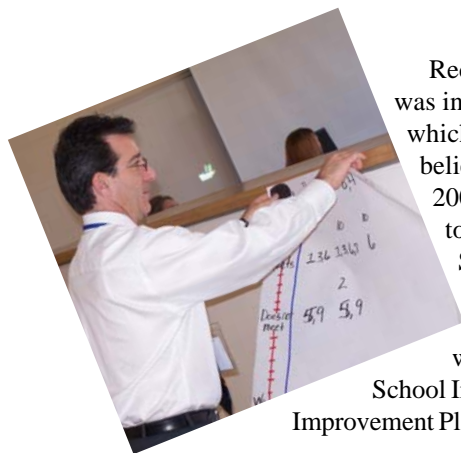
Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, and New Jersey Symphony. According to the RPO website, Steltenpohl has attended the Pacific Music Festival and the Aspen Music Festival.

In addition to being featured on National Public Radio's nationally syndicated "From the Top," she and her twin sister **Lisa**, a violist, have starred in the educational video series "Musical Encounters" and on Philadelphia television.

Left: **Anna Steltenpohl** (photo courtesy of Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra)

A Day at the Data Spa

Recently, a team from each school in District 95 was involved in a day-long workshop during which each school articulated what their building believed about student learning; examined the 2007-2008 Stakeholder Survey and related it to their building; evaluated the 2007-2008 School Improvement Plan; and drafted a school improvement plan. The product for each school of this day-long retreat was an executive summary of the 2007-2008 School Improvement Plan and the 2008-2009 School Improvement Plan.



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