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Firefighters Give Girl a Special Lift to School

Suzanne Zborowski, a fourth grader at Charles Quentin School, got a very special lift to school on Monday, December 3, thanks to a Lake Zurich Fire Department fire truck.

There was no fire or emergency, Suzanne had earned the ride for helping another very special little girl.

On November 11, there was a special Oktoberfest fundraiser at St. Francis Church for **Taylor Radtke**, a seven-year-old from Johnsburg who had a rare tumor removed back in October. Taylor's story and that of her family, including her firefighter father, was covered in a special series in *The Daily Herald*.

While at the fundraiser, there was a live auction and several silent auctions taking place. The one silent auction of particular interest to Suzanne was a Lake Zurich fire truck ride from home to school.



Suzanne and another student from May Whitney Elementary School both were bidding to win the ride—a once in a lifetime opportunity for any school-aged child.

Both girls continued to bid against each other throughout the evening. Since there were only two girls bidding, one of them would have been very disappointed if she didn't

win. Since both girls were so interested in bidding on the prize, Lake Zurich Fire Chief **Terry Mastandrea** declared them both winners, to the delight of both girls.

When the morning of Suzanne's fire truck ride from home to school arrived, she was excited and ready to climb aboard. The fire truck arrived at her home at 7:45 am, with three firemen as her escort. Suzanne got to go up on top of the truck and the fireman showed her all of their equipment before heading off to school. The exciting ride gave Suzanne a great story to share with her teacher and classmates.



JV Cheer Themselves on to Victory!



The winning tradition continues at Lake Zurich High School, with the Lake Zurich High School Junior Varsity (JV) Cheerleaders bringing home their first championship of the season.

In their very first competition of the year, the JV cheer squad took first place on December 2, at Sandburg High School. The squad also received a champion banner for highest score of the day. According to their coach, **Meghan Netzel**, The team has worked very hard to perfect their routine.

Team members for this year's JV Cheer squad include: **Lisa Callahan, Lindsay Curtis, Kristen Donaldson, Megan**

Garlisch, Taylor Goggin, Cindy Hacker, Gianna Harris, Danielle Hofmann, Lindsey Hoofnagle, Rachel Madura, Amy Mason, Ainsley McNerney, Erin Muncer, Kristen Opsahl, Jenessa Poscopo, Mickee Runge, Kendra Schmidt, Sarah Seay, Paige Shaffer, Ally Straussner, Joni Vitucci, and Tiffany Westerlund.

LZ Band Marches On

The Lake Zurich High School Bears varsity football team was not the only LZHS group recognized for their performance at the 7A state championship on November 24. The LZHS Marching



Band—who performed at halftime on the field at U of I’s Memorial Field—also received applause and accolades from fans and sports

reporters alike. Lake County News Sun sports writer **Jeff Bonato** had some especially kind words for the band.

“Though the defensive unit for Lake Zurich High’s football team was unbelievably awesome, that group wasn’t even the best Lake Zurich High unit on the field at the University of Illinois on Saturday. That distinction belonged to the school’s marching band.

Here’s all you need to know about the performance of the school’s band at the game: If you’d said that it was a COLLEGE band performing on the field at halftime of Saturday’s game, everyone would have believed you. The way the members took the field ... the way they spelled out “L-Z-H-S” ... the way they ran from formation to formation ... it was just like the college bands do it. Obviously, everyone loves Lake Zurich High football coach Bryan Stortz these days, but somebody at LZHS really needs to give a shout-out to the person in charge of the band.”

The LZHS Marching Band also recently received national media exposure when they were chosen to march before Santa Claus at the end of Chicago’s McDonald’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. The TV commentators pointed out that the band wore custom Bear blue Santa Hats as they marched in the parade.

The band’s next major performance will be in the New Year’s Day Parade in London, England. The band is currently raising money for the cost of the overseas trip to London. If you would like to help them out with a donation, you can contact Band Director Josh Thompson at (847) 540-4204, or email him at josh.thompson@lz95.org.

Hoopsters Sweep Tourney



While the LZHS Football team was preparing to win its first ever state championship, another group of LZHS athletes, the boys’ varsity basketball team, were preparing to start their season at the Hoops for Healing Tournament. The team swept the tournament,

winning all four games! Another winner of the tournament was cancer research, which received all proceeds from the tournament.

The team began its tourney sweep with a victory over Woodstock at Woodstock on November 19. They then traveled to Belvidere High School, where they beat Cary Grove by one point on November 21. They followed that up with a 7 point victory over Grayslake North at Belvidere on November 23, and concluded their incredible victory run with an 18 point victory over McHenry on Saturday, November 24, at Woodstock.

According to head coach **John Zarr**, the team left immediately after their win on Saturday and headed south to Champaign to support the football team.

“Our kids have been very excited about the success that the football team has had and we realize that it sets a great tone for the athletic program and our building,” said Zarr. “We are attempting to build on that success.”

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Order Your State Champs Bears Gear NOW!



They're selling faster than ice water in the Sahara, so if you haven't yet purchased or ordered your 2007 Lake Zurich High School Bears State Football Championship t-shirt or hoodie, then NOW would be a good time to do so. All orders received by the Bear Boosters Store by December 11 will be filled prior to Christmas. The Bear Boosters Store, located in the LZHS cafeteria, is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday—when school is in session—from 10:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. All items are offered in the following sizes: youth small, medium and large; adult small, med., large, XL, XXL, XXXL

The attractive and highly sought after championship Bears gear includes:

- Black short sleeved t-shirt: \$15
- Black long sleeved t-shirt: \$20
- White hoodie: \$30
- Black hoodie: \$30

For your convenience, the Lake Zurich 2007 championship apparel order form is included in this e-newsletter on page 5. Orders must be accompanied with payment and can be dropped off in the LZHS Athletic Office or at the school's Bear Boosters Store. Remember that orders placed by December 11 will be filled before Christmas, so order extras for those hard to shop for LZ Bears fans.

For more information, contact **Pam Sirt**, (847) 726-2068, or email her at pbjlsz@comcast.net.

SL/MW Staff Charity B-Ball

As part of their fund raising activities in support of the 2007 Charity Bash, the staff members of Spencer Loomis Elementary School and May Whitney Elementary School will play against each other in a charity basketball game on December 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the gymnasium at May Whitney Elementary School, 100 Church Street, Lake Zurich. There are no tickets for the game. Instead, the schools are requesting donations at the game. Monies raised at the charity basketball game will go to the Lake Zurich High School's Charity Bash fund raising campaign to benefit the One Step at a Time camps for children with cancer.



Billed as the "silliest basketball game you will ever see," the game will feature favorite school staff members, special guest referees, half-time contests, refreshments, and a great time for the whole family in a nice, warm gymnasium. Game announcers will be school board president **Kathy Brown** and school board member **Jim Hussey**.

For more information, contact either Spencer Loomis Elementary School, (847)719-3300, or May Whitney Elementary School, (847)438-2351.

State Rep. Visits CQ Kids

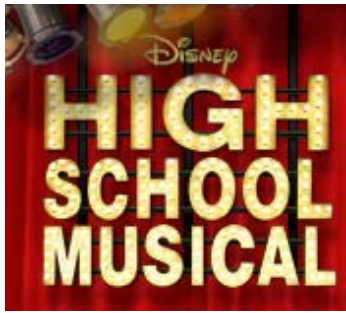
Citizenship and government came together in a rare opportunity for Charles Quentin students. In a recent address geared to intermediate level students, State Representative **Ed Sullivan, Jr.** spoke on key character traits that promote good citizenship. He also explained his role as a state representative in a way students could understand.



As any good politician would do, he asked the audience for input. He was swamped with raised hands by eager students who shared ideas and later asked questions. Many were interested in the laws he has personally been involved with, how the ideas came about, and how many laws were passed.

Rep. **Ed Sullivan, Jr.** answers students questions at Charles Quentin Elementary School. (photo and information provided by **Claudia Mall**)

High School Musical Coming to PAC in Jan.



Romeo & Juliet,
Tony & Maria,
Danny & Sandy,
Troy & Gabriella –
Parents take note:
Star crossed lovers
born on opposite
sides of the tracks
attract.

Lake Zurich Performing Arts Center presents
Disney's 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. Prices are
\$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, students and children.

Children's Theatre shows typically sell out.
Don't delay! Call the ticket hotline at 847.540.4740,
or order by email at boxoffice@lz95.org and avoid
the additional \$2 for tickets at the door.



Celebs Read to SP Kids

According
to school
staff
members and
parents, Seth
Paine's
November
Family
Reading
Week was a
great
success!

The families
of Seth Paine
School participated in fun reading activities each
evening for a week, with many students winning
prizes in the daily grade level drawing.

The highlight of the week was when
volunteer "celebrity readers" came to the school
and read to classrooms full of students. With the
theme this year of "Men Love to Read!" the
celebrity readers included a lot of men: **Dr. Brian
Knutson**, Superintendent; **Guy Trayling**,
Assistant Lake Zurich Fire Marshall; **Dr. Michael
Egan**, principal of Lake Zurich High School;
Detective Kurt Danielson, Lake Zurich Police
Department; **Bryan Stortz**, LZHS Teacher & state
championship football coach, and members of the
state champion Lake Zurich High School varsity
football team.



Above: Members of the
state champion LZHS
Bears football team talk
with Seth Paine School
students before reading
to them. (photo and
information provided by
Jan Boden)

Left: The cast of the
movie *High School
Musical*. (photo by
Disney/ABC)

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LAKE ZURICH 2007 CHAMPIONSHIP APPAREL

Orders can be dropped off in the athletic office or at the school store
during lunch on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
Orders placed by December 11th will be filled before Christmas.

BLACK SHORT SLEEVED T-SHIRT - \$15	QUANTITY	TOTAL
ADULT SMALL		
ADULT MEDIUM		
ADULT LARGE		
ADULT EXTRA LARGE		
ADULT 2X		
ADULT 3X		
YOUTH SMALL		
YOUTH MEDIUM		
YOUTH LARGE		
BLACK LONG SLEEVED T-SHIRT - \$20	QUANTITY	TOTAL
ADULT SMALL		
ADULT MEDIUM		
ADULT LARGE		
ADULT EXTRA LARGE		
ADULT 2X		
ADULT 3X		
YOUTH SMALL		
YOUTH MEDIUM		
YOUTH LARGE		
WHITE HOODIE - \$30	QUANTITY	TOTAL
ADULT SMALL		
ADULT MEDIUM		
ADULT LARGE		
ADULT EXTRA LARGE		
ADULT 2X		
ADULT 3X		
YOUTH SMALL		
YOUTH MEDIUM		
YOUTH LARGE		
BLACK HOODIE - \$30	QUANTITY	TOTAL
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ADULT LARGE		
ADULT EXTRA LARGE		
ADULT 2X		
ADULT 3X		
YOUTH SMALL		
YOUTH MEDIUM		
YOUTH LARGE		

TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

