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Our prayers and thoughts are with those affected by the tragedy that took place on Feb. 14, 2008 on the campus of Northern Illinois University.



All schools and offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 18, for the President's Day holiday.

Learning, Earning, Saving the Earth

A class of Middle School South seventh grade students wants you to help save the Earth when you shop, and they are making it easy for you to do so. The students doing their part to save the Earth while at the same time learning and even earning some money for their effort. The students—who have formed a Junior Achievement company known as the Earthly Eagles—are doing their part to protect the environment by selling reusable cloth tote bags. The bags are screen printed with a graphic of the globe on them and sell for only \$3 a piece, or two for \$5. So far, the Earthly Eagles have sold more than 800 of the eco-friendly bags.

The concept for Earthly Eagles began when MSS teachers **Mary Dooms** and **Lisa Linder** submitted a grant request to the School District 95 Educational Foundation's Teacher Innovation Grant (TIG) program (www.district95foundation.org). The foundation's TIG program funds innovative teacher

grants up to \$2,500. The Dooms/Linder grant was one of the first grants funded by the new school foundation, which has been in existence for less than a year.

"The District 95 Education Foundation grant gave us the necessary start up funds to launch this project," said Dooms. "Because of the grant, we were able to do some innovative learning with our students."

The students were responsible for developing their new company, researching products, developing promotional information, ordering, stocking, sales, and the other business functions of a new and growing company. The learn and earn



Can this bag really save the Earth?

experience has been a good experience for the students and provided area residents with an opportunity to replace the current plastic shopping bags they get at area stores with the more environmentally friendly reusable bags.

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See 80's Version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at MSS

The Lake Zurich Middle School South (MSS) Drama Club will present William Shakespeare's classic work *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on March 14 and 15, beginning at 7 p.m., at Middle School South. Tickets will only be \$5 at the door.

Shakespeare's plays are unique in that they can be set in any time period. At MSS, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will be set in the 1980's. The cast will be costumed like icons from the 1980's and the set will have a more contemporary look. The audience will enjoy Shakespeare's dialogue and story while also flashing back to fashion and music from that decade. More than 120 incredibly talented students at MSS auditioned for the play, with a final cast of 28. Auditions were run

by the Director, **Jennifer Fox Eberle**, and production assistant **Rebecca Hanrahan**. Students prepared two monologues, one from the play so directors could hear how the actors were interpreting Shakespearian language and the second, a more modern piece. To involve more students, the cast was expanded to include narrators who could also help the audience better understand the plot.

The crew is headed by **Kimberly Warren** who is also the mastermind behind the set design. Approximately 30 students comprise the stage crew and have been instrumental with design ideas and set creation.

Earthly Eagles (cont.)



Above: MSS Earthly Eagles share their environmental findings and their eco-friendly tote bag with Lake Zurich Mayor **John Tolomei**.

“This project integrates the curriculum, and has allowed our student entrepreneurs to become good ‘corporate citizens’ by investigating the environmental impact of plastic bags and proposing changes in consumer habits,” said Dooms.

The Earthly Eagles have shared their business and environmental findings with Lake Zurich Mayor **John Tolomei**, as well as Superintendent **Dr. Brian Knutson** and the District 95 Board of Education.

The students also chose company officers, which include: **Jerry Nigro**, President; **Jake Gadowski**, Vice President-Marketing; **Samantha Esser**, Vice President-Human Resources; **Brent Poynter**, Vice President-Finance; and **Matt Trujillo**, Vice President-Public Relations.

Other students participating in the Earthly Eagles company include **Alex Verde**, **Jen Jakobi**, **Fiona Rolfes**, **Robin**, **Stephanie Klein**, **Araina Mulle**, **Danielle Bendix**, **Megan O’Connell** and **Danielle Jones**.

According to Dooms and Linder, the Earthly Eagles’ product has been well received by consumers.

“Our initial inventory of 450 bags was sold out in two weeks, said Linder. “We ordered more bags and we will need to restock again.”

To order your Earthly Eagles bag, email earthlyeaglesclass@lz95.org, or call (847) 540-2727 or (847) 540-2730.

South Musicians Bring Home Top Ratings from Contest

The Lake Zurich Middle School South Music Department had an outstanding showing at this past Saturday’s Illinois Grade School Music Association’s (IGSMA) Solo and Ensemble Contest. Over 100 music students participated from South’s band, orchestra, and chorus programs.

A total of 60 events earned a “Division I: Superior” rating from the adjudicators and eleven events earned “Division II: Excellent” honors. Nine students were given the highest honor by achieving a “perfect score” on their performance. Students receiving this honor were **Laura Messerschmidt**, **Rachel Holbrook**, **Dana Lehmann**, **Alura Chung-Mehdi**, **Toby James**, **Soham Ali**, **Mark Noll**, **Nick Plewtong** and **Michael Zhang**.

The IGSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest was hosted at Daniel Wright Junior High School in Lincolnshire on February 9. More information can be found at www.IGSMA.org Lake Zurich is a member of IGSMA District VIII.



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Poms Place First, Head to State; Host *Mr. LZ* Contest



The Lake Zurich High School Varsity Poms Dance Team took first place in the AAA Open Pom category and third place in the AAA Hip Hop category at the Regional TEAM Dance Illinois (TDI) competition held at Schaumburg High School on Saturday, February 9. The LZHS Poms have qualified to compete in both the Open Pom and Hip Hop categories at the TDI State Championship in Peoria, IL on Sunday, March 2, 2008.

The LZHS Poms will also be hosting the 11th annual *Mr. Lake Zurich* contest on March 13, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) of Lake Zurich High School. Tickets will be available at the door. This extremely popular fundraiser features LZHS senior boys competing for the prestigious title of “*Mr. LZ.*” The following candidates selected by the girls of the senior class are: **Dylan Becker, Reid Bergstrom, Marco Braun, Bobby DeLeo, John Gage, Mark Ginter, Jon Janus, George Knebel, Zach Pope, Colin Schofield, Trey Smith, and Andrew Wilkin.**

The LZHS Poms are coached by **Colleen Moe** and **Lisa Andriano**. Members of the squad are: **Krista Aistars, Lilia Berman** (junior co-captain), **Lisa Berman, Nina Bianchi** (junior co-captain), **Amanda Carfagnini, Megan Casady, Lisa Hacker, Maureen Hagedorn, Molly Jardine, Danielle Leopardo, Haley Packer, Caroline Pardikes** (senior captain), **Molly Pennino, Meghan Riccio, Jenn Schwantz, Clare Simms, Athena Slejko, Jenna Smith, and Sarah Walding.**

Story Update: Bringing Back the Music

Thanks to the donations from students, staff and the community, the Lake Zurich High School Band donated 43 instruments and approximately 25 formal dresses to needy musicians and students in New Orleans.

MSN Music Students Score at Competition

The Middle School North (MSN) band, orchestra and chorus also participated in the annual IGSMAS Solo & Ensemble contest on February 9 at Daniel Wright Junior High School in Lincolnshire.



When the MSN students arrived at the school, they were greeted by hundreds of other student musicians from area schools. Performances were held in classrooms with a judge, who rated students on intonation, rhythm, stage presentation, and style. There



were approximately 10 other schools involved in the day-long contest, with more than 1000 solos and ensembles scheduled.

The enthusiasm of the MSN students was clearly evident as they began to return from their performances with high scores. Band students earned eight perfect scored events, 39 first place ratings, and 25 second place ratings. The orchestra students came home with one perfect scored event, 14 first place ratings and 14 second place ratings. Chorus earned a perfect scored event, eight first place ratings, and four second place ratings.

The following students earned perfect scores at contest. From Band: **Veronica B. (earned 3 perfect scores), Alex C., Joe H., Jeffrey K., Adam M., Anna M., Adam S., Rocky T., Kimmie V. (earned 3 perfect scores), Lauren W., Evan Y.** From Orchestra: **Bailey H., Desirae R., and Amy S.** From Chorus: **Kimmie V.**

Congratulations to the fine musicians from MSN who worked so hard for their successes!

Success for LZHS FBLA

Eighteen (18) members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) along with their adviser, **Cindy Klebba**, attended the Northern Area Conference that was held at Warren High School in Gurnee on February 2. These FBLA members competed at the competition and are pleased to announce that 16 of Lake Zurich High School's students placed in their area of competition.

The FBLA members are already looking forward to going to the state competition that will be held April 11 and 12 in Decatur, IL. Congratulations to the following students for their success!

- **Meghan Riccio**-Accounting II, sixth place
- **Kayla Madsen**-Business Calculations, fifth place, Who's Who in FBLA 5th place
- **Jeff Simnick**-Business Communications, second place
- **Brian Batten**-Business Math, second place
- **Connor Kuehr**-Business Procedures, first place
- **Tom Bohac**-Economics, second place; Battle of the Chapters-Qualified for state competition
- **Sutapa Adhikari, Amy Pietro and Maggie O'Connor**-Emerging Business Issues team event, first place
- **Alexa Haider and Dalia Kawas**-Entrepreneurship team event, sixth place
- **Kristen Extrom**-Marketing, fourth place
- **Becky Schmidt**-FBLA Principles & Procedures, second place
- **Katie Gruninger**-Introduction to Business, ninth place
- **David Messerschmidt**-Introduction to Technology Concepts, third place; Web Site Development 6th place

LZHS Student Honored



Lake Zurich High School senior **Allison Sill** has been selected from over 8,000 registrants by a panel of artists and educators, in her artistic discipline, as the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA) Illinois Regional Award winner in Theatre-Spoken and

Musical. This recognition cites Allison as one of the most accomplished artists who participated in youngARTS 2008 from Illinois!

Allison has entertained the community in Lake Zurich High School's productions of *Alice in Wonderland*, *Anything Goes*, *Honk, Beauty and the Beast*, *Urinetown*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Metamorphoses* and *High School Musical*. She is a member of Tri-M Music Honor Society, International Thespian Society, Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) District Choir, LZHS Concert Choir and Bare Voices member, applauding only some of her achievements.

In June 2008, Allison will receive an official certificate in recognition of her participation in the youngARTS program, and a cash award in recognition of her regional participation. This award will be presented at an official awards ceremony in Illinois.

Being a regional winner of the NFAA, youngARTS program is a widely recognized testimony to Allison's artistic achievement and promise!

Be a Part of the Tradition – Post Prom Odyssey Cruise

Post Prom has become a tradition and over the years close to 80 percent of those who attend prom, have chosen to continue in their personal celebration by cruising the remainder of the evening on beautiful Lake Michigan. Aboard *The Odyssey* students enjoy hors d'oeuvres and dance to music provided by a DJ and take in the scenic Chicago Skyline on the open deck.

The Bear Boosters are looking to the support of the parents and ask that they encourage their student to take advantage of this memorable evening. This is a chaperoned event and is always free of tobacco, alcohol and other illegal substances.

The Bear Boosters greatly subsidize *The Odyssey Cruise* and the coach buses used to transport students to and from Navy Pier through fundraising efforts and contributions from individuals, businesses, community organizations and municipalities. The Bear Boosters would like to thank Ellettsville Township and The Fidelity Group—John and Bobbie Sfire—for their continued support. Also, thanks to all who ordered wreaths and garland in support of this worthy cause.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution may send a check to Bear Boosters/Post Prom, at Lake Zurich High School. If you have any questions, please call **Petra Croneigh** 847-540-8316 or **Terri Johlke** 847-726-7325.

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Join the spring Youth Lacrosse League in Lake Zurich for boys and girls!

When: April 5, 2008 – June 1, 2008

Location: Lake Zurich High School

Girls: Grades 4th – 8th

Boys: Grades 3rd – 8th

Cost: Girls - \$130; Boys - \$160

Practice/Game Days:

Boys will practice Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 PM to 8 PM with games on Saturdays.

Girls will practice Thursdays from 6:30 PM to 8 PM with games on Saturdays.

Registration:

To register, go online to www.lzlacrosseclub.com and select the boys' or girls' registration link on the home page.

For more information: Visit www.lzlacrosseclub.com or youthlacrosse@lzlacrosseclub.com.

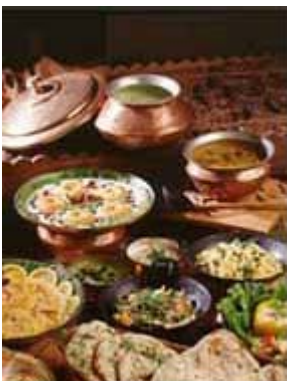


Teacher Library Cards

Several of the following Ela Area Public Library online resources require that you enter your Ela Library card number when accessing from computers outside the Library. If you teach within a school in the Lake Zurich area (e.g., any of the School District 95 schools), you can obtain a teacher card by visiting the Library. If you're not sure of your eligibility, call the Library at (847) 438-3433.

Teacher cards are kept on file at the Library, but you can copy down your card number and use it to access many of the library's online resources remotely through the Internet.

May Whitney Parents - Don't Miss Out on Carnivale



Families whose children attend May Whitney Elementary School are in for a real treat! On February 22, the May Whitney PTO will host its Second Annual Cultural Carnivale from 6:30 – 9 pm at May Whitney Elementary School.

This event for the entire family will include an unbelievable array of 'all you can eat' ethnic foods from area restaurants and May Whitney families; a variety of over 130 auction items on which parents can bid while a carnivale of events for the children is taking place in the cafeteria. The events will include foreign language and Tae Kwon Do lessons, face painting, balloon artist, pizza, custard, and much more! All you can eat and a family fun night out for only \$15 per family.

This is an amazing event you May Whitney parents do not want to miss! To register, simply send a note to the school including your family name, number of adults and children, along with \$15. Mark the envelop: "Attention to the May Whitney PTO Family Events Committee." A special note: if you volunteer for even just one hour at the event, you and your entire family will attend for free. So, please note your availability to volunteer on the note and send all registrations back to the school by Monday, February 18.