



## MW Kids Ice Fish, Bottle Tornado in Name of Science

Right: May Whitney second graders experience various levels of success at ice fishing.

Below: Two students make their own tornado.



Second grade students spent part of last Tuesday morning ice fishing, making ice cream and bottling a tornado while never leaving their school.

On different days in February, the students, along with their fellow students in first and third grade, took part in age appropriate, hands-on learning activities with staff members from HIGH TOUCH-HIGH TECH®, a company of scientists and educators who specialize in providing hands-on scientific experiments in schools across the country.

The in-school field trips were sponsored by the May Whitney School PTO, who had received requests from the school's first and second grade teachers.

"Our PTO is always willing to provide enrichment/enhancement activities for the students at May Whitney," said PTO President **Kristie Wagner**. "We thought this hi-touch/



high tech presentation was a great opportunity to reinforce the science curriculum."

The first grade presentations, entitled "What's the Matter," were on February 14. The first graders, who were enthralled with the whole experience, discovered how to make bubbling potions, watch air take

up space, and had a contest using carbon dioxide.

In addition to the ice fishing and ice cream making, the second graders saw a tornado in a bottle, made thunder, and discovered the amazing properties of air and air pressure during their presentation entitled "Weather or Not Learn About Weather."

The third graders got mechanical in their "Simple Machines" demonstration.

"May Whitney's PTO is an extraordinary source of support for the enrichment of our learning community," said second grade teacher **Joyann Clemens**. "Through their gracious contributions, our children had the opportunity to become junior scientists under the

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## CQ Students Go for the Gold!

Right: CQ teacher **Mel Fox** and her students learn from the 2006 Winter Olympics

Olympic fever has hit an all time high at Charles Quentin (CQ) Elementary. Fourth graders in **Mel Fox's** class have been closely following the 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Torino, Italy.

The class kicked off the Olympics by learning about Olympic history, memorizing the Olympic Creed and creating colorful flags for each participating country. As the games progressed, students tracked the gold, silver and bronze medal counts and will graph the final results.

CQ's Student Council led a school-wide Red, White and Blue Spirit Day to show their support for Team USA and the Olympic games.



In **Leslie Kovich's** math replacement class, fourth grade students gave presentations on the fascinating role numbers play in the Olympics.

Overall, the Olympics have provided a wonderful opportunity for

Charles Quentin students to learn the true meaning of the values stated in the Olympic Creed:

*"The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well."*

## MW Kids Ice Fish *cont.*

Right: A May Whitney second grader stirs his ice cream by tossing it into the air.



guidance of real scientists. It was exciting for me to see the students' confidence in their knowledge of weather grow as they participated in the hands on experiments. The children even taught our scientist a song about the water cycle. It was a wonderful experience that reinforced and enriched our second grade science objective: Air & Weather."

Fellow second grade teacher **Megan Guerrero** agreed.

"The children truly enjoyed their time with a real scientist," said Guerrero. "They were able to put their knowledge of air and weather to the test through experimentation and questioning. The activities were presented in an easy to understand matter, at a quick enough pace to keep the children interested. The children really enjoyed 'touching' lightning and learning how salt changes the freezing point of ice. It was a great morning for everyone."

Below: First graders experiment with liquids.



## Knot for Those in Need

Approximately 150 male and female sixth, seventh and eighth grade students at Middle School North spent their lunch time on Wednesday and Thursday of this week measuring, cutting and knotting brightly colored fabrics in order to make quilts as part of the *Knot Now* project. The students made 30 quilts this year; 10 more than



Right: Assistant Principal **Travis Lobbins** (far right) watches as two MSN students cut material for their quilts.

they made last year.

The quilts will be donated to those in need both locally and in the Mississippi area that was ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. Ten of the quilts will go to Mississippi tomorrow, Feb. 25, while the rest will be distributed locally to families in need.

This is the second year the students, with a helping hand from PTO volunteers, have made the quilts. Through its CONNECT committee, the PTO donated the money to purchase the quilt kits. CONNECT co-chairs **Kim Schroeder**



Above: Finished quilts are displayed at MSN.

and **Cyndi DiVito**, spearheaded the project with the help of other PTO volunteers.

## Chamber EXPO March 18

*Gotta sing! Gotta dance, Gotta show off every chance!!* That's right; the talented youth of District 95 are going to perform on **Saturday, March 18, 2006, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**, at the Business Community EXPO, sponsored by the Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce. Over 110 exhibitors will showcase their newest and greatest products and services at the EXPO, which will be held again this year in the Field House of the Lake Zurich High School, 300 Church Street in Lake Zurich.

In addition to viewing great talent, the EXPO will feature informational and fun exhibits on everything from physical therapy to jewelry, cosmetics to scuba gear, money management to language classes, and much more. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year that the Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce has sponsored this event. Admission is free, and there is ample parking in the Lake Zurich High School parking lots. A trolley will be making the rounds of the parking lots to bring families to the EXPO's front door. Once inside you'll see many of the local businesses and community organizations from Lake Zurich, Hawthorn Woods, Deer Park, Kildeer, Long Grove, and North Barrington—some you know and some you probably don't. Preschools, health care organizations, churches, social organizations—all are represented.

Take a break from visiting the booths and go to the food court for a snack and enjoy the continuous entertainment from each of the Lake Zurich Schools. Choruses and bands from Isaac Fox, May Whitney, Seth Paine, Spencer Loomis, Middle Schools North and South, and Sarah Adams will follow each other on the entertainment stage in the food court. Also the Lake Zurich High School Jazz Band will tear the tiles off and the High School Theatre Program will perform. There will be tours of the beautiful new High School Performing Arts Center, and High School thespians will roam the exhibit hall in costume. There will be much more! Plus giveaways and many fun activities for the kids. Everything but the food is free! You'll ride the fun trolley back to your car with a smile on your face.

Check out the Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce's website for a complete list of businesses and other organizations exhibiting at the EXPO. Put the date on your calendar and come and see why this is the Premiere Showcase for Local Business!

**Middle School South  
Presents...**

# The Wizard of OZ

**March 17 & 18**

**7 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)**

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**Adults \$6**  
**Students/Children \$5**

**MSS Theatrical Hall**



## Eat Pizza, HELP Others



The H.E.L.P. team (Hancock County-Ela Area Long Term Partnership) will be sponsoring a Pizza Challenge on Thursday, March 2, from 5 to 8 pm, at the Lake Zurich High School Cafeteria. Some of the area's best pizza places will be providing pizza samples—JJ Twig's, Little Joey's, Yogi's, Gino's East, Costco, and Quentin Road Kitchen. The goal is to raise funds to purchase cleaning and rebuilding supplies for the folks in Hancock County, Mississippi. Our last Relief Drive of the school year will end April 28th.

H.E.L.P. is asking for a \$5 donation per person for pizza. Kids 8 and under eat free. Sparky the Fire Dog, McGruff the Crime Fighter, and Flo the Balloon Artist will be there to help make it a fun-filled family event. Culver's will be providing a dish of frozen custard for a \$2 donation and Coca-Cola will be providing a soda or water for a \$1 donation.

## More Reasons to Cheer

Thanks to an outstanding performance, the Lake Zurich High School Varsity Cheerleaders captured first place in the Large Varsity Division and also earned the high team score for the entire competition of both the medium and large varsity division cheer squads at the February 5 North Suburban Conference (NSC) Cheerleading Championship hosted by Stevenson High School.

This was the squad's first year participating in the NSC, whose members include: Lake Forest, Lake Zurich, Libertyville, Mundelein, Stevenson, Warren Township, Zion Benton (Lakes Division); and Antioch Community, Grant Community, North Chicago, Round Lake, Stevenson, Wauconda, and Vernon Hills (Prairie Division).

Immediately following the NSC competition on Sunday, the 18th Annual Cheerleading Invitational also took place at Stevenson with over 70 squads competing throughout the day. Congratulations go out to the LZHS Bears cheerleading freshman and JV squads who out cheered, tumbled and stunted their competitors to take first place in the Small Junior Varsity Division (freshman team) and the Large Junior Varsity Division (Junior Varsity team).

These two squads also competed in the ICCA Regionals in McHenry on January 22 to earn their spots at the ICCA (Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association) Championship to be held March 10 and 11 in Springfield, IL. The Lake Zurich junior varsity squad took first place and the freshman squad took second place in their respective divisions at the ICCA Regional.



Varsity Cheerleaders



JV Cheerleaders



Freshman Cheerleaders

## Operation Military Pride

The Charles Quentin School Student Council showed their pride this week as they eagerly filled 50 boxes with items such as gum, sunscreen, wipes, games and letters. The boxes will now be shipped to military personnel as part of Operation Military Pride.

The packing and shipping--completed with the help of teacher **Mel Fox** and another adult volunteer--were the last steps to a project that began February 9, when students and their families were encouraged to bring donated items and letters for our brave men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.



## P.U. is for YOU!

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, March 4, District 95 is presenting the 12th annual PARENT UNIVERSITY. Plan on spending an inspirational morning with **Char Wenc**, speaker and award-winning author of, *Parenting-Are We Having Fun Yet?*

PARENT UNIVERSITY is geared to parents and grandparents of children ages preschool through high school. Many great sessions dealing with a variety of parenting topics and issues are planned for this year's event.



Titles for some of the sessions include: *The Challenging Child, Internet Dangers, From Tee-Ball to Testosterone—What a Son Needs From His Dad, From Walking to Weddings—What a Daughter needs From Her Dad, Overindulging Your Children, Substance Abuse In Our Community, The Top Ten Signs It Is Time To Talk To Your Kid About Money, How To Build the Muscle of Confidence In Our Children,* and more!

A continental breakfast and lunch as well as child care will be provided.

Registration forms will be sent home in January. Questions? Call **Lori Schwartz** (847) 438-1949.

## Preschool Screening

Parents of preschool aged children who reside in Community Unit School District 95 are invited to participate in a free screening that will evaluate their child's speech and language, concept development, fine and gross motor skills, and vision and hearing.

The screening will be on Wednesday, April 5, from 8:30 a.m. until noon, at St. Francis de Sales Church Ministry Center, 135 S. Buesching Rd., Lake Zurich. Children must be three years old by the screening date.

For more information or to make an appointment for your child's screening, please call the District 95 Special Education office at (847) 540-7060 by March 24.



## Do You Like to Know Stuff?

Do you like to know things before others in the community? Do others seek your opinion? If so, then you are a perfect candidate for the Community Unit School District 95 **Key Communicator Network**.

Our Key Communicator (KeyCom) program is a network of community residents, leaders, opinion shapers and watchdogs whose opinions are well respected by friends, colleagues and neighbors. We are not looking for cheerleaders, but people who care about our schools and want to be kept informed and are then willing to share that information with others.

As a Key Com, you will receive timely, factual information via a regular newsletter e-mailed to

you about the work we're doing and the issues affecting your school district and your schools.

Because this is designed to be a two-way communications network, we encourage you to give us your input and share your opinions. As a KeyCom member, your responsibility will be to share the information with friends, neighbors and colleagues.

To become a KeyCom member, simply call, email or fax:

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