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## Four File for BOE



After the 5 p.m. filing deadline had passed on February 5, four community members had stepped forward as candidates for three seats on the Community Unit School District 95 Board of Education that are on the April 17 ballot. Current board member **Jeff Didier** has chosen not to seek reelection. Incumbent School Board President **Gary Robillard** and incumbent **Roger Tieman** are



seeking re-election, as are **James E. Tarbet** and **Tony Pietro**. That means four candidates will be running for the three available seats on the board of education.

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- **Wednesday, March 14, 7:30 pm**  
Middle School North
- **Monday, March 19, 7:30 pm**  
May Whitney Elementary School
- **Tuesday, April 10, 7:30 pm**  
Isaac Fox Elementary School

### Take Our Survey

Please take a few minutes to fill out our 2006-07 Stakeholder Survey at [www.lz95.org](http://www.lz95.org). The link is under the "Updates" section on the main page. The survey will close Feb. 15.

Right: First Row: **Leavon Head, J. J. Raffelson**.  
Second Row: **Austin Reitsch, Mike Nutter, Drake Orser, Kyle Miller, Jacob Brinlee, Mike Murphy**. Third Row: Coach **David Grimm, Colin Evans, Mitch Dudek, Trevor Donahue, Peter Papastratakos, Mike Boyd and Greg Allen**.  
(Photo provided by David Grimm.)

## Cheers Place 4th



The Lake Zurich High School Varsity Cheerleaders placed fourth in the Large Varsity division of the IHSA State Cheerleading finals February 3 in Normal, IL. During their routine, the varsity squad scored a 91.06, the highest state finals score of any North Suburban or Fox Valley conference team.

Saturday's competition marks the end of IHSA's competitive cheerleading season. Other honors for the squad include a first place at Midwest Cheerfest in December, third place at NCA Nationals in Dallas, also in December, a first place Lakes Division and second in the North Suburban Conference Championship in January, and an IHSA Sectional Champion in January, as well as many other team and individual honors.

## Seth Paine Second Graders Make Teddy Bears

On February 2, the Seth Paine Elementary School second graders were back to "work" once again making Teddy Bears with local senior citizens and former Seth Paine retired teachers for the benefit of those receiving services through various cancer camps in our area.

The Teddy Bear – Love Connection project allows Seth Paine's second graders to explore different aspects of their Social Studies curriculum, highlighting service to the community and learning about cooperative work in the "factory" setting with area seniors. The children work in an assembly line format to dress teddy bears and prepare them for delivery to those receiving services through these valuable community programs.

A social Teddy Bear Tea will follow on February 9, beginning at 1:30 p.m., at the school to celebrate the cooperative efforts of the Second Graders with the seniors and other volunteers. The

school's fifth graders will serve tea and finger sandwiches to the volunteers. After the tea, the teddy bears will be delivered to their new homes, spreading the caring warmth of local seniors and the Seth Paine second graders to the community.



## SP Literacy Adventures



Seth Paine Elementary School held a “Literacy Adventures” workshop in the library media center on January 29. **Laura Gammons**, Principal; **Jan Boden** and **Diane TenBusch**, Reading Specialists; **Robin Reinstein**, First grade teacher; **Colleen Green**, Speech and Lan-

guage; and **Katie Less**, Ela Library Elementary School Liaison; worked with parents on simple, effective methods of reading with children. First grader **Kyle Wagoner** also modeled reading strategies.

During the parent-teacher segment the children were supervised in another room. Later in the session, the children joined their parents and they had an opportunity to practice the reading methods together. The workshop was fun for all and presented new and exciting ways for parents to share the joy of reading with their children.

## CQs Partners in Climb



Charles Quentin Elementary School’s **Suzanne Weider**, first grade teacher, and **Kandy Keller**, school secretary, formed the team “Partners in Climb” and entered the Kohl’s Step Up for Kids climb.

The duo climbed the AON building in downtown Chicago which is 80 floors on Sunday, January 28, to raise money for Children’s Memorial Hospital. They raised over \$350,000 with the event.

Weider is also going to be *Hustling up the Hancock Building* later this month to raise money for Asthma Research.

## Village Honors Thespians



The Village of Lake Zurich awarded the Lake Zurich High School cast and crew of *Urinetown, the musical* a proclamation, Monday, February 5, at the Board of Trustees meeting. The proclamation acknowledged their participation in the Illinois High School Theatre Festival on January 5, 2007. Over 2000 festival attendees went to the showing of *Urinetown, the musical*.

The village congratulated the Lake Zurich High School Theatre Program participants for representing “the Village of Lake Zurich, Community School District 95, LZHS and the LZHS Theatre Program by their cooperative attitude, team spirit and accomplishment of excellent theatrical performances.”

In other theater news at Lake Zurich High School, the hit musical *Thoroughly Modern Millie* takes the stage April 26-29, at the Performing Arts Center of Lake Zurich High School, 300 Church St., Lake Zurich. Call the Ticket Hotline for more information at 847-540-4740.

## Claw and Quill Excellent!

Lake Zurich High School’s literary magazine, *Claw and Quill*, was selected to receive a rank of ‘Excellent’ in the 2006

National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)

Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines.

A total of 497 schools entered

the 2006 program.

The student editors of the *Claw and Quill* are **Ben Paul** and **Lisa Tom**. Teacher **Jennifer Gira** is the magazine’s faculty advisor.

## Action Teams Meet Feb. 12

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, Grant Seaholm**

Trust & Collaboration: **Kara Dohman, Rocky Kleinschmidt**

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

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

A meeting of all action teams will be held on February 12, beginning at 7 p.m., at Middle School North. Those who have not yet signed up for an action team can come to the meeting and sign up there.

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.

For more information, visit the district's strategic plan web site at [www.lz95.org/strategic](http://www.lz95.org/strategic).

## MSS "First In Line"

In conjunction with the upcoming spring premiere of "First In Line" on March 2 & 3, the Drama department of Lake Zurich Middle School South (LZMSS) will be hosting "Art for the Arts." This event will be a silent auction to support the Illinois Arts Alliance, a not-for-profit organization positively impacting the arts in communities across Illinois. "Art for the Arts" will begin at 5:30 p.m. and upon its conclusion, the curtain will rise on "First in Line" promptly at 7 p.m.

Set amidst an elegant backdrop and complete with refreshments, this auction will showcase a variety of art work created by students, staff and celebrities. Local celebrities, such as surrounding village presidents, police chiefs, school administrators, among others, will be donating a piece of art that interprets one of their important "Firsts"-keeping with the theme of the spring performance. Other "surprise" celebrities will be donating a sketch or doodle of their own to put up on the block.

"We wanted to incorporate a philanthropic element into this year's production," said **Tammie Herrejon**, director of "First in Line" and the driving force behind the "Art for the Arts" auction. "We are so fortunate to have families with a passion for the arts in the Lake Zurich area. And, by working to support the Illinois Arts Alliance, we can hopefully influence budding artists who have less of an opportunity to thrive."

Tickets are now available, \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. For ticket information, call 847.540.2751. For more information on "First in Line" or the "Art for the Arts" silent auction, contact **Tammie Herrejon** at 847-540-2751. Lake Zurich Middle School South is located at 435 W. Cuba Rd., Lake Zurich, IL.

## Teaching Stars Sought



Nominate an American Star today! The American Stars of Teaching honors outstanding classroom

teachers who have demonstrated a commitment to improving student achievement, using innovative instructional strategies, and making a difference in the lives of their students.

Nominations will be accepted until April 1, 2007 at <http://www.t2tweb.us/AmStar/Nominate.asp>. One teacher will be selected from each state and the District of Columbia and will be announced in the fall of 2007. For more information contact [TeacherQuality@westat.com](mailto:TeacherQuality@westat.com).

## Wind Ensemble Concert

On Thursday, March 22, the Lake Zurich High School Wind Ensemble will host its "First Annual Invitational Wind Ensemble Concert" in the school's Performing Arts Center (PAC) starting at 7:30 p.m., and will feature the Johnsbury Wind Ensemble, the Lake Zurich High School Wind Ensemble, and the Western Illinois Symphonic Wind Ensemble (<http://www.wiu.edu/bands/ensembles/concert/wind/index.jsp>). The concert is free and open to the public.



# Share Your Opinions, Take Our Stakeholder Survey

There's still time for parents, staff and other area residents to take a few minutes to log onto the CUSD 95 web site and fill out the annual Community Unit School District 95 Stakeholder Survey. The survey link can be found on the district's web site ([www.lz95.org](http://www.lz95.org)) under the "Updates" section of the main web page. The district would like all surveys completed by February 15. Those residents and businesses who would like to fill out a hard copy paper survey can request one by calling (847) 540-4969 or by emailing [keycom@lz95.org](mailto:keycom@lz95.org).

To help inform the community of the survey, nearly 16,000 postcards are being mailed out to every residence and business within the school district's boundaries by the school district's Office of Communications & Community Relations.

The 37-question survey is designed to gather community information and opinions regarding the district's nine schools, its curriculum, strategic plan and other aspects of school operations. The completed surveys will be helpful as the district and its Board of Education work to align limited resources to best meet the educational needs of

the children and the communities served by the school district. The results of this year's survey will be compared with the results of previous surveys.

According to Superintendent **Dr. Brian Knutson**, it is important for everyone to complete the survey.

"It is important that all residents fill out the survey," said Dr. Knutson.

"The information the community provides us through this survey will benefit our children and our schools by helping us to better align our limited resources to best meet the educational needs of our students and our communities."

According to **Jim Jennings**, Director of Communications and Community Relations, the survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. The analysis of the data collected from the surveys will be shared with the Board and the communities it serves later in the school year.



## Become a Key Communicator

Get in the know about your public schools by joining the Community Unit School District 95 **Key Communicator Network** (KeyCom).

Our 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 Communicator, 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 Key Communicator, simply call,

email or fax:

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**13th Annual Celebration for Parents Encouraging Parents**  
**Saturday, March 3, 2007**  
**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Lake Zurich Middle School North - Hawthorn Woods**

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**Featuring Keynote Speaker**  
**Derek Randel**

***Removing the Yelling From Your Home . . . No, Seriously!***

Derek Randel, a nationally recognized parent coach, is coming to Parent University after receiving rave reviews from other parent organizations. Derek will guide parents in the strategies of setting boundaries, trusting your intuition, discovering your limits, examining parenting myths, and improving relationships with your children. Derek's program will give you concrete, practical parenting advice and solutions. He will help you to put the fun back into parenting so that you can enjoy your children.

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**Plus Your Choice of Breakout Sessions:**

Bullying and School Violence  
Wish It, Dream It, Do It!  
When Kids Push Your Buttons  
Is This Normal?  
Do I Look Fat?  
Now We're Talking  
Bringing Children into Step and Blended Relationships  
Building Successful Relationships With Kids  
No! And You Can't Make Me!  
Burnout: Implications for Parenting  
A Sex Offender Among Us  
NIA Movement Class  
Turn Your "Picky Eaters" Into "Healthy Eaters"!  
Making the Grade: A Step-by-Step Guide to College Funding  
Saying "Yes" to "No": Setting Love Boundaries

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**Lunch from Oregano's is provided for all day attendees. Childcare is available.**  
**Middle School North, 95 Hubbard Lane, Hawthorn Woods**  
**Teachers receive credit for attending Parent University.**  
**Parent University is sponsored in part by Foglia YMCA and Midtown Athletic Club**

**For Further Information**

Access the Parent University website at: <http://www.lz95.org/parentu/parentuhome.htm>

Additional questions? Please leave a message at 847-540-4702. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

LZMSS PRESENTS...



# FIRST IN LINE

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# Art for the Arts



Proceeds of the Art Auction will go to support  
the Illinois Arts Alliance Foundation.

**Silent Art Auction opens at: 5:30PM & Play: 7:00PM**

Adults: \$8.00

Students: \$5.00

**March 2-3**

**Friday & Saturday**

For more information contact [Tammie.Herrejon@LZ95.org](mailto:Tammie.Herrejon@LZ95.org).

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