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First Board Candidate Forum Draws Few



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All four CUSD 95 Board of Education candidates on the April ballot were there. The PTO officers who sponsored the forum were there, as were current Board of Education members, school district administration and a news reporter. The only people missing from the community forum were the community! Not counting all of those listed earlier in this paragraph, there were only four members from the community who came to learn more about the four candidates running for three seats on the Board of Education. **Lori Smith**, President of the Middle School North PTO, was disappointed with the turnout.

“While I realize there are no big ‘hot topics’ or controversies out there this election,” said Smith. “I do believe that the two main issues — budget cuts and aging facilities are issues that affect every member of our community. I have to believe that more than four community members are concerned about how our district proceeds to meet these two primary challenges.”

Thanks to the PTO’s of District 95, parents, staff and community members will have two more chances to learn more about the four board candidates: incumbents **Gary Robillard** and **Roger Tieman**, and community members **Tony Pietro** and **James Tarbet**.

The remaining community forums for the candidates are on the following dates, times and locations:

- **Monday, March 19, 7:30 pm**
May Whitney Elementary School
120 Church St., Lake Zurich
Located in the gym
- **Tuesday, April 10, 7:30 pm**
Isaac Fox Elementary School
395 W. Cuba Rd., Lake Zurich
Located in the cafeteria

Attendees can write questions to candidates on cards which will be selected and read by a facilitator. Each candidate will have an opportunity to answer the questions directed to them in an allotted amount of time.

Solo & Ensemble Contest a Success for MSN



Right: **Veronica Brozyna**, a sixth grader at MSN plays a sax solo for the judges. (photo provided)

On Saturday, Feb 17, the Middle School North (MSN) band, chorus, and orchestra students participated in the annual solo & ensemble contest held at West Oak Middle school in Mundelein, IL.

When the 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.

Students from MSN again did an outstanding job as they performed music they had been perfecting over the last several months. There were approximately 15 other schools involved in this day long contest with more than 1,000 solos and ensembles scheduled.

The enthusiasm of the MSN students was clearly evident as they began to return from their performances with high scores. As has been the tradition, Middle School North did very well at contest.

The orchestra students came home with 6 perfect scored events, 20 first place ratings and 8 second place ratings. Band students earned 13 perfect scored events, 45 first place ratings, and 16 second place ratings and 1 third place rating. Chorus earned 5 perfect scored events, 9 first place ratings, and 2 second place ratings. Congratulations to all the hardworking Band,

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IF Books for Bagels



The students at Isaac Fox School are hungry to read and win a bagel party for their class! "Books for Bagels" is a spring reading program sponsored by the library. Students record their individual reading minutes which are then calculated and combined to reach a class total. If the class collectively reads 12,000 minutes within a six-week period their class earns a bagel party. Cream cheese included!

Solo & Ensemble cont.

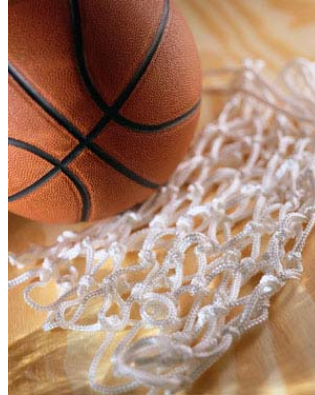


Chorus and Orchestra students.

The following students earned perfect scores at contest. From Band: **Anna Samudovsky, Kenni Ther (2), John Kozak, Josie Willman, Jared Chambers, Parker Matzinger, Chandler Croneigh, Collin Lindgren, Ryan Ford, Mitch Kleban, Molly Murrin, Joey**

Greco, Alyssa Dunteman, Flora Duff, Julia Makarieva, Kaeley Ferguson, Jessica Cashen, Vidhee Shah, Melissa Tillander, Sara Fraterrigo, Patricia Kosacka, Jennifer Probst, Kristy Michalak, Kimmie Volkman, Julie Larsen, Adam Michael and Nick Buchta. From Orchestra: **Kaitlyn Etienne, Bill Mackelfresh, Alina Smirnova, Samantha Turner, Jessica Wang (2), Marina Dubovis, Melinda Tom, and Ensam Lee.** From Chorus: **Samantha Lacsam, Megan Deppen, Rachel Klug, Vinithra Rajagopalan and Sydne Williams.**

B-Ball Bash March 22



Parents, students and interested community members should mark their calendars for the 2nd Annual B-Ball Bash on March 22 at Middle School North. The B-Ball Bash will feature the faculty of Middle School South taking on the staff of Middle School North in a charity basketball game. This year, all proceeds

will go to the Ryan York Foundation. Pre-game activities will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the tip-off at 7 p.m. in the MSN gym.

Last year's B-Ball Bash was standing room only with MSN beating MSS by only one point. More importantly, the event raised \$7,500 for Hurricane Katrina relief.

Orchesis Dance Benefit



The Lake Zurich High School Orchesis Dance Company will be performing not only in the *Dance For Life* benefit at Wheeling High School, but will also be performing at the *Red Beat* benefit, and will be holding their own *Dance Fest Showcase* on March 17, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center at Lake Zurich High School.

Dance companies that will be featured at this performance include: Midwest Dance Collective, Dancing Feet, Visceral Studio Company, Terpsichore Dance Company, Sabala Dance Ensemble, Grayslake High School Orchesis, GIA Dance Alliance, Dance Motion Dance Company, Bataille Partnering Dance Company, Xtreme Dance Force, and Forum Jazz Dance Theatre.

Tickets are only \$10 for adults and only \$8 for students. For more info contact Michelle at (847) 951-9889 or email her at mommyrip@comcast.net.

IF's Noteworthy Research



Isaac Fox students became "Noteworthy Researchers" to celebrate "Music in Our Schools Month"! Students searched for music questions posted around the school and applied their research skills to find the answers. Students who answered correctly earned a music note which was then posted on a bulletin board. The library media staff, **Anne Kuehl** and **Bert Denley**, worked with music teacher, **Nancy Polancich**, to plan this activity and others to heighten awareness of music during the month.

Thanks to their efforts, March at Isaac Fox School will definitely end on a good note!

Join the Spirit of 95 Wall



As you make plans for spring break and summer vacation don't forget to pack your camera and your favorite District 95 school spirit wear. We still want your favorite vacation photos featuring you and/or your family members donning their favorite school spirit gear. Whether you are in Europe, Mexico, Slippery Rock or at home we want to include you on the Spirit of 95 Virtual Spirit Wall! Simply email your favorite photo along with the names of those in the picture and a brief description to keycom@lz95.org. Check out the Spirit of 95 Virtual Spirit Wall at www.lz95.org/spiritwall.

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.

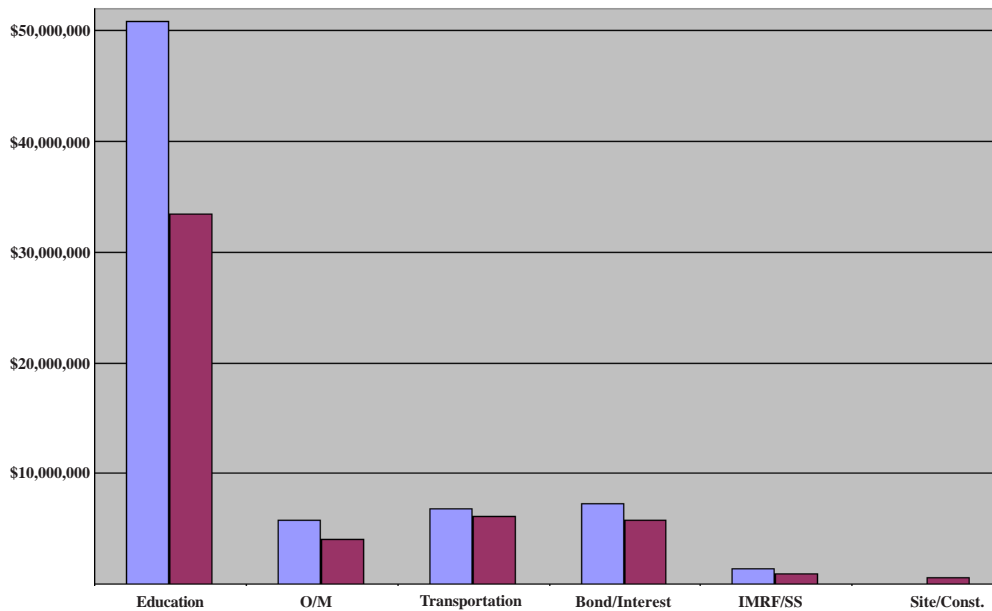
Action Teams Get Strategic



Five action teams, composed of staff, parents and community members, are meeting regularly to develop the end results and action steps necessary to implement the five strategies of the district's new five-year strategic plan. Once the teams have completed their work in April, it will be reviewed by the Strategic Plan Steering Committee. From there, the full plan will move to the Board of Education for approval.

Above: **Kara Dohman** (far left) works with her strategic planning action team to develop surveys related to their strategy to "Continually foster and strengthen a culture of trust and collaboration among all."

FY 2007 Expenditures (Budget v. Actual)



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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



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