



LZHS Looks Forward to *Late Start* Opportunities

Beginning on April 3, students at Lake Zurich High School will start their Mondays at school a little later, and that's okay with their teachers.

On that day, the school will begin piloting a *Late Start* program that will occur on Mondays in April and May. The dates are April 3, and 10, and May 1, 8, 15 and 22. Classes will begin at 8:40 a.m. on those days instead of the usual 7:55 a.m. Class periods will be 39 minutes in length rather than the standard 44 minutes. Students may use the time from 7:55 a.m. to 8:40 a.m. to work on homework, receive extra assistance in the resource centers, and/or to eat breakfast. Some students who may choose not to ride the bus on Late Start Mondays will need to find another form of transportation on those days.

The purpose of Late Start Mondays is to provide teacher teams at the High school with a common meeting time to facilitate the development of a professional learning community at Lake Zurich High School. Barrington High School and other high schools have similar Late Start programs. The middle schools in Lake



Zurich already have common planning/meeting times for their teachers.

During the Late Start Mondays, teachers will be able to:

- Engage in professional dialogue
- Develop curriculum
- Collaborate in the development of instructional learning strategies
- Develop common course assessments
- Analyze assessment data to guide instruction
- Provide mentoring opportunities for less experienced teachers
- Collaborate on differentiating instruction for students

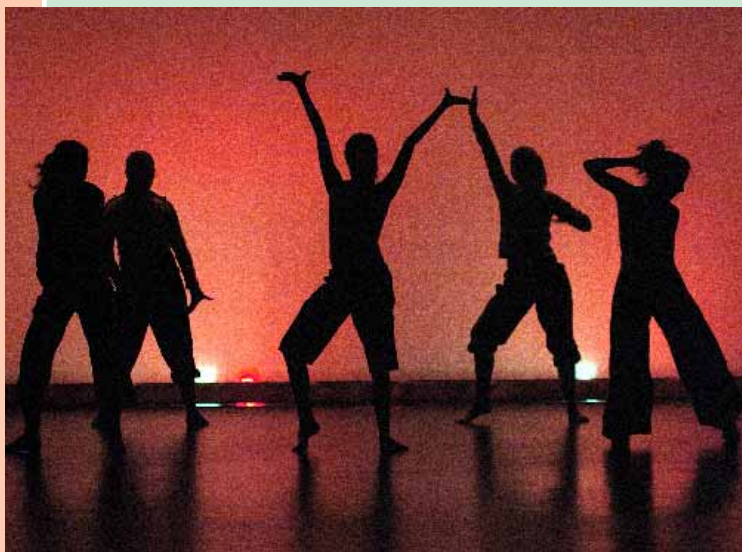
This June, the high school will assess the effectiveness of the Late Start program in the areas of teacher assessment, student achievement and enrollment in college prep, honors and AP classes.

"Building a school's capacity to learn is a collaborative rather than an individual task," said Principal **Michael Egan** from during his presentation to the Board of Education at a recent Committee of the Whole meeting. "People who engage in collaborative team learning are able to learn from one another, thus creating momentum to fuel continued improvement."

Right: The *Late Start* pilot program will allow students more time on Mondays to do homework or other studies.

Poetry in Motion - Orchesis Dance Festival March 18

Right: LZHS Orchesis members perform at the PAC.



The Lake Zurich High School (LZHS) Orchesis will hold its first annual Dance Festival tomorrow, March 18, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center at Lake Zurich High School, 300 Church St., Lake Zurich, IL. Tickets are only \$5.

Performers at the Dance Festival include Thodos Dance Chicago, Jem Studios with choreography by Nick Pupillo, Sabala Dance Ensemble with choreography by Sasha Vargas, Xtreme Dance Force, Terpsichore Dance Company, Grayslake High School Orchesis, Vernon Hills High School Orchesis, and the local Lake Zurich High School Orchesis.

For more information about the Lake Zurich High School Orchesis Dance Festival, or the Lake Zurich High School Orchesis Dance Company, contact Michelle Riportella, (847) 951-9889, or email her at mommyrip@sbcglobal.net

Special Needs Series

The Ela Area Public Library will hold a two-workshop series entitled *Special Needs* during April.

The first workshop entitled *Creating the Future Care Plan for Family Members with Special*



Needs will be on Wednesday, April 12, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the library, 275 Mohawk Trail, Lake Zurich. The meeting will provide information on planning for the special need individual's future, including potential benefits, legal options and how to communicate information to

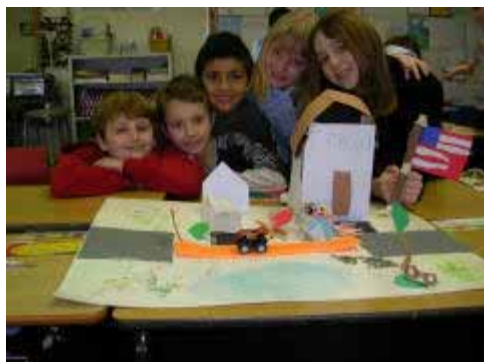
others. The workshop will be lead by **Tammy Wener**, Executive Vice President, Ehlert Financial Group.

Supporting the Social and Emotional Development of Young Children will be held on Wednesday, April 26, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the library. The session is for parents, educators, and care givers of preschoolers with and without special needs. As important to success in school as academic readiness—colors, numbers, ABCs—is their ability to interact positively with other children and adults and be secure in their relationships. This session will highlight the importance of creating positive environments and relationships with young children, introduce teaching strategies to promote and teach social skills, and discuss interventions which can be implemented for young children who have difficulties with challenging behavior and social skill development. The workshop will be presented by **Kathy Slattery**, an Early Childhood Resource Specialist for STAR NET Region II.

According to the library, two CEU-CPDU credits will be available to teachers and school library media specialists.

Interested persons can sign up at the Ela Area Public Library. For more information, call (847) 438-3433, or email infodesk@eapl.org.

3G 3-D Communities



Right: Third graders at May Whitney School recently finished studying a unit on communities. As a cumulating project, the students worked in small groups to create 3-D posters of the five components of a community (living, learning, working, playing, and community helpers).

LZACC EXPO March 18



Make sure to attend the Business Community EXPO tomorrow, **March 18, 2006, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**, in the Field House at Lake Zurich High School. Sponsored by the Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce, over 110 exhibitors will showcase their newest and greatest products and services at the EXPO.

In addition to viewing great student talent from the district's schools, 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 15th 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 schools in District 95. 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 (www.lzacc.com) 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.

Kay TARGETs Literacy



The Target Store Corporation, through its *Write on Target* initiative, has once again supported a literacy initiative for Spencer Loomis Elementary School. Third grade teacher **Vicki Kay** received a \$1,500 grant to create a "Publishing Porch" for the school's writing program.

Kay used the grant funds to paint and decorate the walls with huge pictures and coordinating story starters, and purchased many blank hardcover books in which students will publish their stories. She also purchased stools for students to sit on, stencils for illustrating, fancy edged scissors, markers, storage trays, scrap booking paper punches, decorated stationery, and lots of other writing supplies for the budding authors.

Kay received a grant of \$2,000 from Target in 2004 for the school's *Book-of-the-Month Lunch Bunch*.



SL Raises \$14k for St. Jude's

Approximately 290 students at Spencer Loomis Elementary School engaged their brains in the name of charity for the school's annual Math-A-Thon for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. After the last equation had been calculated, the students had raised more than \$14,000 for St. Jude's Hospital.



The money raised at the Math-A-Thon will help children like four-year-old **Allen Smith** (right), who suffers from acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), the most common form of childhood cancer. (Photo courtesy of St. Jude's Children Research Hospital.)

Raising the most money was fifth grader **Paul Theodis**. The students who raised \$35 or more will receive a free t-shirt and a ticket to the Six Flags amusement park. Those raising \$75 or more received the shirt and ticket as well as a Math-a-Thon sports bag.

Coordinated by kindergarten teacher **Stephen Ladenburger**, the money raised will help St. Jude help kids from all over the world who have cancer, AIDS, sickle cell and other catastrophic diseases. At St. Jude, no family ever pays for treatments not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay.

Since opening in 1962, St. Jude has treated patients from all 50 states and more than 70 foreign countries.

Far left: A \$1,500 Target grant to teacher **Vicki Kay** helped to create a colorful Publishing Porch at Spencer Loomis School.

Honor Society Brings Hope to Hancock

The Lake Zurich High School Chapter of the National Honor Society (LZNHS) recently donated \$1,044 to the local HELP (Hancock County-Ela Area Long-term Partnership) organization to benefit those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The LZNHS raised the funds last fall by asking every student in Lake Zurich High School to donate at least \$1. In all, the students raised \$3,044.

The LZNHS officer board, led by President **Laura Pettengill**, voted to donate \$2,000 to the American Red Cross immediately to help offset immediate hurricane related needs. The group decided to hold back \$1,044, or 1/3 of the proceeds, in the hope that it would be able to help a specific community. When they learned about the recent H.E.L.P. Pizza Challenge and its purpose, the LZNHS decided that its funds could benefit a specific local community, in this case Hancock County, Mississippi.

Helping others is nothing new to this active organization. Some of the other charitable causes supported through LZNHS fundraising include: Clearbrook Center in Rolling Meadows; the St.



Francis Gift of Love program (Christmas gifts for underprivileged families); a mission school on the island of Haiti where they have supplied school and health related supplies for children; Pennies for Pads; the St. Francis coat closet and food pantry; and the annual Lake Zurich High School Charity Bash.

In addition to fund raising, the LZNHS also

provides in-school peer tutors for referred students, volunteers for local school and community events, and they encourage individual pursuit of community volunteerism.

The LZNHS currently has 70 members who are senior high school students, and will be inducting an additional 80 members from the combined junior and senior class on Monday night, March 20.

According to LZNHS co-sponsor **Gerry Sansone**, the purpose of the LZNHS is to encourage high achievement in scholarship (minimum 3.75 GPA), a high level of leadership at school, always positive demonstration of character, and of course, participation in community service. The group's other co-sponsor is **Sandy Serafin**.

To find out how you can help those in who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina visit www.elahelp.org.

**Middle School South
Presents...**

The Wizard of OZ

March 17 & 18

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

Adults \$6
Students/Children \$5

MSS Theatrical Hall



**Thank You
Ela Area**

For Participating in the Pizza Challenge
And Supporting Victims of Hurricane Katrina



Pizza Challenge
H.E.L.P.

Providing funds are donated to help for Hurricane Katrina victims.

Adults \$5 Kids 8 years & under FREE Soda & Water



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Science Club Scores!

Congratulations to the LZHS Science Club members who participated in the Regional JETS/TEAMS competition on March 8. The Junior Varsity team members won the third place trophy, while the Varsity team members placed fourth.

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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Public Information Bulletin

March 13, 2006

The following is an Information Bulletin intended to educate and reinforce the policy for activation of the Emergency Outdoor Warning Sirens in the Village of Lake Zurich.

The Village of Lake Zurich has six (6) strategically placed Emergency Outdoor Warning Sirens located throughout the Village. They are located at: Miller and Route 12, Paulus Park on Whitney Road, Cuba and Lexington Roads, Buffalo Creek Park Building on Old Mill Grove Road, Ensell and Telser Roads in the Industrial Park, and at Fire Station #1 at 321 S. Buesching Road.

These six Emergency Outdoor Warning Sirens cover the entire Village in a geographic grid pattern when they are all activated simultaneously. The sirens purpose and function are exactly as stated “Emergency **Outdoor** Warning Sirens” and not designed or intended to be heard indoors. They are used to alert outdoor residents and patrons to seek shelter immediately.

Many residents ask why the sirens can't be heard indoors: Sirens are not intended or designed to be heard indoors with the theory that persons indoors are already better protected than those outdoors; and, due to building construction and insulation values used to sound proof and insulate homes it would be nearly impossible and impractical to have such a loud device sounding which could be heard in every home or business.

The Outdoor Warning Sirens are used primarily for alerting residents of “Tornado Warnings” activated with a 3-minute solid siren while Lake Zurich is under a Tornado Warning. It is common practice to activate the 3-minute siren activation more than once if the duration of the warning is extended. Residents may hear the 3-minute siren activation and then hear it again 5-10 minutes later. This repeat activation is intended to provide warning to those that may have just gone outside or to those that heard the first activation to let them know the warning continues. **When the Outdoor Warning Sirens are activated with this 3-minute solid siren, seek shelter immediately.** Lake Zurich **does not** issue an All-Clear alert of any kind so residents will need to monitor the local weather channel. These sirens are also tested on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM and should not be mistaken for an actual warning.

Once the Outdoor Warning Sirens are activated, residents and business professionals should seek shelter immediately in their home or business and monitor local weather channels or radio stations for details. The “Tornado Warning” indicates a tornado has been sighted or indicated on Doppler radar in or approaching Lake Zurich. Monitor local weather channels or radio stations for details of the conditions and necessary action for those in the storm's path. Please do not call the emergency 9-1-1 lines unless you have a true emergency since it may delay our ability to answer other emergency calls that may occur.

Tornado Warnings should not be mistaken for **Tornado Watches** when the National Weather Service issues an Alert. Tornado Watches indicate that conditions are suitable for the formation of a tornado yet none has been detected or observed. During a Tornado Watch Alert, the Village of Lake Zurich has trained Severe Weather Spotters from the Fire, Police, Public Works, Park and Recreation and Engineering Departments watching the sky and reporting any severe weather changes. **Tornado Warnings indicate that a tornado has actually formed and has been sighted or detected on radar and residents in the path should seek shelter immediately.** The trained Weather Spotters will attempt to confirm any sighting and follow the movement until the danger is out of the area.

If you have any specific questions you can call the Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief Terry Mastandrea at (847) 540-5070.

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