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Right: The mascots for both the MSN Wolves and the MSS Eagles cheered on their respective teams. (photo provided by Jen Lippert)

The Basketball Bash - A Poem

Last night was a basketball bash,
Where we raised a lot of cash.
The crowd was going wild,
And no one was being mild.
Mr. P fell on his back,
Then he needed an ice pack.
Will we win or will we lose?
The scoreboard will have to choose.

In the beginning of the game,
The wolves thought they'd get the fame.

There was a big boom
And we swept up the remains with a broom.

Mrs. Mutolo made a good shot,
And she landed right on the dot.
Mr. Morjavi was so good,
He made every shot and he knew he could.

The tasty concessions were great
They were like big fat fish and the bait.
North and South kids talking mad trash,
At the charity basketball bash.

Dan was high on someone's shoulders
Falling as fast and hard as a boulder.
The huge pushing crowd
Was definitely not allowed.



It all started with a score of 2-0
Everyone knew it was starting off slow.

With South in the lead,
We didn't know who would succeed.

Then out of nowhere,
Mr. Myers flew through the air
With a goal in mind,
To score from behind.

Suddenly, everyone cheered
As the mascots appeared.
The vicious Wolves and Soaring Eagles
Sneered at each other like two male beagles.

Nobody knew what would happen next
As the players began to flex.

The score was 23-37,
The away team thought they were in heaven.
The South teachers joined in on their dance routine.

They acted like they had too much caffeine.
Then came time to play another game.
North lost tug-o-war with some shame.
Soon the vigorous raffle began,
North won and made a lot of new fans.

Asst. Supt. Hitcho Accepts New Challenge in Addison



Right: **Jon Hitcho**

Jonathan Hitcho, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations for Community Unit School District 95, has accepted a new leadership challenge with the Addison Elementary School District (AESD) 4 in Addison, IL, as Assistant Superintendent for Business. He was approved by the AESD 4 Board of Education during a board meeting on Tuesday, March 20. He will start in Addison on July 2. His last day in District 95 will be June 30.

Hitcho has fond memories of his work in District 95, yet he is excited about the challenges and opportunities he will find in Addison School District 4.

"Lake Zurich has been very good to me," said Hitcho. "This district is like my second family. I started my career here from the private sector, met my wife and started a family. I believe District 95 is

in better condition now than when I began, and that is what I plan to accomplish in my new venture. I am proud of my time here. Working with my fellow administrators and the staff of the school district, we have truly improved the learning opportunities for children."

Hitcho has worked in CUSD 95 since July of 2000, starting first as an intern and Assistant Business Office Manager, then Executive Director of Business Operations before being promoted to his current position of Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations.

Highlights of Hitcho's tenure with District 95 include, among many others:

- Serving as the administrator in charge of the district's \$81 million construction project that included a new elementary/middle school (Spencer Loomis/Middle School North), new Performing Arts Center and Field House at Lake Zurich High School, as well as science

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Far Right: The faculties of both MSN and MSS came together for a good cause in B-Ball Bash. (photo provided by Jen Lippert)

Buy Brewers Tickets



The Lake Zurich High School (LZHS) Baseball Program is selling \$33 Lower Box Seat tickets to the Sunday, May 6, 1 p.m., Brewer-Pirate baseball game at Miller Park for a fundraiser. The Brewers will provide a percentage of the ticket price under group sales to the LZHS program. There will be a 10:30 a.m. tailgate party and it's \$1 hot dog day!

If you are interested in helping the program, contact **Gary Simon** at Middle School North, the LZHS Athletic office, as well as any coach or high school player. Checks should be made out to Lake Zurich High School as a donation. Those purchasing the tickets will all be sitting together down the right field line.



A Poem Cont.

Half time was over now
Our starting player was Frau.

The funky moves of Ms. Moore,
Helped us raise up the score.
Frau wowed the crowd,
And soon everyone was proud.

It was rough and tough in the 4th quarter
Because most of our players were much shorter.
Mrs. Honegger made a rebound,
She definitely didn't fool around.

In the end, we raised five grand,
And now we completely understand,
How to give a helping hand.



IF Battle of the Books



Isaac Fox has wrapped up another year of its *Battle of the Books*. This year the school had 61 fourth and fifth grade students participate. The reading list featured 24 books from a variety of genres. The top four scoring teams demonstrated their savvy for book facts by competing in the Grand Battle on March 19. The winning team—aptly named “The People Who like to Read”—won the competition. Congratulations to **Paul Kerchberger, Scott Kerchberger, Shivani Goel, Danny Neises and Robert Picha**.

Get Out the Vote!



Lake County Off-Site Early Voting will be conducted at the Lake Zurich Village Hall, 70 East Main St. in Lake Zurich on the following dates and times:

- March 26 - April 12.
- Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
- Saturdays 9 a.m. until noon.

(You will need to bring picture identification.)

In-Person Absentee voting will be conducted on April 13, 14, and 16 at the following times:

- Friday, April 13, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. until noon
- Monday, April 16, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

For absentee voting, you will need the form that is supplied by the County Clerk as a response to your application for absentee voting.

If you need additional information, please call the VOLZ at 847-438-5141.

Thanks and get out there and **VOTE!**

Hitcho cont.



laboratories, and the renovation of 200,000 square feet at the High School.

- Converted the district to new financial

and human resource software.

- Envisioned and implemented facility and financial plans.
- Helped pass a successful building referendum in 2000 and a successful education rate increase in March 2002.
- Restructured the district's Budget Calendar and Budget process.
- Created and Maintained a Business Office website to help promote understanding of school district finances ().
- Instituted "Dashboard reports" to keep Board of Education members Apprised of the district's monthly financial position.
- Coordinated the sale of excess school property and negotiated water/sewer recapture agreements.

"Jon Hitcho has worked tirelessly over the last seven years," Said Superintendent **Dr. Brian Knutson**. "Through significant challenges and opportunities he has always focused on what is best for District 95 and its students. Under his leadership, the district now has new and renovated schools, new school boundaries, and better budget management and forecasting tools. He has worked hard for us and I know that he will bring that same expertise and work ethic to Addison."

Hitcho holds a Master's degree in School Business Management, a Chief School Business Official endorsement, and Type 75 educational certification from Northeastern Illinois University, and a B.A. in Finance/Marketing from Loyola University in Chicago.

District 95 will soon begin its search for a new chief financial officer.

Join the Spirit of 95 Wall



We hope you remembered to pack your camera and school spirit wear for spring break. If you did, we want your favorite spring break/vacation photos featuring you and/or your family members donning their favorite school spirit wear. Whether you were 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.

Helping Hands In a Storm

On the afternoon of March 21, the weather outside turned ugly; with the heavy rainfall from the storm, it was hard to drive, much less run as our high school athletes were doing. Swinging into action, our CUSD 95 school bus drivers drove the neighborhoods in our community and around the lake looking for and picking up high school track and cross country runners who were out doing their training runs. The drivers' quick thinking protected our students from the storm and potentially hazardous mishaps.

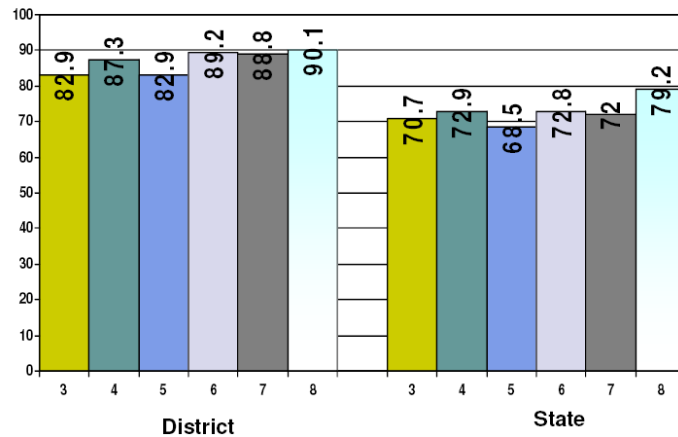
"I and the students and staff of Lake Zurich High School thank the entire staff of our Transportation department for their quick response to the weather that came in so quickly," said **Rolly Vazquez**, LZHS Athletic Director. "Their quick response protected our athletes."



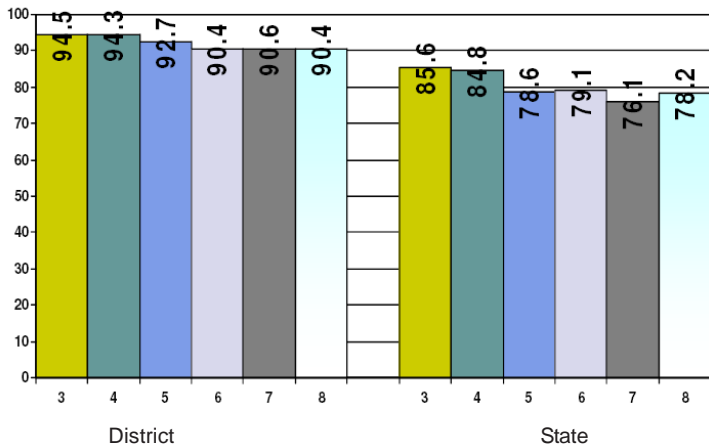
Far Left: **Jon Hitcho**, with daughter **Paige**, at one of the many school district functions he and his family have attended during his tenure in District 95.

District 95 Scores!

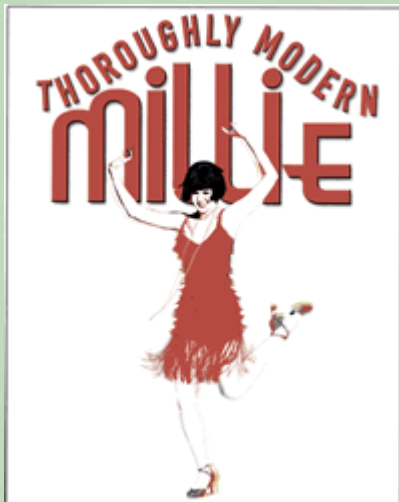
2006 District and State Reading Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Percent Meets/Exceeds



2006 District and State Math Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Percent Meets/Exceeds



'Ain't We Got Fun' Fundraiser Set for CAC



The Lake Zurich High School (LZHS) Career Advisory Council, a not-for-profit business and academic volunteer group promoting career exploration, enhanced interviewing experience and scholarship opportunities among the LZHS student body, will host a Scholarship Fundraiser on Thursday, April 26, 2007.

The "Ain't We Got Fun" Speakeasy will consist of dinner (entrée from Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano), entertainment by LZHS students and a ticket to the LZHS production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Dinner will be served in the "Peacock Room" at St. Peter United Church of Christ, 47 Church St., Lake Zurich between 5:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Entertainment will be provided until 7:10 p.m. Tickets are available for only \$30 per person (\$28 for Seniors and 18 & under). **Reservations and prepayment are required by April 22, 2007.** Please call 847.458.5322 and leave an e-mail address or fax number to receive an order form. According to the CAC, the ticket price includes a tax deductible contribution.

Sodexo Scholarship

The Sodexo Foundation announced recently that it is seeking nominations of student leaders working towards reducing hunger within their communities for the newly established *Sodexo STOP Hunger Award and Scholarship*.

"The Sodexo Foundation has long been an advocate for seeking long-term solutions to the hunger epidemic facing our country, said **Stephen J. Brady**, president of the Sodexo Foundation. "It is essential that we identify and cultivate young people who show a civic-minded spirit, a passion for engaging in their community and a willingness to serve others. Today's students will be leading America tomorrow and instilling in them the importance of meeting the basic needs of others will yield long-term societal benefits."

Eligible candidates must be enrolled in an education institution served by Sodexo in the United States and be able to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to hunger-relief activities in their community. A panel of judges appointed by the Sodexo Foundation will select the winners in May. The selected students will each receive a \$3,000 scholarship award and a \$3,000 grant, in their name, for the hunger-related charity of their choice. These will be presented to them in person on June 11 at the Sodexo Foundation Dinner, a gala event held in Washington, D.C. where they will be the honored guests. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2007.

For a complete description of the award or an online application visit www.helpstophunger.org.

5G Girls Take Second!



Capping off a successful hoops season with a record of 23-6, the Lake Zurich Junior Bears girls fifth grade basketball team placed second in the Northern Illinois Girls Feeder Basketball Association's season ending tournament on March 18. The league consists of 18 teams throughout Lake and Northern Cook County and provides an opportunity for girls that currently attend District 95 schools and will attend Lake Zurich High School to participate in an organized competitive high school feeder basketball program. The Junior Bears is a partnership with the Lake Zurich High School girls basketball program.

Left: (from left) **Maria Schroeder, Meaghan Gelinas, Mallory Parsons, Jordan Jackson, Carlee Parsons, Mark Schroeder - Coach, Katie McCurley, Summer Hughes, Julia Kuhn and Jeanna Roach**. Not pictured: **Sarah Frommelt and Dan McCurley - Assistant Coach**

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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Youth Lacrosse League for Boys Starts this Spring in Lake Zurich

Dear Lake Zurich Student and Prospective Lacrosse Player:

Great news! Youth travel lacrosse has arrived in Lake Zurich.

The Lake Zurich Lacrosse Club was established in 2002 to develop, support, and promote the sport of lacrosse in the Lake Zurich area as well as provide Lake Zurich High School students with the opportunity to play competitive lacrosse at the high school level. This year the club is focused on building a youth feeder system for the high school lacrosse program.

We are excited to announce that we are starting a Lake Zurich division in the Lacrosse America "North and Northwest Spring League" (NNWL) for boys in 5th through 8th grade. The NNWL consists of 19 different teams and our teams will be competing against some of the following local teams: Barrington, Buffalo Grove, Crystal Lake, Grayslake, Deerfield, Lake Forest, Libertyville, Palatine, and Schaumburg.

The Lake Zurich teams will practice and play games at the Lake Zurich High School. The first practice is April 7 and the league will go through June 3, 2007 (see schedule below for more details). Each team will play 3 home games and 3 away games with a final season-ending tournament. The league fee is \$140 per player.

Location: Lake Zurich High School fields behind the Field House

Registration: online at

Practice and Game Schedule:

Grades	Days	Times
5 & 6	Mon & Wed, Saturday	6:30 - 8:00, 12:00 - 1:30
7 & 8	Mon & Wed, Saturday	6:30 - 8:00, 1:30 - 3:00

This is a great opportunity to see what lacrosse is all about. Beginning and experienced players will be coached in the individual skills and team concepts needed to play this exciting sport. Be a pioneer and help us grow the Lake Zurich Lacrosse feeder system. Please spread the word....share this letter with family, friends, and neighbors.

Also, we are interested in starting a spring league for girls in grades 5 through 8 as well. If you are interested in signing up for a girls' spring league, please send your contact information including name and phone number to or call me at 312-636-3015.

For more information on the Lake Zurich Lacrosse Club and the Lake Zurich High School lacrosse teams please visit our website at www.lzlacrosseclub.com.

Thanks,
Dave Kintzer
President
Lake Zurich Lacrosse Club