



Wagner Honored by Chamber of Commerce

Right: Seth Paine Music Teacher **Judy Wagner**, center, receives her Award of Excellence from **Dr. Brian Knutson**.

The frigid winter temperatures did nothing to cool the excitement inside the Concorde Banquets on the evening of January 14, where the room was packed for the Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce's (LZACC) 2005 Excellence Awards.



Community Unit School District 95 is proud that it had 10 nominations in four of the nine categories. Of those nominations, one person received the Award of Excellence. The Outstanding Educator Award was presented by Superintendent **Dr. Brian Knutson**, who also serves as a director at large for the LZACC, to **Judy Wagner**, a music teacher at Seth Paine Elementary School.

Nominations for the awards were solicited from chamber members as well as area citizens and government entities. Chamber members then voted for a recipient in each category from those nominated.

In addition to Wagner, the following people, and entities were nominated for consideration:

- **Outstanding Educator Award Nominee:** **Lisa Covelli, Ron Culver, Gale Galter, Colleen Johnson, Justine Repplinger, and Josh Thompson**
- **Architectural Expansion Award Nominee:** Spencer Loomis/Middle School North Facility
- **Marketing Award Nominee:** **Jim Jennings**, Director of Communications
- **Chamber of Commerce Partnership Nominee:** **Lake Zurich High School**

The awards are presented annually, to honor and recognize local businesses, governmental employees, elected officials, not-for-profits and educators for outstanding service and performance during the year, and for helping to make the Lake Zurich area a better place, to live, learn, work and play.

A Lesson In Compassion, Understanding for CQ Students

Right: Principal **Alex Barbour** watches a student try to pick up tableware with impaired vision.



Students at Charles Quentin Elementary School recently experienced the challenge that those with physical disabilities experience on a daily basis. According to Principal **Alex Barbour**, the special assembly helped students get a better understanding of those who are blind, wheelchair bound, or otherwise physically challenged.

Students put on goggles that altered their vision, then had to pick up plates and cups in a simulated lunch line. Others had to put on clothes without the benefit of site, while other students tried to write with impaired vision or travel an obstacle course in a wheelchair. They quickly found that the challenges faced by those with disabilities are many, and that it is important to respect and appreciate those who are different from themselves.



The Geography of War



Right: **Wilson P.**, **Tom H.** and **Ashley R.** show their map of 1914 Europe. Not pictured **Brianna Cairo.**

Below: **Katrina L.**, **Roger O.** and **Hailey C.** perform the propaganda skit - *Join the Army!*



Recently, students in **Jackie Haney's** class at Lake Zurich Middle School North were charged with creating a three dimensional object related to World War I (WWI) as part of their study in geography.

Working in teams, the students' projects took on many shapes and sizes, from small globes to large Styrofoam cutouts of Europe, to skits about joining the Army.

The hands-on project made learning fun for the teacher

and her students. Some of the projects will displayed in a case outside of the doors at the school's media center.

MSN Hosts Undersea LEGO Challenge

On January 7, Middle School North was the site of a grueling underwater competition. No, there's no pool, lake or river at the school, but the school's cafetorium served as the field (ocean) of competition in the First Lego League (FLL) competition. A total of 14 teams from this year's regional competition.

Below are some photos from that event.



Two members of the Lego Lions watch their underwater robot go through its paces.



A student robot builder reacts to a less than perfect round of competition.



An anxious crowd awaits the results of the day-long FLL competition.

Seth Paine Talks Books



Principal **Laura Gammons** (left) talks with fourth and fifth grade students in a recent Rebecca Caudill book discussion. The next Rebecca Caudill book discussion will be on February 6 at the school.

Saturday Scholars Canceled

Unfortunately, due to low enrollment, the Saturday Scholars program, which was to run from January 28 through February 25, has been canceled. Registration refunds will be mailed to registrants.

In order to keep the program cost neutral to the school district, the program needed to enroll enough students to pay for instructor time. The enrollment was 30 students short of the number needed to make the Saturday Scholars program break even.

Free Preschool Screening

Parents of children who are three to five years of age and 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 for all children will be on Thursday, January 26, from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon, at St. Francis de Sales Church Ministry Center, 135 S. Buesching Rd., Lake Zurich. Children must already be three years old by the screening date.

To make an appointment for your child's screening, please call the District 95 Special Education office at (847) 540-7060 by January 19.

P.U. is for YOU!

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, March 4, 2006, 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?*

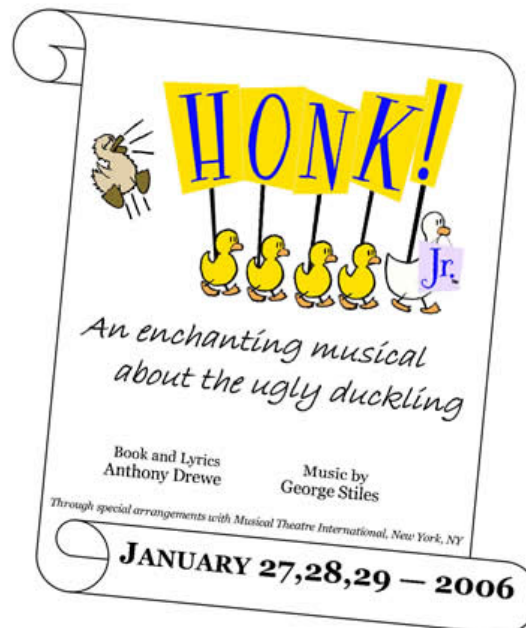
PARENT UNIVERSITY is geared to parents and grandparents of children ages preschool through high school.

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.





A DAY AT THE CIRCUS
Sarah Adams Fun Fair

Saturday, Feb. 4th
11am-3pm

sponsored by Sarah Adams PTO



Are
you
ready
for
Kindergarten?
(or do you know someone who is?)

Learn more about registering your child by attending **Kindergarten Information Night on Feb 8, beginning at 6 p.m.**, at your local elementary school. For more information contact your local elementary school:

Charles Quentin School	847-438-2420
Isaac Fox School	847-540-7020
May Whitney School	847-438-2351
Sarah Adams School	847-438-5986
Seth Paine School	847-438-2163
Spencer Loomis School	847-719-3300

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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