



North vs. South: Clash for a Cause

Being face-to-face in a meeting is ordinary for Community Unit School District 95 middle school teachers and administrators, but “facing off” against each other across a basketball court is not. However, on Thursday, November 3, at 6:00 pm in the Lake Zurich Middle School North gym, Lake Zurich Middle School North (MSN) and Lake Zurich Middle School South (MSS) staff members will step out of the classroom and onto the court to raise money for hurricane victims in the gulf region.

Usually it is the students who compete for cross-town superiority, but this time during the first annual B-Ball Battle of the Lake Zurich middle school staffs, the students will be cheering from the stands, and the faculty will take center court in a match where the victims of hurricane relief win. Doors at the MSN athletic entrance will open at 5:15 pm for the event, and the entry fee will be only \$5 per person. Refreshments for purchase will be provided by the MSN and MSS Parent-Teacher Organizations. Proceeds from ticket sales and concessions will be given to the American Red Cross for hurricane relief.

The B-Ball Battle promises to be an enjoyable evening for the entire family. Before game time, MSN’s



choir will perform the “Star Spangled Banner,” while MSS’s choir will perform “God Bless America” as part of an extended half-time show. Cheerleaders from both schools will also perform. Look for other zany activities to keep the students involved and a D.J. to keep the crowd loud and school spirit proud.

Guest appearances will include retired teachers, and officials will be impartial third parties including Spencer Loomis Principal **Grant Seaholm** and teacher **Stefan Ladenburger**. Since the teachers at MSN and MSS are competitive both inside the classroom and out, look for a spirited match between good natured rivals.

According to MSN Assistant Principal **Travis Lobbins**, MSN and MSS administrators teamed up to see what they could do to help hurricane victims and put their competitive spirit in play. MSN Principal **Keir Rogers**, a former professional basketball player who unabashedly loves basketball, said that this desire to help evolved into a way to bring the cross-town schools and sometime rivals together to support one cause and to develop a greater sense of community between the two schools.

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Sarah Adams Students Donate \$4,500 to H.E.L.P. Others

The Hancock County/Ela Area Long-term Partnership (H.E.L.P.) and the people of hurricane devastated Hancock County, Mississippi are receiving help from the students of Sarah Adams Elementary School with the donation of more than \$4,500.00 to the Hancock County - Ela Area Long Term Partnership (H.E.L.P.). The money was raised through the school’s Kids 4 Katrina (K4K) Campaign held in October.

Sarah Adams School Principal Christopher Finch said that it was “our obligation to reach out and our opportunity to teach students about being caring, responsible citizens.”

At Sarah Adams, each grade level brainstormed a project aimed to raise money toward the \$2,000 goal set by Finch.

Kindergarten students allowed students to wear a hat to school for a \$1 donation, while the first grade hosted a lemon-AID stand. Second graders planned and organized a Family Movie Night, and third

graders asked students to “Chip”-in by buying potato chips at lunch. The fourth grade students held a bake sale and the fifth grade chose to “Earn It and Give It” by doing extra chores at home for money to donate. Even the Early Childhood program participated by decorating cookies to sell to staff members during lunch.

Thanks to community support from various organizations such as LaSalle Bank for a matching grant for the Gifted Math students’ White Elephant sale, and the Lake Zurich Fire Department, the giant dog bone in Mr. Finch’s window that tracked the schools progress exploded well beyond the original \$2,000.00 goal.

“I could not be more proud of the students, the staff and the parents for making our K4K Campaign a HUGE success,” Mr. Finch said.

For more information about H.E.L.P., visit their web site: www.elahelp.org.

Clash for a Cause *cont.*



Will it be the Middle School South Eagles (above) or the Middle School North Wolves (below) who own the B-ball court on Nov. 3?



The MSN and MSS administrators are not the only District 95 members involved in the group which is dedicated toward making this charity event a success. Staff members from both schools will be playing in the game and working behind the scenes to make this event fun and a financial success. The team is rounded out by members of the PTO from both MSN and MSS, who will be running concessions during the game coordinated by MSN PTO

President, Lori Smith.

All of the administrators, teachers, and parents volunteering are giving their time because they want to make their community a better place and because they want to help other communities in need.

“We are fortunate people able to help those less fortunate people,” said Lobbins.

Rogers added that he sees this as part of modeling citizenship for students.

MSN sixth grade teacher and player, Dan Morvaji, sees helping the hurricane victims as a great cause and likes that this will build school spirit and a sense of community in both schools; he adds that he also likes the event for exercise and the opportunity to look silly in front of a lot of fans, his students.

While the B-Ball Battle is about helping other communities in need, it’s also about strengthening the District 95 community and having fun. Morvaji, is already planning his uniform, white knee socks and sweat bands. He even jokes about MSN’s strategy, “Pass the ball to Mr. Rogers as much as possible. One way or another, our strategy is to get it to him.”

Lobbins has a different strategy for success; distract the MSS players with plays which involve howling wolves and barking dogs.

Administrators at Middle School South are taking a different approach. They are counting on the crowd support of their students to carry the MSS team. Assistant Principal Chad May is sending out announcements encouraging students to attend the game while poking fun at the faculty players: “Are they [MSS faculty players] up for the challenge? Definitely! Are they excited? Yes! Have they been ‘okayed’ by their doctors? Most of them. Are they talented athletes? Mere details!”

May is right. The skills for this game don’t matter, but the hearts and giving spirit of the students, parents, and faculty of District 95 do. And in the process of this basketball battle, MSN and MSS community members will make their community and country stronger by helping hurricane victims and celebrating how fortunate they are to be a part of District 95.

MS Musicians Honored

Lake Zurich Middle School South (MSS) and Lake Zurich Middle School North are both proud to announce that a number of their music students have been selected to participate in the 2005 IMEA (Illinois Music Educators Association) Junior Festival.

The Junior Festival will be held on Saturday, November 5, at Niles West High School in Skokie, IL. In total, 14 middle school students were chosen from within Community Unit School District 95.

The students were selected through an audition process where only the best of the best middle school students from parts of Lake, Cook, and McHenry counties were accepted for consideration. The honorees include:

MSS Band

Jenny Hacker, Bass Clarinet
Katie Nolan, Clarinet
Evan Fojtik, Flute
Elliot Sepos, Trombone

MSN Band

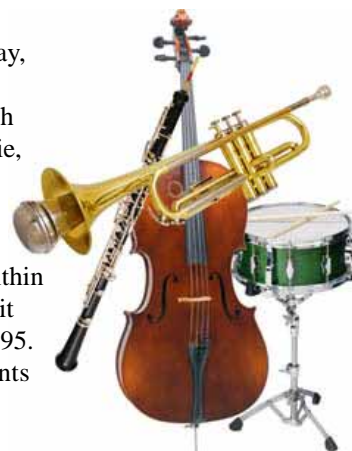
Eric Swinehart, Tenor Sax
Ryan Martin, Trumpet
Mitch Kleban, Trumpet

MSS Orchestra

Lu Cheng, Cello
Kevin Cushman, Cello
Lindsey Lamont, Viola
Jessica Gao, First Violin

MSN Orchestra

Melinda Tom, Viola
Chris Bartus, Viola
Jessica Wang, Violin



24 Credits to Graduate

Last night, at its October 27 meeting, the Community Unit School District 95 Board of Education, in a unanimous 7-0 vote, approved raising the graduation requirements from the current 22 credits to 24 credits needed to receive a Lake Zurich High School diploma. The Board also approved a request by the high school to determine class status by credits earned and years of school completed rather than simply deciding based upon the current years in school only.

Beginning with the Class of 2009 (this year's freshman class), students will be required to



complete three credits of mathematics. Beginning with the Class of 2010 (next year's freshman class), students will be required to complete four credits of English and two years of writing intensive courses. One of those years must be in an English class, while the other can be in a course other than English. The credit determination of class status takes affect for all classes beginning in the second semester of this school year.



According to Principal Michael Egan, the reason for the increase in graduation requirements was two-fold: 1) to comply with the recent increase in graduation requirements mandated by the state; 2) to better prepare students in

the areas of English, writing, and mathematics to facilitate their success in college and career.

"The high school feels that the additional requirements in the core subjects of English and math will better prepare students for their post secondary endeavors whether it be college, trade school, or the workplace."

Currently, 85 percent of the high school students are already meeting the state requirements that will be imposed on the Class of 2010.

Chumley Honored Nationally



Margaret E. Chumley, a senior at Lake Zurich High School, has been recognized by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program for her outstanding academic achievement.

The National Hispanic Recognition Program, established in 1983, provides national recognition of the exceptional academic achievements of Hispanic high school seniors and identifies them for postsecondary institutions.

Students enter the program by taking the Preliminary SAT (PSAT)/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NSMQT) as high school juniors and by identifying themselves as Hispanic. Of the 150,000 students eligible nationwide, approximately 4,500 of the highest scoring students were initially identified.

LZHS Receives \$500 Grant

Lake Zurich High School has received a \$500 grant from the Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance program to support the school's Broadcast Journalism program. **Chirag Ghandi** of Mobil Mart, 650 South Old Rand Road in Lake Zurich, worked with the school administration to secure the grant which is one of 4,000 available to schools across the country served by Exxon or Mobil stations. The grants were made possible by funding from the Exxon Mobil Corporation.

"Lake Zurich High School works hard to make learning interesting and fun," said Ghandi. "As a Mobil retailer, I am proud to help the young people of Lake Zurich High School."

The Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance program is designed to provide Exxon and Mobil retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools. Exxon Mobil believes that, as members of the community, local retailers are best qualified to work with local educators to help identify schools and programs most in need of support.

Ghandi met stringent eligibility criteria before applying for and being awarded this grant, including having a commitment to provide a superior buying experience for customers.



Left: **Margaret Chumley**

Far Left: It will soon take 24 credits to graduate from Lake Zurich High School.

October BOE Honorees



Last night, October 27, during its regular monthly meeting, the Community Unit School District 95 Board of Education honored the following students and adults for the month of October.

Students

- Nikki Winiarski, sophomore, LZHS
- Tara Darnell, eighth grade, MSS
- Sammie Thompson, eighth grade, MSN
- Ronan Kennedy, kindergarten, Spencer Loomis
- Kaitlyn Levine, fifth grade, Seth Paine
- Jerry Bauer, fifth grade, May Whitney
- Grace Eisenhuth, fifth grade, Sarah Adams
- Nick Buto, fifth grade, Isaac Fox
- Emma Light, fifth grade, Charles Quentin

Adults

- Barbara Roach, second grade teacher, Spencer Loomis
- Suzanne Allison, Bear Boosters president and parent volunteer, LZHS

FALL COMEDY SHOW at 7:30 PM

NOVEMBER 10, 2005

the NERD

A COMEDY ABOUT A GUEST WHO WOULDN'T LEAVE

... WITH A TWIST!

BY Larry Shue

LAKE ZURICH HIGH SCHOOL
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<p>The NERD—Nov. 10, 11, 12</p> <p>Honk—Jan. 27, 28, 29</p> <p>Beauty and the Beast— April 26,27,28,29</p>	<p>LAKE ZURICH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER</p>
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Far Left: Honored by the Board of Education for the month of October were: Front row (left to right) **Ronan Kennedy, Kaitlyn Levine, Jerry Bauer, Nick Buto and Emma Light.** Back row (left to right) **Nikki Winiarski, Tara Darnell, Sammie Thompson, Barbara Roach and Suzanne Allison.** Not pictured **Grace Eisenhuth.**

Our fellow Americans in Hancock County, MS continue to need our help. Won't you answer the call?

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Do you like to know things before others in the community? Do others come to you seeking 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 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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