

September 25, 2015

Greetings!

The 2015-16 school year is now in full swing. As an arts learning community in our first month of school that looks like establishing safe space for our artists to engage in meaningful learning experiences.

This year, the LMAP staff chose to use several texts in creating a school-wide dialogue about what safe space looks like in our school. The two texts that we used included The Invisible You by Alan Page and Ruth and The Green Book, by Calvin Alexander Ramsey. Students are demonstrating their understanding of safe space through an art form (dance, visual art, theater, music, etc.) that will be showcased at our October 9th Gatherings. I am proud of the efforts that are underway.

Yesterday, Fifth graders went on their first field trip of the year to River Rendezvous in Bloomington, Minnesota. The River Rendezvous is a festival where students experience history alive. The goal is to demonstrate the lives of people living in Minnesota between 1830 and 1870 through story telling and interactive, hands-on demonstration. Students will be learning more about Minnesota history and the experiences of the Dakota in an upcoming field trip in October.

This week we have a special performance from a touring performing arts ensemble from Tanzania. The group will be performing this Friday, September 25th in the morning at the **upper campus from 9:50am until 10:25am** in the auditorium and the **lower campus from 3:30 until 4:00pm** in the cafeteria.

Additionally, third graders have been making Salsa this week from their harvest of ingredients planted in our school garden last spring when they were second graders. I had the opportunity to enjoy a small sample and it was fresh and delicious. Thank you to our science teacher, Amy Wittman and our second and third grade teachers for this awesome collaboration.

Picture Day is this Friday at both campuses. Lifetouch teams will be set up at both campuses from 9:40am until completed.

Lastly, It's been great connecting with students and LMAP families during this first month of school. To build on this effort, the LMAP PTA and staff are partnering to host our 3rd Annual Family Potluck Events. For families new to LMAP, our Family Potluck event looks like families bringing a dish to share, singing songs, dancing and making connections with members of our LMAP community. The singing and dancing is optional. The first event is designated for grades 4-8 at the upper campus on Tuesday, October 6th from 5:30pm until 7:30pm.

We look forward to connecting with you at one of our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

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