



LMAP NEWS

September 30, 2016

Our mission is to provide a quality, comprehensive, arts-infused education

Greetings!

Thank you to all LMAP families and staff who supported the **4th Annual Family Potluck Event** for our first through third graders this past Tuesday, September 27. I also wanted to recognize LMAP parents and U+B Architects for the organized support of the Lower Campus Expansion project at Tuesday's event and beyond. Remaining Family Potluck Events include the following dates and times:

- Kindergarten night will be Wednesday, October 26, 2016 from 5:30pm-7:00pm
- Grades four through five will be Tuesday, October 4, 2016 from 5:30pm-7:00pm
- Grades six through eight will be Thursday, October 13, 2016 from 5:30pm-7:00pm

As many of our returning parents may know, both campuses have been prioritized for facility updates in alignment with the school district's ten-year facility master plan. Both sites have completed their Final Schematic Designs and are proceeding through the necessary steps to gain approval for the projects to begin in the Spring of 2017. To learn more about how to actively support the facility updates at both campuses you can go to the PTA link on our school website or click on the following link. ([PTA link](#))

Fall sports are underway for our middle school students. We have strong participation for this year's offerings. Congratulations to our volleyball team on their win this week at American Indian Magnet School!

LMAP will be handing out iPads on Thursday, October 13. Middle school students are eligible to take their iPads home as practiced each year of our 1:1 initiative. Students will not be able to use their iPad unless they have completed the User Agreement form that requires parent and student signatures.

As friendly reminder our gathering times have changed at both campuses. The lower campus will move to Friday afternoons at 3:20pm and the upper campus will shift to Friday mornings at 10:30am.

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

Respectfully,
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CATCH THE PTA WAVE...

Fundraising Reminder

The year's first PTA fundraiser from the Chip Shoppe and Cherrydale Farm is underway, with catalogs having gone home on Friday, September 23rd. Profits from the fundraiser, up to 50% of sales, benefit LMAP and the money raised will go toward art residencies, reimbursements for teachers on purchases made for the classroom, winter and spring conference meals, dances, community building events, and much more.

Orders are due back on October 4th and checks should be made payable to Linwood Monroe Arts Plus PTA.



The next PTA meeting will be **October 13th, 2016**. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:00pm and always held at the Monroe campus (810 Palace Av, 55102). There will be free childcare and snacks for the kiddos.

FAMILY POTLUCKS

Thank you to everyone who attended the year's first family potluck for our 1st-3rd grade families and thank you to the faculty and staff of Linwood Monroe Arts Plus for hosting such a wonderful event!

The schedule for the remaining potlucks throughout October can be found below. Join your Linwood Monroe Arts Plus community for this year's remaining potlucks, held for Kindergartners, Grades 4-5, and Middle Schoolers. If you like, bring a dish to share and join us in the cafeteria on the following dates and times:

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| Kindergarten Potluck: | Wednesday, October 26, 5:30pm-7:00pm, Lower (Linwood) Campus |
| 4th and 5th Grade Potluck: | Tuesday, October 4, 5:30pm-7:00pm, Upper (Monroe) Campus |
| Middle School Potluck: | Thursday, October 13, 5:30pm-7:00pm, Upper (Monroe) Campus |

PORTABLE CLASSROOM KITCHEN FOR KIDS

In just two days, a GoFundMe campaign lead by first grade teacher Julie Manthe exceeded the \$680 needed to completely fund a portable classroom kitchen for the kids of Linwood Monroe Arts Plus at the Linwood Campus. This portable kitchen includes a tabletop oven, slow cooker, induction burner, kid-friendly knives and cutting boards, all stored and transported in a commercial grade cart.

Over the past two years, LMAP has been slowly building its outdoor gardening space to include edible plants and herbs. Thanks to a partnership with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the students have been able to learn about where food comes from and the importance of good nutrition. The next step was to create real life experiences in preparing and cooking healthy, delicious food. Salsas, soups, pizzas, salads, snacks, and desserts can be made from the food that is currently growing in the schoolyard.

As a result of these efforts and an outpouring of community support, which still continues to bring in donations, over 300 students will have access to the portable kitchen for learning valuable lessons about food and nutrition, and just how rewarding and tasty freshly prepared food can be. As an added benefit, students will experience the teamwork and cooperation it takes to collectively prepare food.

Thank you to Ms. Manthe for leading the effort and thank you to all those in the community who supported it.

LINWOOD CAMPUS LIBRARY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Linwood Campus library needs volunteers (parents, guardians, grandparents, etc.) for shelving books. Ms. Morrissey is often called away from the library to do other duties, making it difficult to keep all of the books shelved and available. Your help would be GREATLY APPRECIATED! If you are able to help for one hour or more a week, please call Shannon Morrissey, LMAP Library TA, at (651) 774-7746 or e-mail her at shannon.morrissey@spps.org and she will get you going right away. Thank you!

FROM THE THIRD GRADE TEACHERS

We have started the year with a focus on the CARES and building a classroom community. In math, we are working on the standard “I can read, write, and show numbers up with 100,000” using a variety of hands on materials, games, and songs.

We had a great time on our Big River Journey. We learned about the importance of the Mississippi River and how lucky we are to have it flow through our beautiful city.

In reading, we have been testing students to find their “just right” level and will be starting guided reading groups soon. Our first genre study for writing is memoir. In this unit, students will write a story about a special memory using first person point of view. We are excited for an awesome year!

Ms. Kressin, Mrs. Glad, & Mrs. Wittmann

SECOND GRADE NEWS: COOPERATION LINKS US TOGETHER

We always start our year with what we hope and dream to do during the school year. This helps us think about the importance of our learning and setting goals. Then we think about what rules we need to reach our hopes and dreams. Each 2nd grade class came up with their own set of rules.

To illustrate our hopes and dreams each student made a self- portrait with a gold medal around their neck. On the medal they drew a picture of their dream and they wrote their hopes and dreams on the ribbon. Next to them are the torches sent from parents. We love the images of the flames from the families spreading their hopes and dreams for their children.

Finally we made Olympic Rings from our hands with the wishes for the year. Reflecting on the phrase, "Cooperation Links Us Together", on each hand, students wrote words that remind us how to cooperate to help our classrooms become safe spaces this year.

MUSIC AT THE MONROE CAMPUS

Greeting LMAP community! My name is Cory Moyer and I am the new band and music instructor at the upper campus. I recently moved to Minnesota from Illinois where I've taught music and band for the past 17 years to students of every grade level. I'm very excited to teach music at Linwood Monroe.

The band students are off to a great start. We have around 90 students participating in the beginning band this year! Students have instruments in their hands and should be making their first sounds. Before you know it we'll be on to playing full melodies. Our returning band students are off and running. We're already playing new music and some students are helping with the beginners. We are all working together to create a vibrant music community in the band room. Practicing is important so if you have a band student in your house continue to encourage their practicing efforts.

Our 4th and 5th grade music students have started their arts rotations. In music we'll performing, listening, moving to and composing music this year. I can't wait to meet each class!

Finally, I'd like to thank Vega Productions. I was able to connect with this group and help clean instruments for a day. In return, they donated 4 trumpets, 4 clarinets and various music supplies to the school. Those donated instruments are already in the hands of LMAP musicians.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions about music at the upper campus.

Respectfully,
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