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to Lincoln Park High School

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Thank you for subscribing to *The LINC* for information and accomplishments at LPHS. The newsletter is delivered right to your inbox and features articles, links, and news from the Friends of Lincoln Park High School.

Friends of Lincoln Park High School

Welcome Back!

Friends would like to welcome everyone back to the 2011-2012 school year! We are very excited to work with Principal Boraz, the great teachers, administrative staff and the students to continue to help LPHS provide an atmosphere of excellence for all it's programs. Friends has been quite busy so far this year and we would like to thank all those volunteers that have helped us with envelope stuffing, Quickstart, the Teacher Welcome Back Breakfast, registration, sorting mail, answering phones and the Freshman Meet & Greet event. Your time, energy, and efforts are greatly appreciated!



Next Meeting: October 11, 2011

Please join us in the newly renovated school library for the next Friends of Lincoln Park meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Stop by to learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities, "Lincoln Wear", new fundraising ideas, and much more!

Become A Member

Join the community and make a difference. It is not too late to become a member of "Friends". Your membership fees and donations this year will help to provide our teachers with vital

October Calendar





October 10: No School
Columbus Day Holiday

October 10: National College Fair, McCormick Place, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

October 10-14: Homecoming Week at LPHS

October 11: Friends of LP Mtg., Library, 6:30 p.m.

October 12: Local School Council (LSC) Meeting, Room 103, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

October 13: LPHS Homecoming Football Game, at Lane Tech, 3:30 p.m.

October 15: PSAT Exam, LPHS

October 15: Key Club Pancake Breakfast, Freshman Building Cafeteria, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

October 18: Learning Disabilities Assn. Mtg, Room 103, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

October 19: LSC Finance Committee Mtg., Room 103, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

October 23: Recruitment Open House, LPHS, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

October 28: No School
Staff Development Day

October 29: BOP Open House, Freshman Building, 3 - 6:00 p.m.

donations this year will help to provide our teachers with vital training as we become early adopters of the new Common Core curriculum. The Friends membership application is available from the school [website](#). Payment can also be made via paypal under the "[Donate](#)" tab on the website.

Can We Count on You?

Last year's LPHS recruiting open house was a huge success! We hope we can count on your help again this year. This year's event will be held on Sunday October 23 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. We will need about 30 parent volunteers to help direct our visitors and answer any questions they may have. We will not be conducting tours this year, but we will have our student volunteers help guide our guests to presentations, demonstrations, and activities. We've incorporated a lot of your suggestions to help make this event the best ever. We will have a brief meeting to discuss details at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday October 20 and again at 10:30 a.m. Saturday October 22 in room 103. Please let us know if you'll be able to lend a hand. Pascale Kichler (tomkichler@aol.com), FOLP Social Committee

Counselor's Corner

Hey Freshman!...

Jennifer Rucker, LP College Coordinator says, "Congratulations - you are off to a good start! Take time to talk with your parents/guardians about your plans to improve and practice your organizational skills by using your planner." She also recommends several good books for freshman:

- * *145 Things to Be When You Grow Up* by Jodi Weiss & Russell Kahn
- * *The Road to College: The High School Student's Guide to Discovering Your Passion* by Joyce Suber
- * *Too Stressed to Think? A Teen's Guide to Staying Sane When Life Makes You Crazy* by Annie Fox and Ruth Kirschner

Hey Sophomores!...

Now is your chance to join a club, sport, or extracurricular activity. Colleges want students who are capable of doing good work, but they also want students who are interesting. They are looking for a commitment to and a passion for something outside the academic setting that will distinguish you from other applicants. Take the time to explore your interests and talents at Lincoln Park High School!

Hey Juniors!...

* The PSAT/NMSQT test will be on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at LPHS. Juniors taking the PSAT are eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's scholarship and recognition programs. See Ms. Rasul in 114-D for more information. There is a fee to take the examination.

* Junior year is the most important year when it comes to earning the best grades possible. Many colleges and universities will make admissions decisions by evaluating a transcript that shows grades earned through the end of junior year. Make this year your best year ever! The 2012-2013 College Planning Handbook will be updated and revised for distribution to the Class of 2013 in January.

* Parents, look out for the confirmed date of College Planning Night for the Class of 2013. This informational session will take place in early February 2012. It is important to mention that IISA Today says

[more details...](#)

Early February 2012. It is important to mention that USA Today says *The Fiske Guide to Colleges* is "The best college guide you can buy." It's available in the LPHS college room or pick one up at the bookstore for loads of helpful information.

Hey Seniors!...

* What a strong start this year! Senior classroom college information sessions took place in September, and all seniors received their Lincoln Park College Planning Handbook. Make sure to read this handbook cover to cover, as a lot of important information is included.

* October will be a busy month for visits from college representatives. Please check the visit calendar in Naviance to see who is scheduled to visit Lincoln Park. The NACAC National College Fair will be held on Monday, October 10 at McCormick Place. Over 400 colleges and universities will be in attendance. The fair is FREE, but you must pre-register for the event at www.nacacnet.org. (Otherwise you will have to stand in a very long line to register at the fair).

* Mark your calendar! December 7 will be Financial Aid Night at LPHS from 7-8:30 p.m. in the LPHS Auditorium. Ruben Fernandez from LadderUp will conduct a presentation outlining how the financial aid process works and will answer questions.

* Transcripts to colleges can now be ordered in 114-B from Ms. Muzurovic. We are in our second year of sending school materials electronically through Naviance. All seniors should have an active account to use this service. Please see your counselor or Ms. Muzurovic in 114-B if you need assistance with Naviance. Parents may also activate a Naviance account. Please email Ms. Rucker at jcrucker@cps.edu and she will provide you a registration code.

Book Recommendation for Parents of College Bound Students

Parents who are looking for a good book to read while they anxiously watch their student navigate the college admission process can pick up a copy of *Crazy U* by Andrew Ferguson. Funny and insightful, it recounts the true story of his own experiences during his son's senior year of high school.

BOP Open House: October 29, 2011

The **biggest** music event of the fall, the BOP Open House, will be held on October 29 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Freshman Building. All levels of Band and Orchestra perform at this event that showcases the talents of all our student musicians.

One of the highlights of the Open House is the **raffle**. We are looking for donations for the raffle. Any contribution is welcome whether music-themed or not. In the past we have raffled iPods, CDs,

Art News

Welcome Ms. Hale and Ms. Connell!



Jamie Hale (left), Melissa Connell (right)

Jamie Hale comes to us with 17 years of varying experiences teaching children of all ages in many different Chicago land communities, most recently, Oak Park and River Forest High School. As an artist, her strengths are in painting, photography (SLR and digital), sculpture, drawing, ceramics, printmaking, graphic design, and video editing.

Most of the inspiration for her work stems from personal life events.

headphones, tickets and even martial arts lessons. All donations are tax deductible and all proceeds go to support the music program at LPHS. Please bring your donations to the next BOP meeting on October 11 at 6:00 in room 103 or give them to Ms. Gilly, Ms. Filipek or Mr. Lenss at school, or contact:
geralynfallon@sbcglobal.net

Thank You!

Jamie has been exhibiting professionally in various Chicago venues for the last 10 years. She will be teaching Art 1 and Digital Photo this year.

Melissa Connell graduated from the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design in 2003 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration. She is currently working on her Masters in Art Education at North Park University (expected December 2011.) Before transitioning into art education, Melissa worked as a graphic designer at an international marketing research company for 6 years. She continues to work as a freelance graphic designer and illustrator for both local and national companies. Prior to joining Lincoln Park High School she taught fine arts at Proviso East High School in Maywood. Melissa, our 5th art teacher, will be teaching Art 1 classes this year with plans to add art elective classes to her schedule next year.

LPHS Art Club

The Art Club will meet Thursdays after 9th period. Meetings will be held in Room 306 unless informed differently by Mr. Hill. The club was created to provide students time outside of the classroom to pursue artistic endeavors. Everyone with an interest in art is invited. You do not have to be enrolled in an art class to join. Planned activities this year include, but are not limited to, murals, mosaics, personal investigation, and LPHS activities like Fun Fair and Middle March. Interested students should see Mr. Hill in Room 304 in the Main Building. Currently, last year's Art Club members have been making progress on the tile mosaic to be installed in the garden this fall and spring. The design was completed over the summer and it includes several themes, which include the Arts, Academics, Sports, Cityscapes, Oz Park, and Lion Pride. Last year's members are making great strides in cutting and constructing the tiles into the 50' design. The members are meeting everyday after 9th period working on one section/theme at a time.

LPHS Homecoming: October 11-15

Pep Rally with Special Surprise Performance:

Wednesday, October 12, Tickets are \$3.00
Pre-Show is at 3:00 p.m. and Pep-Rally is at 3:45 p.m. in the school auditorium.
(Pre-show for students without a 9th period - must have ID).

**HOMECOMING
2011**

After School Tutoring



Homecoming Game:

Thursday, October 13, Tickets are \$5.00
LPHS Lions vs. Prosser High School at 3:30 p.m., Lane Tech Stadium. Don't miss the Half-time Show and LP Marching Band!

Homecoming Dance:

Saturday, October 15, Tickets \$40
The dance will be at the [United Club](#) in Soldier Field. Appropriate attire is required.
Buy all tickets together for a discount price of \$45. Tickets go on sale for Seniors on October 7 and all others on Tuesday, October 12.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
Seniors are offering tutoring in all subjects during and after 9th periods in the school cafeteria. If your student is experiencing difficulty in a particular subject, encourage them to attend the after school tutoring sessions. No scheduled appointment is necessary and the service is free.

Performing Arts Update

October is a Musical Month

- October 10 at 12:00 noon: Our very own Marching Lions will participate in Chicago's Columbus Day parade. Come out and enjoy the fun on Columbus Drive from Balbo to Monroe.
- October 11 from 4 - 9:00 p.m.: Wish our talented LP students luck as they audition for the IMEA All-District Band, Choir and Orchestra at Carl Sandburg High School.
- October 13 at 3:30 p.m.: Don't miss the LPHS Homecoming game at Lane Tech against Prosser featuring the Marching Band's outstanding halftime field show!
- October 21 at 7:00 p.m.: The Marching Lions are honored to participate in the Northwestern Homecoming parade down Sheridan Road from Lincoln Street to the Arch in Evanston.



English Department News

Young Playwright's Festival Award Winners!

Three of Bart Hanson's Creative Writing class students won top honors in the 25th annual Pegasus Player's Young Playwright Festival this summer. Nearly 1,000 scripts were submitted by CPS high school students. The winners were honored on July 25, at an event hosted by the Chicago Dramatists in their theatre space on Chicago Avenue. The ten finalists' plays were read on stage by professional actors in front of an audience of students, friends, family and local media. Finalists: **Dan Odents** (Senior) *Space Office* and **Nicholas Stanton** (Senior) *Road Trippin'*
Honorable Mention: **Florimond Atade-Vangui** (Graduated) *Isala De Los Suenos*
Congratulations to our talented students and Bart Hanson!

Science Scoop

Science Fair Judges Needed

The LPHS science department is looking for Science Fair judges for the 2011 Science Fair. It will be held on December 20 at Lincoln Park High School, and the department is in need of volunteers to help judge more than 500 student projects. Judges should have a background in science, computers, math, psychology, engineering, architecture or a similar area of expertise. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Kevin Krakovsky at KDKrakovsky@cps.edu. Your expertise is greatly appreciated!

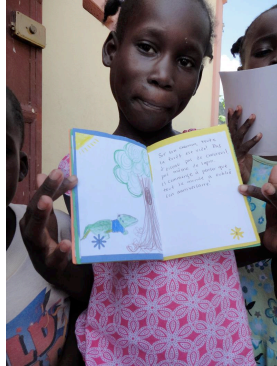
SAVE the DATE!

**Friends of
Lincoln Park
will be hosting
the
LPHS Spring
Fundraiser
on Saturday,
April 28, 2012**

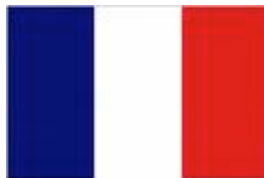
World Language News

LP French Students Share Short Stories with Haitian Orphans

As an end of the year project, students in Mme. Perrichon and Ms. McGillivray's French 2 honors classes were given the opportunity to apply all their newly acquired vocabulary and grammar skills by writing and illustrating original short stories for Haitian orphans. Ms. McGillivray hand-delivered the stories to eager Haitian children in July 2011 during a volunteer trip to work in orphanages in southern Haiti. The children were delighted to discover new books and fought over who got to read them aloud and who turned the pages.



Bon Berger Orphanage - Les Cayes, Haiti, July 2011



LPHS - Louis Le Grand Exchange: October 27 - November 3

This October, for the sixth consecutive year, Lincoln Park will welcome twenty students, one administrator and one teacher from Louis Le Grand High School in Paris, France. The exchange allows students to focus on common threads in literature, art, architecture and history that have influenced their respective cities. French students, hosted by American families, will experience the rich diversity of family life in Chicago and as Lincoln Park High School students. When not attending high school, students participate in a number of cultural excursions throughout the city, including an architectural boat and walking tour of downtown Chicago, a visit to Frank Lloyd Wright's home in Oak Park, as well as visits to the Art Institute of Chicago, the Chicago Cultural Center, and the Field Museum. Many students will also enjoy celebrating Halloween, discovering Millennium Park and shopping on the Magnificent Mile. Lincoln Park students will travel to Paris during Spring Break 2012 and will be thrilled to see their new friends and experience French culture first-hand. Families of junior or senior students interested in hosting and/or traveling can contact Ms. McGillivray at mlmcgillivray@cps.edu or Mme. Perrichon at jperrichon-nguyen@cps.edu.

Arabic Class Visitor

On Thursday September 22nd, the students in Arabic 3 and Arabic 4 were visited by Sarah Leah Whitson, director of the Middle East & North Africa division of Human Rights Watch. Ms. Whitson spoke with the students about the "Arab Spring" pro-democracy uprisings

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currently sweeping the Middle East and North Africa. The students engaged in conversation with Ms. Whitson on questions about U.S. policy, the role of non-governmental organizations in world politics, and the importance of learning a second or third language for career opportunities.



Barcelona, Spain - Spring Break March '12

Join Ms. Colon and your fellow students in Barcelona. Walk the streets that brought inspiration to Picasso, Dali, and other artists. Explore Spanish cuisine, people, and culture. This trip is open to ALL students. Students and parents interested in Spring Break

Barcelona March 2012 can see Ms. Colon in 315 or e-mail cmcolon@cps.edu. Click [here](#) for further information or to register. The Barcelona video can be viewed [here](#).

Madrid, Spain - Exchange June '12

Interested in improving your Spanish skills with real world experience and learning Spanish culture hands on? Consider living with a family in Spain. You'll live with a high school Spanish student and their family for 10 days. During school hours you'll explore the culture, food, and people of Spain in organized tours. After school and on the weekends you will experience life with your Spanish families. This trip is open to sophomores and juniors only. Students interested in Spain Exchange June 2012 can see Ms. Colon in room 315 (cmcolon@cps.edu) or Ms. Garcia in room 102.

Library Bulletin

Renovations Complete and Book Fair Coming

As many of you know the library received a renovation this summer and is nearly complete. The library is a true learning center now with a dedicated computer lab and student work tables. The students take advantage of the space as much as possible now that the hours have been extended from 7:15 a.m. -4:30 p.m. every day. The year has gotten off to a great start. We just wrapped up celebrating **Banned Books Week** September 26-30 and are preparing for **Teen Read Week** October 16-22. The LPHS Library is partnering with Barnes & Noble on Webster to promote LPHS students recommended reads during Teen Read Week. Barnes & Noble will be displaying books recommended by our students for the week. The library will also be raffling off a free book for students who read a book during Teen Read Week. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 6. LPHS will hold its first book fair at Barnes & Noble. The school will receive 10% of all purchases made on that day in honor of LPHS. If you would like to help out with the planning for the book fair please contact the librarian, Lindsey Mangurten, at: lmangurten@cps.edu.

THANKS to the Anonymous Library Donor

Twenty headsets with microphones were requested by the LPHS library through DonorsChoose.org and the project was fully funded (\$1000.00) by an anonymous donor on the first day! The headphones with microphones will move our school to the 21st century and we are so thankful!

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