

A newsletter

from the Lawrence School Parent-Teacher Organization

Calendar

- 9 June (Tuesday)**
School Council Meeting
8 am 2nd floor conf. room
- 11 June (Thursday)**
Spring Picnic RAIN DATE
- 12 June (Friday)**
Field Day
- 16 June (Tuesday)**
Reception for Departing Staff
5–6:30 pm Library
- 17 June (Wednesday)**
8th Grade Graduation
6 pm Auditorium
- 24 June (Wednesday)**
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Dismissal at 12 pm

Field Day Fun!

Help us create a new tradition of year-end fun at Lawrence. Field Day is Friday, June 12, and parent volunteers are needed to staff activity stations and the water/break area. The event will feature up to 12 stations with different games and activities, with stations varying by grade level. Students will travel with their class and rotate through the activities. If you can help out, please contact the office as soon as possible. Thanks!

Field Day Schedule

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| 8:30–9:30 a.m. | Grades K–2 |
| 10:00–11:30 a.m. | Grades 3–5 |
| 12:00–1:30 p.m. | Grades 6–8 |
| 1:45 p.m. | School-wide gathering for popsicles |



Classrooms & Staffing Update

Transfers to Lawrence

I am pleased to announce that after interviews and speaking with in-district references, I have approved the following transfers to Lawrence from other schools:

Maxine Hunter, Grade 6 Science and English: Maxine has been teaching sixth grade at Runkle School for the past six years. She is active in district work to update the science curriculum. She has training in the Responsive Classroom program that emphasizes building community in a classroom, as well as Writer's Express, a current writing program. Prior to teaching, Maxine worked as a school librarian and nutrition education consultant. She holds a BA from Cornell in Nutrition Science and a Masters of Arts and Teaching from Simmons College. I am confident she will be a terrific addition to our sixth grade team. Maxine will take over from Alexandra Leszczynsky, who is relocating.

Debbie Caruso, Occupational Therapy (.6 FTE): Debbie comes to us from Devotion School. She has worked in Brookline since 1995. She will take over the position vacated when Heather Newman relocated in January. Joanne Pascar will continue in the .4 FTE position.

Math Specialists Malia Scott (.4 FTE) and Katy McGraw (.6 FTE) come to us from Lincoln and Runkle respectively, joining Anu Advani to round out our increased math staffing. We will use the increase to provide additional math consultation to teachers as well as to offer intervention for students needing extra help.

Classroom Configuration

As of this writing, our class configuration for next year is as follows:

- Kindergarten:** 3 classes* with Nora Carpenter, Dominique Ferdinand, and Nao Rosenberg
- Grade 1:** 3 classes with Suzanne Coyne, Kris Frye, and Joanna Lampert
- Grade 2:** 3 classes with Jill Demsey, Marie Leman, and Jonathan Norwood
- Grade 3:** 4 classes with Alicia Hsu, Sharon Kiernan, Mary Lee Malandrakis, Jeremy Ward
- Grade 4:** 4 classes* with Justin Brown, Karla Cunha Cardoso, Leanne Dellibovi, TBA
- Grade 5:** 3 classes with Greg Porter, Jonathan Weinberger, and TBA
- Grade 6:** 3 classes with Pam Charpentier (Social Studies), Maxine Hunter (Science), and Lora Smid (Mathematics). All 3 teachers teach English to their own homerooms.
- Grade 7/8:** 5 sections with Peggy Randall, Grade 7 English; Dianne Muendel, Grade 8 English; Charles Deily, Mathematics; Ryan Keser, Science; Jonathan Greiner, Social Studies; Zoë Kern, Grade 7 Spanish; Rachel Stein, Grade 8 Spanish and 7/8 French. Both Zoë and Rachel will continue to teach elementary Spanish .6 and .4 respectively.

* *Note on number of classes:* The district is seeking a location for an additional Kindergarten section. I have asked that it be located elsewhere due to long-term space needs in our school. We continue to monitor Grade 4, which could be reduced to three classes. Our known enrollment as of June 5 is 70, but I anticipate an increase during the summer.

— Rick Rogers, Principal



email your stories by friday 4 p.m. to newsletter@lawrencePTO.org

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Around Brookline

Artbarn Community Theater presents "Cody Unplugged" on June 13 (7:00 p.m.) and 14 (4:30 p.m.), performed by the Duck Soup Troupe, with actors in Grades 1 through 3. Come to the Maliotis Center at Hellenic College, 50 Goddard Avenue in Brookline; tickets cost \$8 at the door or in advance by calling 617-975-0050.

Eurekafest is a multi-day celebration designed to empower a legacy of inventors through activities that inspire youth, honor role models, and encourage creativity and problem solving. On Saturday, June 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the event comes to the Museum of Science, with hands-on learning activities for young



children. Cheer on 200+ high school students in an all-day design challenge that explores the inventions process through wind-powered devices. For more information, call the

Lemelson-MIT Program at 617-253-3352 or email EurekaFest@mit.edu.

The Brookline Music School offers a variety of classes and private instruction, from early childhood and dance lessons to ensembles, beginning instrument, technology and theory classes. Visit bmsmusic.org for a listing of upcoming summer classes. This weekend, the Cavo Lounge at Roggie's New Age Brew & Grille in Brighton will host more than 70 students, ages 8 to adult, from Brookline Music School's jazz/rock ensembles for a two-day music festival. Come hear them perform jazz, rock, pop, and funk tunes led by Jazz/Rock Department Coordinator John Purcell. The event will take place Saturday, June 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday, June 14, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Entrance is free; all ages are welcome.

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Please join the
Lawrence School community at
a farewell reception honoring

Mary Sodano Kathy Lynch

and all departing teachers and staff

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Lawrence School Library

Questions? Contact Vicki Skoler at vicskol@yahoo.com or
Melanie Marcus at mlmarcus@mindspring.com

Cameras on the Go

With the PTO's support, two amazing visual arts programs continue to take place every spring at our school. Grade 5 students successfully built working pinhole cameras and shot and developed their own images. The stunning results will be on display in the hallway outside the library. Students in Grade 8 shot digital photos and learned how to enhance them with computer graphics. These wildly creative digital self-portraits will be up in the main foyer before graduation. Thank you to Anne Pfaff and David Leifer and the parent volunteers and teachers who make these projects possible.

Used Books Needed

MATCH charter middle school, which opened its doors in Boston this past September, currently has a very limited school library. They need books written for Grades 4 through 9 levels in reading. If you have good used books for this reading level to donate, please contact their principal, *Lisa Hwang* at lhwang@matchschool.org, to organize collection or delivery.

