

A newsletter

from the Lawrence School Parent-Teacher Organization

Calendar

8 June (Tuesday)

- Gr 5/6 Chorus
- PTO Meeting
8 am library

10 June (Thursday)

- Grade 3 Recorder Concert
8:15 am
- Spring Picnic
6 pm

11 June (Friday)

- Field Day
- K-2 8:20-10 am
- 3-5 10:30-2 pm
- 6-8 12:30-2 pm

14 June (Monday)

- Field Day Rain Date

15 June (Tuesday)

- Spring Picnic Rain Date

21 June (Monday)

- Grade 2 Concert
8:15 am

22 June (Tuesday)

- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



Lawrence School Improvement Plan

A commitment to continuous improvement should be at the heart of an effective school. The Lawrence School Council, with input from faculty and parents, is charged with developing a School Improvement Plan annually. We recently completed our work on the plan for 2010-11. The goals grow out of last year's plan, but are updated and revised with more specific action items. The plan reflects the real work of continuous improvement that is going on every day at Lawrence School.

This year's School Improvement Plan addresses eight goal areas. I have summarized the goals below. At a parent meeting in the fall, I will speak about the plan in more detail, including the more specific action items. The complete plan will be posted on the school website later in June.

Goal #1 • School Vision: Promote a shared vision (updated in 2009-10) that is recognized and understood by all members of the school community and is utilized by the faculty and School Council to inform school improvement work.

Goal #2 • Safe, Just and Caring Community: Identify common language and practices to support a safe, just, and caring community and to promote social emotional learning.

Goal #3 • Differentiated Instruction for Student Achievement: Utilize a variety of strategies to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all learners.

Goal #4 • Cohesive Middle School Within PK-8: Develop a cohesive middle school model that aligns Grade 6 with 7/8 within the context of a PK-8.

Goal #5 • Cohesive Primary Grades K-2: Strengthen the articulation and alignment of expectations and curriculum from grades K-2.

Goal #6 • Professional Learning Communities: Cultivate a culture of reflective practice for faculty through the development of a Professional Learning Community (PLC) model.

Goal #7 • Continuous Improvement Using Data: Foster a cycle of continuous improvement by using data to monitor individual student progress, to plan for instruction, and to examine school programs and practices.

Goal #8 • School Garden: Develop and utilize a school garden that is connected to and enhances the curriculum.

I look forward to engaging with the faculty and community in our ongoing work of school improvement.

—Rick Rogers

Lawrence Spring Picnic — this Thursday!



Join your friends and family at the Spring Picnic on Thursday, June 10th at 6 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner or buy goodies. Maybe you'll win a cake for dessert. A reminder from Mr. Rogers: this week's Spring Picnic is a family event for all ages. Let's keep the picnic enjoyable for everyone: Super soakers and squirt guns are NOT permitted!

While you're at the picnic, visit the SET-J table to learn about the exciting plans for Ms. Alper's trip to Tokyo, Kyoto, and Hiroshima in November. They will be selling delicious rice-balls and will have a bouncy ball challenge and yo-yo fishing. All proceeds will go to the PTO.

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

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Arts & Sports



Make Art This Summer!

Spend your summer tie dying, building, painting, and sewing with Amy Solomon, Lawrence School enrichment teacher. "Art with Amy" still has spaces in both July and August! Sign on by the week. For more info call 617-566-2667 or www.artwithamy.com

Boston College Summer Soccer Clinics for Boys and Girls

Boston College will be holding soccer clinics for boys and girls this summer for soccer fun and development. The boys' clinic will run from July 26–29 on the Newton Campus. Girls' clinics will run June 28–July 1 and July 19–22. For more information, see the website at <http://bceagles.cstv.com/camps/bc-camps.html>

Share Your Thoughts With the School Committee



As part of its annual evaluation of the superintendent, the school committee invites comments from the community on Dr. Lupini's performance. You can complete the feedback form available at school or on line at <http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us>. As always, feedback is confidential and presented to the committee anonymously.

LSA Needs a New Treasurer



Lawrence Special Activities (LSA) is looking for a new parent volunteer to join its management team in 2010–2011 to help with all financial matters for the school year. This job includes managing our teacher contracts, payroll, insurance, reimbursements and cash receivables. As many of you know, we created a successful program featuring over 20 after school enrichment classes each fall, winter and spring for grades K–8. A key benefit to volunteering with LSA is guaranteed enrollment in our most popular classes. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Joanne Liautaud at 617-232-5690 or joanneliautaud@hotmail.com.

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Great Books for Hot Days – Lawrence Reads this Summer!

The new, annotated Brookline Public School Summer Reading 2010 lists are going home to each student full of excellent suggestions in different genres to inspire delicious hours of reading. These lists are also available online through the Summer Reading link on our Lawrence School library home page: <http://catalog.brookline.k12.ma.us/common/welcome.jsp?site=10>

Lawrence School expects:

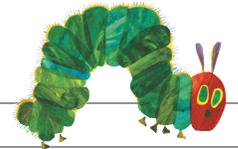
- That families will include pleasure reading among its regular activities
- That each student will set a personal goal for summer reading (to read a favorite author's books, to try a new genre, to read a certain number of pages, to read the same books as a friend and discuss them, to seek recommendations from friends and family, to start a book club, to write a "book letter" to a grandparent...)
- That students will read or listen to five or more books, *not* limited to Brookline's lists (read widely, choosing as you go!)
- That students will keep a reading log to share with their fall teacher
- That students will read or listen to the grade-level book specified below

Local bookstores and public libraries are wonderful resources for summer reading. Brookline Booksmith in Coolidge Corner and The Children's Book Shop in Brookline Village, along with our public libraries, have copies of our recommended lists and welcome your patronage. The Brookline Public Library offers students an online reading log to make it easy to keep track of books read. Visit its home page to locate more information about its "GoGreen@Your Library" summer reading programs and events for children and for teens at <http://www.brooklinelibrary.org/>

Find all your misplaced library books!

The library will be closed for its bi-annual physical inventory Monday, June 14, through Wednesday, June 16. Families will be receiving bills for non-returned materials and are requested to respond promptly.

Enjoy good books this summer!



Into K	any book by Eric Carle
Into 1	<i>Wemberly Worried</i> , by Kevin Henkes
Into 2	any <i>Henry and Mudge</i> book (early reading series), by Cynthia Rylant
Into 3	<i>The Year of the Dog</i> , by Grace Lin
Into 4	<i>The World According to Humphrey</i> , by Betty G. Birney, or <i>The Highway Cats</i> , by Janet Taylor Lisle
Into 5	<i>Rickshaw Girl</i> , by Mitali Perkins, or <i>Brenden Buckley's Universe and Everything In It</i> , by Sundee Tucker Frazier
Into 6	<i>The Breadwinner</i> , by Deborah Ellis
Into 7	<i>Tangerine</i> , by Edward Bloor
Into 8	<i>The Schwa Was Here</i> , by Neal Shusterman