



**Family News - Wednesday, April 25, 2018**

*Upcoming Dates*

**Wednesday, April 25- Thursday, April 26:** Book Fair

**Thursday, April 26:** All School Family Night, 6:00-8:00 PM

**Friday, April 27:** No School for students, Professional Development

**Friday, April 27:** High School Prom, 7:00 PM

**Monday, May 14: Admissions Open House, 10:00 AM**

**Friday, May 18:** Middle School Dinner Dance, 2:45-6:00 PM

**Thursday, May 24:** Graduate Parent Recognition event, 6:00-7:30 PM

**Monday, May 28:** No School, Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 29:** Parent Orientation for students in 5th going into 6th grade, 8:30-10:00 AM

**Thursday, May 31:** Last Day of After School Program: Spring Session

**Thursday, May 31:** 5th and 8th grade 'Step Up Day'

**Friday, June 1:** Commencement, 6:30 PM

**Thursday, June 21:** Last Day of School, Early Release 11:30 AM

*It takes a village*

By: Gretchen Petersen, Chief Operating Officer

LPS believes in educating students for life. Students don't live in a vacuum, rather in a community, influenced and affected by parents, teachers, community members, peers, siblings, extended family, and more. All of these people have an impact on a student's life. With that in mind, independent skill building for our students is something that involves this community, as a whole. By working together, we can expand the opportunities for our students and allow them to experience more of what the world has to offer.

During the school day at LPS, a portion of our classes are designed to expose students to independent living skill topics. While we are able to plan activities for the students to participate within the classroom setting and during field trips, there are more real-life opportunities outside of LPS. These experiences help to increase self-confidence and can be explored by encouraging independence, giving students opportunities, involving them in planning, giving them choices to problem solve, involving them in household chores, exposing them to different

environments, to name a few. It is never too early or too late for families to implement these strategies and help their child feel a sense of pride and accomplishment, even if it is just selecting their own clothes or making their own doctor's appointment as they get older. Utilizing our resources and taking advantage of everyday teachable moments can go a long way, ensuring that our Learning Prep students will have a meaningful life.

### *Annual Family Night*

Please join us **this Thursday, April 26** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for LPS' Annual Family Night! This is an evening when students in the Elementary, Middle and High Schools show their families what they have been working on this year as well as see their teachers and classrooms.

As usual, we will also have the book fair open.

Hope to see you here on Thursday night!

### *Family directory*

The family directory is a tool to support family communication. The information published in the directory is general address and contact information. Our policy is to obtain express approval to publish your contact information in the directory. If your family is not visible in the directory and you would like it be visible only to other LPS parents, please send us approval.

To access the Directory:

1. Visit [www.learningprep.org](http://www.learningprep.org)
2. Click the blue box that says "Log In" in the upper right corner.
3. If you have never logged in or have forgotten your password, click the "Forgot Password" link under the login and follow the directions.
4. Login with the primary e-mail address provided to LPS during registration and your password.
5. Once you are logged in, click "Parents" in the blue navigation bar and then "Parent Resources." When you are logged in you will see the directories and the newsletters listed here.

### *Prom 2018*

The theme for this year's prom is 1920's Evening in Paris! We are excited to have the Sheraton in Needham host us. We will have a buffet dinner, sundae bar, and unlimited soda bar. As always, we will have a wonderful DJ playing all the favorites. All students grade 9-12 are invited to attend.

**Friday, April 27, 2018** 7:00 -11:00 pm

Sheraton Needham, [100 Cabot Street Needham, MA](http://www.sheratonneedham.com)

Please note that permission slips are now past due. If your child has not yet returned their permission slip please contact Bob Owens, Jeff Manzella, Meredith Sullivan or Jen Thorell.

### *MCAS News*

Yes, it is that time of year again, Spring MCAS is upon us! The EMS students testing is organized so that each grade is tested on the same days. As you plan doctor visits, please keep this in mind. If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent during any testing sessions, please let **Gretchen Petersen** know at x 617-965-0764 ext. 310. It is also important for students to eat a healthy breakfast before coming to school and to bring snacks to eat when they take a break. The schedule is as follows:

### **May- Math**

- Grade 3, 4 & 5 – May 1 & 2
- Grade 6 & 7 – May 3 & 4
- Grade 8: May 8 & 9
- Grade 10: May 23 & 24

### **May- Science**

- Grade 5 & 8 – May 21 & 22

### **June- Science**

- Grade 9, Biology: June 6 & 7
- Retests: June 6 & 7, only for students who have not yet passed Science MCAS.

The students will be tested 1:1 or in small groups and provided with MCAS accommodations listed in their current, signed IEP.

Students in Grades 6 and above will be reviewing and signing a letter of personal responsibility regarding MCAS testing, per DESE. All test administrators also review and sign a non-disclosure security contract. We use the DESE suggested form and will send home a copy of the student letter.

If you have questions regarding MCAS, please contact **Gretchen Petersen** through email at [gpetersen@learningprep.org](mailto:gpetersen@learningprep.org) or at 617-965-0764 ext. 310.

## ***Summer program (Extended Year Program)***

Learning Prep School Summer Program (Extended Year Program referred to as EYP) is a 4-week program beginning **Monday, July 9th and ending Thursday, August 2nd**. The program will operate Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The EYP is designed to maintain progress and prevent substantial regression through structured educational and social experiences. The program is modeled after the regular Learning Prep School program but includes activities to help provide a "camp-like" feel. The EYP is open to any student who is enrolled at Learning Prep School.

Elementary/Middle School (entering grades 3-8):

Program components consist of academic classes, social skills groups, arts/crafts, organizational support, interactive games and structured field trips. The academic areas will include reading, math, writing, and social communication.

High School (entering grades 9-12):

Program components consist of functional academic classes, social and transitional/pre-vocational skills development as well as travel training

through local educational trips. The functional academic areas will include reading, math, and writing. All students entering 12th grade will be participating in a work experience, 2 days per week.

Enrollment Information:

The Summer Program (EYP) is not approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). A school district seeking placement in the LPS Summer Program may submit the Notification of Intent to Seek Approval for Individual Student Program (form 28M/3) to DESE. Parents may choose to enroll independently.

The tuition for Summer Program (EYP) is \$3,300. Please contact **Maria Fitzpatrick**, Summer Program secretary, for enrollment forms at 617-965-0764 ext. 125 or at [mfitzpatrick@learningprep.org](mailto:mfitzpatrick@learningprep.org).

### *Yearbook orders*

2017-2018 High School Yearbooks are on sale now! Order forms already went home with students or you can order online and add special features!

Two ways to order:

1. [Download the order form](#) and return to **Kaitlin Scorzella**
2. [Order a yearbook online](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Kaitlin Scorzella** at [kscorzella@learningprep.org](mailto:kscorzella@learningprep.org).



### *Spread the word about Learning Prep School*

If you know someone who may be interested in Learning Prep for their child, please encourage them to attend one of our Open House events:

**Monday, May 14, 2018** at 10:00 AM

**Tuesday, June 5, 2018** at 10:00 AM

RSVP's appreciated to:

**Korina Martin**, Director of Admissions

[617-965-0764 ext 226](tel:617-965-0764) or [kmartin@learningprep.org](mailto:kmartin@learningprep.org)

**Learning Prep School is an innovative school for students with language and learning disabilities. Understanding that language skills are the basis for all learning, LPS's unique curriculum integrates the teaching of language skills in all subjects.**

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