



Family News - Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, November 2: Transition Information Night, 7:00-8:30 PM

Wednesday, November 8 - Thursday, November 16: M.C.A.S. High School Retesting

Friday, November 10: No School, Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 15: 'Meet and Greet' with Theodore Sharp, Interim Executive Director, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, November 22: All school Early Release, 11:30 AM

Thursday, November 23: No School, Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 24: No School

Tuesday, November 28: Admissions Open House, 10:00 AM

Thursday, November 30: Parent Orientation for 8th grade students entering 9th in Fall 2018, 8:30-10:00 AM

Friday, December 8: All school Winter Fair, time T.B.A.

Leadership Transition

As LPS Board Chair **Karen Kames** shared last week, we want to acknowledge and thank **David Lightfoot** for his dedication to LPS and our mission and wish him the very best in his future endeavors. We are very pleased to welcome **Theodore Sharp** as our interim Executive Director, beginning **November 6**. Ted brings a rich skill set to LPS that will both complement and strengthen our own seasoned administrative and teaching staff, allowing LPS to continue to provide excellent academic programs to our students and ensure the smooth running of our school. We invite LPS families to meet Ted on **Wednesday, November 15th from 7:00 – 8:00 pm** in the LPS Cafeteria.

Winter Fair is back!

Learning Prep School will be hosting a Winter Fair on **Friday, December 8th** during the school day in the LPS Gym. The fair provides a wonderful opportunity for students of all ages to experience purchasing gifts for mom, dad or other loved ones. Of course, it also offers fun, food and games!

As always, we will be looking for volunteers and donations. Parents, we need items for the fair's "student shopping"- please look in your closets

for items you don't need anymore, such as items you might sell at a yard sale. We are also looking for any donations for the event day such as treats and craft supplies.

If you have items that you make and would like to sell them– you can have your own table, just contact **Debby** at dworcester@learningprep.org.

All items can be dropped off in the High School/ Administration Building, Attention: **Debby Worcester**.

Thank you for all your continued support and volunteer efforts. We look forward to a very enjoyable and successful fair!

Grandparent's Day success!

With the leaves of fall turning gold and under a clear blue sky, LPS welcomed over 115 guests and 47 students to its fifth annual Grandparents & Grandfriends Day on October 18th and 19th. Students and their grandparents or grandfriends enjoyed a student-prepared breakfast of quiche, sausage, home fries, fruit and muffins. Following breakfast, the program featured presentations from High School Principal, **Cynthia Manning** and Elementary/Middle School Dean, **Susan Smith Powers**, both of whom provided an overview of school programs. Librarian and media specialist **Karen Makanui** gave a presentation on the new Library Media Center as well as the school's new Maker Space that opened this fall. The program ended with tours that included the Library Media Center and the new Maker Space, where visitors watched two 3-D printers making objects and saw early projects created by the laser cutter. "I hope they do this again next year," one grandparent was overheard to say. With attendance increasing each year, LPS is sure to continue this popular program.

Inclement Weather notifications

When inclement weather causes a school delay or cancellation, Learning Prep utilizes Auto Alert, an automated system used to call families with emergency information or school closings.

When you receive this call, you will see "[617-965-0764](tel:617-965-0764)" on your caller I.D. This system is activated by automated voice recognition. In order to receive these notifications from L.P.S., when the phone rings, you may either pick up the phone and say "hello" or you may leave your answering machine on. The response generated from your end of the phone will trigger the Auto Alert feature in our system. Please understand that due to the distances that students and staff come from this call will come as early as 5:00 a.m. If for some reason you do not receive a call from the Auto Alert and you feel school may be closed please watch TV channels 4, 5 and 7, or check the Learning Prep website's homepage.

As weather is very unpredictable across the communities we serve, please use your judgment to guide your decision to send your child, if school/work is not closed. If a child stays home due to weather, it is considered an excused absence.

Transition Information Night

TRANSITION INFORMATION NIGHT

NOVEMBER 2, 2017 7:00PM-8:30PM

Community Meeting Room

Local community service providers will be available to address common transition topics including:

- Independent Living
- Guardianship
- Accessing Local Resources
- Americans with Disabilities Act.



Please join us for an informative evening focusing on transitional planning, community services, and what the appropriate "next step" may be for your student after Learning Prep School.

Open to parents and guardians of middle and high school students.

Please RSVP by October 27th to Erin Brown at ebrown@learningprep.org

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Staying healthy

Welcome back from The Nursing Department!

Staying healthy during cold and flu season can be challenging. Check out this helpful article, "[The Flu: A Guide for Parents](#)" and check out these helpful tips for your entire family:

- **Wash your hands.** Frequent hand washing, using soap and warm water, can eliminate germs.
- **Alcohol-based hand sanitizers** are okay to use when your hands aren't visibly dirty, and/or you don't have access to a sink.
- **Cough or sneeze into a tissue** or your elbow, not your hands
- **Avoid touching your hands** to your nose or mouth.
- **Get plenty of sleep.** Sleeping eight hours a night allows your body to keep up its defenses.
- **Drink Water.** Staying hydrated helps with flushing your system, improves digestion, removes phlegm from your airway and helps fight fatigue.

- **Take time to exercise.** Regular exercise helps to keep up your stamina.
- **Don't forget your flu vaccine.** Flu vaccines are being offered in your pediatrician's office, health clinics, and local pharmacies.
- **Eat well and take your daily vitamins.** Studies show that eating foods high in Vitamin C, Vitamin A and Zinc help to fight colds.
- **Take time to relax.** Meditation or just "down time" helps decrease stress.

If your child gets sick, here are some guidelines to follow. It is the policy at Learning Prep School to keep a child at home if s/he has:

- a fever over 100 degrees Fahrenheit during the past 24 hours
- a cold in the active stages: disruptive coughing, running nose, sneezing
- a sore throat and/or swollen neck glands
- an un-diagnosed rash or skin eruption
- vomiting or diarrhea during the past 24 hours

It's important to stay home, get rest and to avoid spreading the illness and please let us know if you are keeping your child home because of illness.

If you have any questions or need to reach the Nursing Office, we can be reached at [617-965-0764 x 410](tel:617-965-0764).

Yearbook orders

2017-2018 High School Yearbooks are on now sale! Order forms already went home with students or you 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.



Change of transportation/dismissal

If your child has a change of transportation, please remember to *notify us in writing of the change*. If you have not already done so, please review our [full policy](#) and procedures around early dismissal, change in transportation arrangements, and excused absences.

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:

Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 10:00 AM

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

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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