



## Family News - Tuesday, February 13, 2018

### Upcoming Dates

**Wednesday, February 14:** All school Red Day

**Wednesday, February 14:** Admissions Open House, 10:00 AM

**Friday, February 16:** Full Day School, February Recess begins

**Monday, February 19 - Friday, February 23:** February Recess

**Monday, February 26:** School reopens

**Wednesday, February 28- Tuesday, March 6:** MCAS, High School  
ELA & Math Retest

**Wednesday, March 7:** All school Early Release, 11:30 AM

**Thursday, March 8:** All school Bake Sale

**Friday, March 9:** Middle School After School Social, 2:45 - 5:00 PM

**Monday, March 12:** After School Program - Spring Session begins

**Wednesday, March 14:** Partners in Education (P.I.E.) Meeting, 8:30-  
9:30 AM

**Wednesday, March 14:** Optional parent workshop, Navigating the  
Cyber World, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

**Thursday, March 15:** Admissions Open House, 10:00 AM

**Thursday, March 22:** College & Career Readiness Night, 7:00 PM (more  
details to come)

### LPS welcomes new staff!

**Jennifer Priesing** joins LPS as a Middle School Teacher. Jennifer has a B.S. in Biology from Framingham State University and a M.Ed in Elementary Education from Antioch University New England. When she's not teaching,

Jennifer enjoys spending time with her two English Bulldogs: Napoleon and Neville; and enjoys all things Harry Potter!

**Laura Nicholson** joins LPS as a Long Term Counselor, covering the maternity leave of **Leah Manzella**. Laura has a B.S. in Psychology from Bridgewater State College and a Masters in School Counseling from UMass Boston. When she's not at school, Laura enjoys spending time with her husband, 2-1/2 year old daughter and 7-month-old son, spending time with family and friends, baking and reading.

## Optional parent workshop, Cyber-bullying

On **March 14th**, LPS will be hosting an optional parent workshop, presented by the [Middlesex Partnership for Youth](#) titled, "*Navigating the Cyber World*". Geared for staff and parents, this workshop reviews the challenges and dangerous situations that may arise through use of the Internet, social media and smart phones. It is important for parents to be aware of the popular apps, social media sites and programs used by youth online. This workshop explains the issues and possible consequences from cyber bullying, sexting and revealing identifying information to strangers.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by March 7th to **Jen Thorell** at [jthorell@learningprep.org](mailto:jthorell@learningprep.org).

## Donate now to silly string your principal!

We are very excited to announce that, for the 4th year in a row, The [John Hancock non-profit program](#) has awarded Learning Prep School two running numbers for the 122nd running of the Boston Marathon this April. Once again, Elementary/Middle School Principal, **Amy Davis**, will be running on our behalf and in her 13th Boston marathon and her 4th for LPS, raising nearly \$41,000 for her school over the last three years!

While we can't run the race for her, we can honor the commitment to help Learning Prep by helping Amy meet her fundraising goal of \$13,000!

You may remember that last year, Elementary/Middle School students got to pie Amy for every \$100 their families donated! This year, we're expanding our efforts throughout the entire school AND giving kids choices!

**\$50 donation-** Your child can choose one of the following:

- No homework for (1) night
- Dress in pajamas for (1) day
- Hat day for (1) day
- Announce Student of the Week
- Work the bake sale

- Pull the raffle tickets/blue slips (E/MS only)

**\$100 donation-** Your child can choose two of the following:

- No homework for (1) night
- Dress in pajamas for (1) day
- Hat day for (1) day
- Announce Student of the Week
- Work the bake sale
- Pull the raffle tickets/blue slips (E/MS only)

**\$150 donation-** Your child can choose two of the following **PLUS they get to silly string their principal - Amy (E/MS) or Cynthia (HS)!**

- No homework for (1) night
- Dress in pajamas for (1) day
- Hat day for (1) day
- Announce Student of the Week
- Work the bake sale
- Pull the raffle tickets/blue slips (E/MS only)

For more information and to learn how to donate, please [go here](#) or check out the flyer that went home with your child on Monday, 1/29.

You can also [donate directly online](#) through the secure site Crowdrise.

If you have any questions, please contact:

**Barry Burlingham**

Director of Development

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## Nursing notice

This notice is to keep you fully informed about influenza-like illness at Learning Prep School. As expected, flu cases are on the rise at LPS, as it is in the general population, including some suspected and now a couple of confirmed cases in each school.

The school secretaries and the nursing department staff are gathering absence data daily and they rely heavily on parents to indicate why their child is absent from school. Please partner with us by always notifying the school when your child is out and giving the reason for the absence.

Sick students and staff who have influenza like symptoms (fever plus cough or sore throat) should stay home until they are fever free for at least 24 hours without taking fever reducing medication. In addition, 24 hours after vomiting. It would be advisable for parents to develop plans now to care for sick children at home in the event their child does become ill.

Please consult your child's health care provider with regards to flu vaccinations.

Frequent hand washing remains one of the best ways to prevent getting sick from the flu. Children at school are encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water and use hand sanitizer if necessary. Coughing and sneezing into the arm or a tissue instead of hands helps prevent the spread of influenza. Parents can help by reinforcing these habits at home.

Please refer to our [school website](#) for the most updated flu information and call us at [617-965-0764 x 410](tel:617-965-0764) with any questions.

Thank you,

LPS Nursing Staff

## After School Program

Please take notice of the change of start date for After School Program-Spring Session, which will now begin on **Monday, March 12**. Program offerings and sign up information will be announced on **Friday, February 16**.

## Special Olympics Basketball

It's that time of year to show your support our LPS Special Olympics Basketball teams! Come cheer us on at any of the following games:

High School Teams:

- **Sunday, 2/25**: Reading or Brooks, T.B.D.
- **Saturday, 3/10 & Sunday, 3/11**: Worcester Winter Games

Elementary/Middle School Team:

- Game schedule T.B.A.

## Board Member applications

The Learning Prep School Board of Directors is currently seeking up to three new members to serve on the Board beginning in March 2018. These are voluntary positions that require between 5 – 15 hours per month of service, including monthly board meetings, as well as, a charitable commitment to the school. Further details of the position and applicant qualifications are listed [here](#).

Applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to [learningprepboard@gmail.com](mailto:learningprepboard@gmail.com) by **Friday, February 16**.

## Yearbook orders

2017-2018 High School Yearbooks are on sale now! 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](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:

**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](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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