



Family News - Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, June 8: Admissions Open House, 10:00 AM

Friday, June 9: EMS Field Day (Rain Date will be communicated if necessary)

Monday, June 12: HS Chromebooks & all Library materials due

Tuesday, June 13: 8th Grade Graduation, 10:00 AM

Monday, June 19: EMS Field Trip; HS Beach Day

Thursday, June 22: Last day of school, Dismissal 11:30 AM

Congratulations Class of 2017!

On **June 2nd**, 34 seniors proudly walked across the stage at Commencement. A graduation ceremony is always a special occasion - the culmination of years of hard work; the realization of goals attained and the acknowledgement of successes achieved. For LPS graduates, though, it is a particularly memorable occasion, because of all the obstacles that the students have overcome throughout the years. Over 400 family members, staff, alumni, and students watched from the audience as **Casey Gump, Olivia Gaffney, Matt Labadini, Tyler Smith, Isabelle Meyers, and Josh Goldstein** delivered speeches. Awards were given to **Nigel Coleman, Casey Gump, and Josh Goldstein**, although all of the students deserve recognition for their many achievements throughout their time at Learning Prep. We wish all of our seniors much happiness and success with future endeavors!

LPS Counselor nominated for award

Congratulations to Learning Prep Counselor **Jen Jurkiewicz** for being nominated and winning a 2017 Newton PAC Special Educator Award! [The Newton Special Education Parent Advisory Council](#) (NewtonPAC) has an awards ceremony every year to honor exceptional special education staff and teachers. Educators of Newton residents are nominated by student's and their families. Congrats to Jen for all her hard work and dedication to the students here at LPS!

LPS student achieves state proclamation

For years, LPS parent **Joanne Burke** has been involved in building awareness of the genetic condition, primarily affecting females, known as [Trisomy-X](#), a syndrome caused by the presence of an additional X chromosome in a female's cells. Joanne's involvement with [The Association for X and Y Chromosome Variations](#) (A.X.Y.S.) started in 2005 to help support girls with Trisomy X and their families. She also started one of the first support groups in the country- Massachusetts Area States Trisomy-X Support Group.

Now, LPS junior **Jessica Burke** is helping her mother build awareness of this rare disorder and, with her mom, has made the month of May, X/Y Chromosome Awareness Month for the state of Massachusetts. She is pictured with this year's proclamation from Governor Charlie Baker.

"It is so heartwarming to see girls and women with Trisomy-X and their families have the chance to meet another person with Trisomy-X for the very first time," explains Joanne. You can help Joanne and Jessica increase awareness of Trisomy-X Syndrome and learn more about this condition at [The Association for X and Y Chromosome Variations's](#) website.



Library materials & Chromebooks

All material borrowed from the Library Media Center should be returned by **June 12**.

All grade 9, 10 and 11 students should make sure to bring their school-issued Chromebooks, chargers and mouse (if applicable) to school on **June 12** for collection.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Karen Makanui, Library Media Specialist

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There's still space!

Learning Prep School Summer Program/Extended Year Program (often referred to as E.Y.P.) is a program 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 provide a "camp-like" feel. The 4-week program will run Monday through Thursday from 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. starting **Monday, July 10 - Thursday, August 3**. The program is open to any student who is enrolled at Learning Prep School, entering grades 3-8 for Elementary/Middle School and entering grades 9-12 for High School.

Please contact **Kathy Snow**, Summer Program Secretary, for enrollment forms at [617-965-0764 x 124](tel:617-965-0764) or at [*ksnow@learningprep.org*](mailto:ksnow@learningprep.org).

Spread the word about Learning Prep School

Here at Learning Prep, we know current families are our best ambassadors. If you know a child that may benefit from a Learning Prep School education, please share our upcoming Open House dates!

Thursday, June 8 at 10:00 AM

Wednesday, July 19 at 10:00 AM

If you have any questions, please contact Korina Martin, Director of Admissions at 617-965-0764 ext. 226 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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