



Family News - Friday, September 8, 2017

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, September 19: Picture Day for High School

Thursday, September 21: No School - Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday, September 26: Picture Day for Elementary/Middle School

Wednesday, September 27: Makeup Picture Day

Wednesday, September 27- Friday, September 29: Book Fair

Thursday, September 28: Admissions Open House, 10:00 AM

Thursday, September 28: Curriculum Night, 6:00-8:00 PM

Thursday, October 5: Parent Breakfast, 7:45 AM

Monday, October 9: No School - Columbus Day

Welcome back!

On behalf of the LPS community, we welcome you back to the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year! As it has in the past, this biweekly newsletter is designed to let our LPS families know about upcoming events, school logistics and to celebrate the great things happening on campus! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the person mentioned in the specific article, or to **Korina Martin**, Director of Admissions & Marketing at kmartin@learningprep.org.

New Maker-Space and Robotics Lab

Thanks to an anonymous gift from an LPS family, the High School is now equipped with a new Maker Space & Robotics Lab! This remarkable new facility includes a touch screen Smart Board, two 3-D printers and a 20" X 12" laser cutter that can cut, design and etch using a variety of materials. The gift has also provided funds for enhancing our existing robotics program and additional storage space. Located on the main floor of the High School, the Maker Space and Robotics Lab contains a flexible wall that can allow two classes to work simultaneously, maximizing access to our students.

"A maker space gives students the technological tools to unleash creativity and problem-solving skills, while practicing the executive functioning (planning) required to bring ideas into reality," explained David Lightfoot, Executive Director. "It will also provide an effective framework for collaborative projects, helping students to build social skills, foster teamwork and develop confidence in use of future technology."

This is the 21st century version of the classic "shop class" (without power tools), is a continuation of our technology initiatives. The goal will be to create opportunities for students to explore and apply curriculum content in an environment designed for project-based, hands-on learning.



Curriculum night

Curriculum night will be held on **Thursday, September 28** from 6:00-8:00 PM. This is a wonderful chance for families to meet the staff working with their child by going through a modified schedule of their child's typical day at LPS. It is also a great opportunity to connect with other LPS families. We hope to see you there!

Smile...it's picture time!

This year's school picture schedule is as follows:

September 19: Individual and homeroom pictures will be taken for grades 9, 10, 11 and week 1 seniors.

September 26: Individual and homeroom pictures will be taken for Elementary and Middle School students

September 27: Individual and homeroom pictures will be taken for week 2 seniors and the day care, make up pictures will be taken for anyone who was absent on the 19th or 26th

Order forms can be found [here](#), due on or before picture day, and should be given to your student's English teacher. Please contact **Gretchen Petersen** at 617-965-0764 x 310 or gpetersen@learningprep.org with any questions.

After School Program

Learning Prep School offers After School Programming for Elementary, Middle, and High School students and can be a wonderful addition to your child's education.

The fall session of After School Programs will run **October 16, 2017-December 14, 2017** from 2:45-4:00 PM.

Please stay tuned for program offerings!

Peanut/nut allergies

This is a reminder to inform you there are several students at Learning Prep School that have severe life threatening food allergies to peanuts/nuts. It is important that there is strict avoidance to foods containing nuts/peanuts in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. We are asking your help in providing these students with a safe school environment.

Any exposure to peanuts/nuts may cause a life-threatening allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. To reduce the chance of this occurring, we are asking that you do not send any peanut or nut containing products to school with your child that will be eaten in the classroom during breaks and/or alternative lunch rooms in high school. If your child has eaten peanuts/nuts before coming to school, please be sure your child's hands and face have been thoroughly washed before entering the school.

Students that eat lunch in the cafeteria may bring peanut butter, peanut, or nut products for lunch only. In the cafeteria there is a designated peanut/nut-free table where any classmate without peanut or nut products can sit. If your child sits at this table with a peanut or nut product, she/he will be asked to move to another table. This plan will help to maintain safety in the classroom while allowing non-allergic classmates to enjoy peanut/nut products in a controlled environment.

We appreciate your support of these precautions. Please call the nurses with any questions. Thank you!

Sincerely,

LPS Nursing Staff

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Parent volunteers

The Elementary/Middle School Student Council has three events throughout the school year that requires parent volunteers. If you think you might be interested in helping out at a Book Fair (in September and April) or Field Day (in June), you will need to complete a [Criminal Offender Record Information](#) (C.O.R.I.) Request form now and return in to **Marla Jacobs** or **Katy Hannan**. Thank you for your support!

News from Food Service

We are excited to see everyone back for another great year! We have a new Food Service Director, Lindsay Cunniff- welcome, Lindsay! In addition to the regular lunch menu, we will continue to prepare Gluten Free and alternate lunch options for students. Also, our prices for breakfast and lunch have changed. The price for lunch is now \$3.25 and breakfast is \$1.25. If you have any questions, please contact:

Lindday Cunniff, Food Service Director

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Help new families discover the LPS difference

In the 2016/2017 school year, we saw a major increase in Open House attendance, partly because of our current families spreading the word! This year we hope to have even more families visit us so they can see first-hand the great things that happen in the halls every day. 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:

Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 10:00 AM

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

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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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