



## LZHS Wind Ensemble Teams with New Trier Winds

For the past 22 years, New Trier High School and its band director, **John Thomson**, have been inviting area colleges and high school bands to share in the joy of music making in a March concert. This year, the Lake Zurich High School band has been invited to play a joint concert with the New Trier High School Symphonic Wind Ensemble on Friday, March 17, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the New Trier High School main performance auditorium. Tickets are only \$2 at the door. Following the concert will be a reception given by the New Trier Fine Arts Booster for Lake Zurich students and guests.



Lake Zurich High School Wind Ensemble, under the direction of **Joshua Thompson**, will perform *Lincolnshire Posy* by Percy Grainger, *Divertimento* by Roger Cichy, *National Emblem March*, and Von Suppe's *Light Cavalry Overture*.

The concert has been a fabulous showcase for young talent. Past guest concert performers have included Niles North High School, Colorado Christian University, Evanston Township High School, Glenbrook North High School, Warren Township High School, and Northern Illinois University among others.

New Trier's Thomson has helped developed New Trier High School's band program into one of the premier high school programs in the country.

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## Tea, Teddy Bears Bring Seniors, Students Together

Second grade students at Seth Paine Elementary School held their annual Teddy Bear Tea on February 10. The second graders sent out invitations to special guests in the community to join them for this very special Teddy Bear Tea. The tea culminates the actual making and dressing of 60 teddy bears by the students, which occurred the week previous to the tea. At the conclusion of the tea, the teddy bears were donated to the "One Step at a Time" camps. The camps provide positive, safe, and fun camping and other experiences for children and adolescents diagnosed with cancer and leukemia, as well as survivors of childhood cancer and leukemia.



## There He is, Mr. LZ

They had strut their stuff, talked about their mothers, demonstrated their acting abilities and other talents, and given their best pick up lines to two pom squad members. Judgment time had come, and it was before a standing room only audience in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Lake Zurich High School (LZHS) that the judges announced—to the roar of the crowd—that senior **Tim Koll** was named Mr. Lake Zurich (Mr. LZ)! **Kevin Ross** was named first runner up, **Jake Leston** was second runner up, **Taylor Waspi** was third runner up, and **Eric Flesher** was fourth runner up.



**Tim Koll,**  
Mr. Lake Zurich

Started in 1997 as a fund raiser to help offset the Lake Zurich High School Poms (now known as the LZHS Poms Varsity Dance Team) trip to the national competition, Mr. LZ quickly became a part of LZHS tradition.

The pom squad members nominate 30 senior male students for the honor based upon their talent, outgoingness, and overall ability to represent the best of LZHS. The females in the senior class then vote to narrow down the 30 hopefuls to the 12 who are selected for the show. The 12 semifinalists are judged on formal wear, a



Above: Front row from left to right: **Will Angulo, Jake Leston, George Clauser, PJ Celaya, Phil Damian, Eric Flesher.** Back Row: **Christine Doczi, Erin Littell, Tim Koll (Mr. LZ), Taylor Waspi, Kevin Sweeney, Jack Groot, Kevin Ross, Matt Poklop, Mallory Schmitt, and Beth Littell.**

superhero persona that they create, a talent that they must demonstrate, and their acting ability via a group skit. From there, the group is narrowed down to five finalists, who give a speech entitled “My Mom,” offer two pick up lines to one of the poms, and then answer a Miss America type question. From there, the judges make their final decision.

Koll, this year’s winner, is well known to many at LZHS and within the community. He has been the star or a lead actor in many of the school’s theatrical productions. His theatrical background formed his tongue-in-cheek superhero character “Fairy Boy.”

For his victory at Mr. LZ, Koll was awarded the most valuable gift bag which included a video iPod, but all 12 candidates received gift bags containing such prizes as free bowling passes, movie passes, miniature golf passes, free pizzas, and various restaurant certificates donated by area businesses.

This was the ninth annual “Mr. Lake Zurich” contest. The show was emceed by the senior members of the LZHS Poms: **Christine Doczi, Erin Littell, Beth Littell, and Mallory Schmitt.**

The student judges were Senior Board President **Jackie Weinrach**, Student Council President **Joe Mihaljevic**, Student Council Vice-President **Emily Brazee**, National Honor Society representative **Laura Pettengill**, and Senior Cheerleading Co-captains, **Mara Putnins, Ashley Rosati, and Kelly Sheahan.**

## Chamber EXPO March 18

*Gotta sing! Gotta dance, Gotta show off every chance!!* That’s right; the talented youth of District 95 are going to perform on **Saturday, March 18, 2006, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**, at the Business Community EXPO, sponsored by the Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce. Over 110 exhibitors will showcase their newest and greatest products and services at the EXPO, which will be held again this year in the Field House of the Lake Zurich High School, 300 Church Street in Lake Zurich.

In addition to viewing great talent, the EXPO will feature informational and fun exhibits on everything from physical therapy to jewelry, cosmetics to scuba gear, money management to language classes, and much more. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year that the Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce has sponsored this event. Admission is free, and there is ample parking in the Lake Zurich High School parking lots. A trolley will be making the rounds of the parking lots to bring families to the EXPO’s front door. Once inside you’ll see many of the local businesses and community organizations from Lake Zurich, Hawthorn Woods, Deer Park, Kildeer, Long Grove, and North Barrington—some you know and some you probably don’t. Preschools, health care organizations, churches, social organizations—all are represented.

Take a break from visiting the booths and go to the food court for a snack and enjoy the continuous entertainment from each of the Lake Zurich Schools. Choruses and bands from Isaac Fox, May Whitney, Seth Paine, Spencer Loomis, Middle Schools North and South, and Sarah Adams will follow each other on the entertainment stage in the food court. Also the Lake Zurich High School Jazz Band will tear the tiles off and the High School Theatre Program will perform. There will be tours of the beautiful new High School Performing Arts Center, and High School thespians will roam the exhibit hall in costume. There will be much more! Plus giveaways and many fun activities for the kids. Everything but the food is free! You’ll ride the fun trolley back to your car with a smile on your face.

Check out the Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce’s website for a complete list of businesses and other organizations exhibiting at the EXPO. Put the date on your calendar and come and see why this is the Premiere Showcase for Local Business!



## Eat Pizza, HELP Others



The H.E.L.P. team (Hancock County-Ela Area Long Term Partnership) will be sponsoring a Pizza Challenge on Thursday, March 2, from 5 to 8 pm, at the Lake Zurich High School Cafeteria. Some of the area's best pizza places will be providing pizza samples—JJ Twig's, Little Joey's, Yogi's, Gino's East, Costco, and Quentin Road Kitchen. The goal is to raise funds to purchase cleaning and rebuilding supplies for the folks in Hancock County, Mississippi. Our last Relief Drive of the school year will end April 28th.

H.E.L.P. is asking for a \$5 donation per person for pizza. Kids 8 and under eat free. Sparky the Fire Dog, McGruff the Crime Fighter, and Flo the Balloon Artist will be there to help make it a fun-filled family event. Culver's will be providing a dish of frozen custard for a \$2 donation and Coca-Cola will be providing a soda or water for a \$1 donation.

## LZHS Wind Cont.

Their list of past performances includes The National Concert Band Festival, twice at the Midwest Band & Orchestra Clinics, and All-State performances. In addition, the Wind Ensemble has won four *DownBeat* Magazine awards for outstanding high school wind ensemble.

Members of the LZHS Wind Ensemble include:

**Flute:** Liz Isenberg, Cindy Padilla, Lindsey Kurek, Karen LaGesse, Caitlin Barry, Jessica Thelander, Liz Arnold, Rebecca Smith, Libby Peterkort, Jenny Pratscher, Kim Harris

**Oboe:** Clare Stolarski, Jessica Chapman, Amanda Hughes

**Clarinet:** Jack Zhou, Beth Littell, Matt Gilbert, Kim Rafalowicz, Jamie Cater, Stephanie Esser, Cathy Wu, Nicola Trumbull

**Bass Clarinet:** Jordan Bloom, Kim Kroes, Josh Kreft

**Bassoon:** Jennifer Lang, Kyle Miller

**Alto Sax:** Tony Rosenberg, Kristin Penney, Ryan Nolan, Andrew Wright

**Tenor Sax:** Jim Schram

**Bari Sax:** Andrew Werner

**Trumpet:** Nick Miner, Dan Tribley, Scott LaVanne, Meagan Leopold, Kyle Sustich, Jamie Falkanger, Sean Dondanville

**Horn:** Zach House, Sami Harshaw, Ben Paul, Heather Kipnis

**Trombone:** Christine Evans, Kevin Ross, Joe Scheck

**Bass Trombone:** Phil Damian

**Euphonium:** Wes Gibbert, Aaron Sue

**Tuba:** Joe Larsen, Eric Jaffe

**Percussion:** John Gotsis, Andrew Wilkin, Tera Krawczyk, Danny Casady, Tyler Peterson, Joel Sikes, Austin Hughes

## Pennies for Special Olympics

The Lake Zurich Police Department has challenged the schools of Lake Zurich to collect pennies for the Special Olympics of Illinois. The challenge is to see which school can raise the most pennies for the cause. The school raising the most pennies will be rewarded with a pizza party lunch. The challenge runs from February 20-24. Students, staff and parents are encouraged to donate their pennies at their respective schools and support the Special Olympics.



## P.U. is for YOU!

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, March 4, 2006, District 95 is presenting the 12th annual PARENT UNIVERSITY. Plan on spending an inspirational morning with **Char Wenc**, speaker and award-winning author of, *Parenting-Are We Having Fun Yet?*

PARENT UNIVERSITY is geared to parents and grandparents of children ages preschool through high school. Many great sessions dealing with a variety of parenting topics and issues are planned for this year's event.

Titles for some of the sessions include: *The Challenging Child*, *Internet Dangers*, *From Tee-Ball to Testosterone—What a Son Needs From*



*His Dad, From Walking to Weddings—What a Daughter needs From Her Dad, Overindulging Your Children, Substance Abuse In Our Community, The Top Ten Signs It Is Time To Talk To Your Kid About Money, How To Build the Muscle of Confidence In Our Children*, and more!

A continental breakfast and lunch as well as child care will be provided. Registration forms will be sent home in January.

Questions? Call **Lori Schwartz**

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## MW Fifth Graders Get Colonial About Learning



On Thursday, Feb. 16, fifth graders at May Whitney Elementary School went back in time when presenting their Colonial Day projects. Dressed in period costumes, the students demonstrated such things as apothecary, silversmith, bookbinding, and many other trades to the throngs of visiting adults and students.

Coordinated by fifth grade teacher **Rocky Kleinschmidt** and the rest of the fifth grade teachers, Colonial Day is one of the most anticipated events of the year.



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