



Spencer Loomis Holds Luncheon for Ela Seniors

Left: Spencer Loomis School students read to their special guests from Ela Senior Citizen.



Right: Ela seniors demonstrate their exercise program to eager students.



The Spencer Loomis PTO hosted its second annual Senior Citizen Luncheon on April 6, at Spencer Loomis School. During the luncheon, with food from Culver's Restaurant, the seniors had an opportunity to visit with each of the grades during the students' lunch hours. The students performed a variety of activities with their guests—from singing to poetry to skits.

Following the wonderful lunch and entertainment, the Ela seniors returned the favor by demonstrating an exercise routine set to music.

The concept of a senior citizen luncheon was conceived last fall when the school's PTO decided to take 50 percent of the profits from its Winter Wonderland event and created an outreach activity in which the students could participate.

The Ela Senior Center group was chosen because it would give the kids an opportunity to socialize and interact with the elderly, a group not prevalent in their everyday interactions. Ela Senior Center is a group of active seniors, 55 and older, from the Lake Zurich area. In fact, **Spencer Loomis**, the school's namesake is a member.

A 38 Year Celebration on the 38th Day for Judith Wagner

On April 5, the 38th day before the end of school, the students, staff and PTO of Seth Paine Elementary School held a special celebration to honor the 38-year teaching career of retiring music teacher **Judith Wagner**. Planned in secret, the students, staff, and parents showed up at the school dressed in pink. The only one not in pick was the blue-clad Judith, who had no idea what was in store for her that day.

The celebration began when Principal **Laura Gammons** used the schools PA system to call Judith into the school's entry hall. There she was met by her husband, coworkers and halls



lined with smiling students. After her husband had placed the pink sash over her shoulder, and a rousing rendition of the school spirit song was sung--a song written by Judith--she was sent off down the hallways to collect cheers, hugs, and a pink rose from every class.

"This is quite a surprise," said Judith, who had the good sense to bring Kleenex with her

as she entered the school entry hall.

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Right: **Judith Wagner** waves to the adoring crowd of students, staff and parents.

Rogers Leaving North



Keir Rogers,
Principal of Lake Zurich Middle School North (MSN) has been named the new principal of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Laboratory Magnet School in Community Consolidated School District 65 in Evanston/

Skokie, IL. His new school is a K-8 magnet school educating approximately 600 students. Rogers will begin his new duties on July 1, 2006.

“This was a very difficult decision for me,” said Rogers, “because of the warm feelings that I have developed for everyone who makes up the Middle School North community. Our students value their education and work very hard to meet our high expectations; I admire their attitudes. North students have the biggest hearts; they are always willing to help each other, as well as others. That drive and compassion obviously comes from their parents; parents who have been great to work with as partners in education. I also have tremendous respect for my colleagues, as

well as Dr. Knutson, and our entire central office staff. Everyone in this community has come together as a team to produce an outstanding educational environment for the young men and women of Middle School North. However, after reviewing the educational and social dynamics at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Laboratory Magnet School, I feel my professional skills will be better served within the Evanston community.”

“I am disappointed for Middle School North and our district,” said **Dr. Brian Knutson**, Superintendent of Community Unit School District 95. “We are sorry to see someone of Keir Rogers’ character and talent leaving us. However, Keir feels that his skills are a better match for District 65, and I respect his desire to make a positive impact in that district. I know that he will apply his tremendous talents and abilities in his new position and I wish him well.”

The school district will begin the search for a new principal at Middle School North.

For more information, contact Jim Jennings in the Office of Communications & Community Relations, (847) 540-5489.

Poms Finish Great Season



The Lake Zurich High School Poms Varsity Dance Team completed a very successful season of IDTA (Illinois Drill Team Association) competition. After taking first place in the AAA Hip-hop division at the Argo competition, and second place in AAA Hip-hop at the Navy Pier competition, the squad went on to earn another first place ranking in at the Prairie Ridge competition that took place on February 25.

A week later the LZHS Poms traveled to Joliet Township High School and placed third at the IDTA Super Sectionals, again in the AAA Hip-hop division. On March 18 the LZHS Poms Varsity Dance Team was ranked fourth in the state at the IDTA State Championship that took place in Champaign. The squad is coached by **Regina Hope** and **Lindsay Gillilan**.

One More Chance to HELP



The H.E.L.P. (Hancock County – Ela Township Long term Partnership) organization is conducting a relief drive for Hancock County, Mississippi during the month of April. Cleaning supplies are the focus for this drive. Laundry detergent, disinfectant wipes, bleach, brooms, mops, rakes, work gloves, soap, and sponges are some of the items needed. Volunteers are also needed to sort and pack the supplies collected on April 23 and 30. Visit the H.E.L.P. website at www.lz95.org/elahelp for donation drop-off sites or for more information on how to volunteer.

Right: **Keir Rogers**

Below: **Keir Rogers** celebrates with students at the North Vs. South Charity Basketball Game last fall.



Show Your School Spirit!

Did you spend Spring Break in Hawaii, Mexico, the Bahamas, or maybe right here at home? If so, we want your Spring Break and other vacation photos, IF you and/or your children were wearing their school's spirit wear (only school spirit wear from Dist. 95 schools will count).

Please send your photo (less than 1.5 meg in total file size) to jim.jennings@lz95.org. Please identify the location and the people in the photo, as well as the school. We'll display a virtual **D-95 Spirit Wall** web page on the district web site, as well as publish some of the photos in future editions of **THRIVE in 95**. Show your school spirit here, there, and everywhere!

Please note that by sending us your photo, you are giving us permission to use your image and name on our district website (www.lz95.org) and in publications.



Wagner Cont.

One of her last stops was for an embrace and kiss from fellow teacher and daughter, **Kristan Wagner**, who beamed with pride as her mother came marching down the hallway.

“We just have the best relationship,” said Kristan. “I obviously have a lifetime of memories with her, but can say that honestly, working with her has given me the opportunity to see her in so many other lights. I’m astounded at what she does everyday. I’m so incredibly proud of the positive impact she’s had on this community!”

Pink was chosen because it represents breast cancer awareness, a subject close to the Wagner family. This year, like last year, Kristan and others will participate in the annual Y-Me Race Against Breast Cancer on May 14 to honor Judith, who was diagnosed with the disease.



Left: **Judith Wagner** gets a helping hand with her sash from her husband.

FBLA Members Place Well at State Competition

The Future Business Leaders of America members and adviser from Lake Zurich High School attended the Fifty-Seventh Illinois Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Competition in Decatur, Illinois March 31-April 1. Almost 1,000 FBLA members from the state were in attendance, representing approximately 66 Illinois FBLA chapters from various schools. The two day state conference included competitive events along with activities in personal development, business and leadership training, and electing the 2006-2007 state officers.

During the awards program at the conference, 4 Lake Zurich High School FBLA members won the following individual competitive events: **Andrew Werner** took 6th place in Accounting I. **Marcel Kuper** placed 4th in the Technology Concepts category. **Mike Salte** placed 1st in Java Programming, and **Brandon Djonlich** took a 1st place in Accounting II. Others in attendance were members **Cathy Wu** and **Steve Dolinajec**,

along with their adviser, **Cindy Klebba**.

As a result of **Brandon Djonlich** and **Mike Salte** placing first in their respective categories of Accounting II and Java Programming, they have now qualified to compete at the FBLA National competition that will be held this summer in Nashville, Tennessee.

The local Lake Zurich FBLA chapter is a link for students who are interested in pursuing a business career or just wanting to explore all the opportunities the business world has to offer. The Future Business Leaders of America helps numerous high school students develop confidence, leadership and citizenship skills along with business proficiencies.

The LZHS chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. If you have any question regarding FBLA, please e-mail the chapter's sponsor, **Cindy Klebba** at cindy.klebba@lz95.org.



Something to Talk About

Left: Superintendent **Dr. Brian Knutson** talks with staff members at Seth Paine School during lunch on April 5. Although in schools every day, Dr. Knutson is meeting with staff members at each school to discuss how their school year has gone. He plans to meet in a similar manner with staff members each fall and spring.

Do You Like to Know Stuff?

Do you like to know things before others in the community? Do others seek your opinion? If so, then you are a perfect candidate for the Community Unit School District 95 **Key Communicator Network**.

Our Key Communicator (KeyCom) program is a network of community residents, leaders, opinion shapers and watchdogs whose opinions are well respected by friends, colleagues and neighbors. We are not looking for cheerleaders, but people who care about our schools and want to be kept informed and are then willing to share that information with others.

As a Key Com, you will receive timely, factual information via a regular newsletter e-mailed to you about the work we're doing and the issues affecting your school district and your schools.



Because this is designed to be a two-way communications network, we encourage you to give us your input and share your opinions. As a KeyCom member, your responsibility will be to share the information with friends, neighbors and colleagues.

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