



Circumstances Deserving a Little Pomp



June brought an end to another fantastic school year. With its conclusion came the traditional promotion and graduation ceremonies at Middle School North, Middle School South and Lake Zurich High School.

The Field House at Lake Zurich High School was the site of all the pomp and circumstance, as both middle schools and the high school used it for their ceremonies. There were hugs, smiles, tears, and relieved parents as students either progressed to high school or graduated high school to pursue their dreams.



Wagner Hears Songs of Celebration at Seth Paine



On June 1, the staff, students, former students, and parents of Seth Paine School held a retirement celebration for music teacher **Judith Wagner**, who has educated students in District 95 for 38 years. The Seth Paine Chorus sang a special song written for the occasion, and the Blue Notes from Lake Zurich High School also performed.

Following her tradition, daughters **Caroline** and **Kristan** are also teachers in the

district. Kristan is at Seth Paine, while Caroline teaches journalism at Lake Zurich High School.



Foundation Update



Above: The CUSD 95 Education Foundation will bring new and innovative learning opportunities to the students of District 95.

Realizing that the formation of a non-profit school foundation would need a little help, at its May 25 Board meeting, the Community Unit School District (CUSD) 95 Board of Education approved an administrative recommendation of an interest-free loan up to \$32,000, plus

incidental expenses, as start-up funding for the new CUSD 95 Education Foundation. Repayment of the load by the new foundation will be in no less than 10 years.

The foundation, currently being developed by design team of community members and school district representatives, is starting the education foundation in order to “*promote student learning, encourage employee creativity and excellence, develop school, business and community partnerships and to seek resources from diverse entities to support Foundation initiatives.*”

Meeting since last fall, the foundation's design team has been working with **Dr. Glen Gerard**, Foundation Consulting Services, to help develop the new foundation. Currently, the design team is finalizing its legal structure and identifying potential trustees.

Members of the CUSD 95 Foundation design team include: **Jill Brooks, Mike Carlino, Petra Croneigh, Dr. Brian Knutson, Dale Perrin, Dr. Buzz Perry, Denise Schirmann, Lori Smith, Margi Steiner, Lisa Warren, and Jim Jennings.**

Those wishing to contribute to the CUSD 95 Education Foundation can send their tax deductible donations to: CUSD 95 Foundation, 400 S. Old Rand Road., Lake Zurich, IL 60047.

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Update: A Soldier's Story



In March of 2005, **THRIVE in 95** brought you the story of First Lieutenant **Drew Larson**, a Blackhawk helicopter pilot with an Army medical unit in Iraq, and his pen pal relationship with the students in **Colleen Johnson's** third grade class. The class threw him a surprise birthday party when he visited their school last year while on leave.

The class has continued corresponding with now Captain Larson, even providing him and his military team with care packages of treats, books and DVDs. He has sent the class back emails and letters about his tour of duty, along with packages, including a picture of himself and his new puzzle and *Charlotte's Web* book inside his helicopter (see above photo). The book and puzzle were gifts from the class. He has also sent the class a U.S. Flag (see below) that the class proudly displayed in their classroom.



Sister City Students Visit Lake Zurich

While school may have let out for the summer on Tuesday, learning never stops in Lake Zurich. This week, a group of 17 high school student musicians and three chaperones from Nittenau Germany (Lake Zurich's sister city) began a 10-day visit to Lake Zurich that will end June 15. During their stay, the group will be hosted by Lake Zurich High School and middle school students who are studying German, as well as other families from St. Francis church.

According to **Andrew Ziarnik**, LZHS German teacher and co-chair of the Lake Zurich Sister Cities Committee, during their stay, the students from Nittenau will play concerts at Daley Plaza in Chicago, and the Lake Zurich promenade during the Relay for Life event. In addition, the group will tour Lake Zurich, Chicago to get a taste of Illinois culture and its sites.