



Death of a Willow Leads to New Life, Learning

On Wednesday, November 17, the PTO Environment and Beautification (E&B) Committee of Seth Paine School made the school a little

greener and the air a little cleaner with the planting of five Evergreen trees (three Blue spruce, one White Spruce and one Siberian Spruce). The planting was done to demonstrate to the students the practice of replacing a tree, when a tree needs to be removed.

Many cities and areas even have rules that require you to replace a tree when one is removed. Some places require the planting of up to five trees for each one removed!

Seth Paine lost a huge Willow tree from in front of the school last year and the school and PTO decided to replace it with the five Evergreen trees. The trees were purchased at Mark Cook's

Garden Center of Lake Zurich, who graciously donated the delivery and planting costs for the trees.

Todd Schavilje, Grounds Supervisor for Lake Zurich District 95, was very supportive and excited about the project. The school district provided the mulch that will be used to keep the trees nurtured through the winter.

John Croneigh, co-chair of the E&B, Schavilje and Forest Preserve Commissioner **Michael Talbett** were on hand for the planting.

Principal

Colleen Cazolas, always looking for a teachable moment, encouraged teachers to participate in the event by providing readings to their students about the importance of trees in our environment.

The Environment and Beautification committee is Co-chaired by Croneigh and **Karen Behrel**.

At right: **John Croneigh** (left) and Commissioner **Michael Talbett** stand near one of the newly planted Evergreen trees.



Far right: **Frank Perez** places mulch around a new Evergreen tree.



A Cheer for the Cheerleaders: V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!

The Lake Zurich High School Cheerleaders have one more reason for which to cheer.

The freshman, junior varsity and varsity squads each captured first place in their respective divisions in the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) Upper Midwest Regional Cheerleading competition held November 7 at Lake Zurich High School. Additionally, the varsity cheerleaders also qualified to participate in the UCA National Competition in Orlando, FL in February 2005.

More than 50 schools and all star teams participated in 26 divisions in the November 7 competition which was hosted by Lake Zurich High School.

UCA is the world's largest cheerleading camp and competition company, with over 200,000 participants and coaches in the U.S. alone. UCA conducts cheer



camps in all 50 states and in several other countries around the world. UCA also administers the cheerleading championships nationally televised on ESPN and espn2.

Pictured at right are the UCA award-winning Lake Zurich High School freshman, junior varsity and varsity cheerleaders.

TARGETing Reading

Target has awarded a grant for \$2,000 to Spencer Loomis School for their 2004 Community Giving Program focusing on early childhood reading. **Vicki Kay**, third grade teacher, applied for the grant last April for the school's program called *The Book-of-the-Month Lunch Bunch*.



Kay chooses one chapter book a month from a variety of different genres and subjects. Students read the selection independently and/or at home with family members. At the end of the month, students will join Kay in the classroom for lunch and a discussion of the book. In keeping with the theme of the book, each student will receive an inexpensive gift or treat.

Typically reading a book for class involves writing reports and taking tests. In this program, students will simply share their observations about the book in the hope that those who are reluctant to read will join.

The purpose of the program is to promote a love of reading by offering a low-pressure opportunity to simply read and enjoy a good story with friends and family. The funds will be used to purchase classroom sets of over 15 different titles and appropriate gifts and treats. This will allow as many students to participate as possible and will give Kay a wide choice of titles. In addition, the books will be shared with other third grade classes as well as any other classes for which the reading level is appropriate.

Speaking of Reading...

Charles Quentin Elementary School celebrated Children's Book Week (Nov. 15-19) with many fun activities. Monday was DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) Day. During DEAR Day, students carried a book to read throughout the day. When DEAR time was announced sporadically during the day, the students had to drop everything they were doing and immediately begin reading.

Each day, a different author was highlighted. A riddle about the day's author was read during the morning announcements and students could guess the identity of the mystery author. Those guessing correctly received books, of course. Teachers also had a chance to win a gift certificate to Barnes & Noble.

To increase the awareness of reading, the office and library staff at Charles Quentin School dressed as characters from children's books and the students would try to guess the author.



Principal **Mary Ann Nemeck** says "all aboard the Reading Railroad."

MSS Offers 'Peanuts' Musical

More than 125 students at Lake Zurich Middle School South are working on the musical production "*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown: The Broadway Musical*" to be presented **December 2-4, at 7:00 p.m.**, at the school, 435 W. Cuba Rd. Lake Zurich. Tickets are only \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children/students and are available at the door or by calling 847-540-2750.

This upbeat and witty show, based on the characters created and illustrated by the late Charles Schulz is appropriate for all ages and will spark a smile in everyone. Adults and children alike will be thrilled as Charlie Brown and his friends leap from the frames of the comic strip to the stage of Middle School South for the three night only performance.

The students have been working every day after school since the end of August and have invested hundreds of hours into this production.

This student produced musical is led by director **Jeff Johnson**, stage manager **Sarah Buto**, technical manager **Brandon Mundshenk**, prop manager **Amanda Piesche**, production assistant **Zach Munoz**, pit orchestra assistant **Kate Arnold**, and house managers **Brenna McPeck** and **Gabi Blum**.

The community is invited to attend the production and refreshments will be available.

Principal Driven to the Edge

On November 16, the students at Spencer Loomis Elementary School drove Principal **Grant Seaholm** up the wall and onto the roof...and he couldn't be happier.



Hoping that he wouldn't suffer from vertigo, at 8:30 a.m., Seaholm climbed the stairs of the new state-of-the-art school to its roof, where he sat in a lawn chair, with an umbrella at the ready, and caught up on his reading with

Professional Learning

Communities at Work by Richard DuFour and Robert Eaker.

The rooftop reading was an incentive to get his students to read all 22 of the "*A to Z Mysteries*" series by author Ron Roy. Seaholm had promised to read on the roof for two minutes for every child who completed the series. He was on the roof for approximately two damp and chilly hours.

Four Board of Ed Seats in April Election

On April 5, four seats on the Community Unit School District Board of Education will be up for election. The four incumbent board members include: Board President **Jan Putbress**, Vice President **Mike Siri**, **Patti Lebanik** and **Pat Priniski**.



Back Row: Roger Tieman, Jeff Didier, Gary Robillard, Mike Siri. Front Row: Patti Lebanik, Pat Priniski, Jan Putbress, Dr. Brian Knutson

To help perspective board candidates, the Board of Education hosted a workshop in October at Isaac Fox Elementary School. Approximately 20 people, including several current board members, attended the informative session.

Residents of Lake Zurich Community Unit School District 95 who are interested in either running for the Board of Education in the April 5, 2005 election can pick up packets of nominating packets for prospective school board candidates from the superintendent's office, 400 S. Old Rand Road, Lake Zurich. The period for filing nominating petitions begins on Tuesday, January 18 and concludes January 25 at 5 p.m.

Important Dates to Remember:

- January 18, 2005 (8:00 a.m.) – First day to file original nominating papers with local election official
- January 25, 2005 (5:00 p.m.) – Last day to file original nominating papers with local election official
- February 3, 2005 – Last day for local election officials to certify offices and names of candidates to appear on ballot
- March 8, 2005 – Last day for registration of voters for April 5 election
- March 29, 2005 – Last day to file a notarized declaration to be a write-in candidate
- **April 5, 2005 – ELECTION DAY**
- April 18, 2005 – Last day for County Clerk to provide local election officials with official results
- April 25, 2005 – Last day for current Board to canvass election results
- May 2, 2005 – Last day to seat newly elected Board of Education members

For more information, contact **Marsha Smyser**, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education, (847) 540-4963.

May Whitney Students Become Published Authors

Students at May Whitney Elementary School are now published authors.



James H. Lehman

The entire school came together during the week of Nov. 15 for a three-day writing and publishing workshop by author **James H. Lehman** that concluded with the classes completing the publishing process today.

During the workshop, students learned about effective writing, editing, book design and bookbinding.

Lehm is an experienced presenter to children, as well as the published author of such children's books as *The Owl and the Tuba* and *The Saga of Shakespeare Pintlewood and the Great Silver Fountain Pen*.

The workshop is part of the school's year-long emphasis on reading, which includes its current 10,000 book student challenge.



Author **James H. Lehman** discusses the writing and publishing business with May Whitney students.

Sarah Adams Celebrates Reading and Learning

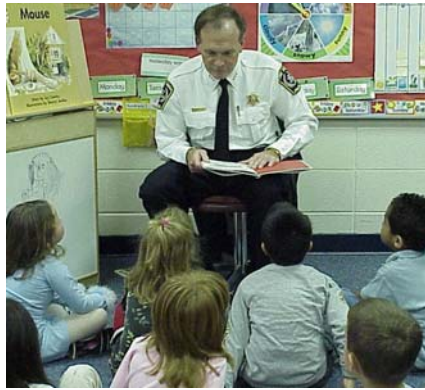
With November 15-19 being National Children's Book Week, American Education Week and Illinois Family Reading Night (Nov. 18), the week was a busy one for the staff, students and families at Sarah Adams Elementary School. The school celebrated reading and learning by participating in *Sarah Adams' Family Reading Nights* all during the week.

Each night, students were encouraged to read a specific type of book with their family. Students then returned slips each day for a special drawing for a gift book certificate—one winner per grade level! Participation was excellent and the real "winners" were all the families who enjoyed reading together!

During this important week *guest readers*—special people from the school district and the community—visited the classrooms to read and share literacy stories with the students.



Dr. Brian Knutson



LZ Police Chief William Urry



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