



The Diviners Coming to PAC Stage

Tickets are currently on sale for the Lake Zurich High School Drama Department's fall play *The Diviners*, which will run **November 18, 19 and 20**, beginning at **7:30 p.m.**, in the high school's new state-of-the-art **Performing Arts Center (PAC)**. This will be the first LZHS theatrical production in the new PAC. **Tickets** are only **\$8** for adults and **\$6** for students, and can be ordered by calling the ticket hotline, (847) 540-4740.

Senior citizens are invited to a free special dress rehearsal performance on November 14, beginning at 2 p.m.

According to drama instructor **Ron Culver**, *The Diviners*—which will serve as the school's dramatic entry in the Illinois High School Theatre Festival—is by playwright Jim Leonard Jr., and takes place in a simpler time and place (Rural Zion, IN) during the depression of the 1930's. It brings together a disturbed young man and an itinerant preacher disenchanted with the hollowness of pious religiosity. Both men struggle with events from their past until the inner turmoil of one life is

fused with the childhood trauma of the other's life in the play's climax.

Leonard's startling and imaginative work was an American College Theatre Festival Award winner in its original production.

"The Diviners was chosen because of the challenge it offers our students," said Culver. "It is not a comedy with the traditional happy ending, but a story of significant drama that forces our student actors to fully utilize all of their talent and emotions to bring the characters to life. I believe the audience will come away significantly moved by both the power of the students' performances and the strength and passion of the story."

Other Upcoming Shows

Alice in Wonderland: January 28 and 29, 7 p.m., and January 29 and 30, 2 p.m.

Anything Goes: Complimentary Community Matinee (Dress Rehearsal) for Senior Citizens: April 24, 2 p.m. Gala Opening Reception and Performance for Patrons/Sponsors: April 27, 7:30 p.m. Production Dates: April 28-30, 7:30 p.m.

Seth Paine Book Fair

Nov. 17/18,
8:30am to
8pm, Nov. 19 -
8:30-11am,
50 Miller Rd.

The May Whitney 10,000 Book Challenge

Are you looking for something to do? Want to do a little light reading? Then join the students, parents and staff of **May Whitney Elementary School** for their *Hooray for Reading* 10,000 book challenge.

Starting with a November 16 all-school kickoff pep rally, featuring **G-Man** from Radio Disney, the school and communities it serves will begin their 10,000 book quest.

Students will be able to read any book they like. They then must fill out a class book card and have it signed by a parent or guardian. The class book cards will then be collected and added to the school's Book-Chain, which will be prominently displayed throughout the school.



The class reading the most books at any grade level will win a class party on March 24. The entire school will also celebrate their hard work on March 24 as part of the school's Literacy Day.

Staff members and parents have been working together in preparation for the challenge. Parent volunteers have been preparing flyers, contacting local businesses for donations and lining up guest readers who will come and read to a classroom of children.

If you would like to make a difference in the life of a child and sign up as a guest reader, please call May Whitney Elementary School, (847) 438-2351. Businesses who

would like to donate giveaway incentives to the students can also call the school to make their donation.

2004 ELECTION RESULTS

Sure the 2004 Presidential race was exciting, but it couldn't hold a candle to the excitement caused by the various elections within the school buildings of Community Unit School District 95.

In districtwide voting conducted online as an educational tool for students, **President George Bush** received 1,303 votes, while **Senator John Kerry** received 741 votes. In other election matters...

Isaac Fox Students Elect New Student Council

Two days after U.S. voters cast their ballots in the November 2 Presidential election, students at **Isaac Fox Elementary School** cast their ballots for their own student council leaders on November 4.

The new Isaac Fox Student Council includes fifth grade officers **Dan Kunz, Kelly Neises** and **Sean Eder**; and fourth grade officers **Jim Andress** and **Ryan Frew**.

The election of the new student council—which consists of two fourth graders and three fifth graders—was free of hanging chads, political pundits and threats of legal challenges. That is because rather than relying on political partisanship, in order to be placed on this ballot, potential student candidates had to write several essays answering questions posed by the student council sponsors.

Candidates, who began campaigning October 25, gave their all-important campaign speeches to third, fourth and fifth graders on November 3.

Charles Quentin Students Also Elect New Student Council

The entire student body at Charles Quentin Elementary School celebrated election day by voting for their 2004-05 student council members.

Mock ballots were created with each candidate's name and picture.

Students had private voting booths (study carrels) in which they could complete their ballot. The ballots were then deposited into official ballot boxes. Prior to election day each candidate gave a speech to persuade the students to vote for them and created and hung up campaign posters throughout the school.

The winners were President **Alyssa Fletcher**, Vice President **Jenna Monday** and Secretary **Tara McKee**.

Sarah Adams Students Say "Bravo, Bravo!" for New Flag

To kick off the November character trait of *Citizenship*, all Sarah Adams Elementary School students participated in a school-wide election on Monday, November 1, to choose one of three flag designs.

The three flags chosen for the flag design were created by students **Pamela Gruenke** in Mrs. Brongiel's third grade class, **Kevin Blume** in Mrs. Perkin's fifth grade class, and **Ashley Bravo** in Mrs. Jawnyj's fifth grade class.

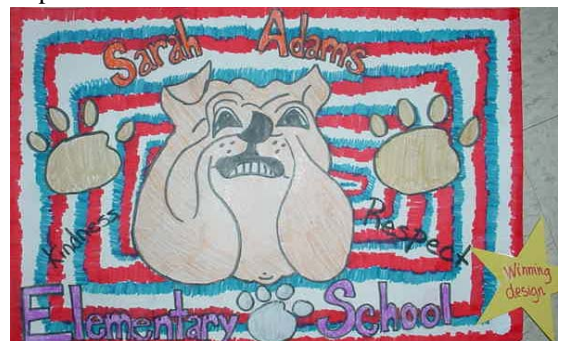
Although the balloting was close, Bravo's flag design was chosen. Her design will be turned into a real flag to be hung in the school gym.

In total, 115 flag designs were created and submitted by Sarah Adams' students for its flag design contest. A committee of staff then chose three of the designs to be part of the election ballot.

The second grade students planned, organized and manned the polling stations, which tied in with the government unit in their Social Studies curriculum. Classes were assigned to one of three polling precincts.

At the polling precincts, second grade students and parent volunteers checked voter registration, explained voting procedures, handed out and collected ballots, and then tallied the ballots.

The school had 494 students and staff members go to the polls to cast their votes in this important election.



Ashley Bravo's award-winning flag design.



Peter Stavropoulos

The STAR's Shine Bright in Transportation

Recently, the first ever School Transportation Award for Recognition (STAR) Awards were given out to three members of the

Transportation Department for their outstanding service to the children, community, and school district of Community Unit School District 95. The deserving winners were **Sue Molnar, Maryann Makkay** and **Daryl Barry**, who received

a certificate, STAR award trophy and had their names inscribed on a perpetual plaque that will be housed in the Transportation Department.

The STAR awards will be presented three times throughout the year. The individuals receiving this award will reflect the core values of the district's Strategic Plan in their daily actions and embody the rules and regulations of the Transportation Handbook, while making safety a number one priority for students and staff. Here's what was said about the first three award winners.

Sue Molnar – "I'll Do It" best describe Sue. Picking up extra stops when help is needed or taking charge of South Base through the years,

you can always count on her. "Successful communities are the result of people working in partnership toward common goals." This core value describes Sue Molnar and why she's a STAR.

Maryann Makkay - When it comes to her students, Maryann is like a lioness protecting her cubs. The atmosphere inside her bus is always orderly and respectful.

She models the core value that "enthusiasm and high expectations are contagious and yield higher achievement." Maryann is definitely proud to be working as a bus driver in District 95 - Maryann Makkay.

Daryl Barry – What a refreshing perspective Daryl brings each day. Many have sought the counsel of this wonderful woman. Her thoroughness and dedication seem endless. "The uniqueness of people strengthens and enriches a community" fits this ray of sunshine known as Daryl Barry.



Pictured from left are STAR award winners **Daryl Barry, Maryann Makkay** and **Sue Molnar**.

SL Kids Learn from Helen Keller

The Spencer Loomis PTO sponsored a special cultural arts assembly today, November 5, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and again at 12:15 p.m. in the school's gym.



An actress from "Historical Perspectives" played **Helen Keller**—portraying her from childhood through adulthood.

The one-woman play showed the students the process Helen Keller, who was blind and deaf,

went through to achieve all that she did in her amazing life.

ELL Reception

The English Language Learners (ELL) program staff of Community Unit School District 95 will hold its fourth annual **Bilingual Parent's Reception** on **Tuesday, November 9**, from **5:30-7:00 p.m.**, at the **Ela Public Library**, 275 Mohawk Trail, Lake Zurich.

According to teacher Sharon Brown, the reception is part of an ongoing attempt to reach out to parents, and will feature guest speakers, food from Lake Zurich area restaurants, and great tips for parents to help them help their children with homework and learning.

"We are working on trying to reach out to this part of the community to begin building relationships, sign up volunteers for our bilingual parents committee, and provide information about the types of resources that are available to them in the area," explained Brown. "The results of these efforts will have a positive impact on student learning in the ELL program."

Election Fever Grips District 95



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