



## 'Saturday Scholars' Offers Fun Learning



Registration is currently under way for the Community Unit School District 95 Saturday Scholars program for highly motivated students who are currently in

the second through eighth grade and want to engage in higher level thinking, intellectual growth and creative exploration.

With such interesting titles as *Math Maniacs*; *Signing on Saturdays*; *Silly Science Experiments*; *Mystery, Madness and Mayhem*; this innovative program will run for five Saturdays from January 15 through February 12 at Middle School North, 95 Hubbard Lane, Hawthorn Woods.

Participating District 95 students will be able to choose two classes and attend both sessions, which will be held from 9-10:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. to Noon.

Students will be taught by professionals in the specialized subject areas. Families will be responsible for their child's transportation. Registration for the program ends December 15.

The fee for two classes for the five-week program is only \$60, and classes will be filled on a first come, first serve basis per arrival of registration form to:

Mrs. Gail Drake  
C/oPDC  
66 Church St.  
Lake Zurich, IL  
60047

Each registration is numbered as it is received and as many students as possible will be placed in their first two choices; as classes fill it becomes necessary to consider one or more of the student's other selections. A class may be canceled if enrollment is not at a sufficient level. Students will be notified of class assignments by Monday, January 10, 2005.

For more information, visit the Saturday Scholars website: [www.lz95.org/Info/SaturdayScholars](http://www.lz95.org/Info/SaturdayScholars), or contact **Sandra Burvikovs** at (847) 540-3929, **Donna O'Brien** at (847) 540-4966, or **Leslie Kovich** at (847) 540-4937.



### **Congratulations!!**

Every District 95 school met the adequate yearly progress (AYP) requirement under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

## "The Diviners" Chosen for Statewide Festival

The Lake Zurich High School production of *The Diviners* has been invited by the play selection committee of the Illinois High School Theatre Festival to perform on January 8, the last day of the festival's 2-1/2 day run (January 6-8, 2005) at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

"This is an honor to our cast and crew, to the theatre program, to the high school and to the community which supports our endeavors so faithfully," said Director **Ron Culver**.

*The Diviners* 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.

To properly prepare for the festival, "pick-up" rehearsals will be scheduled between Christmas and New Years for both cast and crew. A special **benefit performance** has also been planned for **January 2, 2005 at 2 p.m.** at the **Lake Zurich Performing Arts Center**, 300 Church St., Lake Zurich. The proceeds from the benefit performance will help finance the trip to the state festival. Tickets for this special performance are only \$10 for adults and \$6 for students. Those interested in attending the benefit performance can call (847) 540-4209 for tickets.

The Illinois High School Theatre Festival is a gathering of students, staff and chaperones from across the state who are interested in acting, technical theatre, and teaching theatre/drama. Thousands of students attend with their chaperones for 2-1/2 days of workshops and clinics. In addition, seniors in high school who

## "The Diviners" (cont.)

wish to audition for theatre programs in Illinois have the opportunity to audition at the festival. Lake Zurich High School has four students who will be auditioning at the festival in the areas of acting and technical theatre.

In addition to the workshops, an "all state" theatrical production is performed each year, and this year the cast will see a production of the musical *Ragtime*.

Scheduled in between all of the clinics, workshops, and audition slots, are performances of excellent productions which have been adjudicated throughout the state and invited to be performed at the state festival.

On Saturday, January 8, the cast and crew from Lake Zurich will spend their time 'loading in' the set for *The Diviners*, getting the lights ready, and 'putting up the show' twice during that day. Following the second performance, they will re-load the truck, pack up the costumes and head back to Lake Zurich.

*The Diviners* cast includes:

Buddy Layman .....	Will Angulo
Jennie Mae Layman .....	Heather Frase
Ferris Layman .....	Chip Brewster
C.C. Showers .....	Nick Quinn
Norma Henshaw .....	Kiersten Thomsen
Darlene Henshaw .....	Amanda Pazik
Basil Bennett .....	Jared Schuster
Luella Bennett .....	Carley Benrus
Goldie Short .....	Sara Lloyd
Melvin Wilder .....	Brad Walker
Dewey Maples .....	Shawn Scolnick
Townspeople:.....	Ellen Rolfes, Stephanie Kopplin, Rob Browy, Jacque Kress, Kara Woodlief, Marco Braun, Kailee Place, Sam Kent
Student Director.....	Kara Woodlief
Student Producer.....	Liz Lach
Dramaturge.....	Stacy Donaldson

### 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/Performance** for Patrons/Sponsors: April 27, 7:30 p.m.  
Production Dates: April 28-30, 7:30 p.m.

## What a Wonderful World at Spencer Loomis School



Third grade students at Spencer Loomis Elementary School will display their vocal talents during the school's third grade concert entitled "What a Wonderful World" on Monday, **December 13**, beginning at **7 p.m.**, on the stage in the facility's cafetorium.

The concert will feature third graders performing eight songs from six countries in five languages.

To highlight their global theme, the students will be dressing in traditional clothes from Africa, Great Britain, France, Brazil, Japan and the United States.

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## 14 Nominated for Awards

District 95 received 14 nominations in the Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce (LZACC) 2004 Excellence Awards program, including 10 of the 11 nominations for Outstanding Educator.

Those receiving nominations in the educator category include: **Colleen Cazolas**, principal at Seth Paine School; **Ron Culver**, high school drama instructor; **June Fournier**, high school French instructor; **Gail Galter**, first grade teacher at Seth Paine School; **Colleen Johnson**, third grade teacher at Seth Paine School; **Nick Juknelis**, high school director of vocal music; **Cindy Klebba**, high school consumer education teacher; **Art Ladenburger**, German teacher at Middle School North; Associate Superintendent **Connie Spenko**; and **Josh Thompson**, high school band director.

In addition, Board of Education member **Pat Priniski** was nominated in the "Outstanding Public Servant" category for her dedicated efforts, while the **Lake Zurich High School Field House/Performing Arts Center** and the **Spencer Loomis/Middle School North** facilities were nominated in the "Architectural Expansion" category. The school district as a whole was nominated in the "Magnet" category.

The annual Excellence Awards are presented to the business, educational, governmental, not-for-profit and general communities for their efforts to make the Lake Zurich area a better place to live, work, learn and raise happy families. The winners in each category will be named during the LZACC Evening of Excellence program at Concorde Banquets in Kildeer on Saturday, January 15.

*THRIVE in 95* is produced by the Community Unit School District 95 Office of Communications & Community Relations for staff and interested community members. Story submissions are greatly encouraged.

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# Reminder: Four Board Seats Up in April

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 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.

# Poms/Dance Take First Place



Congratulations to the **Lake Zurich High School Varsity Pom Squad/Dance Team** who received a first place trophy in the AAA High Kick Division at the Illinois Drill Team Association (IDTA) competition December 4 in Summit, IL.

The LZHS Poms are the reigning 2004 IDTA and UDA (Universal Dance Team) AAA High Kick state champions. They were ranked 7th in the nation at the UDA Nationals competition in Florida last February.