



Weather Advisory - Some Events Canceled for Jan. 22

Based upon information from the National Weather Service regarding expected heavy snow accumulation for our area for this evening and tomorrow, The Community Unit School District 95 *Saturday Scholars* program has been canceled for tomorrow, January 22. Also canceled for tomorrow is the Isaac Fox Elementary School Fun Fair. Athletic events scheduled for tomorrow will continue, for now.

Other events scheduled for this evening and tomorrow will also continue; however, parents and community members should continue to check the school district web site (www.lz95.org) for further cancellations and updates. Further assessments will be made tomorrow morning and tomorrow afternoon.

Spenko, PAC/Fieldhouse Honored

The outside temperature may have been below 0, but that did nothing to cool the excitement inside at Concorde Banquets on the evening of January 15. The room was packed for the Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce's 2004 Excellence Awards.

Community Unit School District 95 is proud that it had 14 nominations in four of the nine categories. Of those nominations two received the Award of Excellence.

Constance "Connie" Spenko, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, was presented with the Outstanding Educator Award, and Board of Education President **Jan Putbress** received the Architectural Expansion Award on behalf of the school district for the new Lake Zurich High School Performing Arts Center and Field House.

Nominations for the awards were solicited from chamber members as well as area citizens and government entities. Chamber members then voted



Connie Spenko, left, and Jan Putbress show their awards. **Colleen Johnson, Nick Juknelis, Cindy Klebba,**

for a recipient in each category from those nominated.

In addition to the two winners, the following people, and the district as an entity, were nominated for consideration:

- **Architectural Expansion Award Nominees:**

Spencer Loomis/Middle School North Facility

- **Magnet Award:**

Community Unit School District 95

- **Outstanding Educator Award:** Colleen Cazolas, Ron Culver, June Fournier, Gail Galter,

Colleen Johnson, Nick Juknelis, Cindy Klebba,

Art Ladenburger, and Josh Thompson

- **Outstanding Public Servant:** Pat Priniski, Board of Education member

The awards are presented annually, to honor and recognize local businesses, governmental employees, elected officials, not-for-profits and educators for outstanding service and performance during the year, and for helping to make the Lake Zurich area a better place, to live, learn, work and play.

Free Preschool Screening Offered to Parents

Parents of preschool aged children who reside in Community Unit School District 95 are invited to participate in a free screening that will evaluate their child's speech and language, concept development, fine and gross motor skills, and vision and hearing.

The screening for all children within the May Whitney, Seth Paine and Spencer Loomis school attendance boundaries will be on Wednesday, January 26. The screening for all children within the Sarah Adams, Charles Quentin and Isaac Fox

school attendance boundaries will be on Thursday, January 27. The screening times and location for both days will be from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon., at the District 95 Annex, 200 Church St., Lake Zurich. Children must be three years old by the screening date.

For more information or to make an appointment for your child's screening, please call the District 95 Special Education office at (847) 540-7060.

Jan. 25 Deadline for BOE Candidate Filing

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

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 nominating packets from the superintendent's office, 400 S. Old Rand Road, Lake Zurich.

The period for filing nominating petitions began 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.

A Different Point of View

Lake Zurich Middle School South will present its sixth Annual *Star Party* for all sixth grade students and their parents on Friday, January 28 starting at 6:30 p.m.

The event is part of the astronomy unit currently being studied by the sixth grade students, with activities including drama, star gazing, art, logical thinking, poetry, rockets, being an astronaut and more. It gives parents and students an opportunity to explore the world of science together.



LZMSS sixth grade teachers prepare eight different stations, each involving an astronomy topic, for the participants to visit. Funding for the event is provided by Abbott Labs. Additionally, the Lake County Astronomy Society will be providing telescopes for viewing and help with the telescope station.

Lake Zurich Middle School South sixth grade science teachers **Jolynn Hover**, **Debby Church**, and **Joann Grandt** organize the annual event.

Families Invited to a Musical *Alice in Wonderland*

Things are getting “curiouser and curiouser” at Lake Zurich Performing Arts Center as the Lake Zurich High School Children’s Theatre prepares for their musical production of *Alice in Wonderland*, directed by **Sara Wade**. Performances will be **January 28 at 7 p.m., January 29 at 2 & 7 p.m., and January 30 at 2 p.m.**

There will be two special dress rehearsals on January 25 and 27 beginning at 4:30 p.m. (*these dress rehearsals offer excellent photo/video/interview opportunities for news media representatives*).

Tickets for this family-friendly musical are only **\$7 for adults** and **\$5 for children**. To order by phone, call the Ticket Hotline: (847) 540.4740. As with our other performances and athletic events, senior citizens who have their District 95 Senior Citizens Pass are admitted free.

The *Alice in Wonderland* cast includes:
 Alice.....Allision Sill
 Margaret.....Christine Iverhouse
 White Rabbit.....Jake Lestan
 Mad Hatter.....Marco Braun
 March Hare.....Patrick Kilbride
 Dormouse.....Jenny Schoen
 Caterpillar.....Jack Gordon
 Cheshire Cat.....Nancy Anderson
 Tweedle Dee/Dum.....Abby Karecki
 Emily Brazee
 Queen of Hearts.....Kiersten Thoma
 Knave of Hearts.....Mario Mazzetti
 Queen’s Footman.....Mike Scholl
 Jabberwocky.....Anna Turner

Child Flower.....Clairissa Papa
 Flower.....Marie Lemke
 Chelsie Chmela
 Samantha Holappa
 Flower Dancers.....Abby Watson
 Claire Hart
 Ellen Rolfes
 Paige Platenik
 Will Angulo
 Jurors.....Alysha Balog
 Taylor Banach
 Rob Browy
 Andrew Cohen
 Shari Cohen
 Katie Jardine
 Liz Lach
 Emmy Piecuch
 Ali Peterschmidt
 Zach Pope
 Sam Russart
 Hayleigh Savoca
 Student Director/
 Understudies.....Stephanie Holappa
 Alex Johnson
 Student Producer.....Lexi Zaino

Coming Soon...

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.

Upcoming Orchestra Events Warm up a Cold Winter

The Lake Zurich High School Orchestra offers you a great way to warm up a cold winter with two musical events that offer excellent entertainment possibilities for you in the new Lake Zurich Performing Arts Center (PAC).



Camerata Chicago

Camerata Chicago Residency

Camerata Chicago is the only professional string orchestra in Chicago. The orchestra is made up of exceptional working musicians from in and outside the area. On February 4, members of the group will lead Lake Zurich High School, Middle School North, and Middle School South orchestra members in a performance workshop. The next week, Camerata Chicago will have open rehearsals during the school day in the LZHS Performing

Arts Center. Their residency will culminate in a concert on Sunday, February 13, at 3:00 p.m. in the PAC. Tickets are only \$7.00 for students, \$12.00 for seniors, and \$18.00 general admission, and can be purchased at the door.

District 95 Orchestra Festival

Saturday, February 12, is the bi-annual concert featuring over 450 musicians in grades 4-12. All of the elementary, middle school, and high school orchestras from District 95 will perform. The concert will begin with a performance by the nationally recognized Lake Zurich Strolling Strings and culminate in a massed finale featuring all of these young musicians. The concert is at 2:00 p.m. in the LZHS fieldhouse. Admission is free.

Students Share the Dream



Second grade students in **Megan Guerrero's** class at May Whitney School will perform a play about slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., on Friday, January 28, beginning at 10:45 a.m., at the school, 120 Church St., Lake Zurich.

The play, written by Guerrero and her sister, covers the life of the legendary leader and minister. The play is set at a school where some children wonder why there isn't school on Martin Luther King Day. Another group of children explain to the younger kids what they have learned about Dr. King. During school, the teacher and her students engage in a conversation about how it is silly to hate people based upon their skin color. The play ends with a student saying part of a Dr. King speech, with other students holding picket signs.

Every student has a speaking part in the play. The part of Dr. King will be played student **Vikram Tammana**.

After the play, students will each have a chance to introduce themselves and say a dream that they have for the world. Then they will sing the song *Teaching Peace* by Red Grammar. The students will also use the song to showcase some of the sign language they have learned.

The students are excited about the upcoming play and began practicing right after Winter Break.

STARs Shine in Transportation

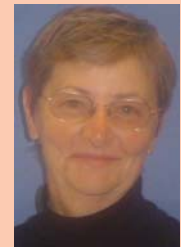
The School Transportation Award for Recognition or S.T.A.R. Award is given out to three members of the Transportation Community for their outstanding service to the Children, Community, and School District of Community Unit School District 95.



Tom Stanek, second from left, is congratulated by (from left to right) Transportation Director **Karen Logan**, Assistant Superintendent **John Hitcho** and Board member **Roger Tieman**.



Louise Bundy, second from left, is congratulated by (from left to right) **Karen Logan**, **John Hitcho** and **Roger Tieman**.



Bev Nelson was busy transporting students during the STAR awards ceremony. She was notified by bus two-way radio about the honor she had received.

Are You a Key Communicator?

Public schools must depend on the support of local citizens if they are to be strong and vital learning environments. In turn, the interest and support of citizens depends on their understanding and engagement in school affairs. That is why Community Unit School District 95 has created its **Key Communicator** program and we invite you to join us so that our schools can more effectively communicate with you and hear the opinions you have about the work we are doing and the issues facing our schools.

Our Key Communicator 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 Communicator, you will receive timely, factual information via a 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. Your responsibility, as a Key Communicator, will be to share school district news with friends, neighbors and colleagues.

To become a Key Communicator, simply call email or fax:

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