



Sisters Win Honors

Mindy Park



Lake Zurich High School Sophomore **Mindy Park** and her younger sister, **Laura**, a sixth grader at Lake Zurich Middle School North, captured top awards in the national Walgreens Concerto Competition December 29 (Junior Division) and 30 (Senior Division) at Fort Sheridan. The competition is held annually by the Midwest Young Artists (MYA), the largest and most comprehensive youth ensemble music program in the Midwest. Each year, more than 200 of the nation's top student musicians compete for the coveted awards.

Laura Park



Mindy, a cellist, was selected as both the winner in the Senior Division String category and the overall winner in the Senior Division (high school age). Laura, a violinist, was selected as both the winner in the Junior Division String category and the overall winner in the Junior Division (below high school age).

As the overall winners in their respective divisions, each of the sisters will receive a cash award of \$300, plus an MYA scholarship that can be applied to either the MYA academic year programs or the MYA summer camp program. Mindy will also perform on the prestigious "From the Top" radio program (www.fromthetop.org).

In addition to their busy school and practice schedules, both sisters will be performing February 18 at Pick-Staiger Hall at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL.

Take the Stakeholder Survey @ www.lz95.org!

Seniors Recognized

Lake Zurich High School seniors **Sarah LaRoe** and **Jacob "Jake" Lestan** have been selected as Honorable Mention honorees for the 2005-2006 Daily Herald Leadership Team (DHLT).



Sarah LaRoe

The DHLT was launched by The Daily Herald newspaper five years ago to honor and recognize high school students for their leadership and volunteer efforts within their communities. The honorees were chosen from a record 149 nominations from 80 schools in the newspaper's readership area.

In addition to her busy high school schedule, LaRoe serves as a volunteer coach for the Special Needs Athletic Program (SNAP); volunteers at S. Francis De Sales; and is a volunteer cheerleading coach for the Flames.



Jake Lestan

Lestan is also very active volunteering in school and within his community. He was a volunteer for the student council's 2005 Charity Bash; assisted at the school's annual Homecoming show; is active in Drama Club, Honors Music Society; the golf team, and serves on the district's Curriculum Council.

CQ Kids Give Up Golden Tickets

Charles Quentin students had the "Golden Ticket" to fun December 7 at Student Council's Movie Night for charity. "Charlie and The Chocolate Factory" delighted the 185 students who made themselves comfortable with their own sleeping bags and pillows.



Principal **Alex Barbour**, heightened the excitement among the students with trivia questions from the movie. For example, do you know which two children found the Golden Tickets first? Donations to the American Lung Association totaled over \$1,000 in conjunction with Lake Zurich High School's Charity Bash Week.

(Answer: Augustus Gloop and Veruca Salt)

Thanks LZEA!

A big thank you goes out to the **Lake Zurich Education Association (LZEA)** for paying in full for the shipping cost of the school supplies that were collected by the Lake Zurich High School Interact Club for the teachers and students of hurricane ravaged Mississippi. The shipping bill came to nearly \$250.

This example of compassion in action is just one of the many reasons why District 95 is a great place to teach, learn and work!

Sixers Get Mag Cover

Back Row (from left):
Shae Harris, Jasmine Liggett, T.J. Krejci, Peter Batridge, and Lauren Whetstone.
Front Row (from left):
Ellen Opacich, Melissa Wilson, Tanner Hughes, Kayla Ruppe, and Jackie Fournier.



Middle School North (MSN) sixth grade students in **Faith Mirza's** art class displayed their talents statewide thanks to the **Illinois Reading Council Journal (IRCJ).**



The students' artwork is displayed on the front and back cover of the winter 2005-2006 edition of the journal, which is produced by the Illinois Reading Council, a statewide association that provides leadership and support to educators in the area of literacy. The IRCJ is published quarterly.



The cover displays the artwork of sixth graders **Peter Batridge, Jackie Fournier, Shae Harris, Tanner Hughes, T.J. Krejci, Jasmin Liggett, Ellen Opacich, Kayla Ruppe, Lauren Whetstone, and Melissa Wilson.**

P.U. is for YOU!

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, March 4, 2006, District 95 is presenting the 12th annual PARENT UNIVERSITY. Plan on spending an inspirational morning with **Char Wenc**, speaker and award-winning author of, *Parenting-Are We Having Fun Yet?*

PARENT UNIVERSITY is geared to parents and grandparents of children ages preschool through high school. Many great sessions dealing with a variety of parenting topics and issues are planned for this year's event.

Titles for some of the sessions include: *The Challenging Child, Internet Dangers, From Tee-Ball to Testosterone—What a Son Needs From His Dad, From Walking to Weddings—What a Daughter needs From Her Dad, Overindulging Your Children, Substance Abuse In Our Community, The Top Ten Signs It Is Time To Talk To Your Kid About Money, How To Build the Muscle of Confidence In Our Children,* and more!

A continental breakfast and lunch as well as child care will be provided. Registration forms will be sent home in January.

Questions? Call **Lori Schwartz** (847) 438-1949.

Free Preschool Screening

Parents of children who are three to five years of age and 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 will be on Thursday, January 26, from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon. at St. Francis de Sales Church Ministry Center, 135 S. Buesching Rd., Lake Zurich. Children must already be three years old by the screening date.

To make an appointment for your child's screening, please call the District 95 Special Education office at (847) 540-7060 by January 19.

IF Fun Fair Coming 2006

All students and families belonging to Isaac Fox Elementary School in Lake Zurich should mark there 2006 calendars now for the annual fun-filled Funtastic Fun Fair on Saturday, **January 21**, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Isaac Fox Elementary School, 395 Cuba Road, Lake Zurich.

The event, which is hosted by the Parent Teacher Organization, includes games for all ages, food, a bake sale, cake walk, raffle prizes, and more. This is one of the highlights of the year so don't miss out!

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