



MSS Students Get Immersed in Learning

Right: MSS seventh graders wade through Flint Creek as part of their biology studies.



Far Right: Students closely examine what they have collected from Flint Creek.

Over the previous week, Middle School South Principal **David Gardner**, the school's seventh grade students and their science teachers immersed themselves in science at Flint Creek near the Smith Professional Building in Barrington. Donning wading boots and grabbing seines, the students and adults got more than a little wet wading through the creek in the name of science.



The students were there to conduct field biology studies concerning water quality, point and non-point source pollution and the environmental impact on plant and animal life in the region. Aiding in the collections were teachers **Debby Church, Dale Maule, Kim Samford, Beth Schoo** and **Kara Wessman**, along with parent volunteers.

According to Samford, the students' studies

of Flint Creek benefit everyone.

"The purpose of the Flint Creek field trip is to give the students an interactive experience in order to develop ownership of

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Pretty Named as Fourth LZHS National Merit Semifinalist

Right: **Cecily Pretty**



Cecily Pretty, a senior at Lake Zurich High School, is the fourth student from the school to be named this year as a 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalist. According to an announcement from the National Merit Scholarship Corp., Petty's standing in the competition had not been

determined in time to include in the earlier announcement of semifinallists.

She joins fellow seniors **Wesley Gibbert, Jia Meng** and **Jack Zhou** who were also named semifinalists in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program.

These four students now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards that will be offered next spring.

To become a finalist, a semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout their high school years, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance. The semifinalist and a school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's essay and information about the semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Approximately 15,000 semifinalists will advance to the finalist level and it is from this group that all Merit Scholarship winners will be selected. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their accomplishments, skills and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Author Visits Isaac Fox

Yesterday, October 20, nationally recognized children's author **Patricia Polacco** spent the day sharing her writing and illustrating process, as well as her love of reading, with students at Isaac Fox Elementary School, where she also autographed pre-purchased books for the students.



An award-winning author of more than 40 books,

Polacco is a master storyteller who keeps children and adults alike spellbound with her tales. It's a skill that was passed down to her from her parents and grandparents.



"My fondest memories are of sitting around a stove or open fire, eating apples and popping corn, while listening to the old ones tell glorious stories about their homeland and the past," says Polacco.

Born in Lansing, Michigan, to a family of Russian and Ukrainian descent on one side and Irish descent on the other, Polacco spent much of her young life in Michigan and then Oakland, CA. She was 14 before she could read due to dyslexia. However, she has always had the ability to make beautiful drawings and other artwork.

Polacco overcame her dyslexia and went on to major in fine art in college and received a graduate degree and a Ph.D. degree in art history. She did not start writing children's books until she was 41.

Now the mother of two grown children, she splits her time between California and Michigan, when she is not traveling to schools and libraries.

Music Students Honored

Demonstrating that educational excellence applies to all areas of learning in Community Unit School District 95, a large number of Lake Zurich High School students have been selected to participate in the IMEA (Illinois Music Educators Association) District VII music ensembles.

Orchestra students auditioned at Deerfield High School October 11 and were selected from a pool of more than 400 students. The following students will now participate in district festivals on November 19, and then are eligible to be selected for All-State participation in Peoria in January.

Orchestra

- **Mindy Park** - Cello
- **Lauren Nagle** - Viola
- **Kristi Ditsch** - Viola

Band students auditioned at Niles North High School in early October and were selected from a pool of more than 900 students. The following students will now participate in district festivals on November 12 and 19, and then are eligible to be selected for All-State participation in Peoria in January.

Band or Orchestra Winds

- **Liz Isenberg** - Flute
- **Jordan Bloom** - Flute
- **Jack Zhou** - Clarinet
- **Clare Stolarski** - Oboe/English Horn
- **Dan Tribley** - Trumpet
- **Zach House** - Horn
- **Christine Evans** - Trombone
- **Wes Gibbert** - Euphonium
- **Aaron Sue** - Euphonium

Jazz

- **Tony Rosenberg** - Alto Sax (1st Chair)
- **Jim Schram** - Tenor Sax (1st Chair)
- **Dan Tribley** - Trumpet (Top Band)
- **Mason Donaldson** - Drums (1st Chair)
- **Kevin Ross** - Trombone
- **Mike Greenwood** - Piano

Choir students auditioned on October 6 at Waukegan High School with nearly 1,000 students from District VII auditioning. Twenty-seven students from Lake Zurich High School choirs auditioned and 16 were selected..

Choir

- **Sara Lloyd** - Soprano
- **Ali Peterschmidt** - Soprano
- **Emily Brazee** - Alto
- **Alex Guderian** - Alto
- **Sarah Sarkesian** - Alto
- **Alex Johnson** - Tenor
- **Patrick Kilbride** - Tenor
- **Tim Koll** - Tenor
- **Mario Mazzetti** - Tenor
- **Zach Pope** - Tenor
- **Trey Smith** - Tenor
- **William Angulo** - Bass
- **Austen Heuser** - Bass
- **Adam Rieman** - Bass
- **Shawn Scolnick** - Bass
- **Brad Walker** - Bass

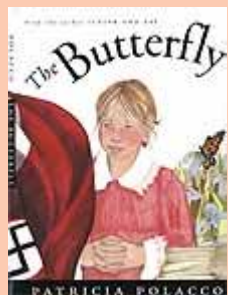
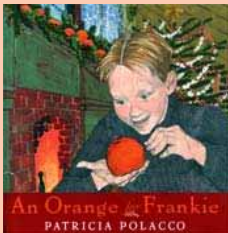
Of these 16 choir members, six were selected to re-audition for All State. Those students who were chosen include: **Sara Lloyd, Ali Peterschmidt, Patrick Kilbride, Tim Koll, Mario Mazzetti** and **William Angulo**.

Additionally, **Mario Mazzetti** auditioned for the IMEA District VII Vocal Jazz Ensemble and was selected. Mazzetti was the first LZHS student to audition for the vocal jazz ensemble.

Right: Author **Patricia Polacco**.

Below: Three of the author's books.

Below Right: The author shares a tapestry with IF students.



Rock 'N Rebuild Concert



The award-winning Lake Zurich High School Jazz Ensemble will open for the Rock 'N Rebuild Benefit Concert Saturday, October 22, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Lake Zurich Performing Arts Center at Lake Zurich High School, 300 Church St.

The headliner for the concert will be Universal Slim and the Blues Kangaroos, featuring Lake Zurich High School's own **Hannah Ford** on drums (pictured above). The band plays a strong southern rock style with a blues twist.

Tickets are only \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. There will also be raffles, snacks, soft drinks and more. All proceeds will go to the American Red Cross efforts for hurricane relief.

Kuper Gets Isaac Fox Dancing

Nationally recognized choreographer, lecturer and dance instructor **Kate Kuper** served as an artist-in-residence this week at **Isaac Fox Elementary School** where she shared her concept-based approach to dance with staff and students at the school.

Kuper, the author of three instructional audio compact discs, promotes accessible movement activities for use in classrooms, dance studios, day care, and at home.

A professional choreographer in Chicago, Kuper has worked as a professional development presenter at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., as well as a visiting lecturer in the Dance department at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Kuper has performed for and taught all ages preschool through adult since 1982, inspiring thousands of children, college students and adults to move and learn.

Kuper also teaches integrated curriculum: language arts, science, math and social studies learned through movement, rhythm, rhyme and music. She collaborates with her husband, percussionist **Rocky Maffit**, on recording projects and in schools, where Rocky provides live, original music for student choreography and performance.

Left: **Hannah Ford** sings vocals and plays the drums during a performance with Universal Slim and the Blues Kangaroos.



Above: **Kate Kuper** works with teachers at Isaac Fox School.

"PACK the PAC" October 24



On Monday, October 24, beginning at 7:30 p.m., the Lake Zurich High School music groups will present the Fall Choral Concert. This year, they hope to "PACK the PAC!" Many groups from outside the area rent the PAC and perform to full houses so it is hoped the community will do the same for this top quality musical performance.

As if the music is not enough of an enticement, there will also be a raffle. Lake Zurich High School families, community members and local businesses have donated nearly \$10,000 worth of prizes for the raffle.

So, you can enjoy the music and have a chance on winning an iPod Nano, a private performance of Bare Voices, a five-course dinner and much more!

Proceeds from the raffle will be used to reduce the cost of sending Bare Voices to Florida to meet and work with Disney composer/arranger **Derric Johnson**, as well as defraying the cost to send the Concert Choir to

the Illinois All State event and help pay for transportation to send the Women's Chorale to a Choral Festival at the University of Illinois. Raffle tickets are only \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20.

Can You Translate?

District 95 is in need of translators for our English Language Learner (ELL) Program. We are looking for people who are fluent in languages other than English who have some spare time to assist at parent teacher conferences, translating an occasional letter, making phone calls, and possibly helping out in the classroom.

Although Spanish is the second most dominant language in the Lake Zurich area, there are many other low incidence languages for which the district needs translators. The list of languages that require translators includes:

- Gujarati
- Hungarian
- Indonesian or Chinese
- Korean
- Lithuanian
- Polish
- Russian
- Serbian
- Spanish
- Tagalog
- Ukranian
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

Those interested should contact **Claudia Mall**, Curriculum Coordinator for Teaching and Learning, at (847) 540-4961, or email her at claudia.mall@lz95.org.

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their environment. Students will not only walk away from this experience with chemical test results, classification of benthic macroinvertebrates, and the dimensions from the creek, but with a sense of accomplishment and memories to last a lifetime.”

The normal bus fee for transporting the students was donated by the Friends of the Fox River, a non-profit organization of concerned citizens taking action to protect and maintain the quality of life of the Fox River and its tributaries.

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Are You in the Know?

A new school year brings new opportunities and fresh beginnings. So start of this school year by being in the know when it comes to news about your schools by joining the Community Unit School District 95 **Key Communicator Network**.

Our Key Communicator (KeyCom) 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 regular 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. As a KeyCom member, your responsibility will be to share the information with friends, neighbors and colleagues.

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

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Left: MSS Principal **David Gardner** gets a little soggy at Flint Creek but never loses his Eagle pride!

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