

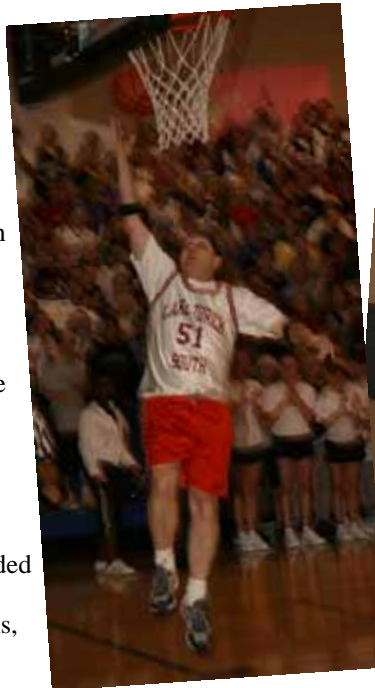


Hurricane Relief Wins in South/North B-Ball Battle

Before a standing room only crowd of screaming students, parents and community members, the faculty members of both Middle School South (MSS) and Middle School North (MSN) faced off in an epic battle for crosstown supremacy and, more importantly, to raise funds for Hurricane Katrina relief.

In the end, after the crutches and ice packs had been handed out to the groaning faculty on both teams, the most important score was the \$7,500 raised for the hurricane relief effort.

The faculties of both schools had spent the weeks prior to the game building up support within their schools and the community. Students at both schools eagerly awaited the day of the big game, while faculty



members spent their off hours honing their—in some cases rusty—basketball skills.

More than just a faculty basketball game, the staff members and PTOs of the schools had gone to great effort to involve the students, including adding many contests, such as hula-hoop, basketball shooting, spirit shout, etc. that added points to the score of their respective school's

faculty. In fact, the issue of first ball possession was decided by a Big Wheel tricycle race between a student from both MSS and MSN.

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Seeking Hall of Fame Teachers

The **National Teachers Hall of Fame** (NTHF) is seeking applications for its 2006 Teacher Induction Program. The 2006 induction activities will celebrate the Hall of Fame's 15th year of recognizing outstanding career educators from across America. Nomination packets must be **postmarked by January 3, 2006**. Winners will be notified in April 2006. For program details, go to: www.nthf.org/.

Charity Bash 2005 Readies for Kick-off

November is here already, and that means Lake Zurich High School is only one month away from **Charity Bash 2005**. The Lake Zurich High School Student Council would like to invite the entire community to raise money with them for this year's selected charity, the American Lung Association (ALA), Lake County Branch. Money raised through **Charity Bash 2005** will go to fund two programs, first an education program for parents, children, teachers, and coaches about the dangers of childhood asthma, and second, a summer camp for kids with severe respiratory illness. In honor of 2003 LZHS graduate **Christopher Redding**, who passed away tragically two years ago due to an exercise induced asthma attack, and the dozens of District 95 students who deal with respiratory illness on a daily basis, the school has chosen ALA as this year's charity.

The student council hopes that you will join them in raising money for this great cause. If you would like to have a student council member visit your group and help plan ideas, please contact Lake Zurich High School, (847) 540-4101.

Past Charity Bash Results

2003 - \$ 19,397 for the Ryan York Foundation

2004 - \$ 23,760 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

2005 - \$???

South/North *cont.*

Right: MSN Assistant Principal **Travis Lobbins** dribbles down court for a quick two points.



With each basket the deafening cheers grew louder and louder. The excitement grew by the second as the lead changed hands every few minutes, with both sides making three pointers, lay-ups, and for MSN Principal **Keir Rogers**, a former professional basketball player, a few slam dunks to send the crowd into a frenzy. In the end, MSN squeaked out the victory from MSS 56-55.

Both schools enjoyed the contest and, more importantly, bringing their two schools together for such a worthy cause.

“I am so proud of both schools,” said MSS

Principal **David Gardner**. “The teachers, the students, and the support shown from both the North and South ends of town was phenomenal. We are proud to demonstrate how both schools can work so well together for such a worthy cause.”

Rogers agreed.

“The game was an example of what we can do when we work together,” said Rogers.

“There was a great commitment made by teachers, students and parents from within the Lake Zurich community to help make this event work. There were a lot of selfless acts that occurred to make it happen. Slam dunking is a great feeling for me; one that I will not experience for much longer due to the aging process. But I take much more pride in seeing South and North work together to inspire students.”

So, after the sore muscles have healed and the money has been donated, the question remains: Will there be Clash for a Cause II next year? Stay tuned.



Right: MSS goes for three.

Far Right: **Austen Heuser** works at the *Split the Pot* table at the PACK the PAC event Oct. 24.

Below: Anticipation!



Seth Paine Book Fair

The Seth Paine Elementary School Annual Scholastic Book Fair will be Nov. 16-18. The book fair will run from 8:30am - 8:00pm on Wednesday and Thursday, and 8:30am - 1:30pm on Friday. The school PTO will also hold an “Ice Cream Social” that Wednesday night from 6:00pm - 8:00pm, with ice cream being provided by Culver’s.

This literary event is open this up to the public

Know a Great Teacher?

If so, nominate him or her for a Golden Apple excellence award in teaching. To qualify, educators must teach preschool through third grade in a public or private school in Cook, Lake or DuPage county. He or she must work full-time and be committed to doing so for two more years if he or she receives the award.

Ten (10) winners will receive \$3,000, an Apple computer and a paid sabbatical to study at Northwestern University. Nomination forms will be accepted through Dec. 1. Call (312) 407-0433, ext. 121, or visit www.goldenapple.org.

PACK Event Raises \$6,540



Both the “PACK the PAC” event and choir raffle were outstanding successes on October 24, with more than 600 in attendance at the concert and more than \$6,540 raised in the raffle. The money will be used to defray the costs of *Bare Voices* traveling to Florida, the Concert Choir singing at the Illinois All State Music Festival, and the Women’s Chorale participating in a festival at the University of Illinois.

Parent U. is for YOU!

Mark your calendars! Take a day for yourself and join with other parents on Saturday, March 4, 2006 for District 95's 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?* This fast moving, humorous keynote guides parents to understand practical strategies of discipline and encouragement.

Char is a clinical counselor, former teacher, and parent. Wenc offers incredible insights into raising children. Parents and educators come away energized, enlightened and educated by this engaging child specialist.

PARENT UNIVERSITY is geared for parents 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 our sessions include: *The Challenging Child*, *Internet Dangers*, *From Tee-Ball to Testosterone - What a Son Needs From His Dad*, *From Walking to Wedding - 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!

Orch Dork Story Airs Friday

The Chicago NBC news affiliate (WMAQ-TV) story on "Orch Dorks" Steffi Weiss and Jordyn Ford will air this Friday, November 4, at 10 p.m.

The news crew had traveled to Lake Zurich High School earlier in October to film the duo and the Lake Zurich High School Orchestra as part of a story on students who embrace

sometimes derisive labels. The two had created "Orch Dork" shirts to demonstrate their love of music and violins. Their Orch Dork pride in being members of the Lake Zurich High School Orchestra caught the interest of the national news media, including CNN, The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, USA Today, the Boston Globe and many, many others.



Above: **Steffi Weiss**, right, and friend, **Jordyn Ford**, cut out letters to create "Orch Dorks" shirts. —AP Photo

Dist. 95 Welcomes English Language Learners & Families



Both food and smiles were plentiful as the English Language Learners (ELL) program staff of Community Unit School District 95 held its fifth annual Bilingual Parent's Reception on Tuesday, November 1, at the Ela Public Library.

According to teacher Curriculum Coordinator

Claudia Mall, the annual reception—part of an ongoing attempt to reach out to parents—featured guest speakers and food from a number of Lake Zurich area restaurants. Most importantly, the evening provided great tips for parents to help them help their children with homework and learning.

"We are reaching out these families so that we can build stronger 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 Mall. "The results of this relationship building will have a positive impact on student learning in the ELL program."



Left: ELL families enjoy food from local restaurants at the ELL Parent Reception.

Below: A young student helps a guest with her name tag.

Another Spooktacular Celebration in District 95!



Left: the Jester and the Beast.



Left: May Whitney staff members lead by example when it comes to cool costumes.



Hail, Caesar!



Seth Paine trick or treaters are both tall and small.



Who wants to milk this cow?



Left: "Captain, my captain!" Captains **Christopher Finch** (left) and **Jill Brooks** (right) left no doubt about who was in charge at their respective schools.



Left: The friendly pirates of Isaac Fox School. Do your homework or walk the plank!"



Uh, your guess is as good as mine.

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