



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY

- Jan 28: Parent Forum, 6:30 pm

FEBRUARY

- Feb 1: School Board Apps by due 4 pm.
- Feb 1: LILA Foundation meeting, 7 pm.
- Feb 2 – 9: 25 High schoolers from China visit LILA and Forest Lake.
- Feb 6: Ice Fishing with Chinese high school students on First Lake, 1 – 3 pm.
- Feb 6: PTO Sponsored Family Fun Night at Saints North
- Feb 11: Board Meeting, 7 pm
- Feb 16: CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION at LILA, 5:30 – 7:35
- Feb 15: NO SCHOOL, Kinder Round-up
- Feb 20: Winter Plunge Fundraiser
- Feb 23: 3rd & 4th grade choir concert

Parent Forum

This Thursday, January 28
6:30 – 7:30 pm in the LILA Biblioteca (library)

Topics for discussion include state funding of public schools, ours in particular, LILA's progress toward changing authorizers, and District 831's new language immersion program. Any remaining time will be open to your questions!



LILA FAMILY ROLLER SKATING NIGHT

Saturday, February 6
5 – 7:30 pm

FREE to LILA families, sponsored by the PTO. For more information, see the flyer attached to the email immediately following this one!

You will NOT want to miss this annual event!

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

The Lakes International community is currently seeking interested candidates for positions on the School Board. The term of office will be for two years, from July 2010–July 2012.

To find more information about qualifications and the election timeline, as well as an application, go to the LILA front office or look online, under the About Us/Board of Directors section of the LILA website. Application deadline is Monday, February 1.

Four 2- year board seats will open, 2 teacher seats, 1 parent seat, and one community member seat. In addition, one 15-month parent seat is open to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Christine Thomas.



Christine Thomas Resigns from LILA School Board

Ms. Thomas' resignation was accepted at the December school board meeting. With the new charter school legislation, new conflict of interest guidance has been published by the state. As an employee of Patriot bank, with whom LILA does business, Ms. Thomas has chosen to step down from her board position to avoid even the appearance of a conflict.

Ms. Thomas was appointed to an *ex officio*, non-voting position on the board through June 30, 2011. The last 15 months of her two-year term will be filled during LILA's regular March elections.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR (continued)

MARCH

- Mar 4: LILA Foundation presents: Tubing at Trollhaugen
- Mar 8 – 12: Spring Break, NO SCHOOL
- Mar 9: Minnesota Charter Day at the Capitol
- Mar 15: yearbook photo deadline
- Mar 29: LILA Annual Meeting and Family Reading Night

APRIL

- Apr 22: LILA Foundation presents: 1st Annual Spring Fling Dinner



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, April 22nd
LILA Foundation's
1st ANNUAL SPRING
FLING DINNER

FEATURING
LIVE MUSIC
&
SILENT AUCTION

More information to be found on flyer attached to email immediately following this one!

HELP NEEDED for UPCOMING EVENTS!

- **Do you own a clothes steamer?** One or two parents needed to unwrap, hang and steam donated silk costumes between now and Feb 16 performance. **(HELP STILL NEEDED)**
- **Are you happy in the kitchen?** Eight to twelve parents needed to carry & dish up (already prepared) dumplings in shifts on February 16. **(3 MORE STILL NEEDED)**
- **Do you thrive under pressure?** Two or three third grade parents to help kids into costumes on February 16, from 6:30 – 7:00 before the third grade performance, and 10 - 20 minutes after the performance. **(2 MORE STILL NEEDED)**
- **Can you share your event planning experience?** We're looking for someone to plan a welcome reception for our Chinese visitors on February 2. (See article below for more information!) **POSITION FILLED**
- **Do you love ice fishing?** Our Chinese visitors are intrigued with the idea that we can walk on the lake in the winter! We suspect they will love an ice-fishing experience. Several parents are needed to either loan ice fishing equipment or accompany Chinese students from 1 – 3 pm on Saturday, February 6. **(POSITION FILLED BUT MORE STILL WELCOME!)**

NEWLY POSTED OPPORTUNITIES:

- **One day loans of boots, hats, and mittens needed:** Feb 6 for the ice fishing event. Please label your items to be sure you get the same ones back!
- **Any snowmobilers in the crowd?** During the ice fishing event from 1 – 3 pm on Saturday, February 6, we would like to be able to let our Chinese guests experience snowmobiling on the lake! If you can come out and give some rides, you'd be helping share true Minnesotan culture!
- **Do you like the feel of a microphone in your hand?** We need one or two tour guides for Saturday morning, Feb 6. Ride the comfortable coach bus with our Chinese high school age guests and point out the sites as you drive. Take them to the State Capitol, then return to Forest Lake. **POSITION FILLED**

If you can help with any of the above tasks, please call or email Shannon at speterson@lakesinternational.org or 651-464-0771 x228.

Southwest Junior High LILA Parent Information Night

All parents who are wondering about the Southwest Junior High Immersion continuation program are encouraged to attend an informational evening, Monday, February 8, 2010 at 6:30 pm at LILA. Marc Peterson, principal of Southwest Junior High School, will be our guest speaker. He will describe the Immersion Continuation Program, in which LILA graduates take three classes *in Spanish* at Southwest Junior High. The Southwest program is modeled after the best immersion continuation programs in the state, and offers 5 semesters' worth of coursework in Spanish per year! LILA has been working with Southwest Junior High for three years now; the current 6th graders will be the fourth group to attend Southwest after "graduating" from 6th grade! Come learn what it's all about. All are welcome; parents of sixth graders are particularly encouraged to attend.

2010 Spelling Bee Winners



Dominic Moritz, 6th gr. winner



Emma Sosa, 5th grade winner

Core Challenge

Looking to burn fat, build muscle tone and increase your stamina? Core Challenge is for you - an intense circuit style workout that blends functional athletic training, cardio and core strength building!

Where	•LILA Gym
When	•Mondays and Fridays •5:15-6:00 a.m.
Session 1 dates	•March 15-April 23 •No class Friday, April 2
Price for six weeks (11 sessions)	•\$110 recommended donation •30% will go to LILA
Equipment needed:	•Weights (5 or 8 lbs) •Medicine Ball, 6lbs •Mat, jump rope •Balance Ball

If you want something different and fun in a workout, I really encourage you to join! For more information and/or to register, please e-mail Alyssa Arredondo at a5arredondo@gmail.com.

25 CHINESE STUDENTS TO VISIT FOREST LAKE

Tuesday, February 2nd, twenty-five high school students will arrive in Forest Lake with two teachers. They will be welcomed at a reception at LILA that afternoon, then paired with host students at Forest Lake High School for the majority of their stay. They will eat most meals and stay at The Forest in Marine, arranged through Concordia Language Villages, and will travel by bus to the Forest Lake High School each day. They'll also have the opportunity to take in some cultural experiences, including ice fishing, a visit to the Mall of America, dinner with an American family, and a visit to a local church.

TIO & TIA NEEDED FOR TATIANA

One of our language ambassadors, Tatiana Colonel, who works with second graders, is the niece of LILA teachers Nancy Bohada and Fred Moreno. She is living in their home, and though she is very comfortable there, she is missing out on learning some American cultural pieces by not spending time with an American family.

If you would be willing to have her for dinner or take her to an event, please contact her at nana_164@hotmail.com or 651-216-1067.

JUNIOR FIRST LEGO LEAGUE



Seeking interested students (ages 6 - 9) to participate in the Junior FIRST (WeDo Robotics) LEGO League. An overview of the Jr. FIRST Lego League (Jr.FLL) can be viewed at <http://usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/jfll/default.aspx?id=818>

Junior FIRST LEGO League (Jr.FLL) encompasses the core concepts of all FIRST programs to inspire, excite, and introduce kids to the wonders of science, technology, and engineering. The goal of Jr.FLL is to provide an experience that will capture young children's inherent curiosity and creativity and direct it toward discovering the possibilities of improving the world around them through understanding, thought, planning, and technology.

Class Schedule

Classes will be held 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm Mondays at Lakes International. Since February 15th is a school holiday class that week will be held on Tuesday February 16th.

The class dates are: February 8, 16, 22, March 15, 22, 29.

The cost to participate is \$75 per student, and teams will be limited to a maximum of six students. For more information or to register, contact LILA parent Dave Johnson at H:(651) 982-0953 or C: (651) 605-5508.

Chinese New Year Preparations Well Underway



LILA 6th graders learn the art of the Chinese Lion Dance in preparation for Chinese New Year.

Volunteer teachers are Zhao Ben and A Hui, from Concordia Language Villages

Coaches! Activity Leaders! Parents! The LILA Yearbook NEEDS YOUR PHOTOS!

To upload your photos:

Point your web browser to: www.myear.com

2. Click the 'Photo Upload' link at the bottom of right corner of the page
- 1 Review and accept the upload Terms and Conditions
- 2 Enter our password: 025461
- 3 Browse and select one or more images from your computer to upload (see reminders below)
- 4 Enter the photo caption (include your contact information in case the staff needs additional information)
- 5 Click Begin Upload to upload your images

Image Reminders:

- Images should be in JPEG format, RGB (this is the most common setting on most digital cameras and are the necessary formats for photos to upload)
- Maximum file size is 5MB per image
- Cell phone photos and photos for the web are usually too small to reproduce in the yearbook
- Include in each caption: Contributed by [be sure to include your name], the names of each subject in the photo, and the event/occasion.

