



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

November

- Nov 8: **No School**
- Nov 9: 7pm PTO Meeting
- Nov 11: 7pm Board Meeting
- Nov 15: Coffee Fundraiser Kick-off
- Nov 16 8-8:45am: Volunteer Meeting
- Nov 23: 6pm 3rd Grade Parent Night
- Nov 25, 26 & 29: **No School**

December

- Dec 7 at 6pm: Grades 5 & 6 Music Program
- Dec 9: **Kinder No School**
- Dec 10: **No School**
- Dec 17 All Day: Grades 3-6 Talent Show Try-outs
- Dec 23-31: **No School**

LILA Students at Southwest Junior High

Sixth grade teachers will visit Southwest Junior High tomorrow so that they can answer their students' questions about what 7th grade is like in LILA's Immersion Continuation Program at Southwest Junior High. The teachers will attend classes with last year's 6th graders, including Spanish Language and Cultures, Industrial Technology, and Social Studies, all of which are conducted 100% in Spanish.

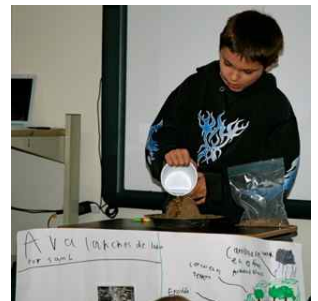
Interesting fact: over 90% of last year's sixth graders are attending Southwest Junior High this year. At this rate, nearly 40% of Southwest's population will be former LILA students by 2015!

Señora Kinsman, teacher of Advanced Spanish Language and Cultures class, shares the following letter with us:

It has been an exciting two months for the seventh grade Spanish immersion classes at Southwest Junior High! In my class, I can say that it has been very fun getting to know the students and seeing their ability to speak, read, and write in Spanish (during the first week of school, the seventh graders spent time making autobiography posters about themselves.) Some other things we have been doing in class include, singing along to music by artists such as Selena, Juanes and Fanny Lu, learning facts about Colombia, writing and performing skits involving bargaining in the market, refining our Spanish grammar, and learning lots of new vocabulary words. Next week students in the Advanced Spanish Language and Cultures course will be busy in the kitchens making *Pan de muerto*, along with completing a *Calaveras* painting project. Later this year we look forward to doing lots more reading, speaking, and writing in Spanish as we learn more about the diverse cultures of the Spanish speaking world and also begin to read a short novel. ~Señora Kinsman

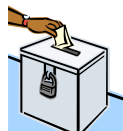
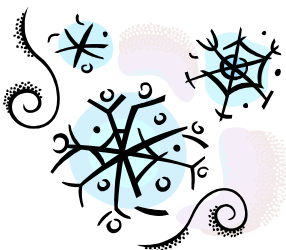


Kyle Swenson submitted this photo of his students from LILA hard at work at SWJH.



Avalancha de Lodo

Sam Lundgren demonstrates how an avalanche works during the 5th Grade unit on Natural Disasters.



Remember to vote tomorrow, Tuesday, November 2nd. Your vote matters!



I love LILA because...



“...it offers an opportunity for my children to learn valuable life lessons and educational opportunities that are not available in “traditional” main stream schools such as full immersion in Spanish and additionally, Chinese. We love the teachers’ excitement and exuberance towards the children and their learning. Amazing staff all around and in my son’s words...He loves LILA because he gets to go to gym class and recess! Thank you, LILA! Keep up the great work.” Jim & Diona Neeser, and Connor Neeser

“...I know that they not only are part of a school community that cares for them, but a world community that embraces them. I also love LILA because my child LOVES to go to school and LOVES to learn, and as parents, we couldn’t ask for anything greater than that.” Anna Schaberg, parent of a 3rd grader

“...it gives my child the diversity we could all use.” Anna Swanson, parent of a LILA graduate

Check back next time for more great comments!

Getting to Know LILA Staff & Language Ambassadors



Diego Higuera

We have been very fortunate at LILA to have Diego Higuera with us for the 2009-2010 school year, and to also assist us in beginning the 2010-2011 school year. He came to LILA from Duitama, Colombia. On Thanksgiving Day, he will return to his family. We are very sad to see him go! Diego enjoyed spending time with the students. He wanted to share with them the things that he has learned in his own life, in hopes that someday, when the students are his age, they will in turn share their experiences like he has done. Diego studied English in high school and took English classes at the university in Colombia. He feels that it is very important for everyone to speak a second language (or more!), and that English is one of the most important languages to know because it is spoken the world over. Diego wanted to come to the United States because it is a very interesting place, a place with many attractive things, and it provided him an opportunity to improve and practice his English. While here in the U.S., Diego had the opportunity to travel; he’s also traveled in Colombia. His favorite place in the world is his parents’ farm; it’s a wonderful, tranquil place, perfect for rest. Diego would like to share with the LILA community: “My time is quickly drawing to a close and I would like to thank everyone at LILA for their friendship, time and caring that they have shown to me. I have learned marvelous things here and I take with me the best thing a human being can have: many friends. Thank you, Minnesota.”

LILA Awarded Dance Education Grant

Lakes International Language Academy was recently awarded a grant from the Perpich Center for Arts Education for the development of quality dance education at LILA.

The two-year grant will allow a team of five LILA teachers to attend the Art Courses for Educators (ACE) Dance Program for training in integrating dance and movement into the school curriculum. ACE Dance coaches will also meet with students and teachers at LILA to further develop dance and movement elements in the classroom.

LILA physical education teacher Jenni Muras will lead the new initiative. She commented, "This is a fantastic opportunity for teachers and students to gain confidence in using movement for self-expression, connecting with others, and learning cultural traditions that involve dance and movement. We're excited to learn together while supporting good health and physical activity."

LILA Director Cam Hedlund said, "This award fits naturally with many of our curriculum units and specialist classes. The classroom guidance and collaboration will not only help teachers, but also will allow them to model lifelong learning to their students and add to our overall arts programming."

ACE Dance is a program of the Perpich Center for Arts Education, and is supported through state funds appropriated by the Minnesota Legislature.



LILA Students in Action

Helena Hughes, Grade 3

Helena has had the opportunity to practice her Spanish in a real-world setting: she traveled to Guatemala! She is also working hard at the Profile Attitudes, especially Inquirer. Her parents report that she is constantly asking questions about the solar system.

Go LILA students!

Student Behavior for Evening Events

Parents, when you bring your children to LILA for evening meetings, practices, or other events, please keep them with you unless there is someone else designated to supervise them. Many students' natural tendency is to go check out what their classroom is like after hours. Sometimes teachers enter their rooms in the morning, astonished that so many things have been moved, that the boards have been written on, and at the other evidence of unsupervised children having been there. Also, please note that the stage area in the gym is off limits to everyone except band students during Monday rehearsals. The stacked mats on the stage are another natural (but dangerous) temptation!

Thanks for helping teachers maintain classrooms that are ready for the following day, and for keeping children safe while at LILA! Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

LILA Students & Parents Team Up to Support 3rd & 5th Grade Classrooms

Proof that one person's junk is another person's treasure! Sra. Gail's 3rd grade class and Profe. Claire's 5th grade class held a combined garage at the Bloomberg's house on October 7th & 8th.

The garage sale was a huge success, raising \$494.00 in total! With families from each class donating items, the amount will be evenly distributed between the two classrooms to purchase new enrichment materials for the students. It was an easy, fun, no-cost way to fundraise and a great way to teach our children by example that even the little things we do for our school make a difference! A special thank you to all of the families who were able to donate items and to Marianne Hallberg, Lisa LaPointe and Laura Welter for giving their time to help at the sale. What a great way to support our teachers and children without spending any money!



MN Youth Soccer Tournament in Rochester October 16-17

Nine LILA 6th grade boys played in the state tournament this fall. There were only six out of 39 teams that made it to this tournament, and the "under 12" boys Forest Lake travelling team was one of them. The team was undefeated in the regular season. Many of the LILA boys began playing on the soccer team earlier this spring and all of them returned in the fall to continue playing and improving.

In the photo: Back row: Kirk Beecher (coach), Philip Litecki, Liam Coleman, Dominic Palomino, Jacob Koppy, Josh DeMars, Dallas Beecher, Erin Maher-Gomez (coach), John Palomino (coach)
Front row: Duncan Johnson, Harley Lundmark, Garret LaBarre, Eli Ortega, Azriel Gomez, Gus Johnson, and Jake Brandl (not pictured: Carter Stumne)



2011 School Board Elections

Dear Lakes International Parents and Teachers,

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, 2011– July, 2013. There will be openings for two teachers, two parents and one community member.

In accordance with Lakes International by-laws, licensed LILA teachers are eligible to run for the board if they have taught at Lakes International for one full year prior to elections. Parents are eligible to run if they have had a child attending Lakes International for one full year prior to elections. The LILA board will also include a "community member" who is not employed by the school and does not have a child attending the school, in accordance with Minnesota statute, passed in 2009.

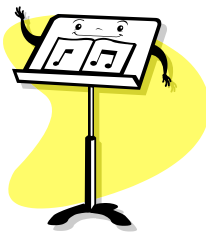
Board elections logistics:

- ∞ Board seats held by teachers and parents are two-year terms.

- ∞ Board seat held by a community member is a one-year term.
- ∞ A board member may run for a second two-year term.
- ∞ No board member may be elected for more than two consecutive two-year terms.

Interested eligible individuals are kindly requested to apply no later than Friday, January 21, 2011 at 4 pm. Application packets are available on the LILA website under the School Board tab in the Board Elections section.

This is a great opportunity to become even more involved in supporting the mission and vision of LILA. Additional information about the expectations and qualifications of the candidates – as well as information about the election procedure – follows. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any current LILA School Board member. A list of current members and their contact information can be found on the LILA website under the School Board tab in the Board Members section.



Save the date!

This year's Music Programs will be on the following dates:

Grades 5 and 6: Tuesday, December 7 at 6 pm

Grades 3 and 4: Tuesday, February 1 at 6 pm

Grades 1 and 2: Thursday, April 7 at 6 pm



Please note: Submissions to *El Noticiero* should be turned in by the Wednesday prior to the desired date of publication. Please submit information to Felicia Givens at fgivens@lakesinternational.org Thank you.



The Great Book Giveaway

<http://www.fromthemixedupfiles.com/2010/10/the-great-library-giveaway/>

Nominate your favorite library for a chance to **win** a stack of books for 8-12 year olds! A random generator will choose the winning library on Tuesday, November 30, 2010. Nominate a library today! Just comment and YOU might be the winner who puts these wonderful books onto the shelves of your favorite library. And, as thanks, if your entry is the one chosen as the winner, we will also send you a \$25 gift certificate from your local independent bookstore to purchase even more great titles for your own personal home library!