



Family News - Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Upcoming Dates

Monday, February 5- Tuesday, February 6: M.C.A.S. Biology Retests
(students participating will be notified prior)

Friday, February 9: High School Valentine's Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM

Wednesday, February 14: All school Red Day

Wednesday, February 14: Admissions Open House, 10:00 AM

Friday, February 16: Full Day School, February Recess begins

Monday, February 19 - Friday, February 23: February Recess

Monday, February 26: School reopens

Monday, March 12: *NEW DATE* After School Program - Spring Session begins

Kids get a chance to silly string their principal!

We are very excited to announce that, for the 4th year in a row, The [John Hancock non-profit program](#) has awarded Learning Prep School two running numbers for the 122nd running of the Boston Marathon this April. Once again, Elementary/Middle School Principal, **Amy Davis**, will be running on our behalf and in her 13th Boston marathon and her 4th for LPS, raising nearly \$41,000 for her school over the last three years!

While we can't run the race for her, we can honor the commitment to help Learning Prep by helping Amy meet her fundraising goal of \$13,000!

You may remember that last year, Elementary/Middle school students got to pie Amy for every \$100 their families donated! This year, we're expanding our efforts throughout the entire school AND giving kids choices!

\$50 donation- Your child can choose one of the following:

- No homework for (1) night
- Dress in pajamas for (1) day
- Hat day for (1) day
- Announce Student of the Week
- Work the bake sale
- Pull the raffle tickets/blue slips (E/MS only)

\$100 donation- Your child can choose two of the following:

- No homework for (1) night

- Dress in pajamas for (1) day
- Hat day for (1) day
- Announce Student of the Week
- Work the bake sale
- Pull the raffle tickets/blue slips (E/MS only)

\$150 donation- Your child can choose two of the following **PLUS they get to silly string their principal - Amy (E/MS) or Cynthia (HS)!**

- No homework for (1) night
- Dress in pajamas for (1) day
- Hat day for (1) day
- Announce Student of the Week
- Work the bake sale
- Pull the raffle tickets/blue slips (E/MS only)

For more information and to learn how to donate, please [go here](#) or check out the flyer that went home with your child on Monday, 1/29.

You can also [donate directly online](#) through the secure site Crowdrise.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Barry Burlingham

Direction of Development

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After School Program

Please take notice of the change of start date for After School Program-Spring Session, which will now being on **Monday, March 12**. More information including program offerings are to be announced shortly.

Winter Wellness

As you may know, cold and flu season are here. Both colds and Influenza can be easily spread from person to person. We are seeing both respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses.

Staying healthy during cold and flu season can be challenging. Here are some helpful tips for your entire family:

- Wash your hands. Frequent hand washing, using soap and warm water, can eliminate germs.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are ok to use when your hands aren't visibly dirty, and/or you don't have access to a sink.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not your hands
- Avoid touching your hands to your nose or mouth.
- Avoid sharing personal items: food, utensils, cups, water bottles.
- Get plenty of sleep. Sleeping eight hours a night allows your body to keep up its defenses.
- Drink Water. Staying hydrated helps with flushing your system, improves digestion, removes phlegm from your airway and helps fight fatigue.
- Take time to exercise. Regular exercise helps to keep up your stamina.

- Don't forget your flu vaccine. Flu vaccines are being offered in your pediatrician's office, health clinics, and local pharmacies.
- Eat well and take your daily vitamins. Studies show that eating foods high in Vitamin C, Vitamin A and Zinc help to fight colds.
- Take time to relax. Meditation or just "down time" helps decrease stress.

If your child gets sick, here are some guidelines to follow. It's important to stay home and get rest and to avoid spreading the illness. It is the policy at Learning Prep School to keep a child at home if s/he has:

- a fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit and over during the past 24 hours
- a cold in the active stages: disruptive coughing, running nose, sneezing
- a sore throat and/or swollen neck glands
- an undiagnosed rash or skin eruption
- vomiting or diarrhea during the past 24 hours

Please let your child's school know if you are keeping your child home because of illness, including diagnosis to assist the nurses in tracking illness patterns.

Please refer to the [Massachusetts Department of Public Health Fact Sheet](#) linked here or on our website under the Nursing tab.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

LPS Nursing Staff

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Special Olympics Basketball

It's that time of year to show your support our LPS Special Olympics Basketball teams! Come cheer us on at any of the following games:

High School Teams:

Sunday, 2/4: Rivers School, 9:00 AM & 9:45 AM

Sunday, 2/11: Babson College, 1:00- 5:00 PM

Sunday, 2/25: Reading or Brooks, T.B.D.

Saturday, 3/10 & Sunday, 3/11: Worcester Winter Games

Elementary/Middle School Team:

Game schedule T.B.A. later this week.

LAST CALL for Learning Prep Board Members

The Learning Prep School Board of Directors is currently seeking up to three new members to serve on the Board beginning in March 2018. These are voluntary positions that require between 5 – 15 hours per month of service, including monthly board meetings, as well as, a

charitable commitment to the school. Further details of the position and applicant qualifications are listed [here](#).

Applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to learningprepboard@gmail.com by **January 31**.

Incllement weather notification

When inclement weather causes a school delay or cancellation, Learning Prep utilizes Auto Alert, an automated system used to call families with emergency information or school closings.

When you receive this call, you will see "[617-965-0764](tel:617-965-0764)" on your caller I.D. This system is activated by automated voice recognition. In order to receive these notifications from L.P.S., when the phone rings, you may either pick up the phone and say "hello" or you may leave your answering machine on. The response generated from your end of the phone will trigger the Auto Alert feature in our system. Please understand that due to the distances that students and staff come from this call will come as early as 5:00 a.m. If for some reason you do not receive a call from the Auto Alert and you feel school may be closed please watch TV channels 4, 5 and 7, or check the Learning Prep website's homepage.

As weather is very unpredictable across the communities we serve, please use your judgment to guide your decision to send your child, if school/work is not closed. If a child stays home due to weather, it is considered an excused absence.

Yearbook orders

2017-2018 High School Yearbooks are on sale now! Order forms already went home with students or you order online and add special features!

Two ways to order:

1. [Download the order form](#) and return to **Kaitlin Scorzella**
2. [Order a yearbook online](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Kaitlin Scorzella** at kscorzella@learningprep.org.



Spread the word about Learning Prep School

If you know someone who may be interested in Learning Prep for their child, please encourage them to attend one of our Open House events:

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Monday, May 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 10:00 AM

RSVP's appreciated to:

Korina Martin, Director of Admissions

[617-965-0764 ext 226](tel:617-965-0764) or kmartin@learningprep.org

Learning Prep School is an innovative school for students with language and learning disabilities. Understanding that language skills are the basis for all learning, LPS's unique curriculum integrates the teaching of language skills in all subjects.

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