



Family News - Thursday, June 22, 2017

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, June 22: Last day of school, Dismissal 11:30 AM

Monday, July 3 - Friday, July 7: School closed

Monday, July 10: Summer Program begins, 8:00 AM

End of Year Message from David

As we head into the final days of the 2016-2017 school year, I send a message of gratitude to all who have been part of our journey this year. Ten months ago, on our first day of the year, hundreds of students arrived on our campus with anticipation, excitement, and hope. The hope they had for themselves and for our school has manifested into all types of success across so many classrooms and offices, throughout days, weeks, and months of effort and accomplishment.

All who know Learning Prep understand it as a special community of care and quality education for all students. For those proud families of our recent graduates, we wish you a fond farewell and send you our best hopes for your own continued journey. As we all look to summer as a time of renewal, exploration, and perhaps some dreaming, let's be sure to take pride in all that our students have achieved, and the better futures we have helped them to imagine.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer. We look forward to beginning our summer program on **July 10** and to the start of 2017-2018 school year on **August 28**.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David W. Lipoff".

A Message from Amy Davis, E/MS Principal

Yesterday, all of the Elementary and Middle School students participated in their end of the year assembly. They celebrated with their Field Day teams and watched the Field Day video of all the fun they had on that very hot day. They were able to see pictures of themselves making their

team flags, enjoying all the activities, and refueling at the BBQ lunch. Some of the favorite activity stations this year were Salt Art, Fill-the-Bucket, Basketball Shoot Out, Face Painting, Bean Bag Toss, Clothing Race, Dance Party, Silly Ball Toss, and Tie-dye T-shirt Design. The highlight was the whole school group dance we did at the very end. Teams were awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes (ask your student who won!) Following the field day celebrations, academic teachers gave out 3rd and 4th term awards of Most Improved, Most Outstanding, and Most Helpful. Students then enjoyed the Blue Slip/Raffle Ticket assembly where many students heard their name called and were excited to pick a fun prize. To end the afternoon of fun, we had an ice cream sundae party! Hope you all have a wonderful summer. We can't wait to see you all next year!



A Message from Cynthia Manning, HS Principal

The end of the year is always bittersweet for our high school students; while they are excited for summer, many of them miss the structure and consistency that being in school provides - not to mention the social connections with our amazing staff and students. We use the last week of school each year to help the children transition into summer as successfully as possible. On Monday, students enjoyed their annual Beach Day field trip. This event is held at Lake Cochituate State Park in Natick and has always been one of the most fun-filled days for students; they had the options of swimming in the lake, hanging out with friends in the shady woods near the shoreline, or playing field games like wiffle ball, flag football, or kickball with staff. Afterwards, they enjoyed a cookout, complete with burgers, hot dogs, watermelon, chips, and soda. Tuesday featured both a field trip for Biology students to the Harvard Museum of Natural History as well as the end-of-the-year awards ceremony. Exemplary Behavior, Perfect Attendance, Outstanding and Most Improved, Honors, and High Honors awards were bestowed upon the students. Many of our new students were especially excited, as it was the first time that they had received such awards in their academic careers. Students had their last day of regular classes Wednesday to say goodbye to staff and clean out drop folders. On Thursday, everyone played several games of kickball, one of which was staff vs. students (the students won!), and we ended the year with an ice cream social in the cafeteria. We hope our staff, students, and their families have a wonderfully relaxing and safe summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!



8th Grade Graduation

On a very warm **June 13th** morning, family and friends gathered in the L.P.S. gym for the 8th Grade graduation ceremonies, marking an important rite of passage for the 33 Middle School students making the transition to High School. Elementary/Middle School Principal, **Amy Davis**, opened the ceremony with words of welcome. **David Lightfoot** then presented awards to Amy and **Scott Desatnick**, brother of L.P.S. teacher Staci, for their contributions to the school as charity runners in the Boston Marathon. Together, they raised a record \$25,100.

The awarding of diplomas was the high point of the morning, with Dean of Students **Susan Smith-Powers** announcing the graduates and Principal Davis handing diplomas to the new graduates. The ceremony was followed by a short reception and photos with students, proud families and faculty. Congratulations to all our graduates, their families and to the many teachers and counselors who helped with the journey!

A Second LPS Staff Award Winner!

More 'congratulations' are in order for Learning Prep Middle School Science Teacher **Margaret Burke** for being nominated and winning a 2017 Newton PAC Special Educator Award! The Newton Special Education Parent Advisory Council (NewtonPAC) has an awards ceremony every year to honor exceptional special education staff and teachers. Educators of Newton residents are nominated by students and their families. Congrats to Margaret for all her hard work and dedication to the students here at LPS!

Library Media Center Summer Newsletter

The Learning Prep Library Media Center issues periodic newsletters to help provide students and their families fun and engaging reading resources. Please enjoy Volume 1, Issue 3 of of the newsletter [here!](#)

Help Spread the Word About Learning Prep!

Here at Learning Prep, we know current families are our best ambassadors. If you know a child that may benefit from a Learning Prep School education, please share our upcoming Open House dates!

Wednesday, July 19 at 10:00 AM

If you have any questions, please contact **Korina Martin**, Director of Admissions at 617-965-0764 ext. 226 or kmartin@learningprep.org.

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**for all learning, LPS's unique curriculum integrates the teaching of
language skills in all subjects.**

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