



Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Welcome Back!

Dear LPS Families,

We are off to a great start to an exciting school year! The most significant improvement to our campus, the Library Media Center, will have furniture installed this week. The start of our collection of electronic audio books, tablets, laptops, and print materials has already arrived. We'll have notice out to you soon for a "Grand Opening" in just a few weeks. Furthermore, additional classroom technology will follow very soon at all grade levels, and we'll apprise you of the implementation schedule next week. Stay tuned!

Most importantly, I look forward to hearing about your child's progress and challenges in conversations with you and my colleagues. I am reminded that every bit of growth here is made possible by our very engaged and talented staff who are fully dedicated to the success of every learner. The team is quite remarkable, and I appreciate them deeply, which I'm sure you do as well.

As we all settle into routines of the school year, some new and some familiar, I want to thank you for the warm welcomes I received from so many of you last year shortly after my arrival. If we've not yet met, please do stop by or call to say hello. We have a great opportunity to make an amazing and profound difference in the lives of our students, and I look forward to seeing great strides because of our shared commitment to educating students for life.

David

Save the Date

September 16

MS Student Council Elections

September 20

E/MS & Week 1 Seniors: Picture Day

September 21 - 23

Book Fair

September 22

E/MS & HS Curriculum Night

Detailed Calendar of Events

<http://www.learningprep.org/Calendar>

LPS Parent Breakfast

Please join us for the annual Learning Prep School Parent Breakfast!

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2016

Time: 8:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. (TIME CHANGE)

Location: Learning Prep School Cafeteria

Come and enjoy some coffee, refreshments and a free continental breakfast while connecting with the parents and administrators of the LPS Community!

If you are interested in attending this event, RSVP before **September 23rd** by e-mailing **Debbie Worcester** at dworcester@learningprep.org. Please include the number of attendees in your email, as well as your best e-mail address and/or contact phone number.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Save the Date: Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night is **September 22nd** from **6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.** This informational evening is for parents and guardians only, please.

The Book Fair will be held from **September 21st - 23rd** in the new Media Center, and will be open throughout Curriculum Night. Please stop by, check out the selection of great books, and help raise funds for our school!

Peace Garden

You may have noticed a new addition to our campus, just under a tree in our front parking area. It is a beautiful memorial bench for a former LPS staff member, Diane Ghiozzi. Diane was a dedicated counselor and friend to Learning Prep for fourteen years who passed away five years ago. She left a lasting impression on our community and inspired so many to strive to be a better

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person. Diane's passion for working with children and adolescents, as well as her compassionate spirit, serve as a beacon for many of us. We honor her by this bench, which provides a welcoming place for friendships to form and for people to take time to listen, reflect and be mindful. We think Diane would have wanted it this way.

A few weeks ago, the students in the summer program added to this peaceful area with their tile artwork and a pinwheel collection, just before releasing butterflies they had been studying in classes. We hope you can take some time to enjoy this beautiful spot on our campus.

Smile... It's School Picture Time!

This year's school picture schedule is as follows:

September 20th: Individual and homeroom pictures will be taken for Elementary and Middle School students and Week 1 seniors.

September 27th: Individual and homeroom pictures will be taken for grades 9, 10, 11 and Week 2 seniors.

September 30th: Individual and homeroom pictures will be taken for anyone who was absent on the 20th or 27th, and the day care.

Order forms will be sent home with the students, are due on or before picture day, and should be given to your student's English teacher. Please contact **Gretchen Petersen** at **X310** or gpetersen@learningprep.org with any questions.

MCAS Results

To parents/guardians of students who took MCAS last June:

Results will be mailed to you during the first week in October. If you have any questions after you receive your results, please contact **Michelle Cuddy** at mcuddy@learningprep.org. Thanks.

Free Event for Parents at MGH

Massachusetts General Hospital will be hosting a free event on **September 24th** specifically for parents: *Managing Your Kid's Behavioral Health*. The topics range from the more ordinary (inflexible kids, kids with anxiety or ADHD) to the more severe (mood disorders, eating disorders, obsessive compulsive disorder).

To see the agenda and to register (registration is requested even though it's free) please visit:

<http://www.massgeneral.org/psychiatry/about/pe-2016-behavioral-health.aspx>



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