

Lapham Lookout #8 April 2010

Elementary

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Dear Parents:

It is my hope that you and your family had a great Spring break. While we still have much of learning yet this year, we are in the final quarter.

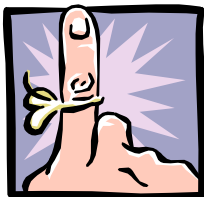
We are busy planning for next year. **Please be sure to complete the attached forms for your child.** This will let us know of your intentions for next year and helps us with the class placement of your child. Our current second graders should also have a form completed for them.

The MMSD Board of Education still has important budgetary decisions to make for next year. Please do communicate your input to the Board. More information is included on Page 3 of this newsletter.

One of my favorite events in April is the Annual Lapham – Marquette Family Fun Night. This is a great family event and important fundraiser for our schools. I hope to see you there on Friday, April 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

You should have received an abbreviated report card today. The primary purpose of this information is to determine summer school eligibility. Please be sure to let our staff know if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of our school. It is hard to believe how quickly the year is going by.

With respect, Mike Hertting mhertting@madison.k12.wi.us



Dates To Remember

April 13—PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Lapham

April 23—Family Fun Night April 23 5:30—7:30 p.m.

April Showers brings...Family Fun Night!

Come one, come all families to Family Fun Night from Friday, April 23 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Marquette! This popular annual event has something for everyone: great food, engaging games, a fantastic auction, a very entertaining student talent show, and more. Proceeds from this PTG-run event go to support Lapham and Marquette programs and activities. For more information or to volunteer, get in touch with any PTG officer. Get in touch at (242-9335) if you have questions.

PARENTS: Easier Online Access to Pay for Student Meals

An update to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal now makes it easier to find the online payment option for student meals. As of Monday, March 8, 2010, a bolded sentence has been added to the fees tab section underneath the student fee list. The statement is "For information on paying for breakfast and lunch food services please click **here.**" When you click on the word "here," the system takes you to the District's Meal Pay site. Please follow the instructions on this page for online meal payments.

Message from the Health Office

Help!

The health office is almost out of extra pants for those unexpected accidents. If your child has borrowed pants from the health office, please return them! Also, if your child has outgrown their pants, please donate. Thank you, thank you!



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Did you know?

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- ✓ that Carrie Bolack, CC Teacher at Lapham, has transferred to the LEAP program in MMSD? This is a program that serves children with severe emotional and behavioral problems.
- ✓ that June Page has been hired to replace Carrie for the remainder of the year? June has worked in several other districts in Wisconsin and Illinois.
- ✓ that Red Caboose serves around 80 children each day in our after school program? They use three spaces in our school and are a great partner for our school?
- ✓ that Lapham and Marquette received over \$2500 in the recent appeal for technology? These funds will be spent on items such as projectors, net books and presentation stations.
- ✓ that Principals Mike Hertting and Andrea Kreft have recently made separate visits/presentations to the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association?
- ✓ that Lapham had one of the highest counts in MMSD for the recent H1N1 shots?



Questions and Answers

How many classroom sections will Lapham have for next year?

We still are not sure whether there will be 11 sections or 12 sections. Our current number of K students registered is much lower than last year at this time.

Have there been any changes since the last newsletter? Yes, we have had an additional one half FTE added for Special Education.

Where can I go for additional information? We will talk about the proposed cuts at the next PTG meeting on Tuesday, April 13th, at Lapham. You can also check out the MMSD website. There will be a link on the main page <http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/>

What is the best way to share our opinion on proposed cuts. Speaking at the public hearings or sending an email to the Board Members are two ideas. The opinions of parents and taxpayers are very important to the Board. The Board's email is board@madison.k12.wi.us .

What cuts are proposed that will still directly affect Lapham School?

Loss of half time reading support position.

Loss of half time literacy coach who provides direct support to classrooms teachers and students

Loss of half time math coach who provides direct support to classrooms teachers and students

Loss of half of our Educational Assistant Hours (tutoring, office help, lunch room help)

Loss of Library Page hours (assistance for the library)

When will we know what teachers are teaching at what grade levels? Because our instructional design will look different next year, we will not know for a while. Parents will receive the information shortly after decisions have been made. It is always subject to change.

When will the instructional design be finalized? To be perfectly honest, we will not know for sure until the 3rd Friday of next fall. We will keep parents informed.

Public Hearing for Budget Feedback to the Board of Education

Sunday, April 18th at 1:00 p.m. at Warner Park Community Recreation Center - 1625 Northport Dr.



**Student Enrollment Survey
Current Students**

In order to recheck our projected enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year, we are asking for your help. **Please let us know if your child is NOT returning to Lapham Elementary for the 2010-2011 school year. If your plans change after you have returned this form, please notify the school office at 204-4140.** If your student currently is in 2nd grade, we realize that 2nd grade students will be moving on to Marquette. Please let us know if they will **not** be attending Marquette.

Student's Name	Current Grade	Current Teacher

_____ My child(ren) will not attend Lapham or Marquette Elementary but another Madison School.
New School _____

_____ My plans are indefinite at this time.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM
TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER NO
LATER THAN FRIDAY, April 16th**

Parent/Guardian

Date

THANK YOU

LAPHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
STUDENT INFORMATION FORM 2010-2011

Complete one form for each kindergarten through second grade child. Feel free to respond only to those questions that are important to you. We believe that parents have a wealth of information about their children and we invite you to share this information. Including reasons in your response is helpful. We use a team approach for classroom placement. The team consists of the principal, classroom teachers and support staff, working with the information from parents from these forms. We will work hard to ensure that every child receives full consideration and the most sensitive, appropriate placement possible during this process. As a school we will base placement on instruction needs, social, emotional, and peer relations. Please return this form to the school by April 16th. We will process the information and your child's placement will be determined by late August.

Name of Child _____ Grade (next yr 10-11) _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

1. Briefly describe your child's personality (for example: outgoing, quiet, aggressive, easygoing, sensitive, leader, follower, etc.).

2. What are your child's strengths, interests, and talents?

3. What are your child's social needs? Are there any children with whom your child should NOT be placed?

4. What type of teaching style and classroom organization/environment do you believe brings your child the greatest success?

5. What is the most important thing you want us to know about your child?