



# Welcome to Our Schools!

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## Welcome to Lapham and Marquette!

We are so happy to have your family joining our school community! We are the **Lapham-Marquette Parent Teacher Group (LMPTG)**: a group for parents, caregivers, and school staff to come together to support our schools. We think that our schools are special places and the people they include are special too. That includes you!

In this **welcome basket**, your student will find some things that will help them join our community, including a school pride t-shirt and water bottle. Additionally, we have included a few resources for your family. This bag was provided thanks to Jenifer Street Market (2038 Jenifer St), a neighborhood grocery store visited by many Lapham-Marquette families.

We welcome you to **check out the LMPTG** and consider getting involved. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm, and alternate between virtual meetings on Zoom and in-person meetings at Lapham or Marquette Elementary. We invite you to look at our website – <https://www.lapham-marquette-ptg.org/> – to learn more about our activities, events, and how you can become involved with the group and at the schools. You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram:

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lapham.marquette/>
- <https://www.instagram.com/lapham.marquette.ptg/?hl=en>

We think our neighborhoods are pretty special too! We have some **great recreational spots** we encourage you to check out:

- Tenney Park, Beach, and Lagoon (402 N Thornton Ave) – Playgrounds, swimming beach, fishing spots, and ice skating in the winter
- BB Clarke Beach (835 Spaight St) – a favorite local swimming beaches and popular for kayaking
- McPike Park (202 S Ingersoll St) – location for many summer music festivals, plus a skate park
- Yahara Place Park (2025 Yahara Pl) – along Lake Monona with a playground and basketball court, and the annual Waterfront Festival
- Orton Park (1103 Spaight St) – tall trees, playground, gazebo, and home to the Orton Park Festival
- Yahara River path and the Capital City bike path – safe and scenic for biking and walking
- MSCR Mobile programs (<https://www.msqr.org/programs/free-mobile/>) make stops at all these parks to offer on-site arts and recreation activities throughout the summer

We also have some good **local resources** to know about:

- Goodman Community Center & Splash Pad (214 Waubesa St) – Variety of programs for young children through older adults, including after school and sports, and a food pantry
- Wil-Mar Community Center & Food Pantry (540 S Brearly St) – After school, recreational programs for all ages, and a food pantry featuring produce donated from the Lapham school garden!

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