

# JANUARY 16TH, 2019

## Loring Community School

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### PRINCIPAL UPDATES:

Dear Loring Families,

Welcome back to the start of our second half of the school year. The halls and classrooms are alive with learning! We have some very exciting updates regarding school programming and our upcoming construction. Next week we only have two days of instruction for our scholars. There will be no school on January 21<sup>st</sup>, January 24<sup>th</sup> and January 25<sup>th</sup> this week. Here are some important updates for our school community:

#### Construction Planning

On January 29<sup>th</sup> we're having a very special ground breaking ceremony to officially kick off our new remodeling project for Loring School. Dignitaries from our city and community will be in attendance. Please stop by our office to look at our renderings of the project. We'll also have updates on our Loring webpage throughout the project. We are currently working hard to clean out, label and organize materials that need to be moved so that work may begin. A mobile storage pod went up in our back parking lot this week and we'll be getting an extra dumpster to help clean out some of these spaces. Thank you parent volunteers who are helping organize the PTA space in our upstairs storage room this weekend!

#### Important Dates:

January 29<sup>th</sup> – Breaking ground ceremony

February/March – Door 9 (by the playground) will be shut down for the remainder of the project. An alternative plan for families will be communicated soon. Evening duct work will begin throughout the school.

March/April – Demolition of the current warming room will begin as well.

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Staff close up materials and put them in storage.

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JANUARY 18

9:15 – 11:45 am – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip to Physics Force Show

JANUARY 21

**NO SCHOOL** – Martin Luther King Day

JANUARY 22-23

**NO AFTER SCHOOL**

JANUARY 24-25

**NO SCHOOL**

JANUARY 26

GEMS & GISE Tournament at Anishinabe

JANUARY 30

9:15 am – Connect Concert Field Trip

JANUARY 31

6:30 pm – LCC/PTA Meeting  
Community/Family Volunteer Night

FEBRUARY 1

9:30 am – Children's Theatre Assembly

FEBRUARY 2, 9, 23 & MARCH 2, 9

10 am – 12 pm: Comm. Ed. Saturday  
Classes

FEBRUARY 11

African-American Parent Involvement  
Day

FEBRUARY 15

**NO SCHOOL** – Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

FEBRUARY 18

**NO SCHOOL** – President's Day

FEBRUARY 28

8:30 am – LCC/PTA Meeting  
Grandparents Conversations with the  
Principal

MARCH 1

5:30 pm – Read-A-Thon Kick Off Event

## **CONNECT Concert**

Students in grades 1-5 will be attending the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra concert on January 30th from 9:15-11:30. Students have been studying about the music and will have the opportunity to attend the show at the Ted Mann Hall on the University of Minnesota campus. Look for the permission slip in your child's Wednesday folder today!

## **Saturday Community Education classes**

Thanks to an outpouring of support from our community we are officially starting our Saturday community education classes. The classes offered are: archery, games galore and iron chef. Registration is still available online for these classes or paper form in the office. We look forward to hearing how this goes and will be looking for your feedback!

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Principal  
Loring Community School  
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We are ALL here, ALL the time, for ALL children!

## **PROCEDURES REMINDER:**

# **Visitors MUST sign-in in the Main Office**

- **Any time during the school day**
- **Please enter through door 9- playground side**
- **Your student will only be released to an authorized adult**
- **For security reasons, all visitors must sign in at the main office and receive a visitor's badge. You may be asked to present ID.**
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## **Scheduled Parent pick up:**

If you or someone else is picking up your student either during the day or after school; sign them out at the desk, sign them out in the office if before the end of the day. Please be prepared to show identification. If your student is being picked up instead of taking the bus, please contact the office **NO LATER THAN 12 PM, NOON.**

This is to ensure that we are able to notify the appropriate staff and student. We will **not** be able to accommodate changes at bus dismissal time, such as pulling students off of the bus, or switching them to a different bus. We ask that you be prepared to **meet your student at their regular assigned stop** if you ask to pull your student off the bus during dismissal.

**If your student is not on the list for parent pick up, please check in at the office.**

**Thank you, Principal Gibbs!**

## UPDATES:

### HEALTHPARTNERS POWERUP SCHOOL CHALLENGE

The HealthPartners PowerUp School Challenge will kick-off in our school on January 14 with an exciting "Try for 5" veggie tasting led by the PowerUp team! This 3-week challenge inspires kids to "PowerUp" with fruits, veggies, and active movement in a fun and exciting way! At school, for three weeks following the kick-off, your child(ren) will be tracking the number of fruits and veggies they try each day. By participating in the HealthPartners PowerUp School Challenge, our school has the opportunity to earn up to \$500 to use for wellness supplies, materials, or equipment that help promote eating better and moving more. These dollars are based on the school's participation and completed family surveys at the end of the School Challenge. We would appreciate your support throughout the School Challenge by encouraging your child(ren) to try more fruits and veggies. Also, please watch for a link to the family survey to be sent out towards the end of the challenge. Your child(ren) will be bringing home a PowerUp Family Magazine full of fun activities, cooking tips, and recipes to use with your entire family. Watch for the magazine for an opportunity to enter the "PowerUp Power Pics" Photo Drawing and win fun prizes.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### FEBRUARY 2 - MINNE-LOPPET EVENT

Who: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade **ALL Second Graders must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.**

Date: Saturday, February 2, 2019

Sign in at Loring School 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Door #1 (parking lot), Bus leaves Loring at 2:45. Will arrive at park at 3 PM. Event starts at 4 PM. Approximate time of return back to Loring on the bus is 5:30 PM.

Location: Theodore Wirth Park

Check out the Loring Webpage for registration form and more information.

\$5.00 commitment fee (per family) must be turned in with the permission slip and will be returned to all who participate or let the office know by noon on Friday, February 1 if they are not able to attend.

Questions email Ms. D at [nancy.duwenhoegger@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:nancy.duwenhoegger@mpls.k12.mn.us)

### FEBRUARY 11 - NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY

All families are welcome and invited to join us on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> for a day of celebration and learning with our scholars. Parents can eat breakfast or lunch with their student, join our assembly at 9:15 AM, and/or join our dance party in the afternoon. Please see attached flyer for more details.

### FEBRUARY 15 - PARENT- TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent- Teacher conferences will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 AM- 4 PM. The purpose of this round of conferences is to connect with families of students who are not yet making grade level progress. We also want to create space for all families to connect with their child's teacher. If you want to schedule a conference, please connect with your student's teacher via email.

## NEEDS FROM THE OFFICE

The health office is in need of the following: paper towels, tissue boxes, disinfecting wipes, winter gloves or mittens and elastic waist band pants sizes K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The main office is in need of packing tape and reams of 8.5X11 paper, any color. Thank you!

# NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY

ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2019



Our morning assembly will be held in the gym from 9:15-10:15. There will be performances and motivational speaking to inspire our kids. We will also have our dance parties from 1:30- 2:30 PM. Each section will be 15 minutes for the kids to dance and have fun. During our lunches we will have story telling time. You are welcome to come visit during any part of the day. Here is the lunch schedule:

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 10:50 – 11:20 AM

Kinder & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 11:25 – 11:55 AM

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade: 12:10 – 12:30 PM

High-5: 12:10 – 12:40 PM

## Dance Schedule

High-5/Kinder/1<sup>st</sup>  
Grades

1:30-1:45 PM

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

1:45-2:00 PM

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

2:00-2:15 PM

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

2:15-2:30 PM

Get Your Groove On!

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**VOLUNTEER!**  
See reverse for  
information and fun  
opportunities.

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# *Loring Community Council News*

## **January 2019**

### *Community Night*

Thursday, January 31

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Join us to make greeting cards to be distributed by the Victory Neighborhood Association, to new neighbors and for other well-wishes. All scholars who attend with their grown-ups will get 20 extra minutes of gym on Friday! Free dinner will be served. Because this event is intended for families to attend together, there will be no childcare provided.

### *Spring Events at Loring*

In order to continue some favorite Community Council events, we need volunteers to help plan them. Without volunteers committed to the following tasks, we will need to cancel the events. There is information written up for each event and members of the Executive Committee will help. It's fun and flexible – you can add your own spin to the events or stick with tried and true plans. Email Angela Scaletta at [angelajane@gmail.com](mailto:angelajane@gmail.com) if you can take on one of the tasks listed below.

#### **Readathon Kickoff (Book Bingo)**

Friday, March 1, 5:30 - 7:30

Free meal served to families, free bingo: kids win books to read during the 4 week Readathon.

- **Manage dinner service:** Help decide the meal to be served, order food and supplies, plan volunteer tasks for dinner service, direct volunteers during dinner service and after for clean up.
- **Manage Bingo:** Working with staff and Exec Team members, arrange supplies in gym for bingo, manage volunteer tasks during bingo game and after for clean up..
- **Volunteer for an hour or two at the event (4:00 - 8:30 for event activities, set up and clean up)**

#### **Spring Carnival**

Friday, May 3, 5:30 - 7:30

Typically we offer dinner for sale, and have games, a bounce house, and face painting for kids to enjoy.

- **Manage Carnival Games:** inventory games and prizes and determine what needs to be ordered and replaced. Possibly seek donations or loans for new games.
- **Face Painting:** coordinate face-painting booth at the carnival
- **Manage Dinner Service:** Decide on meal to be sold for the evening, order food and supplies, plan volunteer tasks for dinner service, manage volunteers during dinner service and after for clean up.
- **Volunteer for an hour or two at the event**