

JANUARY 22ND, 2020

Loring Community School

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<https://www.facebook.com/MPS.Loring>

PRINCIPAL UPDATES:

Dear Loring Community,

I'd like to provide you with some information from our district on upcoming engagement around improving the safety and security of our school grounds. With our new main entrance at 44th and Thomas and with our new bus loading area, we have a great opportunity to improve the safety for our students and families by improving the crosswalk to make arrival and departure safer. In order to re-align the crosswalk, the existing monument sign must be removed. The sign is planned to be changed to an updated design containing two digital marquees and, if possible, retaining some of the more historical elements of the existing monument sign.

The sign we have now contains sandstone plaques that were removed from the building in 1977 and fixed into place with mortar, steel rebar, concrete, and bricks. We have heard the concerns from the Loring Community about maintaining the historically significant portion of the sign and we see some challenges in being able to remove them without them breaking, considering the way they were attached. We are developing a plan for careful removal.

We have heard members of our community who would like to be involved in this phase of the Loring improvement project. We are taking the time to engage and listen. Look for an upcoming date and time to discuss the new and existing monument signs.
Sincerely,

Principal Gibbs
Loring Community School
2600 44th Ave North
Minneapolis, MN 55412
612-668-2060

We are ALL here, ALL the time, for ALL children!



JANUARY 23

Webber Library Family Night 6-7:30 PM

FEBRUARY 5

Spirit Day – Pajamas / Lazy Day

FEBRUARY 19-20

9 AM – 12 PM: CONNECT Field Trip
NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

FEBRUARY 28

5:30-7:30 PM READ-A-THON KICKOFF

MARCH 1

READ-A-THON BEGINS

MARCH 4

SPIRIT DAY – SPORTS DAY

MARCH 12

6:30 – 8 PM: PTA Budget Engagement
Meeting for Families

MARCH 20

5-7 PM: Showcase

MARCH 26

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Lux String Quartet
Performance for grades 2-5

SCHOOL UPDATES

FEBRUARY 18 - PARENT- TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent- Teacher conferences will be held on February 18TH 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.

SHERIDAN STORY

Our school is excited to partner with The Sheridan Story to offer their free weekend food program to all students. The Sheridan Story is a nonprofit organization, which strives to make a difference in children's lives by focusing on food gaps like weekends, summers, and extended school breaks. Each Friday, your student will receive a 4-5 pound bag of nutritious, non-perishable food items. We hope this is a helpful resource for your family to enjoy! To sign up, contact Ms. Janey at 612-668-2066

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Lost and found items have been collected since the beginning of the school year and are going to be donated on Friday, January 31st. Please be sure to retrieve any of your student's lost items prior to that date during school hours. Lost and Found is located outside of the gym entrance. Going forward, on the last Friday of every month any items in the lost and found will be donated.

UPDATES FROM PTA:

LORING FAMILY NIGHT AT WEBBER PARK LIBRARY

Thursday, January 23, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Get to know your local library! Loring PTA will provide dessert, and Webber Park Library will lead a short story time, give a tour of the library and its amenities, and sign our scholars up for library cards.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, February 28th is the kickoff to our March Readathon. Kids will play book bingo at the end of the school day, and from 5:30 - 7:30, families are invited for a Pizza and Pajama party! Dinner will be free and staff will share their favorite bedtime stories.

UPDATES FROM AFTER SCHOOL

COMMUNITY ED. SUPER SATURDAY PROGRAMMING

The Winter Session of Loring Super Saturday program begins on Saturday, February 1st! This session we have added dance classes for preschool-aged kids! Go to www.mplscommunityed.com to learn more about these classes and to get signed up. **DON'T MISS OUT!** Saturday classes are fun and relaxed and students love getting to come to school on the weekend when the building is more quiet than normal. Reach out to Mariah Messer if you have questions: Mariah.messer@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-2077

The Winter Session of After School is underway and our scholars are all hard at work! The GEMS/GISE students are busy getting ready for upcoming Robotics Exhibition & Minneapolis FLL Regional Robotics Tournament on Saturday, January 25th. It is always an exciting event that gives Loring scholars the chance to see what other MPS students are doing. New Community Education classes were added this session including Comic Book Storytelling for 4th & 5th grades and Animal Exploration for Kinder & 1st grades, among others. Students seem to be enjoying their classes so far and we are looking forward to seeing what new skills and projects they take on.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS AND EVENTS

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-3rd grade. The main office is in need of packing tape and reams of 8.5X11 paper, any color. Thank you!

Creekview Park Family Programming at 5001 Humboldt Ave N

FREE – Indoor Playground at Creekview Park

Ages 0-5 with an adult
Fridays, 10:30am-Noon
January 10-May 1st (skip March 20th)

Preschool Tuesdays at Creekview Park

Ages 3-5 year olds – drop off program.
1st & 3rd Tuesday, January 7-May 19
10am-12pm
\$5 each day

Stay & Play at Creekview Park

Ages 0-5 with an adult
Every Wednesday January 15-March 18 and April 8-May 27
10am-12pm
\$35 each session or \$5 drop in fee per class

FIRE ON ICE at Bohanon Skating Rink

Free family skating party for all!
Friday, February 7th
6:30-8:30pm for more information, contact:
612-370-4965
creekview@minneapolisparcs.org
5001 Humboldt Ave N

City of Minneapolis: Community Connections Conference

The conference is a free, public event that brings together residents of Minneapolis, community groups, neighborhoods and decision-makers to connect, learn and address community issues.

Get more details and register here: <http://minneapolismn.gov/ncr/index.htm>

The conference will feature:

- Free food and rides to the conference.
- Kids activities, pickup soccer and goodie bags.
- Bilingual community dialogues on topics including violence prevention and wage theft.
- Resources for maintaining or purchasing a home.
- Free and low-cost legal aid.
- Presentations from organizations doing census outreach and voter registration.
- And more!

Comprehensive District Design Update

School district leaders presented the second part of the boundary study to the Board of Education, which placed magnet schools into the study and looked at which grades are taught at each school. Overall, the study showed the possibility of more equitable programming at all schools, better transportation experiences, and increased racial and economic integration. You can view the presentation here:

<v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=45598746>

Have questions or want to learn more? Visit: mpls.k12.mn.us/listening_and_info_sessions

Want to give feedback or voice your opinion? Visit mpls.k12.mn.us/give_feedback

Webber Park Library

4203 Webber Pkwy., Minneapolis • 612-543-6750



Accessibility: 1st floor, no stairs, low pile carpet. All gender bathrooms available. Please contact library staff to request ASL interpretation. Programs funded by the Webber Park Friends, Friends of HCL, Minnesota State Arts Board Artist Initiative Grant and the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Adult Programs



Healing Circles with The Zen Bin

Thurs from 6:00-7:30

Feb 6: Healing Heartwounds

This session is for individuals who have dealt with heartbreak, break-ups and ambiguous loss. You will have the opportunity to share your emotional pain through dialogue. Meditation, conversation and other healing activities will be included.

Kids, Teen and Family Programs

Snack

Mon-Fri 4:20-4:40

Saturdays 12:30-12:50

School release days snack time may change, please call ahead.

18 and younger can come to the library to enjoy a free snack courtesy of Minneapolis Public Schools.



Storytime

Fridays Jan 3rd- Feb 21st

10:00-10:30am

For children of all ages and their parent or caregiver. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format appropriate for young children. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement.

Homework Help

Tuesdays, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Free tutors for K-12 students, no registration needed. Open September 16 - May 21 except holidays and school vacations.

Explore Nature

Saturday Feb 8 10:30-12:30

Enjoy nature-themed activities and meet a live critter! N. Miss. River Regional Park, Miss. Watershed Management Organization.

Black History Month: Clarence L. Elder

Thurs Feb 13th 5:00-6:30

Celebrate Black History Month! In 1976, African American engineer and inventor Clarence L. Elder received a patent for one of the first "smart room" technologies ever, still in use nearly everywhere today. Join the Teen Tech Squad in a hands-on workshop to discover how they work and try to beat the Motion Sensor!

Listening and Info Sessions

about the proposed Comprehensive District Design

The Comprehensive District Design (CDD) examines how Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) educates students, how they are placed in and transported to our schools, and how we fund this important work.

Share your thoughts about the model.

January 2020

Wed. 15	Title VI American Indian Parent Advisory Council	Division of Indian Work 1001 E. Lake St.	5:30-7:30 p.m.
Mon. 27	Citywide Student Government	South High School 3131 S. 19th Ave.	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Mon. 27	Districtwide focus	Northeast Middle School 2955 Hayes St. N.E.	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Wed. 29	Districtwide focus	Roosevelt High School 4029 S. 28th Ave.	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Thur. 30	Districtwide focus & District Parent Advisory Council	Davis Center 1250 W. Broadway Ave.	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Fri. 31	Somali Parent Advisory Council	Davis Center 1250 W. Broadway Ave.	6:00-8:00 p.m.

February 2020

Mon. 3	Districtwide focus	Justice Page Middle School 1 W. 49th St.	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Wed. 5	Districtwide focus	Bethune School partnership with Phyllis Wheatley 919 Emerson Ave. N.	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Thur. 6	Special Education Parent Advisory Council	Davis Center 1250 W. Broadway Ave.	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Mon. 10	Black Parent Advisory Council	Davis Center 1250 W. Broadway Ave.	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Wed. 12	Latino Parent Advisory Council	Davis Center 1250 W. Broadway Ave.	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Wed. 19	Hmong Parent Advisory Council	Davis Center 1250 W. Broadway Ave.	5:30-7:30 p.m.

Light refreshments, school-aged childcare and interpretation will be available.

If accommodations are needed, contact Sharifa Urey, 612.668.0128 or sharifa.urey@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Check website for updated info meetings and additional opportunities to share your thoughts

bit.ly/MPSdesign



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LORING SUPER SATURDAYS!

**REGISTRATION OPENS
JAN. 2, 2020**

Join us at Loring on Saturday mornings for classes that are fun and engaging.

**FEB. 1, 8, 22, 29, MARCH. 7, 14
LORING COMMUNITY SCHOOL
2600 44TH AVE N, MPLS 55412**

Winter classes include:

- Creative Dance, Movement & Stories
(Ages 3 - 4.5) / \$39 / 10-10:45a
- Ballet, Hip Hop & Modern Dance Foundations & Imagination
(Ages 4.5 - 6) / \$39 / 11-11:45a
- Superhero Academy
(1st - 3rd Grades) / \$49 / 10a-12p
- Chopped Jr. (4th - 8th Grades) / \$49 / 10a-12p

**Sign up online at
mplscommunityed.com
(Search "Loring") or call
Mariah Messer 612-668-2077**



Community Education

