

FEBRUARY 12TH, 2020

Loring Community School

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PRINCIPAL CORNER:

Dismissal and Arrival Procedures

You and your scholar's safety is one of our top priorities. We want safe entrance and dismissal procedures for students, families and our community. I'd like to reinforce some expectations to ensure a safer experience for everyone:

- Crossing at crosswalks - We have noticed that families and students are crossing the street between buses, which is extremely dangerous. Please always make it a point to cross at the crosswalk by Thomas/44th Ave
- No U-Turns -We don't want any drivers to do u-turns when they are driving around Loring. It is hard to signal to others what is going on, and we don't want to put any of our scholars, staff, or community members at risk of an accident.
- Safe Parking - You can now park alongside Sheridan Ave. We understand that there are signs up to not park there, but it is no longer enforced, and the city will be removing those signs soon. We want to leave North 44th Ave along the school side clear of cars. This space needs to be clear so our buses can do their job and get students to where they need to be on time.

Thank you for helping keep our arrival and dismissal zones safe for all by following the expectations mentioned above.

Budget & Staffing Community Engagement

Join us on Feb 20th starting at 6:00 for our Budget Engagement meeting with the PTA where you can learn more about the budget for Loring in the upcoming school year. Please also take some time to complete the family values and equity engagement survey located on our school website.

Comprehensive District Design Engagement Sessions

Please consider attending the listening sessions regarding the CDD this next month. Listening to the informational videos and giving their feedback about the district's Comprehensive District Design is another great way to offer feedback to the district. We know that it can be a confusing process, but we appreciate the investment you have in Minneapolis Public Schools. If you are interested in learning or talking more about the CDD, please reach out to our Family & Community Liaison, Carly Siewert at carly.siewert@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-2065.

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

FEBRUARY 19-20

NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

FEBRUARY 20

SPIRIT DAY - Black History Month Colors

9AM – 12 PM: CONNECT Field Trip

6 – 7:30 PM: Family Budget Engagement

FEBRUARY 21

9:30 – 10:30 AM: Celebration of Black Women & Black Girls

FEBRUARY 27

9:20 AM -2:30 PM: 5th Grade Field Trip

FEBRUARY 28

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

MARCH 2

READ-A-THON BEGINS

MARCH 4

SPIRIT DAY – SPORTS DAY

MARCH 20

5-7 PM: Showcase

READ-A-THON ENDS

MARCH 26

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

3:30 PM – (3/27) 10:30 AM: 4th Grade Overnight Field Trip

UPCOMING EVENTS:

THURSDAY PEACE PARTIES

On Friday the 14th, students in grades 2-5 may bring in a small, handheld electronic device to play with during their peace party. Students should give their device to their teacher first thing in the morning. Loring School is not responsible for any lost or stolen devices. There will be other games prepared for students if they do not bring in a device. Our peace parties each month help reinforce our positive school-wide expectations.

VALENTINE'S DAY

With Valentine's Day being celebrated in most classrooms this week I wanted to give a friendly reminder that as a wellness school we do not allow candy or outside food to share with other students. If your child's classroom is participating in a Valentine's Day celebration and you'd like to send a small trinket like a pencil, eraser or stickers that is a great option. Please refer to our school handbook policy on treats if you have any questions. Feel free to reach out to your child's teacher if you have specific questions about what is happening in their classroom.

Treats at School: Food is no longer permitted to be brought in for personal celebrations (birthdays, etc.). Check the Loring website at <https://www.loring.mpls.k12.mn.us> for other options for celebrating your child's special day here at school.

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.

UPDATES:

SPELLING BEE WINNER

Loring 5th grader, Mariah R. won the Loring School Spelling Bee. Way to go Mariah!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING UPDATE:

The Winter Session of After School kicked off after Winter Break and it was go-time for GEMS & GISE students and teachers! The district-wide STEM-GEMS-GISE Robotics Exhibition & Minneapolis FLL Regional Robotics Tournament was held on Saturday, January 25th. Students worked very hard on all of their projects and it was the perfect opportunity to showcase all that they have learned since the beginning of After School back in October. Congratulations to all of the participants and a HUGE thank you to all of our coaches and parent volunteers.

In the Community Ed world, winter classes have begun, and students are working on everything from animal masks to coding projects to volunteer opportunities. Winter classes will run through the week of March 2nd and then we will begin our Spring Session the following week! Families – keep an eye on out for Spring registration forms coming home with your students on Wednesday, February 19th! ***The following classes are full-year classes, so students do not need to re-enroll: ALC Reading 2nd-5th grades, ALC Math 2nd-5th grades, GEMS & GISE 2nd-5th grades, 1st grade ALC with Ms. Michelle, Kinder Athletes with Ms. D.*** Feel free to reach out to Mariah Messer with questions by email (Mariah.Messer@mpls.k12.mn.us) or by phone (612-668-2077).

ART ON DISPLAY

Congratulations to the following students that have artwork on display from through February 28 at Emily's Eatery: High 5 ~ Leonardo, K ~ Margot, 1st ~ Jathan, 3rd ~ Dalajah, 4th ~ Nevaeh

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



NIGHT MARCH 20; 5-7:00

Art * Science * Robotics Loring Band* Poetry * Footlights

FOOD TRUCK; NORTH GATE CATERING

FAMILY FUN AT NORTH MARKET

TROPICAL ADVENTURES!

Tired of the snow? Take a break from the cold and ice to enjoy activities like making colorful paper flowers, playing a tropical fruit guessing game, and making your own fruit smoothie.

SAT. MARCH 14, 2020 // 11AM - 12:30PM
NORTH MARKET COMMUNITY ROOM
4414 HUMBOLDT AVE N. MPLS-55412

For more information contact 612-668-2077 or visit
mplscommunityed.com (Search "North Market")

LORING SUPER SATURDAYS!

**REGISTRATION OPENS
MARCH 2, 2020**

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

**APRIL 11, 18, 25, MAY 2, 9, 16
LORING COMMUNITY SCHOOL
2600 44TH AVE N, MPLS 55412**

Spring classes include:

- Trucks, Trains & Cars
(Ages 4 - 6) / \$45 / 10-11:30a
- Little Chefs Cooking Class
(1st - 3rd Grades) / \$49 / 10a-12p
- Archery (3rd - 8th Grades) / \$45 / 10a-12p

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



Community Education



Victory Park Water Play Feature Open House

We Need To Hear From You!!

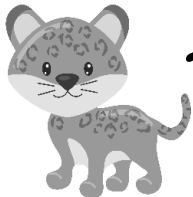
When: Monday, February 24, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Loring Elementary School - Multi-Purpose Room



**Minneapolis
Park & Recreation Board**

MPRB needs additional community input to help determine the desired water play feature for Victory Park. You are invited to attend an open house to review, discuss, and provide feedback on splash pad and wading pool options. A formal presentation will occur at 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served! **For more information: Contact Andy Schilling, Project Manager - 612.230.6466 or aschilling@minneapolisparcs.org**



Loring Community Council News

February 2019

Loring's Amazon Wish List

The PTA has asked Loring staff to create a "wish list" of things they'd like for their scholars. We've put this list on Amazon.com, though you are welcome to purchase the items at your favorite shop. You can find the list at tinyurl.com/loringlist

Support Loring While Shopping

If you are an Amazon shopper, you can also choose Loring to benefit from your regular purchases. Go to smile.amazon.com, and click "get started." When asked to pick your charity, search for Loring Community Council PTA. A portion of qualifying purchases will go to the PTA.

Use the **Box Tops for Education app** on your phone to donate via purchases you've already made. Search "Box Tops for Education" on the app store, download the app and scan your receipts.

Coming Up

Readathon Kickoff

2/28/2020

5:30 – 7:30 pm

We're moving Book Bingo to the school day, so all of our scholars will win books to start them off for March's readathon. For our evening event, join us for free pizza dinner, stories and poetry.

Readathon

3/2/2020 – 3/20/2020

During March, we have our Readathon Fundraiser. It's simple, your kids read and you ask friends and family to donate to support and reward their hard work. Details will be coming out later this month. This is the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year!

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