

# FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

## Loring Community School

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### PRINCIPAL UPDATES:

Dear families,

We are looking at ways to create a safe and welcoming parent drop off and pick up location due to the construction happening at Loring and the closure of door #9 by the playground. We learned this week that using Sheridan Ave for drop off and pick up is unsafe. Students are crossing in the middle of the road between cars and buses. We also had parents parking on the bus lane and then the buses struggled navigating their route. So, we're going to make a slight adjustment. Moving forward, parents should park along 44<sup>th</sup> Ave N or Thomas Ave N and have your students cross at the crosswalk to enter Loring at door #6. No parents should park or drive along Sheridan Avenue. If you drop off your student at or after 9 AM, please use door 1, which is the parking lot door.

Also, a reminder of our **after school dismissal procedure**: Parents picking up their children should **not** park on the west side of Sheridan Avenue or the north side of 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue where our buses load and should always cross their children in designated cross walks. Loring staff will only release a student to non-school personnel who are parents or other lawfully authorized persons. If you or someone else is picking up your student during the day please come to the school office via door 1 to sign them out. If the office staff does not know you, please be prepared to show identification. If your student is being picked up at end of day instead of taking the bus, please contact the office **NO LATER THAN 12 PM, NOON**. This is so 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. Please be prepared to meet your student at their regular assigned stop.** Please come in through door 6 from 2:55 – 3:20 PM for parent pick up. Please do not leave the building without signing for your student.

Thank you for being flexible as we work to create the safest drop off and pick up plan that we can do during our construction. We recognize this is an inconvenience and appreciate your flexibility and understanding during this time. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please reach out to Principal Gibbs at 612-668-2060.

Ryan Gibbs  
Principal  
Loring Community School  
2600 44<sup>th</sup> Ave North  
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612-668-2060

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

FEBRUARY 2,9,23 & MARCH 2,9

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

FEBRUARY 15

**NO SCHOOL** – Parent/Teacher Conferences

FEBRUARY 18

**NO SCHOOL** – President's Day

FEBRUARY 28

8:30 am – Grandparents Conversations with the Principal

6:30-8 – LCC Meeting

MARCH 1

5:30 pm – Read-A-Thon Kick Off Event

MARCH 3

Read-A-Thon begins

MARCH 14

6:30 – 8 PM: LCC/PTA Budget/Staffing Engagement

MARCH 22

5-7 PM: Showcase

MARCH 29

**NO SCHOOL** – Record Keeping Day

APRIL 1 - 5

**NO SCHOOL** – Spring Break

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### THURSDAY PEACE PARTIES

On Thursday, students in grades 2-5 may bring in a small, hand held 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 on Thursday 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 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.

## UPDATES:

### SPELLING BEE WINNER

Loring 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Hawa Kaba, won the Loring School Spelling Bee and represented Loring School at the Minneapolis District Spelling Bee on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Way to go Hawa!

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING UPDATE:

The Winter Session of After School has been strange so far with so many cancellations due to weather but we are still having fun when we do get to see each other! GEMS, GISE, Jr GEMS and Jr GISE all went to the District Competition on Saturday 1/26 and the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade GEMS brought home a trophy for the Team Spirit Award. Congratulations to all of the participants and a huge thank you to all of our coaches and parent volunteers.

In the Community Ed world, we have started our first-ever Super Saturday Session with classes for students in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and Up! There is still space in all of the classes and it is not too late to sign up. The class choices are: Games Galore! (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grades), Archery (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Up), and Iron Chef Cooking (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades). We are also looking for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to join our Basketball team which meets during After School on Tuesdays, from 3:00 – 5:00pm. It is co-ed so all are welcome to participate! If you or your scholar are interested in any of these opportunities please reach out to Mariah Messer by email @ [Mariah.messer@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto: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 FM Café:K ~ Isaiah G., 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Izabella, 2<sup>nd</sup>~ Milo, 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Pauline, 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Louie

Congratulations to the following students who have their artwork showcased at The Viva City Art Show in the Davis Center. 1<sup>st</sup> grade Ben, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Ella, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Jekoby

### 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!

**ATTENTION SCIENTISTS!**



**EXHIBIT A SCIENCE EXPERIMENT AT**

**SHOWCASE NIGHT**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22**

**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**



# Loring Community Council News

February 2019

## Book Bingo Kicks Off Read-a-thon

Bring your family for Book Bingo on Friday, March 1 and play bingo to win books! The Read-a-thon begins Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and your scholar will need lots to read. Bingo is free, the books are free, and everyone goes home with at least one book.

During the Read-a-thon, scholars pledge to read every night, then share that pledge with friends and family who encourage them by donating money in their honor to the Loring Community Council. This is our biggest fundraiser for the school year!

Watch for more information sent home with your scholar and follow the Facebook page "Loring Elementary Parents and Families".

## Volunteers STILL Needed!

Helping at your child's school does not have to take much time or any special skill! Here are some things we still need help with:

- Improving game options for the Spring Carnival
- Planning and serving meals for meetings and events
- Selling tickets or face painting at the Spring Carnival
- Planning teacher appreciation week
- Set up and clean up for events

Please contact Megan Ait Benhaddou at [meganaitbenhaddou@gmail.com](mailto:meganaitbenhaddou@gmail.com) to let her know how you can help.

**The Loring Community Council** is the parent-teacher association of Loring Elementary. We do not collect dues from members and all are welcome (and encouraged!) to attend meetings.

## Contact Info

### Facebook

[www.facebook.com/groups/loringfamilies](http://www.facebook.com/groups/loringfamilies)

## Coming Up

**2/28/2019**

**6:30 – 8:00 pm**

Community Night (rescheduled). Scholars who come with their grownups to help make greeting cards for the Victory Neighborhood Association will earn an extra 20 minutes of gym! Free dinner included.

**3/1/2019**

**5:30 – 7:30 pm**

Book Bingo

**3/14/2019**

**6:30 – 8:00 pm**

Budget Engagement Meeting  
Join Loring families to learn about the budget plans for the coming school year.

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### Facebook

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## Executive Committee

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