Dear Families,

On Thursday, March 14th from 6:30-8:00 PM I will be providing you with an update on our budget and staffing for the 2019-2020 school year. Families have engaged in providing feedback through our active survey on our Loring web page as well as in person during our Bingo for Books earlier this month. The parent Site Council team has been providing feedback on this process as well.

Loring is looking at a fiscal increase of $150,909. This includes funding from the district for the Differentiation Specialist position. This position will support classroom teachers with providing advanced learning programming across our building as well as supporting our Multi-Tiered System of Support for all scholars.

With the increase in teachers, we hope to continue to help lower class sizes in our upper grades as well as providing even more small group targeted instruction in all grade levels.

On Thursday I will share the most recent staffing updates as well as positions we’re hiring for. This will also give you another opportunity to provide me with feedback on the staffing and budget plans for next year.

Parent Drop Off and Pick Up Procedure
Just a friendly reminder that the City of Minneapolis has parking restrictions on the even side of the streets until after the snow melts. This creates even less space for parent drop off and pick up. I’m strongly encouraging families to drop scholars off along 44th Ave. This might be a bit of an inconvenience but it will be much safer for everyone. Overall, the morning drop off has become much safer. Thank you all for your understanding and flexibility while we’re doing construction at Loring.

END OF DAY STUDENT PICK UP PROCEDURE REMINDER
For us to have your student at parent pick up at the end of the day, you need to call before 12 noon. For the Safety of our scholars, we will not call students down from their classroom or from the bus between 2:45 PM and bus dismissal. Please meet your student at their bus stop. From 3 – 3:20 Parent pick up occurs at door 6. After end of day hours please use door 1.

Sincerely,
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Principal
Loring Community School
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LORING LIGHT RAIL

Loring Community School is happy to share that the Loring Light Rail will run on Fridays again to the end of the school year!

To improve student health, raise academic achievement, build community, and foster environmental awareness, every Friday all students who ride the bus will begin their day with a half mile walk to school. Too big to be called a walking bus, we call our weekly walk the Loring Light Rail. Beginning Friday, April 19, all bus riders will be dropped off at Victory Memorial Drive and Knox, where they will be met by Loring staff. Students will follow the walking path to Sheridan Avenue where they will turn left to school. Along the route, students will be supervised by school staff and supported by the school safety patrol and parent volunteers.

Walkers and parents who usually drive their children are invited to meet us at the starting point at 8:25 a.m. Please park away from 45th/Victory Memorial Drive and Knox so you will not block the school bus drop-off zone. All students who ride the school bus will be included in this program. There is nothing further you must do. The Loring Light Rail will run every Friday. If you have questions or do NOT want your student to participate in this activity, please contact Nancy Duwenhoegger (Ms. D), physical education teacher, at 612.668.2060 or nancy.duwenhoegger@mpls.k12.mn.us by March 29.

Loring School is committed to student wellness and achievement. The Friday walk to school will give students a concentration boost that will last more than half the school day. Furthermore, students who engage in physical activity see gains in achievement and attendance. Best of all, I believe your child will really enjoy walking to school with friends, classmates, staff, and parents every Friday on the Loring Light Rail.

KIDS COOK

Kids Cook Classroom is an integrated Cooking and Gardening Program for students at Loring. These interactive lessons are in the garden, outdoor kitchen and around the table on Earth Day throughout the month of May. Robin and Starla Krause are community volunteers that plan, prepare and teach these lessons for each grade level. They are dependent on parents, other community volunteers to assist with these classes. Please look at your calendar and select a classroom lesson that is of interest to you. Plan on spending a day, or half day outside in the gardening and cooking with children.

Gardening Volunteers 8:30 to 12:00
Cooking Volunteers 12:00 to 4:00
Or, stop by the garden after school and help clean-up from 3:30 to 4:30

Spring lessons (All classes dependent on Weather)

- April 22nd 12:00 to 3:00 5th grade Earth Day Garden and Prairie Clean-up
- April 26th 12:00 to 3:00 5th grade Arbor Day Orchard and Butterfly Garden
- Wednesday, May 1st H-5, Kindergarten Orchard Lesson, Making Jam and Butter
- Friday, May 3rd 1st grade Egg Lesson, Planting Potatoes, Peas and Greens
- Friday, May 17th 2nd grade Cool Weather Crops, Salad Bowl Lesson
- Monday, May 20th 4th grade Three Sisters Garden, Medicinal Herbs
- Friday, May 24th 3rd grade Warm Weather Crops, Salsa
- Make-up Days Monday, May 6th, Monday, May 13th, Tuesday, May 28

5TH GRADE CAMP AUDUBON

Permission slips for Camp Audubon are due on Tuesday, April 16th. The cost for the camp is $118, per student and covers all transportation, lodging, and food costs, as well as the great activities that students will experience. Please make checks payable to ‘LCC’. Please remember to complete all forms and return them including payment to your student’s home room teacher. The deadline for payment for camp is May 4th. If you have any questions, please ask Ms. Kos or Ms. Beck.
PRESENTS

SHOWCASE

NIGHT

Friday, March 22; 5:00-7:00

Art * Science * Robotics

Loring Band* Poetry * Footlights

Food truck; North Gate Catering

(5:00-6:45)

Free Kids Meal ~ $6.00 adults

Loring Leopard Screen printing happening in the GYM

Come get your picture taken as artists’ Edvard Munch’s Scream
Easy Ways to Give

There are a few ways you can help earn cash for Loring without taking anything extra from your own wallet:

**Box Tops for Education**

Look for the “Box Tops” logo on products you already buy. Clip and collect, then send them (in an envelope or bag) with your scholar. We’ll turn the labels to cash!

**Coca Cola Give**

Enter or scan codes from Coca-Cola products and earn cash for Loring. Go to the website: us.coca-cola.com/give/schools and search for “Loring Cmty” to create an account and turn your drinks into dollars.

Create a Carnival Game

Our Spring Carnival is May 3rd, and we’re looking for helpers to spruce up the games. Do you have an idea for a fun carnival game, building skills, or a finished game to donate? The kids would love some fresh games to play!

Contact Angela Scaletta (angelajane@gmail.com) if you’d like to help create some games for this yearly event! If you’ve seen something on Pinterest you want to try, let us know! If you have skills building or painting, we’d love your time and creativity.

Coming Up

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. Free dinner and child care provided!

3/22/2019
Showcase Evening
The LCC will be selling popcorn and printing t-shirts at this event. See flyers for more details.

4/25/2019
5:15 – 6:20 pm
Executive Committee Meeting
All are welcome to observe or join the decision-making body of the LCC
6:30 – 8:00 pm
Community Council Meeting
General meeting of the Loring Community Council.

Executive Committee
President
Angela Scaletta
angelajane@gmail.com
Vice President
Joel Lokken
Treasurers
Becky Evan
Vicki Evan
Secretary
Paul Schulz
Volunteer Coordinator
Megan Ait Benhaddou
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The Loring Community Council is the parent-teacher association of Loring Elementary. We do not collect dues and all are welcome (and encouraged!) to attend meetings.

Contact Info
Facebook
www.facebook.com/groups/loringfamilies
Webster Elementary Super Summer Programs
Join us for the morning, afternoon, or full-day. There is something for everyone!

Morning: Super Summer Weekly Camps
Mon-Thur 9:00-10:30am AND Mon-Thur 10:30am-12:00pm
Explore something you know or discover something new in these week long themes including cooking, life skills, STEM, arts and tech. Classes the week of July 1 will run Mon, Tues, Wed. For students entering 1st-6th grade. Now offering bilingual Spanish programming. Kindergarten-only camps also available 9:00-noon starting at $65/week. **Free hot lunch provided.** Classes starting at $39/week.

Afternoon: Sports Arts Program
Monday-Thursday 12:00-5:00pm
Everyday rotate between a variety of arts, sports, tech and creative activities! Drop off between 12-12:30pm, rotations start at 12:30pm. For students entering 1st -6th grade. **Free hot lunch provided starting at 12:00pm.**
8-weeks for $395 **$50 discount before April 1st**
First 6 weeks (June 17-July 25) for $295 **$50 discount before April 1st**
Two weeks AFTER Summer School (July 29-Aug 9) for $95

Friday Field Trips
Friday 12:30-5pm, $19 per trip. For students entering 1st -6th grade.

Webster Trek
Monday-Thursday 12:00-5pm (Week of July 1: Mon-Wed & Fri)
The Middle School Trek program emphasizes environmental awareness through recreational activities. For students entering 6th-8th grade.
$149/week

Registration is open online at [mplscommunityed.com](http://mplscommunityed.com). For more information, contact Andrew Gramm at 612.668.2108 or Andrew.Gramm@mpls.k12.mn.us
ALL STUDENTS WHO RETURN THIS FORM WILL RECEIVE 20 MINUTES OF EXTRA PE TIME!!

Check the line below.

_____ I have registered my child on line for summer school

_____ My child will NOT be attending school summer

The deadline for summer school applications, to have transportation the first day of summer session, is March 22nd.