Dear Loring Families,

I want to thank all of you for helping make this year’s read-a-thon a huge success. We increased the number of minutes read and money raised by over 150% compared to last year. Loring Scholars read 64,691 minutes. We raised $7,035.50 to support activities like field trips, materials and curriculum.

Some things that we did to help promote the event were: Principal Gibbs and team members dressed like favorite book characters once a week, classroom teachers encouraged their rooms to read each night and fun weekly prizes were provided from the LCC/PTA for kids who return their reading slips. Families were also extremely important and encouraging to their kids to help highlight the importance of reading each night.

I’d like to thank one very important parent, Kristen Hauge who has helped organize and run the read-a-thon for years. Without her organization and support, none of this would be possible.

Grade level winners (collected the most money in their grade, lunch with Mr. Gibbs):
Hi-5: Everly
K: Cecelia
1: Benjamin
2: Violet
3: Robert
4: Lincoln
5: Malik
Classrooms with the most minutes logged:
K - Mrs. Alm-Plaziak, 2364 minutes logged
1 - Mr. Forsline, 4842 minutes logged
2 - Ms. Peterson, 9312 minutes logged
3 - Mrs. Siverson-Hall, 5464 minutes logged
4 - Mrs. Bailey, 6455 minutes logged
5 - Mrs. Beck, 4508 minutes logged

Raffle winners:
1st place ($50 cash): Alfred
2nd place ($30 cash): Robert
3rd place ($20 cash): Jada
4th place (either principal for a day or the replacement cash winner): Everly

School-wide rewards:
- Principal Gibbs rooftop reading. I will select a date towards the end of the month to stay on the roof reading bedtime stories for kids. I'll also do a candy drop from the roof again. I anticipate either the last week in April or first week in May.
- Day of Play – Our instructional leadership will work out the details of this fun event that kids earned as part of reading and raising so much money. We look to do this towards the end of May. Once we get a date set we will be sending out communication and expectations for the day.

Construction Updates:
Most of the exterior demolition is completed and they are going to begin to pour the concrete footings for the new office and entrance this month. Crews are working over night shifts from 6:00 PM to 2:30 AM on the ventilation throughout the building. Our lunchroom work has officially started. We had to move all the warming and coolers into the current lunchroom to accommodate the work they’re doing in the preparation space. This has made the lunchroom a little bit tight but it’s working out pretty good. We had a slight hiccup last week with the warmers not working properly so we had to provide cold sandwiches for a few days. Students did a great job accommodating this change. I appreciate how flexible the students, staff and families have been during the construction at Loring. The final product is going to be amazing!

In peace,
Principal Gibbs

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

SPRING MUSIC PROGRAMS

Come Support your scholars at the Loring Music Programs May 23rd & 24th in the Gym. All students have been working very hard to prepare this music and are excited to present it to you! Here is the schedule

**Thursday, May 23rd**
10:35 – 11:30 AM: 5th Grade

**Friday, May 24th**
10:35 – 11:30 AM: 4th Grade
1-2:30 PM: K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grades

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: 12:30 to 3 PM: 5th grade Earth Day Garden and Prairie Clean-up
Wednesday, May 1st: H-5, Kindergarten Orchard Lesson, Making Jam and Butter
Friday, May 3rd: 1st grade Egg Lesson, Planting Potatoes, Peas and Greens
Monday, May 6th: 12:30 – 3 PM – 5th grade Arbor Day Orchard and Butterfly Garden
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, Monday, May 13th, Tuesday, May 28th

5TH GRADE CAMP AUDUBON

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.

UPDATES:

ART ON DISPLAY

Congratulations to High 5’s Selina, Abel, Arianna, and My’Aire! Their artwork will be on display at the “Growing Up Healthy” art show at the Davis Center.
CAMDEN CANDY GRAB

Saturday • April 20 • 10 AM (Rain or shine or snow)
Victory Park • Next to Loring Elementary
4414 Upton Ave N, Minneapolis

• Free admission
• Age-specific hunts
• Golden prize eggs

Sponsored by:
Victory Neighborhood Association • Corner Church • Corner Coffee
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  
*(Week of July 1: Mon-Wed & Fri)*
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 12:00**.
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.** For more information, contact Andrew Gramm at 612.668.2108 or Andrew.Gramm@mpls.k12.mn.us or view classes online.
Please make note:  
Last day of ALC and Community Education classes will be **Thursday, May 9th**. Starting Friday, May 10th student’s will be sent home at the end of the regular school day (3:10 PM) according to their regular transportation plan.  
Please be sure to call the office before 12 noon to make any changes. Thank you!
How much time can you give our kids?

Here’s a handy guide to upcoming volunteer opportunities – contact Angela Scaletta at angelajane@gmail.com for details

15 – 30 minutes

Ask a business to donate an item or gift card to the Silent Auction held at our Spring Carnival.

1 hour

Serve popcorn, paint faces or run a game at the Spring Carnival on May 3rd

Ask your child’s teacher if they need help preparing their room for this summer’s construction (teachers will need to pack and label a lot of their supplies).

2 hours

Collaborate with friends to serve lunch to staff during teacher appreciation week, May 6 – 10. (Donating for pizza or other delivery is an option that takes even less time).

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

5/3/2019
5:30 – 7:30 pm
Spring Carnival
Games starting at 50 cents, face painting, silent auction, bounce house. Food from “Taste of Target Field” food truck - $3 and up, hot dogs and ballpark favorites.

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

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
Carnival

Friday, May 3
Loring Elementary
5:30 – 7:30

Games and prizes
Silent Auction
Taste of Target Field Food Truck
$3 Hot dogs and other ballpark favorites

Bounce house