

# MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

## Loring Community School

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### PRINCIPALS CORNER

Greeting Loring Families,

We are coming into the home stretch of the school year. Much of our high stakes MCA and FAST testing will be completed soon and scholars will be participating in many of our end of the year activities. I'd like to share a few of them with you and would like to provide you with some important updates regarding construction and programming this last month of the school year.

#### Construction Updates:

- **Technology lab** – Room 109 will be closed down starting the week of May 20<sup>th</sup> to allow the construction team to get in there to demolish and prepare the space for the work they'll be doing over the summer. By allowing the room to be demolished prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>, we're saving a huge amount of time and won't run the risk of not having a contractor to do the excavation because of how in demand they are June-September. The plan for technology specialist will allow students time to work on their final projects as well as partnering with Ms. D. in PE to practice for the variety show. So, technology and physical education classes will combine for those last couple weeks of school. Students will still be working on technology using a mobile lab as well as doing more PE activities. This is a perfect fit because of how much these teachers already collaborate the final month of the school year to help prepare for field day and for our big end of the year variety show.
- **Main office/secure entrance** – Concrete has been poured and you will now start to see the makings of the foundation and walls starting to go up for our new entrance. Right now, we're right on schedule with an anticipated completion of August 2019 prior to school starting.
- **Lunchroom** – Much of the old lunchroom has been excavated and they're working on building a kitchen that will allow us to cook food on site! Students are managing the condensed lunchroom nicely and we haven't experienced any problems with the flow and service in the cafeteria.



MAY 16

K-5 Field Day (May 17 Make-Up)

MAY 17

8:50 – 2:10: Kid's Cook 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr.

8:50 – 11:30 AM 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Field Trip

1 PM – PM HI5 Field Day

MAY 20

8:50 – 2:55: Kids Cook 4<sup>th</sup> Gr.

9 AM – 2:30 PM: Safety Patrol Field Trip to Nickelodeon Universe

MAY 22

6-7:30 PM: Family Bike Night

MAY 23

9-3 Kids Cook 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

9:30 – 11:45 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Field Trip

10:35 – 11:30: 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Music Program

6:30 – 8 PM PTA Meeting

MAY 24

10:35 – 11:35: 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Music Program

1-2:30 PM: K,1,2,3 Music Program

MAY 27

**No School** – Memorial Day

MAY 28

10-12:30: Gr. 1-5 Field Trip

MAY 29

8:30 – 9:30 AM Volunteer Appreciation Day

9:15-3 PM: Book Fair

MAY 30

9:15 – 1: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip

MAY 31

9-10:30 AM: Exploratory Day

1:30 – 2:45 PM: Day of Play

JUNE 5

11 AM – 1 PM: ELL Picnic

JUNE 6

11-11:30 AM HI5 Year End Celebration

2:30 – 3 PM HI5 Year End Celebration

JUNE 7

9:30 – 11 AM Variety Show

2-2:45 Peace Assembly

## **Classroom Assignments 2019/2020 School year:**

- At Loring School we don't allow for specific classroom teacher requests from parents but we do need your input to help match your scholar to their grade level teacher for next year. Please complete the attached document to share your specific requests regarding supports for your child and return to your classroom teacher. We'll use this information to help us with our final classroom classification. You'll receive your child's classroom assignment in August during our Loring Open House.

## **End of the year peace parade and 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony:**

- June 7<sup>th</sup> is the final day of school for all scholars in grades Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We invite all families to join us starting at 2:00 in our gym to celebrate our year by viewing our Loring slideshow and recognizing scholars for perfect attendance and academic excellence awards. Starting at 2:20 we'll start our peace parade around the school grounds. This is a tradition that we do at Loring to celebrate the year and to promote peace and kindness in our community to start off the summer. It's a very special time to celebrate with students, staff and families.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotional ceremony – June 7<sup>th</sup> is a huge day for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Starting around 11:00 we'll put on a special bbq lunch for our scholars. They'll play games and celebrate being an elementary student one more time. Starting at 1:15 we'll make our way into the lunchroom to start our ceremony. Parents and family members are invited to join us starting at 1:15 to help recognize their elementary accomplishments and to help send them on to middle school. There will be opportunities to sign memory books, take pictures and hear from student representatives about their experience at Loring. Finally, we'll eat cake and then 5<sup>th</sup> graders enter the school-wide peace parade assembly. We have grades K-5 line the walkway and then we have 5<sup>th</sup> graders leave last to lead the parade. We get to clap them onto middle school. Make sure you bring the Kleenex, it's a fun but emotional time for everyone.

## **Exploratory Day and Day of Play**

- On Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> we will be holding our Exploratory Day in the morning from 9:00-10:30 and in the afternoon we'll have our Day of Play from 1:30-2:45. Exploratory Day is an opportunity for students to explore enrichment activities like gymnastics, architecture, yoga/meditation, arts & crafts, storytelling, dance and other exciting opportunities that our Loring team will provide for our scholars. Day of Play will be in the afternoon on May 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a result of our amazing fundraising during our read-a-thon and it supports the importance of creativity and play. There will be no electronics allowed during Day of Play and the adults will provide supervision but we will not interfere with kids play. We'll collect materials for scholars to build, explore and play as well as encourage kids to bring in board games and toys from home to play with. We'll send out more specific information, as we get closer to the date. Start collecting cardboard boxes and things kids can build and create.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>

10:35- 11:30 AM – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Program

#### Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

10:35 – 11:35: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. Music Program

1-2:30 PM: K,1<sup>st</sup> ,2<sup>nd</sup> ,3<sup>rd</sup> Grades Music Program

### FIELD DAY – MAY 16, 9:30 – 11:15 AM

High Five, Kindergarten and First grade

12:30 – 2:45 Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth grades

Families are welcome to come and watch.

Please make sure your Child is wearing tennis shoes and are dress appropriately for the weather that day. BRING A BOTTLE OF WATER.

### BIKE NIGHT – MAY 22, 6-7:30 PM

This is a great family night. Bring your bike and try the obstacle course. We will end the night with a bike ride.

Free helmets for the first 24 students

Free water bottles for everyone who attends.

This event will take place in the school's parking lot.

### ERA MN – MAY 23, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Join us at Loring Community School for a screening about the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). This event is being hosted in partnership with ERA MN, Ms. Sheila, the school's social worker and students of Loring's Youth Voice Advisory.

We'd love for you to stick around after the film to learn more about what's currently going on with the ERA. The school is appreciative of the outpour of support from our families and the community. We look forward to seeing you at the screening.

## UPDATES:

### SUMMER SCHOOL

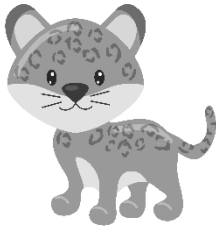
Summer School is still open for registration!

Register for summer school online at <http://summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us/ssapplications>

Or ask for a paper copy from the office.

### MN READING ASSOCIATION HONOR 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

Two of Loring's 5th graders, **Chanel** and **Marley** were honored by the MN Reading Association at the Celebrate Literacy Dessert Reception. Chanel's piece of writing won for her poem titled "Wings", and Marley won for her submission of the first 3 chapters in her story titled, "School Bus 38".



# Loring Community Council News

MAY 2019

Thursday, May 23

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Community Council Meeting

Dinner and childcare provided.

Election of Officers for 2019-2020 school year

In response to Minnesota PTA requirements, the Loring Community Council (LCC) Executive Committee voted to move officer elections to May. This will also allow new officers to prepare for their roles over the summer. Please attend! We need a quorum of 15 parents in order to vote.

At this meeting, we will be electing officers. The nominating committee has advised re-electing the current slate of officers:

President: Angela Scaletta

Vice President: Joel Lokken

Treasurers: Vicki Evan and Becky Evan

Secretary: Paul Schulz

In addition, Ms Sheila and the (advisory group) will be presenting (their project about the equal rights amendment)

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

## Coming Up

5/23/2019

6:30 – 8 pm

Community Council Meeting

## Executive Committee

### President

Angela Scaletta

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### Vice President

Joel Lokken

### Treasurers

Becky Evan

Vicki Evan

### Secretary

Paul Schulz

### Volunteer Coordinator

Megan Ait Benhaddou

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We welcome new members! Consider being a part of the 2019-20 Executive Committee. Time commitment is a one-hour meeting each month of the school year and any additional amount you wish.

Loring Community School  
Optional Student Information Sheet for the 2019-2020 School Year

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2018-2019 This Year's Classroom Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2018-2019 Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

All classroom information sheets turned in on time will be reviewed by our grade level classification team. This information will help us to make the best placement for your child. The policy at Loring is to not accept parent requests for specific teachers. We will do our very best to match your children with classroom teachers who would be the best fit for your scholar.

**Please do not Request a Teacher.**

**Requests for a classroom teacher will be discarded.**

**No forms will be accepted after Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Please write down your child's academic strengths and any areas of concern.

Is there any other educational information you would like to share about your child?

**Please Turn into the Loring Office Before Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**