



## **Deer Path Middle School APT Meeting Minutes for 9/16/2014**

Meeting Commenced at 9:09 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

### **Attendees**

Renee DeVore, Paul Suminski, Tom Cardamone, Michael Kroll, Christie Theis, Susan Lewin, Tiffany Wiesner, Heather Richmond, Beth Laufenberg, Sushama Krishnaswamy, Marra Lochiatto, Micaiah Robinson, Birgid Jennings, Diana Webb, Kristina Frede, Emilie Correa, Amy Lamberti, Pam Hense, Dawn Wheldon, Tanya Kramer, Mary Kay Hanlon, Deb Broadley, Amy Kelly, Meredith Hayes, Stella Kapsalis, Cathy Ramsay, Maureen Anges, Stephanie Klein, Julie Later, Maria Malloy, Alejandra Guevara, Natascha Backes, Melinda Hill, Lynne Kennedy, Mary Beth Schmidt, Jill D'Alessandro, Pamela Werner, Lindsay Seaman, Mary Manzer, Rebecca Oline

### **President – Call to Order**

Christie introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the first DPM APT meeting of the school year.

### **Guest Speakers –**

#### **Emilie Correa, D67 Emotional Wellness Coordinator**

- Emilie has degrees in Art History, Elementary Education and School Counseling. She was a middle school bilingual teacher in Waukegan and a Spanish teacher at DPM. She will continue to teach Spanish on the 5th/6th side.
- Emilie believes her new position as D67 Emotional Wellness Coordinator is a great fit and she's excited to get to work everyday.
- The foundation of Emotional Wellness began in 2007-8 when the D67 Student Development Committee was formed. The present structure of Emotional Wellness consists of District and Building level EW committees, EW Mentors at each school, and the D67 Emotional Wellness Coordinator.
- Emilie is an advocate for social-emotional character development and it is important to her that students feel comfortable, are happy to go to school and have friends and trusted adults to talk to.



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- Emotional Wellness implications for students include increased test scores, engagement in learning, motivation to learn and school attendance, and decreased disciplinary referrals, classroom disruptions, bullying and at-risk behaviors.
- Emotional Wellness implications for faculty and administration include improved school climate/culture and productivity/innovation, increased focus/engagement, morale, retention and job satisfaction, and positivity, and decreased absenteeism and health care costs.
- As we begin our journey, it is important to remember that “we can’t direct the wind but we can adjust the sails.”
- Emilie invites anyone to call or email her with questions or concerns.

*\*Emilie kindly allowed us to include her presentation as an attachment to these Minutes.*

### **Kristen Skiston, CROYA Middle School Youth Worker**

- Kristen introduced herself and is happy to attend the DPM APT Board meeting. She enjoys working with kids and visits middle schools in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.

## **Administrator Reports**

### **Tom Cardamone, Principal 5/6 and Michael Kroll, Assistant Principal 5/6**

- Tom says the school year is off to a good, positive start. His wife teaches dance locally and they have a son in 4th grade and a daughter in 5th grade.
- Over the summer, Tom and Michael worked hard to schedule all 5th and 6th grade students.
- There are 34 new students on the east side. A new student lunch was held last week with the school social workers.
- WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) was held on 8/22. It was an opportunity for 8th graders to mentor 5th graders. A lot of positive feedback was received. Improvements continue to be made to the program.
- DPME Curriculum Night is this Thursday, September 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Peck Gym.
- From 6:30-8 p.m. on Curriculum Night, Quest will run a full lunch program so that parents can see what their student’s lunch period is like.



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- There will be an Activities Fair during lunch so that students can learn more about club offerings.
- There are more sections of Advisory classes this year and Emilie Correa will be helping with the Advisory curriculum.
- There are a lot of new staff members, especially in world language where we have new Latin, Spanish and French teachers. You can meet them all at Curriculum Night.

### **Renee DeVore, Principal 7/8 and Paul Suminski, Assistant Principal 7/8**

- This is Renee's third year as Principal of DPMW and this has been the smoothest beginning of the school year transition yet.
- Curriculum Night is tonight, September 16, at 6:30 p.m.
- Student and teacher feedback about Advisory was used to revamp the program this year. We want the time spent in Advisory to be meaningful, so this year Advisory is separate from Homeroom (different groups of students and different faculty leaders for each group). Advisory will be on Mondays and that day was chosen because it is assumed that most students will have completed their homework over the weekend and there are fewer Mondays during the school year (due to holidays). The first few weeks of Advisory will be team building, followed by some instruction/discussion about study skills, and at year-end there may be an exploratory time where teachers and students can explore different interests/talents. Teachers will meet once a month to discuss Advisory and provide feedback about the program.
- Homework resources for DPMW include:
  - Math Resource Center - starts 10/7 and will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:45-4:30 in Mrs. Paul's room. It is a drop in resource.
  - Writing Resource Center - starts 10/8 and will be open on Wednesdays 3:45-4:30 in Mrs. Tuttle's room. Also a drop in resource.
  - Study Skills Class - After school on Mondays with Mrs. Paul. 10 students may sign up for this class.
- Fall athletics are in full swing - girls field hockey, girls volleyball, cross country, some intramurals.
- There will be an Activities Fair during lunch so that students can learn more about club offerings. The first Friday Flyer of October will have an attachments about club offerings too.



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- Thank you to the DPM APT Social Committee for the back to school luncheon.

Both Tom and Renee discussed the plan to implement a 5th through 8th schedule:

- Currently, there are three different schedules in the building - 5th, 6th and 7/8th.
- Teachers spent a lot of time reading over the summer about grading practices and philosophies, teacher assessment, relationships between adults and students and academic success. The majority read Mindset by Carol Dweck, which explains fixed and growth mindsets and how those can help/hinder academic success.
- There is a scheduling committee consisting of 12 teachers who represent the staff. They are currently in the brainstorming stage and there are 2 huge “wish lists” in the teacher lounges where teachers can share their wants, needs, passions, and hopes. Some norms will be set at the first meeting and the ultimate goal is what we want for the students.
- This is about more than just having a universal bell schedule; we want to understand what opportunities are we creating for students and how are we looking at flexibility.
- The two late starts will be important for professional development and work on scheduling project.
- Updates about the scheduling project will be given to the APT, the BOE and discussed at coffees with the Principals.
- The goal is to have a new schedule proposal by January.

*Comment (Sushama Krishnaswamy) - It is the little things that really make an impact on students. When Renee popped into classrooms at the start of the year, this really made my daughter's day.*

*Question - What is the focus of the Study Skills class?*

*Answer - Mrs. Paul has taught these classes before. She will want to get a feel for the group before deciding on areas to focus attention, but time management is always an important skill to work on.*

*Christie asked everyone to refer to the Parental Concerns handout, which indicates to parents where they should direct questions. In many cases, directing a question to your child's teacher is the best option.*



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*Comment (Susan Lewin) - Could the teachers communicate to the students what exactly needs to be carried around during the day? This issue came up during our Exec meeting when we discussed school supplies. It seems like there are a lot of supplies that students are carrying around that don't need to be and this makes their dockets very heavy.*

*Renee - Students can leave their supplies in their lockers. It should be clearer now, after a few weeks of school, what the students need for each class.*

*Comment (Melinda Hill) - I agree that the students need to be taught what is necessary. I've worked on this with my son too.*

### **Teacher Liaison - Amy Lamberti**

After many years as the DPM APT Teacher Representative, Laura Montgomery will be retiring. She is spending more time at Cherokee in her role as Tech Coach, so Amy will attend our meetings from now on.

### ***August 2014:***

- We had a great start welcoming students back to the 2014/2015 school year with
  - 232 5th graders
  - 226 6th graders
  - 261 7th graders
  - 260 8th graders

### ***Summary of Coming Month (September 2014) - Plans:***

- The ICE Bucket challenge continues to be postponed (2 weeks running) due to rainy Fridays. Once we have a dry Friday, all of DPM will be gathering together to watch students dump ICE on east and west teachers and administration.
- Curriculum night is coming up this week. Tuesday is DPM West ( $\frac{7}{8}$ ) and Thursday is DPM East ( $\frac{5}{6}$ )
- Close to 1,000 chromebooks were successfully checked out and placed in the hands of all middle school students. This year an insurance option was offered to parents. As of this year, they have the option to purchase a one time fee to cover any damages or issues. The information can be found in the device guidelines



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packet that was sent home to be signed off on during the first week of school. If you'd like another copy of this insurance plan it can be found in the school offices or [lf67.weebly.com](http://lf67.weebly.com). Please contact Judi Epcke or a district tech coach with any questions.

- During lunch on September 23, all DPM clubs will be hosting tables in the lunch room for students to gather information and see if there is something they'd be interested in joining. Parents will be sent home the information in the beginning of October as a follow up.
- Parents needing support with PowerSchool, Edmodo and/or the parent portal can find 1 to 1 support available both curriculum nights starting at 6:00. It will be in the Haskins (Tues.) and the Cube (Thurs.)

### Officer Reports

#### **President - Christie Theis**

**May 2014:** Old Board/New Board Luncheon. A big celebration at Susan Lewin's home that was beautifully put together by our social committee.

-Teacher Appreciation gift was new microwaves, cleaning supplies, and a year's worth of coffee for both teacher lounges.

-C2014 put together a fabulous 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance and C2015 hosted a wonderful reception at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation.

**June 2014: NONE**

**July 2014:** Met with Principals to plan for the upcoming school year and worked on securing dates for events for the year. Also, met with Ken Smith to work on WEB day and designed tee shirts for the event.

**August 2014:** On Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> we had our New Family Welcome. We had two sessions. One for the 5/6 side followed by one for the 7/8 side. Guided tours were given by EFFORT ambassadors after and both Spirit and APT presented at both sessions.



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Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>, School Supplies were delivered by our wonderful school supply committee.

Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>, DPM hosted incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders for WEB day. We had approximately 225 new students and the students all got special tee shirts, played games with WEB leaders, and were led in an exciting pep rally where all of the students were inducted as DPM Braves.

Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>, the DPM APT Social committee hosted all DPM staff to a delicious luncheon to approximately 150 school teachers. The luncheon included welcome apples tied with a green card attached to each teacher in the shape of a leaf welcoming staff back and signed, "with gratitude the DPM APT." Lunch consisted of wraps, sandwiches, and salads. A maroon and gold cake was served for dessert.

### ***Summary of Coming Month (September 2014) - Plans:***

There are a lot of great things happening at DPM right now.

- We have two new STEM labs that the parents and teachers are very excited about.
- A new book that is recommended by the district is called MINDSET by Carol Dweck. It reinforces the idea that it is better to focus on hard work vs. just success and praise.
- A lot of questions still about the new standards. Please attend a board meeting.
- If you don't know Anne Whipple, you should. She greatly values the APT and if you have questions about mission/vision/website, she is the one to contact.
- I feel a bit more at ease in my position after my first year is over. I feel more comfortable with each committee, but there is always much room for improvement. I'm open to any thoughts you have and even constructive criticism is a great.
- A big thanks to Eileen Swartout and Anna McEvoy. They have spent countless hours working on the brand new online directory that goes live on Monday September 15<sup>th</sup>!
- Please know that I am not a micro-manager. We are all in this together and you all do everything that makes me look good. The credit goes to each of you. These board meetings are an opportunity for us all to check in with committees and see



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where we are at and where we are going. Please make sure to send your monthly reports to Tiffany. Nothing has to be fancy or stressful. Just bullet points of times and places you met would be great. I may contact you throughout the year just to check in. I'd love to hear from you about where you are at as well. Please contact me before going to Tom and Renee. It is my job to funnel information to them.

- We are representatives of our school and please remember that if you encounter parents with questions or concerns you can refer them to the proper individuals. You should have received the handout "Parental Questions, Concerns, or Inquiries," so please keep it handy if you need it.
- Thank you so much to all of you that worked so hard over the summer!!

### **Vice President / Communications – Susan Lewin**

**May 2014:** Submitted end of year/open position announcements in Friday Flyers.

**August 2014:** Updated website (meeting dates/board members/pictures, etc.)

Welcome/meeting announcements in Friday Flyers

### ***Summary of Coming Month (September 2014) - Plans:***

Email communications procedures to new board as summarized below.

Please visit the DPM APT website on a regular basis:

<http://lf67dpmapt.weebly.com>

### **Procedure to communicate DPM APT events and information**

The guidelines below outline the procedure for you to follow when communicating an APT event or information to the Deer Path Middle School parent community.

When you or your committee has information to be shared in the DPM Friday e-newsletter (Friday Flyer), calendar (meeting dates) or DPM website, please email me your information. I will proof read it then send the information to the school principal or Janice Patterson for distribution.





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This procedure is for **DPM** APT related events only.

District-wide information is to be communicated through the APT Executive Board.

### **Messages for the Friday e-newsletter (Friday Flyer) should:**

Include "APT" or "APT sponsored" in the title

Be short, to the point (try for less than three lines); if a longer message is needed I can request that the Friday Flyer blurb be linked to the additional details.

Be emailed to me by noon Wednesday for inclusion in that Friday's newsletter

Be emailed to me each week if the message is to run for multiple weeks

### **Messages for the DPM website should:**

Include "APT" or "APT sponsored" in the title

Should be short/attention grabbing and can be emailed to me at anytime

**Dates for the DPM calendar** should be emailed to me as soon as you know them. I will forward them to the DPM office to be posted on the school's online calendar.

### **Sandwich Boards**

If your committee would like to use the sandwich boards we share with the Spirit, please email me a copy of the poster, dates needed (5 day max usage per event), location at school where the board should be placed (default is front entrances for morning drop-off and back of school for afternoon pick-up), and your committee contact name (person responsible for inserting the poster). I will review the poster content and seek approval from our principals, then schedule with District Facilities. These procedures can be found on the DPM APT website, as well as the current calendar of events already scheduled.

This communication procedure allows for greater accuracy in our APT messages and streamlines the process for our principals and the office staff.



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### **Pictures**

We are always looking for pictures of our APT in action! Please send me a shot or two of any DPM APT event you are sponsoring or attending and I will put them on our DPM APT website as well as distribute to the District office for possible publication.

### **Secretary – Tiffany Wiesner**

Approval of April Minutes - first motion by Lynne Kennedy, second motion by Christie Theis, all approved.

You should be receiving emails from me. If you are not, please check the Roster to be sure that I have your correct contact information.

Please leave your name tents. I will collect them and bring them to each meeting.

### **Treasurer – Lindsay Seaman**

#### **Current Month - Activities:**

I have met with Christie Theis to discuss the upcoming year.

I had a meeting with Allison Cekay (APT Exec. Board President), Cathy Ramsey (APT Exec. Board Treasurer), Cherokee APT President and Treasurer, Sheridan President and Treasurer and Everett APT President and Treasurer to discuss how to get all four schools in sync with each other when it comes to our monthly spreadsheets, Committee titles and various school/APT activities.

I had a meeting with Renee Devore (DPM West Principal), Anne Whipple (District 67 Director of Communications), Christie Theis (DPM APT President) and Cathy Ramsey (APT Exec. Board Treasurer) to discuss Eighth Grade Graduation responsibilities. Very productive meeting with a very clear conclusion. The district will pay for everything that pertains to the Graduation Ceremony. APT will pay for the Reception following the Ceremony, the dance and associated graduation activities. We will help the principal when necessary. i.e getting plants, balloons, etc donated for the Graduation Ceremony.

#### **Coming Month - Plans:**



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I will get the final numbers in a few weeks and will meet with Christie Theis to discuss.

*Lynne Kennedy reminded everyone of the 6th Grade Grotto Dance Party on Friday, September 26, or Saturday, September 27 from 7-8:45 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per child. Saturday is sold out. Amy Lamberti helped the 6th graders make a video promo for the event.*

### Committee Reports

**Art Fair – Holly Sheridan, Connie Hollingsworth, Dez Witte, Tiffany Wiesner**

8/29/14 Had our first meeting. We are all new to the position this year - so we familiarized ourselves with the duties involved and looked through all the supplies that we were given (award ribbons, stickers to label artwork, supplies to hang the artwork).

The *timeline* and *detailed timeline* (on two separate google docs) are great guidelines for keeping us on track

Most of us had kids participate in the art fair last year. We discussed some things that may need improving or amending, including, but not limited to the following examples:

- check-in time
- location of 5/6th artwork
- clarifying some rules (i.e. can a stretched canvas be used)
- attaching entry forms to each piece of artwork

We will let you know of things as they change/occur

For fall, our goals are to:

- set the dates at the school on the school calendar
- start updating the forms
- search for judges

We have divided these jobs and we all know what has to be done



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9/1/14 Contacted Cecily Lynch (on last year's committee) via email to inquire about judges. She said 4-5 judges were used in previous years. It is the discretion of the committee.

9/2/14 Sent email to Principals to confirm dates for Art Fair 2015 (January 26-29)

Sent email to Susan Lewin to confirm dates for use of sandwich boards to advertise Fair

Sent email to Lindsay Seaman requesting estimate of budget for Art Fair 2015

9/3/14 Received confirmation of dates from principals

Received email from Susan Lewin stating we can use the sandwich boards in December 15-19, 2014 and also Jan 20-23, 2015 to advertise Fair.

9/4/14 Sent response email to Christie detailing committee's thoughts on topics of dates, recognition ceremony and advertising of the fair.

Confirmed Art Fair budget of \$800 for previous year, so can expect about the same this year.

### **Board of Education Liaison – Jennifer Karras, Maria Allen**

No report. Will solicit questions next month for first quarterly meeting with the Superintendent.

### **Care and Concern - Stephanie Klein**

**August 2014:** Met with Christie to discuss role of this new position.

**Summary of Coming Month (September 2014) - Plans:** Confirm with Christie to identify the current families in need within the Deer Path Middle School community and determine what their specific needs are.

Reach out to those families and introduce myself as the APT Care and Concern Coordinator and describe my role within the Deer Path community.



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Purchase cards to have for those families for support and encouragement from the Deer Path APT.

### **Class of 2014 Activities – Jill D’Alessandro, Melinda Hill, Lynne Kennedy, Mary Beth Schmidt**

***Summary of Coming Month (September 2014) - Plans:*** We have secured our DJ for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance next May and are well on our way to planning our dance for the kids! We are also hard at work planning a pep rally for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to get them fired up for their Community Service Day, their Talent Show in November and to try and get them involved in helping to plan their themes for their graduation dance. More importantly, we have begun securing our locations for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Community Service Day on Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> and will have sheets out at Curriculum night on the 16<sup>th</sup> for the parents to volunteer their time and energy. Because we have had a few locations from last year become unavailable for our kids to volunteer there this year, if anyone has any thoughts on new places for us to look into volunteering, please feel free to talk to us after the meeting. Thank you!

### **Community Liaison - Tiffany Wiesner**

#### **September News\* - Exec Board Meeting 9/10/2014**

#### **Community Wellness Task Force:**

We are looking forward to another great year of getting together, sharing information and initiatives, and networking on behalf of strengthening our community resources.

Our meeting dates are:

Fri., Oct. 3, 2014

Fri., Jan. 23, 2015

Fri., April 17, 2015



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All meetings will take place at 9:00 a.m. @ LFHS - Rm 113 Conference Room

**CROYA:** (see flyer)

**GORTON:**

Justin Roberts and the Not Ready for Naptime Players will perform their new grammy-nominated album "Recess" - September 14th at 4pm, tickets \$15 (1 and under free)

Enrollment Ongoing! Open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Children's Drop-In Center is a 25 year-old membership-based program that offers flexible, early childhood care, education and camp activities for children ages six weeks to five years.

Bubbles Academy. Music classes explore your child's motor skills and engages his or her eardrums. Tuesdays, September 2 - October 14.

10:15 a.m. Music & Movement for Walkers

11:15 a.m. Bubble Music, Babies & Crawlers

Country for a Cause. Porchlight Counseling Services features Angela Hacker winner of "Nashville Star," Gary Nichols lead singer for Grammy nominated blue-grass group, The SteelDrivers and hit song writer, James Le Blanc. Saturday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Violin Lessons-Music Fun. Beginner through advanced, private and semi-private, K - 12.

Thursdays: time slots available between 3:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Saturdays: time slots available between 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

GLASA's 7th Annual Twilight Run/Walk/Roll & Post-Race Party is the largest CARA-certified 5k race in the Chicago-land area featuring disabled and non-disabled athletes competing side-by side.

Saturday, September 6 at 5:15 p.m.



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Yoga. Classical poses with modifications for all body types, breathwork, meditation, deep relaxation.

Mondays, September 8 - December 8, 6:45 p.m.

Tuesdays, September 9 - December 9, 10:00 a.m.

Thursdays, September 11-December 11, 10:00 a.m.

Northshore favorite, Ginny Schuett offers two Bridge classes at Gorton.

Bridge for Beginners. Wednesdays, September 10 - October 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Bid, Bid, Your Hand. Wednesdays, September 10 - October 15 at 12:30 p.m.

Innovation Speaker Series. Brought to you by the City of Lake Forest Office of Economic Development, the 3rd Annual Fall Innovation Speaker Series will be at Gorton on Wednesday, September 10, 7-8 pm. The topic is Innovation & Entrepreneurship Today.

Chess. Led by USCF Certified Chess Coach Super Trainer Shiva Maharaj, the staff of certified teachers will teach each student from 4yrs and older the basics and beyond. Saturdays, September 13 - November 15

Ages 4 1/2 - 6 at 2:30 p.m. and ages 7 - 10 at 3:30 p.m.

Provence Cooking at Froggy's. Dinner and appropriately selected wines included.

Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m. Registration is required

Grotto Dance Party. For all 6th graders in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.

Friday, September 26 and Saturday September 27.

Tickets go on sale Monday, September 8 at 10:00 a.m.

PASTA Winter Classes. Sign up will begin Wednesday October 1 for winter classes.

The plays will be:

Cinderella on Tuesdays

The Emperor's New Clothes on Wednesdays

Fantastic Mr. Fox on Thursdays



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Details will be available online October 1.

**LAKE FOREST RECREATION:** (see flyers)

**LF/LB LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION:** First meeting is later this month; no current report.

### **LAKE FOREST OPEN LANDS:**

#### Lake Forest Open Lands: Little Trekkers

Mondays, September 8th - October 20th

(no class October 13th)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Mellody Farm Nature Preserve

350 North Waukegan Road, Lake Forest

Set out each week on a new adventure at Mellody Farm Nature Preserve searching for insects, following deer and learning about the natural world. This program is for the child that likes to explore, get muddy and make discoveries. Register at [www.LFOLA.org](http://www.LFOLA.org). For more information email [education@LFOLA.org](mailto:education@LFOLA.org).

Children ages 4 and 5

Members: \$150

Non-members: \$215

#### Lake Forest Open Lands: The Need for Seed

Saturday, September 20th

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.





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Mellody Farm Nature Preserve

350 North Waukegan Road, Lake Forest

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Children ages 4-6

Members: \$7

Non-members: \$10

*\*Flyers from community groups are at the end of this document.*

### **Community Service - Heather Richmond, Beth Laufenberg**

Community Service committee meeting will be Friday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup> – where reps will be provided with the principal/administration-approved list of APT service projects for the 2014-15 school year. DPM Community Service will have a report in October.

### **Culture Fair Grade 5 – Sushama Krishnaswamy, Stella Kapsalis**

**August 2014:** Contacted Martha Avery to get details of the 3 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Culture Fairs:

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Egypt

March 13<sup>th</sup> Greece

May (TBD) Rome

### ***Summary of Coming Month (September 2014) - Plans:***



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We sent copies of sign-ups sheets (attached for reference) to RPs for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade for info purposes. However, we will distribute copies to each homeroom before curriculum night and collect them afterwards to ensure volunteers are recruited from as many homerooms as possible.

### **Culture Fair Grade 6 – Meredith Hayes, Diana Webb**

No report this month.

### **Directory / Membership – Kate Bryant, Anna McEvoy** **Current Month - Activities:**

Online Directory Access Sent Monday 9/15 to all APT Members.

- Family Link - sent on 6/5 and 8/25 can be used to update information
- Access Link - sent 9/15 is used for accessing online directory (can not be used to make changes to family information)
- If anyone has questions or is having difficulty - they can email Anna and Eileen at [LFqpt67@gmail.com](mailto:LFqpt67@gmail.com)

Currently, we have 964 families as members (out of 1160 in district). Not too late to join! Membership includes a print directory and access to the online directory.

- If you are not a member, join today by making a \$35 payment to [LFqpt67@gmail.com](mailto:LFqpt67@gmail.com) via Paypal including the first and last names of your students in the message field or mail a check payable to: District 67 APT c/o Cathy Ramsay at 925 Acorn Trail.

794 families confirmed their information in the MSA system (nearly 75% which is great!)

The families that did not confirm will have the same information printed in the 2014-15 directory that was printed in the 2013-14 directory.

### **Coming Month - Plans:**

Print directories will be distributed in October.



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### **Effort – Micaiah Robinson**

No report this month.

### **Emotional Wellness – Micaiah Robinson**

No report this month.

### **Fifth Grade Welcome – Kimberly Carris, Kristin O’Neil, Laura Gordon**

WEB day - Kimberly videotaped the days’ events and every child was engaged. Please provide feedback about the event.

### **Fine Arts – Amy Kelly, Kristin Fitzgerald**

No report this month.

### **Food Service – Laurie Whisler**

**Summary of Coming Month (September 2014) - Plans:** District 67 Food Service had a meeting with Anne Simons from Quest and Anne Whipple on Monday September 15th. This has been our only meeting since last March.

At Curriculum Night on September 18th, (5th and 6th grade) Quest will offer a full service lunch menu with tasting sized samples for the parents from 6-8pm in the cafeteria. This is only for the DPM East Curriculum Night.

### **LFHS Liaison – Melanie Thornberry, Kate Bryant**

#### ***Summary of Activities Since Last DPM APT Board Meeting:***

New at Lake Forest High School 2014-2015

- Edge Learning Initiative – All 2014 Freshman received Yoga Chrome Books. Objective is to instill creativity and collaboration. Complete roll-out scheduled for 2015-2016.



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- Innovation Incubator Class – A class designed to partner with leaders in business, guest lectures (Northwestern) and create actual projects which will be funded through the LFHS Foundation.
- New Robotics Team Initiative

### Be True To Your School

- Lake Forest High School APT Parent Social held at Elawa Farms on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Over two hundred parents attended and enjoyed an evening filled with the Lake Forest High School Jazz Band, Choir, Raffle, Live Auction and Dinner.

### Lake Forest High School Curriculum Night

- Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

### ***Summary of Coming Month (September 2014) - Plans:***

Lake Forest High School Homecoming – Student Council and National Honor Society are joining forces to bring “Homecoming For A Cause” Money will be raised for Greenwood Elementary School in Waukegan to help build a useable library and replace some outdoor play equipment.

- Pep Rally, Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 2:10-3:10
- Homecoming Varsity Football Game (LFHS vs. Libertyville) Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm Varsity Field, West Campus
- Homecoming Dance – Saturday, September 27 – Back by popular demand – A FORMAL HOMECOMING! Come with a date, Come in a group, or come by yourself...we just want you there!

### **New Families – LeaAnne LaVanway, Carol Shearstone**

New Families Committee-DPM

Report Summary and Recommendations

Submitted by: LeaAnne LaVanway, Carol Shearstone

September 2014



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On Monday, August 18, 2014 we hosted the annual New Families Orientation and tours for DPM East and West.

5<sup>th</sup> grade: 10 new students, 6 attended  
6<sup>th</sup> grade: 16 new students, 14 attended  
7<sup>th</sup> grade: 9 new students, 7 attended  
8<sup>th</sup> grade: 10 new students, 10 attended

Since the orientation:

5<sup>th</sup> grade: 4 new students  
6<sup>th</sup> grade: 5 new students  
7<sup>th</sup> grade: 1 new student

### **Total 45 new students, 55 through 9-1-14**

This year we had both orientations in the Haskins Center. This worked very well as we only need to set up one location and were able to greet the 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade families as they arrived. Last year the logistics of two locations prevented us from getting to the Haskins Center before arriving families. Each family received a folder of information. We delivered the folders to homes for those who did not attend the orientation. Additional folders are housed in each DPM office staff provide one to each family that registers after the Orientation.

15 effort students served as tour guides, plus 3 members from teaching staff helped us with the day. We served pizza and drinks to the Effort students, which has been the custom for many years. This year the Effort teachers requested the pizza and drinks be served in between the two orientations so that 6<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers would not need to stay through the 7/8<sup>th</sup> orientation in order to take part in the pizza.

In addition, Christie Theis, President, DPM APT and Martha Zeeman, President, Spirit of 67 spoke about both organizations during the orientation.

### **Budget:**



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This year we used Quest Food Service for the day. Anne Simmons is extremely responsive and does a great job. Coffee and cookies were provided for the new families (estimated 39 new students plus 2 adults for each). There were 4 pots of coffee. There were 10 dozen cookies and none were left over. Pizza, drinks, and cookies were provided for the 15 Effort volunteers. The cost of this was \$183.00. Our unconfirmed budget was \$175.00. This included Nametags and small water bottles were purchased, but not submitted for reimbursement.

### **Follow-Up:**

We will continue to monitor new families during the school year. We will follow-up with the families who started in the beginning of the year via email to see how they are settling in and if they have any questions. As new families register during the year, we will contact them via email to confirm they have received a new families folder from the office and introduce ourselves to see if we can answer any questions they may have. We have access to a Google Document from Terry Boulton to see when new families register at DPM.

### **Recommendations:**

Continue to hold orientations in one location for both 5/6 presentations and 7/8 presentations.

Continue to offer Effort students pizza appreciation in between the two presentations to allow 6<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers to leave after they are finished.

Add the DPM end of day pick up map created by Renee Devore to DPM folders. The map is much easier than trying to write a description as to how student pick up works.

This year we had requests from Spirit of 67 for addresses of parents so they could drop off water bottles to new families. If they want to continue to provide water bottles for new families I think it would be better if they handed them out at the orientation. We also had a request from membership/directory for our contact information. Because the document we receive from DPM with sensitive information on students, I checked with Terry Boulton who handles all new student registrations at DPM, and she said we are only allowed to contact new families via



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email. I did relay that information onto the directory person. A suggestion would be to have them have their own table at the orientation where they can talk with new families regarding the benefits of the APT and then have the sign up directly with them if they are interested?

### **Parent Awareness – Jorie Alutto, Theresa Speed**

No report this month.

### **Room Parent Coordinators – Camille Mayer (5), Dawn Wheldon (6), Sushama Krishnaswamy (7), Kate Bryant (8)**

***Summary of Coming Month (September 2014) - Plans:*** Minimum of 2 room parents have been selected and submitted to Administration for all 6<sup>TH</sup> grade home rooms. Room parents have been advised of each others' contact information and that teacher will contact them directly.

### ***August 2014:***

Obtained 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom lists from Terri Boulton. 2 Room Parents for each homeroom secured by Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. Sent lists to Principal and Terri as well as APT President. Also sent sign-up sheet templates etc. for RPs to adapt/use/not as they liked.

### ***Summary of Coming Month (September 2014) - Plans:***

No all RP meeting this year, so RPs contacted their teachers directly to meet. Suggestion for next year to add something in the Friday Fliers in May to ask people to contact RPCs if they would like to be a RP in the Fall. I think this has been done previously.

### **School Supplies – Kathy Ivinjack 5/6, Tiffany Wiesner 7/8**



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**August 2014:** Received delivery date from Susan Lewin, executive school pac coordinator. Contacted principals to determine best day to deliver to classrooms. Delivered ALL DPM boxes on the same day - different than previous year's where east and west delivered on separate days. School secretary supplied homeroom lists. After school started, there were about 10 phone calls from parents regarding missing school pacs. In most cases, school pacs were not ordered.

Total orders increased by 16% this year.

School-Pak Orders for 2014-15 School Year		
School	# Orders	+/- Last Year
Cherokee	175	-2.8%
Everett	195	32.7%
Sheridan	136	41.7%
DPM	381	11.7%
Total	887	16.1%

### **Social – Marra Lochiatto, Rebecca Oline, Lynne Kennedy, Julie Slobodnik, Mary Manzer, Kim Gambit, Janet Burt**

#### ***May 2014:***

We held the Old Board/New Board Brunch on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am, at the lovely home of Susan Lewin. Tiffany Wiesner, APT Secretary, sent the invite via Paperless Post. Approximately 30 people attended the brunch (35 had RSVP'd yes) versus 40 attendees last year. Social committee arrived early to set up. The menu consisted of quiche (2 types) and fruit from Sunset. Bagels and coffee were from Einstein's. OJ was provided as well. Paper products were purchased for the event. Marra Lochiatto provided the host with a lovely floral arrangement as a thank you.

#### ***August 2014:***

1. Our committee met on August 21<sup>st</sup> at the west side Starbucks to discuss our first two events of the year, the Back to School Staff Luncheon and the Bagel Breakfasts following both the 5/6 and 7/8 curriculum nights mid-September.





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2. We held the annual Back to School Staff Luncheon on Tuesday, August 26th, after the 5/6 and 7/8 walk-throughs, at 11:30am, in the Haskins Center. Approximately 140 teachers/staff were in attendance. Menu included assorted wraps, salads, potato chips, desserts, and sodas. Catering was provided by Kenny's of Lake Bluff (chips and sodas were purchased separately). Lynne made very cute signs for the food options and Janet Burt and Lynne provided apples for all the teachers with a personal thank you note attached as a leaf.

### ***Summary of Coming Month (September 2014) - Plans:***

We will set up a bagel breakfast for the 7/8 staff on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30am and a breakfast for the 5/6 staff on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30am. Bagels and cream cheese are purchased from Einstein's. Fruit is purchased from Costco. Paper products have been purchased ahead of time. This is an annual event that the staff seems to enjoy following the curriculum nights.

### **Spiritwear – Kristina Frede**

No report this month.

### **Spirit of 67 Specialist – Amy Kelly, Natalie Torcolese**

**June 2014:** Had a meeting with all Spirit Reps detailing our goals for the upcoming year. Also started to prepare for all the Curriculum Nights.

**August 2014:** Spirit of 67 reps met to finalize Curriculum Night plans, organize Grant pictures, put together water bottles for new students and get donor sheets organized.

### ***Summary of Coming Month (September 2014) - Plans:***

Another report is attached with several details from our VP that I will read at the meeting. I will also bring in two posters highlighting our "Grants in Action." As well as a sample of the DPM water bottle that New Families rec'd at the beginning of the school year. I will touch upon our upcoming Fall Luncheon, volunteers still needed as well as spreading the word to



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friends and family to donate to the Spirit so we can be at 100% participation this year!

Report from Spirit Board Reps for APT Meetings

**Thank you** to everyone who has made a donation to the SPIRIT for the 2014-15 school year thus far! Your donations are the BACKBONE of the SPIRIT. They not only help us fund fantastic grants but they also demonstrate to potential corporate donors that we have the support of our community. We appreciate EVERY donation. Our goal is for 100% of our families to show their support for the Spirit by making a donation. Please donate if you haven't already and encourage your friends and neighbors to do so. Forms can be downloaded from our website or you can donate online via the website.

We are very excited about the upcoming **Centerpieces of Education Benefit Luncheon**. Invitations have gone out and we hope you will join us. The event is on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM at Exmoor Country Club. More information is available on our website at [spiritof67foundation.org](http://spiritof67foundation.org).

If anyone is interested in serving on this year's **Home Tour Committee** they are still looking for a few fabulous volunteers so just let us know and we will pass along your name to the committee co-chairs.

*The real work of the Spirit of 67 Foundation is funding grants that enhance the educational experience of **Every Student in Every Classroom Everyday!** Our grants help passionate teachers, administrators, students and parents put their innovative ideas into action in our District 67 schools. We plan to bring you grant information at each APT meeting this year. To learn more about the grants we have funded you can also visit our website anytime. This month we are highlighting a Visiting Artist Grant that was funded at DPM last year. You can view a short video that captures this grant in action at the following link. Grant committee members were somewhat skeptical about what the participation and engagement level for boys would be when this grant was brought to them. As you will see they had nothing to worry about because all the students were highly engaged active participants. Enjoy!*

*Link to Visiting Artist Grant Video shared at this month's board meeting.*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAiZNimiCz4&feature=youtu.be>



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Link to the full length Grant Day video produced by the Spirit with the help of LF TV. It was shown at the elementary school curriculum nights.

<http://youtu.be/eeWhFHBnhSA>

*Additional information provided during the meeting:*

- *There will be a "Spirit Pull" (wine pull) at the October luncheon this year.*
- *The Home Tour committee has already secured one house for the 2015 Home Tour.*

### **Teacher Appreciation – Kim Gambit**

No report this month.

### **Visiting Author – Anna McEvoy, Kate Bryant**

No report this month.

### **Volunteer Coordinator – Dawn Wheldon**

**June 2014:** DPM Volunteer form updated

**Summary of Coming Month (September 2014) - Plans:** I will collect volunteer forms submitted to date after curriculum night from East and West offices. Prepare spreadsheet with volunteer names and contact information.

### **Old/New Business**

Christie confirmed that we can park in the CROYA lot on meeting days from now on.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany Wiesner  
Recording Secretary



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**Ceramic Turkey  
Centerpiece Workshop**

Grades 1-5

*Location:* **Stirling Hall, Studio 4**

*Date:* **Friday, Nov. 7**

*Time:* **4:00pm-5:00pm**

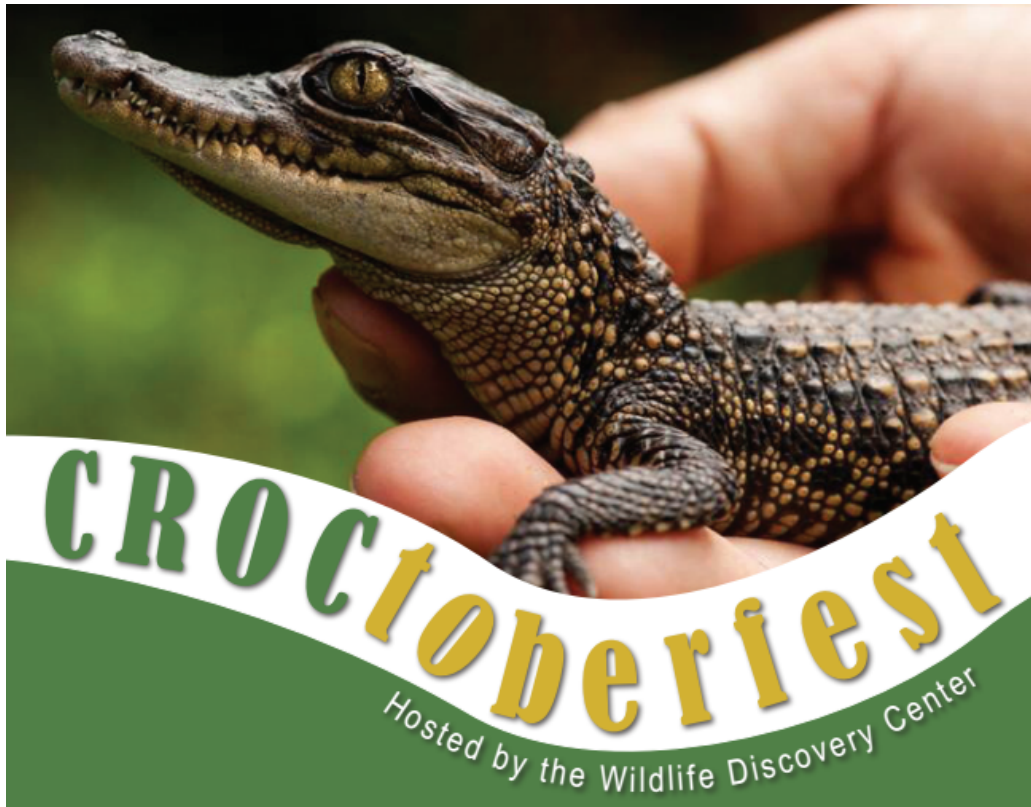
*Handbuild your own **ceramic turkey!***



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**Come celebrate the world  
of crocodilians with us!**

**WILDLIFE DISCOVERY CENTER AT ELAWA FARM**

**Sun., Oct 26, 2014**

**10AM-2PM**





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Committee Representing Our Young Adults

## INFORMATION:

- CROYA will be open every day after school from 3:40-5:30
- Treat Tuesday Every Tuesday a special snack with weekly announcements 4:00pm

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- Aug. 31-Sept. 1- Artisans Fair ( Help us with set up and face painting)
- Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>- LF Library book sale clean up

## MIDDLE SCHOOL EXEC OPPORTUNITY:

- Help us come up with fun activities for CROYA middle school youth
- Help plan and take ownership of these events
- Do you like to draw, color or design? Help CROYA promote these events with your creative abilities.

## CROYA STUDENT STORE:

- CROYA is looking for 5-10 middle school youth to help run the student store. This includes pricing, selling and helping with the shopping.
- Applications will be posted on the middle school board at CROYA.

## LAKE BLUFF BUS TRANSPORTATION:

- If you are interested in receiving a ride to CROYA afterschool we offer a pick up and drop off opportunity.
- We are looking for parent feedback on best days and signing up process. Please contact Kristen Skiston with suggestions.

## CROYA & SOCIAL MEDIA:

Want to know about different events... follow us on Instagram or Facebook



Instagram

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CROYA for Middle School CROYA for Parents

Parents- please visit [CROYA.com](http://CROYA.com) to sign up for our E-Newsletter for tons more information

CONTACT: Kristen Skiston → CROYA Middle School Youth Worker → [SkistonK@cityoflakeforest.com](mailto:SkistonK@cityoflakeforest.com) → 847.810.3985



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# **Halloween Party**

For Lake Forest Residents Only

*Location:* **Lake Forest Recreation**

*Date:* **Friday, October 31**

*Time:* **5pm-8pm**

**Age appropriate activities for preschoolers through grade 3  
haunted house • spooky games • haunted hay ride**

Sponsored by Forest Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry







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# Halloween Spectacular Regatta

*Location:* **Lake Forest Sailing Center**  
*Date:* **October 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Junior racing fleets will include Optimist and green fleet  
and two divisions of 420's for high school teams.



**Taffy apple dipping!**  
**Pumpkin carving contest!**  
**Awards for the  
best costumes!**

\*\$50 fee includes entry  
for two days of racing  
as well as breakfast and  
lunch each day.



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### Justin Roberts & The Not Ready For Naptime Players



performing their new  
Grammy-nominated album

### “Recess”

**Bonus:** Justin will be signing copies  
of his new book *The Smallest Girl  
in the Smallest Grade*

September 14th

4 p.m.

Tickets: \$15

1 & under dance free

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**Spooky Delight**  
*workshop*

**GET IN THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT!**



Your child can celebrate through  
creation and imagination  
by making decorations and  
delicious treats!

*Location:* **Everett Park, Classroom #1**  
*Date:* **Saturday, Oct. 18**  
*Time:* **1:00pm-3:00pm**

**For more information contact Chris Faudel at  
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