

## **Deer Path Middle School APT Meeting Minutes for 10/20/15**

Meeting Commenced at 9:00 a.m.  
Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

### **Attendees**

Sushama Krishnaswamy, Lynne Kennedy, Judi Olenick, Amy Kelly, Laurie Whisler, Anna Theodore, Marty Vander Velde, Roberta Zaramella, Amy Gray, Heather Richmond, Eileen Swartout, Jorie Alutto, Mike Borkowski, Amelia Fedyk, Diana Webb, Alyssa Sinclair, Umang Singh, Teri Albus, Lynn Bertram, Micaiah Robinson, Tammy Fiordaliso, Sarah Long, Shawn Ward, Tiffany Wiesner, Sally McDonald, Susan Lewin, Lydia Conopeotis, Amy Lamberti, Paul Suminski, Renee DeVore, Tom Cardamone, Michael Kroll, Jen Kauck, Anna McEvoy, Lindsay Seaman, Kim Carden, Jennifer Karras, Christiana Walsh, Kim Robb, Liz Olsen

### **President - Call to Order**

### **Guest Speakers-**

**Conrad Christensen, Lake Forest Officer and Todd Nahigian, CROYA Program Manager - Topic: Cyber bullying**

- Trends: male bullying has stayed the same. Rise in female bullying
- One third of all students are cyber bullied.
- Difference between regular bullying and cyber bullying: difficult to get away from cyber bullying since technology is everywhere
- Recommend taking kids phones away at night. Know their password and check their phones regularly after they go to bed.
- The most common form of cyber bullying is someone else giving someone info and then that person sends it out
- Officer Christiansen talks to all classrooms at DPM: 5<sup>th</sup> grade- basic internet safety; 6<sup>th</sup> grade-cyber bullying; 7<sup>th</sup> grade – sexting; 8<sup>th</sup> grade – topic to be determined
- Unacceptable online behavior: If the child is not comfortable saying something to his parents, then it's probably unacceptable

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- If cyber bullying is suspected, start communications right away before it becomes dangerous.
- Parents be involved and keep educated.
- A formal presentation will be held in Dec/Jan for parents by Officer Christensen

### **Administrator Reports**

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

- There were two recent big events: Spirit Week and the Fall Ball. Tom thanked all the parent volunteers helping with this. \$563 was raised at the Fall Ball to go to the Charity Ball Organization.
- The first performing arts celebration was last Thursday. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choral Festival is tonight. The 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Festival Concert is October 28<sup>th</sup>. The 6<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert is November 4<sup>th</sup>. The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade BOC Concert is December 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

- The ELO program is underway. Students are engaged and enjoying themselves. All kinds of projects are taking place. ELO is a way to make the home room time more valuable. There are 3 rounds of ELO; soliciting feedback from students and teachers after the first round.
- A writing workshop for parents was held by Susie Kullby.
- Fall sports have wrapped up and parent teacher conference sign up coming. Parents will be getting info on how to log in to the system to sign up for a conference. Nov 23-24 are 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade conferences.

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

- We had a wonderful Fall Ball turnout for Friday night. Money was raised while students enjoyed a fun evening.
- There was a great clubs and activities fair that happened 2 weeks ago. Students were able to visit tables during lunch to get ideas of the many opportunities available to them before school, during lunch and after school. It was an exposure for 5-8 grade.

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- DPM was fortunate to have been selected by Google to experience Google Expedition. Students were able to look into Google Cardboard and go on virtual field trips. It is still in beta but our students had the opportunity to have the exposure to engaging virtual tours.
- Teachers are getting ready to submit grants to LDA of LF/LB at the end of this week.

### Officer Reports

#### President – Jennifer Karras

- Introduced DPM APT board member Mike Borkowski and made mention that he is also the President of the District 67 Board of Education.
- Encouraged everyone to look on BOE website for minutes.
- Passed around 2 books recommended by Michael Simeck: “The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed” by Patricia Leahy and “Creating Innovators: The Making of Young People Who Will Change the World” by Tony Wagner
- DPM APT has established a communications committee and Jennifer encouraged all interested to join.
- Dr. Elizabeth Lombardo is tentatively speaking at the next DPM APT board meeting.
- Will soon be sending a template via email to create a DPM APT board member bio book.

#### Vice President / Communications – Anna McEvoy

- Stated that everyone’s help is needed in getting information to the communications committee. Will send a reminder email to all board members soon.

#### Secretary – Kim Carden

- Approval of the September, 2015 minutes – first motion by Lynne Kennedy, second motion by Lindsay Seaman, all approved
- Passed around community flyers
- Amy Lamberti mentioned another local community event: (SIT) Students Involved in Technology. DPM is hosting conference this year on February

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20<sup>th</sup>. Registration opens November 2<sup>nd</sup>. More info coming in green backpack. Need parent volunteers. Email Amy to volunteer.

- Mike Borkowski announced LEADs Red Ribbon Race this Saturday morning at 8:00am.
- To view news and flyers submitted by various community groups, please click on this Google folder link <https://goo.gl/J2GP2V>.

### **Treasurer – Lindsay Seaman**

- No new business

## Committee Reports

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

This month the Art Fair committee reserved space for the 2016 fair. Artwork will be collected and displayed on the 5/6 side in The Cube, and on the 7/8 side in the Haskins Center. The student/faculty voting procedures will be changed – we will use a Google Form instead of paper forms. This will simplify the voting process and save time, as the committee will not have to count votes by hand.

### **Board of Education Liaison – Teri Albus, Christine Goshgarian**

September 21, 2015 District 67 Board of Education Meeting-*(These are not the official minutes of the Board of Education. Board minutes can be found on the district website [www.lakeforestschoools.org](http://www.lakeforestschoools.org))*

**Budget Hearing** (Presented by Jennifer Hermes, Assistant Superintendent Finance & Operations K-12 / CSBO) -All legal standards have been followed prior to this vote. -Budget Highlights:

-No changes in revenues due to no action out of Springfield -No changes in expenditures

-staffing monitored tightly this time of year. A small tick-up in Special Ed based on student needs but most likely will not warrant an adjustment -Expenditures exceed revenue by 1.3 million. Not unanticipated. Do not assume this a structural deficit as

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this is planned and anticipated. Many capital projects have been held off and now need to reinvest in facilities. **Instructional Highlights:** (Presented by Mike Simeck, Superintendent K-12)

-English:K-8 Lucy Calkin Literary Workshop Professional Development and Readers Workshop Materials -Math:6-8 NEW Math Course Materials -STEM: Put in a new Lab (June) and Elementary Inspirations Materials and Professional -Schedule: DPM increase in time in 6-8 Core Classes-means 3.5 more teachers needed -Special Ed: Continued Professional Development, Increase in Push-In Support (support in the classroom vs. having student leave the classroom), Increase in Co-Teaching and Focused Data Analysis Development

-Facility: Abatement and Replacement of Flooring at Sheridan and Cherokee (no more smell!), Other maintenance at schools to include roofing, tuck-pointing and cabinetry

**President's Report** (Presented by Mike Borkowski, BOE 67 President) "Where are we Headed?"

### Words

Every Student Growth Differentiation in the Classroom Inquiry Based Learning Collaborative Learning Student Choice Supporting Passions Talent Reimagining Learning Spaces Social, Emotional and Academic Health Communication **Examples of how words tie into examples:** -ELO (Extended Learning Opportunity offered at DPM)

-students get to choose knitting, band, coding, sports stats and analysis -The CUBE (DPME)

-Not your parents library—ability to make movies etc. -STEM Labs (DPM)

-Inspiration Block (Cherokee) -Light Bulb Lab and Empower Hour (Sheridan)

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-Innovation Lab, Maker Space and Coding Course (Everett) -Push-In Support Model - Data shows this model works best. Support come to the classroom, students don't

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leave the classroom whether they are advanced or need extra support. -New Curriculum-Lucy Calkins Writing Workshop & Connected Math Project -Resources focused on Social/Emotional Needs -Top priority-safety at school (emotional not physical) -New Teacher's Contract-5 year contract

-Priority to recruit and retain talent -Competitive Wages (compared to 17 peer districts, district 67 ranks 13 out of 17 with salary pay. By the end of this contract we project to move up to 8 out of 17) -Students guaranteed 5 years of Labor peace - Significant improvements made in Professional Development -Provides greater hiring flexibility

**Questions Board asks itself when making a decision:** Does it accelerate us towards the Vision? Is it good for the kids? Are we being fiscally responsible"

How does it affect the staff

**Superintendent's Report** (Presented by Mike Simeck, Superintendent K-12) - Passed out books to the Board-"Tinkering Toward Utopia: A Century of Public School Reform" by David B. Tyack and Larry Cuban -Introduction of new teachers to district

-part of hiring process that was new was having teachers give sample lessons to students -Summary of D67 Academic Performance Indicators

-D67 are 2 grade levels above national norm

-ACT highest ever. Average score of 27 -Core Values

-EVERY child has an incredible capacity to learn and it is the job of educators to create an environment that maintains growth -Students thrive when they are actually engaged in solving problems -World class learning is driven by world class educators

-Respect is the cornerstone for all of our work -Strategic Initiatives

-Guaranteed and Viable curriculum for every student that is high quality -

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Professional Development -Social and Emotional Learning (top priority in community survey)

-Social and civic learning-talked to kids from CROYA -how do we measure it/what do we need:

-safety is more “emotional” -we can say things that are not “normal” in the classroom or lunchroom with our fearing being laughed at -implementing a program called “Foundations” for all staff to monitor social and civic learning so all students feel safe

-Leadership Attributes -Reading and Writing Workshop-

-kids are reading and writing about things they care about

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-Inquiry learning -kids exploring what they want to learn about

-Document formative and summative assessments -Integrate student growth into teacher evaluations -Achievement -Outputs

example from HS: in 2012 930 students took an APT test. This year projected to be 1441. Change in expectations and rigor but also the idea that many more kids can have the ability to do so -Talent

-Provide high quality, ongoing professional development -Refine and strengthen mentor program -Develop strong partnerships with universities -Provide time for adults to collaborate and co-plan -Environment

-learning space committee recommendations -integrate technology that supports the district curriculum -extend learning opportunities beyond the classroom (i.e. Open Lands, Skyping) -Execute life-safety improvements -Implement ELO at DPM

-New Math Flow Chart Discussed (available on the web)

**School Calendar Revisions** (Barry Rogers, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, Technology and Assessment K-12)



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-Up for consideration the 2015/2016 calendar. Come tonight to amend calendar. -  
Added day in calendar for professional development on March 18, 2106 -Emphasis  
on having full weeks of school -Snow Day Option will be on Friday, February 12 if  
needed

-Additional (5) Emergency days are indicated at the end of the year

-Aligned to a high degree with D115 -2016/2017 Calendar

-Input from Principals, APT and LFEA -Emphasis on having full weeks of school -  
Snow Day option on Friday February 17 if needed -Additional (5) Emergency days  
are indicated at the end of the year AS -Aligned to a high degree with D115

-Total School Days 174 **Questions from Board:** -Question on parent teacher  
conference date change from Beth Clemmensen, Board Member Parent/Teach  
Conferences moved up to the end of October vs. November- -Response: thought  
process is that we operate on a trimester system and we have more of a head start  
to get to know our teacher, address intervention etc. -Question on half days and the  
desire to minimize them addressed by Beth Clemmensen, Board Member. Noticed  
two were still on next year's calendar. -Response: Made great strides to make as  
many full days as possible but still felt the need to warrant a couple of half days.  
Have minimized them compares to previous years -Question from Rob Lemke,  
Board Member: Why are days not perfectly aligned between both districts

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Response: There are different contractual agreements at the two schools which  
means there are additional professional development schools days at D67 v. D115.  
Also, D67 is based on trimesters with the high school based on semesters. D67  
prefers to start mid-week then with a full week as they think it is easier on the  
younger students. Align to highest degree possible.

**Fund Balance Report** (Allen Albus, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operation  
K-12 / CSBO)

In 2000-improvements made In 2010-further improvements held off due to  
downturn in economy In 2015-need to now embark on improvements and life



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safety improvements

budget of 1.7 million will not see a structural deficit will see “draw down” though over the years due to capital improvement projects

### Board Committee Reports (HIGHLIGHTS)

A. Board Education Committee–BethClemmensen, JeffFolker, Suzanne Sands met 9/9-All Education meeting open to public for attendance and comment

parent addressed the need to restore penmanship in the curriculum urged committee to consider the importance of penmanship for reading and writing for ACT and AP exams, reading historical documents and signing ones name. Committee acknowledged the importance of finding the balance between t this and technology/keyboarding

B. Board Finance & Operations Committee – Rob Lemke, Tom Ford, Kent Novit Met 8/6-Contract with banking services form Lake Forest Bank & Trust set to expire this December. The district can re-bid banking services are re-sign another 3 yr contract. I Incentive to resign include competitive interest rates low service fees, favorable fund balance requirement, adhere to payroll process requirements. Board unanimously endorsed re-signing with LFB & Trust

D. Compensation Committee – Tom Ford, Rob Lemke, Mike Borkowski Has not met. Gathering information on Best Practices from other districts on annual reviews for compensation on Admins and Staff

E. Joint Shared Services Committee – Mike Borkowski, Beth Clemmensen Met on 8/31.

Three topics: 1.Revamping and improving evaluation process of Superintendent 2. Process for determining salary increases for administrators 3. How should joint shared services be split between districts

Votes were held on the following Action Items-ALL APPROVED A. Adoption of 2015-2016 Budget B. Adoption of Resolution Approving Withdrawal of District 109 from NSSD C. Approval of 2016-2017 Calendar D. Approval of 2015-2016 Amended

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Calendar E. Approval of Finance and Operations Committee Updated Charter F. Approval of Education Committee Updated Charter G. Approval of Exhibit A and Exhibit B of Superintendent Contract H. Approval of Amended Executive Director of Student Services Multi-Year Contract I. Approval of Administrator/Teacher Salary and Benefits Report

J. Approval of Policy 4:175 Operational Services PRESS Issue 85 – 1st Reading K. Approval of Policy 4:55 Use of Credit and Procurement Cards – 1st Reading L. Approval of Policy 4:60 Purchases and Contracts – 1st Reading M. Approval of PRESS Issue 89 – 1st Reading

N. Approval of Human Resources Items Hiring

Certified Re-Hires Resignations Retirement Leave of Absence Change of Assignment

### **Care and Concern – Kim Robb, Kim Gambit**

No report this month.

### **Class of 2016 Activities – Susan Lewin, Sally McDonald, Shawn Ward, Tiffany Wiesner**

Community Service Day (CSD) is this Friday, October 23, 2015. The students will be going to one of 15 locations- A Safe Place, Beacon Place, Benny's World, Bernie' Book Bank, Boys and Girls Club, Citadel, CROYA, Elawa, Equestrian Connection, Forest & Found, LF Open Lands, LF Parks & Recreation, LF Resale Shop, North Chicago Community Partners, Ragdale Foundation.

In additions to teacher chaperones, we have 38 parent chaperones that have generously donated their morning to volunteer.

Dance- we have confirmed the DJ for the dance on May 20, 2016.

We are also collecting photos (Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade) to create a slide show to show at the dance. We have asked for parents to submit their photos by November 1<sup>st</sup>. They can either drop them off in the bin in the DPM-W office, or mail/drop off to Shawn Ward at 547 Meadowood Drive.

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

Lake County Cares H.U.G.S. Thanksgiving Food Drive

Sponsored by the District 67 APT

Tuesday, November 10, 2015-Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Students can bring in any of the items below. If they prefer, students can bring grade specific items:

- o Canned corn or beans -Kindergarten
- o Pork & beans -1st grade
- o Rice -2nd grade
- o Canned fruit -3rd grade
- o Pinto beans -4th grade
- o Stuffing mix -5th grade
- o Canned yam -6th grade
- o Corn muffin mix -7th grade
- o Powdered milk -8th grade

In addition to collecting food, there will be volunteer opportunities. Dates TBA.  
Sorting food at Gorton Community Center.

Loading trucks in the parking lot of Gorton Community Center in Lake Forest to help deliver food to pantries in

Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, North Chicago and Waukegan.

Last year, the caring spirit of District 67 certainly shone bright and the donations were greatly appreciated by the recipients. Food collection was at an all time high with Lake Forest Schools and Lake Bluff Middle School leading the way! 550 families enjoyed complete Thanksgiving meals. This was especially important as three pantries which serve the Waukegan and Zion areas did not have any Thanksgiving meals before we delivered 290 of the meals. Twenty large boxes of additional foods were distributed to nine pantries. Last year was a fantastic year! The schools did a great job, especially Deer Path Middle School.

Thank you for taking part in this extremely important Community Service

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opportunity.

### **CROYA - Kristin O'Neil**

No report this month.

### **Culture Fair Grade 5 - Christiana Walsh**

No report this month.

### **Culture Fair Grade 6 - Diana Webb, Kimbery Carris**

No report this month.

### **Directory / Membership - Judi Olenick, Anna McEvoy**

#### **DIRECTORY:**

Print Directory:

- The directory was submitted to Swift Printing on 9/17, final edits to the proof were submitted the following week.
- Directories will be delivered from printer on 10/20. They will be sorted, labeled and distributed to schools no later than 10/22.

Directory Labels: Working with Jay at MSA to create process so that directory labels can be printed from the MSA system each year

- Print and Report: Directory Distribution, Labels, Distribution by Class

On-line Directory: was turned on for all APT members on 9/14. Access to faculty and staff was turned on 10/8. (This can be done as soon as the faculty import template is uploaded by MSA).

#### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Membership Levels:

There are 1090 families on MSA as of 10/8/15

985 families joined the APT

This is 90.4% compared to 84% last year.

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### Directory Numbers:

- 3 families – 3 additional directories
- 18 families – 2 additional directories
- 125 – 1 additional directory
- 838 – no additional directory

### Duplicates:

We had 61 duplicate payments that we will refund (note included in these figures is one family that has already been refunded because they contacted the District directly). These figures exclude 3 families that joined the APT and did not join the District and we have contacted the District to find out their policy on refunding fees/APT memberships if a family withdraws before school resumes.

So our total duplicates/refunds this year are 64 compared to 65 last year (last year the figure included 6 families that left the District).

The main reason for duplicates is some families think you need to buy an APT membership for each of their children (51/61 families). In addition we had 10 further duplicates resulting from families purchasing one membership through InfoSnap and then one through Paypal at a later date. Included in these figures are 5 families who purchased 3 memberships each.

We did publish an APT Members List to try and reduce the number of duplicates this year and we also continued to inform families that only one membership is required per family.

We will continue to do this next year. We will also discuss with the District whether it is possible to develop the InfoSnap system to help prevent duplicate payments.

In addition we will email all the families that they will receive a refund and remind them that they only need to purchase one membership per family in future.

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Summary of Coming Months (November 2015) - Plans:

### INFOSNAP

Meet with Brittany Tjardes to make changes to the InfoSnap registration process to improve directory and membership process.

- Add a box for Families to indicate how their name should appear on the APT Membership List
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- Add new category under student status – “new to returning family”  
This year we almost missed the new kindergarteners in the returning families because those students were also listed as returning.

### MSA

- Work with Jay to determine how to load membership data we receive from InfoSnap report into MSA to eliminate needing to re-enter all the data

### CLASS LISTS/FACULTY & STAFF ROSTERS:

Jenn is working with schools to standardize the process by which class lists and faculty & staff rosters are created and submitted. This will alleviate the busy work of re-typing all the information and help standardize the format for all school secretaries.

### Other Notes:

Identify 2-3 individuals to join the Executive APT level for directory and membership so they can learn the processes during this coming year to ensure a smooth handoff for the 2016-2017 school year.

### **Emotional Wellness – Micaiah Robinson, Umang Singh, Elizabeth Lombardo, Sushama Krishnaswamy**

The EWC DPM committee met for a half day workshop on Monday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>. Attached are the committee notes from the workshop. All schools are formulating their EW plans for the year based on the results of the school survey last year. At

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DPM the primary concern was in the socio-emotional category.  
The EWC is planning various events during the school year: Family Game Night in  
Jan 2016 and Deer Path Dash – date TBD.  
Next DPM EWC meeting is on Wed Oct 21<sup>st</sup>.

[Student Sub Committee Action Plan](#)

[Staff Sub Committee Action Plan](#)

[Parent Sub Committee Action Plan](#)

### **Fifth Grade Welcome – Christiana Walsh, Liz Olsen**

No report this month.

### **Fine Arts – Mike Borkowski**

No report this month.

### **Food Service – Laura Whisler**

The teacher line is now open in the cafeteria, which allows for larger portion size as well as more sophisticated menu items. Students are allowed to purchase items from the teacher line.

Quest is going to be sampling new menu items throughout the year for students. Parent volunteers will be needed to help staff the sampling table. Anyone who is interested should contact me at [laurawhisler@hotmail.com](mailto:laurawhisler@hotmail.com).

### **LFHS Liaison – Melinda Hill, Christie Theis, Lynn Bertram, Jill D’Alessandro**

No report this month.

### **New Families – Lynn Lawler, Marty Vander Velde, Jennifer Lazarus, Heidi Smith**

Continue to welcome new families as they arrive. No new families as of October 8, 2015.

### **Parent Awareness – Umang Singh, Alyssa Sinclair**



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### Group Kick Off Meeting:

We had our meeting on September 30th with reps from all the schools as well as our Exec Leads Diana Webb and Jorie Alutto. The key topics were:

- Addressing parent concerns regarding technology use by students (in school and socially). Discussed the need for “Digital Safety Document” and speaker regarding technology safety as it affects our children.
- Exec Leads have contacted Anne Whipple regarding the possibility of using District resources for regular communication with parents. Anne is very willing to work with us, and we will be setting up a meeting within the next few weeks to discuss details.
- We have been in touch with our Emotional Wellness counterparts regarding meeting with respect to partnering with them in areas where the committees may have an opportunity for synergies. We are planning to meet within the next week.

### Communications:

What is the best way to get information to parents. We discussed the pros and cons of electronic vs. paper. Elementary schools are still using paper in folders and parents tend to still like paper communication. DPM and the District are going more paperless.

### National Red Ribbon Week:

#### **What is Red Ribbon Week all about??**

The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31<sup>st</sup>. The Red Ribbon Campaign was started when drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered DEA agent Kiki Camarena in 1985. This began the continuing tradition of displaying Red Ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a Drug-Free America. This year’s theme of Red Ribbon Week is “Respect Yourself, Be Drug Free.” Did you know that children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don’t, yet only a quarter of teens report having these conversations. While the conversation regarding drug use may not be appropriate for every age-level, the theme of “Respect Yourself” is a great way to start healthy conversations at

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any age and lay the groundwork for ongoing parent/child engagement. For more information on Red Ribbon Week, go to [www. redribbon.org](http://www.redribbon.org).

Waiting to hear back from principals on the specific school plans (10/26-10/30)

### **Jump Start on Fifth Grade**

Spring's Jump Start on Fifth Grade will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

### Upcoming Community Events:

Red Ribbon Lead Race - Saturday 10/24 registration is still open

**October 21:** Dr. Ned Hallowell, author of *The Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness*, will visit Lake Forest Country Day School on Wednesday, October 21 to offer advice on raising happy children in an ultra-competitive, ultrafast, attention-deficit society.

CROYA Fall Dance for 7th and 8th Graders, Saturday, October 24, 7:30 - 10:00 pm.  
Tickets will be sold at lunch periods for \$5.

### **Parent Teacher Liaison – Katie Frekko, Debra Meredith**

No report this month.

### **Room Parent Coordinators – Lydia Conopeotis (5), Karena Garriques (6), Judi Olenick (7), Sushama Krishnaswamy (8)**

No report this month.

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

No report this month.

### **Spiritwear – Kristina Frede, Liz Olsen**

No report this month.

### **Spirit of 67 Liaison – Amy Kelly, Amy Lazzaretto**

Thank you to everyone who **Kicked Up Your Boots for Education** at the Barn Dance Benefit on Saturday night at the home of Jeff and Joan Lynch. It was a fantastic evening! Also, a big thanks to everyone who **Raised Your Hand for**

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**Education** by participating in the online auction. It was a HUGE success! To see the final bid amounts visit <https://www.qtego.net/qlink/spiritof67>.\* We are grateful to our Fall FUNdraising Events Sponsors. At properties sponsored the super fun Chicken Drop. Fisher Financial Partners was our invitation sponsor. Forest & Bluff Magazine was our media sponsor. A special thanks also to PostNet, the Shanty and Sunset Foods for providing their services at a discount and for in-kind donations to the event. Finally, we must express our deepest gratitude to our Partners in Education Goshgarian Orthodontics, Lake Forest Pediatric Dentistry and Uline as well as our President's Circle Partner The Grainger Foundation for their ongoing support of our mission. The funds raised at these events will be used help the Spirit of 67 Foundation continue to have a powerful and lasting impact on every student in every school, every day. To see photos from the Barn Dance visit our website.

We are thrilled to share that 42% of our families district wide have donated to the Spirit of 67 Foundation so far this year. Of course, it would be great to see even more names on that list. Wondering if you're on that list? You can check out the current donor list on our website. If you haven't donated yet, please remember **any and all** gifts are valued and appreciated. Donations can be made online or forms can be downloaded from our website and mailed in. We'd like to encourage everyone to visit our website at [spiritof67foundation.org](http://spiritof67foundation.org) and **like us** on Facebook to stay informed about our events, grants and fundraising efforts.

**\*NOTE: AUCTION WINNER PICK UP INFORMATION:**

At CROYA on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 9AM – 12PM and Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:30AM – 12:30 PM following the DPM APT meeting Auction Questions? Contact Molly Sarver at [mollysarver@comcast.net](mailto:mollysarver@comcast.net).

**Staff Appreciation – Lynne Kennedy, Sushama Krishnaswamy, Ruth Winick, Janet Burt, Ami Vora, Maureen Fitzgerald, Kristen Lee**

Committee provided bagel breakfasts to the staff on 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, the morning after curriculum nights for DPME and DPMW respectively. (Fruit from Costco and bagels from Einsteins).

Sign-up sheets for volunteers placed in each homeroom at curriculum night – generated a reasonable number of volunteers. Thanks for the room parents for

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sending follow up e-mails to their homerooms as needed.

On Oct 27<sup>th</sup> we will have the first of our new events “Welcome Fall” – an apple and pumpkin themed event on both sides of the building.

We will then start planning for our November event – conference night dinner.

### **Student Leadership and Spirit (SLS) – Kim Campbell, Ingrid Biela, Amy Gray Micaiah Robinson**

SLS has over 100 active members and have met over 5 times in the past two months. They hosted the Fall Ball, Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and welcomed over 250 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders to the event. Each student paid \$8.00, and participated in many activities. These activities included ping pong, four square, four types of inflatable activities, giant jenga, pac man, foosball, raffles, open gym and food from the cafeteria. The students were well behaved and very energetic. We had 30+ parents volunteer to assist in various stations. Net proceeds raised from the event will go to support a charity that provides soccer balls to underprivileged schools in Africa.

In the upcoming weeks, elections shall be held for Officers. These students will be 6<sup>th</sup> graders, to represent the SLS student body.