



LOWER SCHOOL LOWDOWN

Friday, May 2, 2008

May 2.....	Grandparents/Grandfriends Day
May 6.....	Grade 3 PE Parent Participation Day
May 7.....	Grades K, 1, 2, 4 PE Parent Participation Day
May 9.....	NO SCHOOL for N/K, Parent/Teacher Conferences
May 15 - 17.....	Rites of May
May 16.....	NO SCHOOL for N/K, Parent/Teacher Conferences
May 20.....	7 PM, Transition Meeting, NS into KG, Judd 126
May 22.....	7 PM, Transition Meeting, KG into 1 st grade, Judd 126
May 22.....	8 PM, Transition Meeting, 2 nd into 3 rd grade, Judd 126
May 26.....	NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
May 30.....	Deadline for Half Refund of Re-enrollment Deposit
June 12.....	Last Day of School—NOON Dismissal

From the Principals

Feeling the need to get out and enjoy the sunshine after the long, dismal winter that we have endured? Well, here is an invitation that will provide you with the opportunity to enjoy the sunshine along with many other members of the Lab School community. You are invited to join the “University of Chicago Laboratory Schools Team” in the “Race to Empower.” 2008 is our second year to “field a team” for this event conducted by the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization. On **Sunday, May 11 at 8 AM**, thousands of Chicagoans will be participating in a 1- or 3-mile walk or a 5K run. Last year over 120 Lab School faculty, students, and family members participated raising over \$48,000! We hope that you and your family will join us this year and help us reach our goal of \$50,000. Everyone on the Lab School team will receive a “team shirt” to wear on race day. In addition, each team member will receive a Y-ME T-shirt. You can register on line at <http://race.y-me.org/uofclabschool>. For further information or assistance, please contact Dee Beaton at 815-534-5106 or Lisa Neimark-Heyman at 312-286-3400. If you are unable to participate, we hope that you will support our fundraising efforts by encouraging family and friends to participate with us on Race Day and/or making a donation to support breast cancer research.

Beverly & Carla

PARENT PARTICIPATION DAY in Physical Education... Help celebrate **ACES** (All Children Exercising Simultaneously) on **Tuesday, May 6** for Grade 3 and **Wednesday, May 7** for K, 1, 2, and 4 by coming to your child’s PE class ready to participate. A flyer will be sent home with the exact time and gym space—so wear your gym shoes and be on time! Parents or other adults welcome.

CARLINE ETIQUETTE...As the weather warms up, it is tempting to let children get out of the car to play wherever you are in the carline. Please remember to keep moving forward when you are in the carline; otherwise the line becomes unnecessarily long.

NURSERY/KINDERGARTEN PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS ARE FRIDAY, MAY 9 AND MAY 16. Sign up for a specific conference time with your child’s teacher. There is no school for Nursery & Kindergarten children. Grades 1-4 will have school as usual.

rites of May is coming Saturday, May 17. Mark your calendars and come out to Lab School's Kenwood Mall from **11:00 AM – 5:00 PM** to enjoy this year's celebration. **International Booths** will host fun activities for kids to learn about the different cultures of our Lab students. **Entertainment** by Lab students and local groups including the After-School Indian dance class, Irish dancers, Circesteem, the Djembe African Drummers, Chinese dancers, the Hyde Park Ballet, and concluding with the Maypole dance. Don't miss the delicious food at the **Global Café**, featuring international fare prepared by local restaurants and Lab families. This year the Café will feature **Cooking Demonstrations** throughout the day (11 AM – 3PM). Also, we are featuring the **Scholastic Book Fair** and, of course, the **Carnival** with games, face painting, the Carnival Moon walk, Giant Inflatable Slides and much, much more. Student-designed tie-dye T-shirts will go on sale in Blaine Lobby beginning May 8. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** on the day of the event. If you can't help out that day, then help by preparing a family recipe or whipping up a favorite food or dessert for the Global Café. Contact Catherine Beard at csbmeyer@yahoo.com to volunteer or donate food.

From Lab After School...Important Dates for Spring Quarter

Saturday, May 24	<u>No</u> Saturday Swim for Memorial Day Weekend
Monday, May 26	<u>No</u> School/No Lab After School Programs
Saturday, May 31	Last Day of Saturday Swim
Friday, June 6	Last Day of Special Classes
Wednesday, June 11	Last Day of Regular After School Programming
Thursday, June 12	Last Day of Before School – <u>NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMING</u>

Please let us know if your children will be absent from their After School Program. You may either call us at 773-702-9449 or email us at labafterschool@ucls.uchicago.edu.

You may register your student for occasional use by going to the Lab After School website, <http://www.labafterschool.org>, and clicking on Occasional Use in the right hand menu. *See you After School!*

DON'T FORGET TO CLIP BoxTops COUPONS FOR LAB! These may be found on many products from cereals to snacks to paper and baby care items. Visit www.boxtops4education.com. Do your part for Lab!

TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT...Forms are available at the Blaine Reception Desk for the Illinois State Board of Education's Transportation Reimbursement Program.

HEY, PARENTS – SUMMER FUN AWAITS AT SUMMER LAB! Summer is fast approaching; so if you've been putting off registering for *Summer Lab 2008*, don't wait any longer! Many Summer School classes are filling up fast and, shortly after April 30, others may be dropping off the docket--so reserve your student's spot today! Head to <http://summerlab.org> to sign-up or obtain more information. Should you require any assistance in making a program selection for your student, our friendly staff can be reached at 773-834-7766. *"Procrastination is Opportunity's Assassin!" So register today!*

FENCING CLASSES for 6–11 year-olds! New session begins Monday, May 5 at Hyde Park Neighborhood Club (55th Street & S. Kenwood). Class will be held on Mondays, 3:30-4:30 PM, with fabulous instructor. Additional class could be added from 4:30-5:30 given sufficient interest. Equipment will be provided. To indicate interest/obtain more information, contact Andrea Vag at aavag@hotmail.com or 773-891-2764.

CHINESE SUMMER CLASS...Lab school mom is trying to help a Chinese School that is opening their CSL (Chinese as Secondary Language) class in Summer 2008. More than 10 Lab kids have been studying there for years. Dongfang Chinese School will have Chinese Mandarin classes (pre-school, 1-3 levels, CSL and AP Chinese) from May 31 to July 26 every Saturday from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. This includes 2 hours of Chinese and one hour of talent classes (Art, Math or Writing/Debating). Location: Daley City College, WSTI, 2800 South Western Ave (near I-55 Stevenson Expressway). Tuition: \$130 including \$10 registration fee. See Website: www.dongfangchinese.org or call 312-823-9097.