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LAKER FAMILY UNITY NETWORK: LAKER F.U.N.

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Laker F.U.N. Directory of Officers, 2004-05

From the President of Laker F.U.N.

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As the final days of the school year approach, Laker F.U.N. is still hard at work. We capped the year of activities with our Field Days on the 24th and the 25th. Thank you to our organizers, **Michelle Agay**, **Deb Stachkowski**, **Ana Han**, and **Trisha Salvano**, and the parents who assisted with individual events.

Current Events & Contacts

Used Uniform Sale: 6/1-3, ES
Jan Mathews: 429-0227/983-5461
CCEC Meetings: 6/16, 7:30 HS
Blue Tide Golf Scramble: 8/8, Berrien Hills
Helen Marzke: 428-9029
Laker F.U.N. meeting: 9/13, 6:30 ES
LMC Fund-Raising: year-round
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Market Day: monthly orders
Patti Kuehn 422-9557
SCRIP: year-round
Summer Hours: M-F, 9am-noon
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Sunshine Committee:
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Volunteer Coordinators:
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Once again, we lived up to our name, Laker F.U.N., Family Unity Network. Simply said, that is what we are about ~ bringing Laker Families together for fun times, in and out of school. It has been a pleasure working on the "board" these past two years. As a group, we continued many yearly traditions and added new events that were big hits. I would like to thank **Olga Juza**, **Lisa Iman**, and **Michelle Agay** for their help throughout the year and the "faithful" parents who were regulars at the bi-monthly meetings. I challenge all Laker families to attend a F.U.N. meeting next year to share your time and talent.

On a final and important note, the position of Laker F.U.N. president is open for the 05-06 school year. I will continue to serve until someone steps forward. With my new position as a full-time Kindergarten classroom teacher, it will be difficult to give the needed energy to the role of Laker F.U.N. president. Our first meeting of the new school year is September 13, 2005 with the 6:30 social followed by the 7pm business meeting. Mark your calendars.

Patti Kuehn, President



Thanks to co-sponsors,
the Kuehn Family,
Dale & Patti with
Rachael, Jacob
and Danielle

Elementary Essentials with Mrs. Maher

As the 2004-2005 winds to a close, I'd like to bid a fond yet reluctant goodbye to "LMC institutions" **Ms. Carol Baratta (Apple)** and **Miss Ann Ford**. It's difficult to think of Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School without the two of them, but I know that they will enjoy their retirements and look back fondly on the years they spent and the lives they touched. The friendly face of **Michelle Zandarski** will still be smiling, but not from the LMCES kitchen. Michelle is also retiring after 12 years of sunny service to our children and staff, and we wish her well in her new pursuits.

I have exciting news for the 2005-2006 school year. We have received the blessing of both the pastors and the Commission to hire a half-time special education teacher. I now have some "homework" to do in order to find the right person for the position. I have never had to hire someone with these qualifications, and will get to work on this in early June. The ability to meet the needs of even more families who want a Catholic education for their children is a wonderful way to move the school forward.

I want to wish everyone a restful and sun-filled summer vacation. Take a minute before you leave for the summer to thank the teachers and staff at Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School. They listened to God's call, and chose to be an example of our faith. They give so much of themselves; we are truly blessed! Enjoy your family time together, and I look forward to seeing everyone in August. God bless

LMCHS/MS: An Invitation to Volunteer

One of the things we recognize in our community is that we are blessed with people who are willing to work with children of all ages, and who are themselves blessed with gifts of knowledge and patience. Anyone in the community who would like to volunteer at LMC Middle or High School in the 2005-06 school year in the areas of reading, tutoring, or test helpers, **Paula Mattis, 983-2511**, welcomes your call. A little thoughtful consideration of the idea can lead to a lot of satisfaction.

From Carol Apple Baratta

It is very difficult to put into words all the emotions I am experiencing right now. I would like to thank everyone for your thoughtfulness over the past 23 years. Thank you for the gifts, cards, and best wishes. Thank you to the children for the scrapbook and awesome pictures. A very special thank you to **Michelle Agay, Ann Traugh, Lee Pangilinan, Jackie, Sarah, and Hannah Monte, Theresa and Kristen Perrino, Cindy and Amy Birk, Karin Fields, Sue and Amanda Zilke, Jan Mathews, Orla Mileski, and Virginia Jaskiewicz** for all the time and energy that was spent to make the retirement party truly memorable.

Know that you are always welcome to visit if you are ever out west. The new address is **6600 Las Casitas Ct. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107**. My e-mail address is **merrycarolapple@yahoo**. Please keep me in your prayers and I will keep all of you in my heart. **With love, Carol**


Used Uniform Sale at LMCES

Get rid of what's too small and pick up clothes for fall ~ with a little room to grow. The Used Uniform Sale will be held in the Library at LMCES. Set up, sale, and cash/unsold returns will be:

- **Drop-Off:** Wednesday, 6/1, 7:30am – 7:30pm
- **Sale:** Thursday, 6/2, 7:30am – 7:30pm
- **Cash/Unsold Return:** Friday, 6/3, in morning

Anyone wishing to volunteer on any day may contact **Jan Mathews, 429-0227/983-5461, janicemathews@yahoo.com**.

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Remembering  Beth Blanchard

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Tutors: Maintain & Gain Skills this Summer

LMC staff members have access to our building(s), resources, and equipment throughout the summer months. All arrangements (financial, location, and frequency of sessions) are between the instructor and client family. **Any family in the community is welcome to inquire.**

If you are unfamiliar with a particular staff member, please feel free to contact the principals at the corresponding buildings.

- Mrs. Jody Maher: LMCES – 429-0227
- Mrs. Paula Mattis: LMCMS – 983-2511
- Mr. Phil Brooks: LMCHS – 983-2511

Hanley, Peggy (LMCES Instructor)

(269) 428-0536 (home)

(269) 429-0227 (office)

Age/Grade Preferred: Gr. K – 3

Subject Area(s): Reading, Writing, Math

Area of Specialty: 3rd Coast Writing Project
Teacher/Consultant

Puplis, Sandi (LMCES Instructor)

(269) 429-1862 (home)

(269) 429-0227 (office)

Age/Grade Preferred: Gr. 2 – 8

Subject Area: Math

Area of Specialty: Math – introductory/remedial
Algebra instruction available

Smith, Trent (LMCMS – Math Instructor)

(269) 429-1792 (home)

(269) 983-2511 (office)

Age/Grade Preferred: Gr. K – 8

Subject Area: All Math including Algebra
and Geometry

MacTavish, Kathryn Ann (Private Tutor)

(269) 983-2983 (home)

2224 Mt. Curve

St. Joseph, MI 49085

Age/Grade Preferred: Gr. K – 3

Subject Area: Reading

Area of Specialty: Reading Disabilities &
Skills Maintenance

Market Day: Less Kitchen = More Beach

The convenience of Market Day products continues through the busy summer months at LMCES. Our June and July pick up hours will be from 12:00 - 1:00pm. Last year's experience taught us that picking up orders during the lunch hour is best in the summer. Spread the word. **LMCES is the only school in the area that does Market Day all year round.** If a friend or neighbor orders from another source during the school year, encourage them to order at LMCES for the summer and then return to their normal source in the fall (if they wish!). Market Day profits are earmarked for our playground expansion to serve our new 3-year-old Preschool program.

Market Day products are 100% guaranteed. Check out the website at www.marketday.com for many great recipes, nutritional information, and web-only clearances. Questions and volunteer responses may be directed to **Patti Kuehn (422-9557)** or **Chris Glendening (983-2642)** in the Business Office.

SCRIP: Great for Back-to-School

Ha ~ just giving the kids a little jolt. School starts Monday, August 22nd so run, play, swim, and get SCRIP for all your summer fun. Driving from pillar to post? Make those travel miles pay with SCRIP gas cards. Summer SCRIP office hours are: Monday – Friday from 9am-noon. Contact **Chris, 983-5529** or cglendening@lmclakers.com to place orders.

New SCRIP retailers include **Radio Shack (\$25 and 4% earnings)**, which can be used toward any purchase of electronic products, batteries and accessories at Radio Shack and participating dealers. Our local Radio Shack is on Mall Drive in Benton Harbor. Long-time participant **Lowe's now has \$500 denominations**, handy for those major projects, or lots and lots of little ones!

Cash Back for Schools Begins June 1st

Orchards Mall Cash Back program has wrapped up and we have learned that the **3rd Place award of \$1,000 is ours!** LMC also received the **Promotion Award**, a surprise, for our program coordinator, **Sharon Graeber**. Our thanks go to this year's supporters and we invite everyone to participate in the new Cash Back program that begins June 1st.

See the Senior Exit Project Webpages:

www.kn.sbc.com/wired/fil/pages/list_seniorepe1.html

Sunshine Committee

From the Family of Frank C. Polaskey, Jr.: Our family thanks everyone who prepared the wonderful meal after the loss of Frank's father. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated. **Frank and Paula Polaskey with Eric and Sarah Olszewski**

A Letter of Thanks from the Brunner Family

We want to thank the LMC family for the amazingly generous response to Jon's deployment. The overwhelming response has been humbling. It never crossed our minds that you would do so much for us including the meals, the yard care help, the rides for our kids, the SCRIP, childcare and other support. People even anonymously sent money to help us get a camcorder so we could watch Daddy on TV this next year and share with him what we've been up to. Thanks to wonderful people like you, we are starting our year feeling supported and loved. Your prayers mean so much to us ~ please keep it up. Our hope is that the Lord can use this year to help us all grow to trust Him more completely. We pray you will be blessed as you have blessed us!

Jon, Lynn, Rachel, Patrick, Gregory, Nathaniel, Gabriel and Margaret Brunner

Greetings from the Welcoming Committee

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped with Welcoming Committee this year, especially **Lee Ann Russell**, now Laker F.U.N. treasurer, and **Becky Angelov**, who is taking Lee Ann's place as co-chair for the 2005-06 year.

Once again we are looking for people to help welcome new elementary school families for the 2005-06 school year. Among the things we have done in the past are: an ice cream social prior to school beginning in August, establishing mentor families for each new family, delivering cookie plates, and sending Christmas cards. Anyone who would like to assist the Welcoming Committee or has ideas to share, call **Lisa Barta, 556-0120**.

Our motto and our model: "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Hebrews 13:2

Lisa Barta, Chairman

Walk for Catholic Education

May 2nd was great day that began with the students from Junior Kindergarten through 12th Grade convening at Mass, presided by **Msr. Tom Martin** and **Fr. Bill Jacobs** at St. Joseph Catholic Church, downtown. After Mass, the students, teachers, and parent chaperones turned out in their Laker gear for the Walk for Catholic Education. Along with the students' visibility, \$6,211 was raised so far to support Catholic education in our communities. The depth of support in our parishes and the broader community is sincerely appreciated. The best way we can show our thanks is to continue to commit ourselves to work in service of our Church and community. We are grateful for the opportunity.

Blue Tide Athletic Boosters

The 2004-2005 calendar year is winding down. In retrospect, it's been a good year ~ successful raffle, new volleyball equipment, uniforms aplenty, soon-to-be scoreboards for the Elementary's IMH Gym, and the groundwork for the Hall of Fame. Together we have accomplished much yet there is more to do.

The 13th Annual Blue Tide Golf Scramble will be held Monday August 8th at Berrien Hills Country Club. To register to play golf contact **Jeff Nuter, 849-3234**. To sponsor a tee or hole, contact **Helen Marzke, 428-9029**. For further details, visit **www.lmclakers.com** and click "Blue Tide."

Hall of Fame nominations are being accepted in the categories of athletic teams, individual athletes, coach/employee, and "at-large." Athletic nominee(s) must have been a Lake Michigan Catholic, St. Joseph Catholic, or St. John's Catholic graduate and been out of high school for at least five years. Nomination forms are available on LMC's website at **www.lmclakers.com** by clicking on "Hall of Fame," or contact **Phil Hegg, 983-5457**.

The next Blue Tide meeting is Thursday, June 9th at 7:00pm in the LMCMS/HS cafeteria. Go Lakers!

Tom Hanley, President

**Thanks for those Campbell's labels!
Two heavy-duty CD/Listening centers are
on their way! Keep 'em coming!**

National Honor Society Inductees 2005

At the National Honor Society induction held earlier this month at St. Bernard Catholic Church, LMC students were recognized for their sustained academic performance. Joining the ranks were seniors **Jessica P.** and **Elizabeth J.**; juniors **Joey A.** and **Elizabeth H.** sophomores **Nicole D., Teresa D., Eric H., Jonas N., Cathrine O., Alexandra P., Michael P., Ashley R., Devyn S., and Terence T.** Congratulations are due each student, and their parents who place a high value on their student's education and encourage the work ethic that produces the best academic performance.

An Oehlhaffen Observation

At the Catholic Community Education Commission (CCEC) open meeting held on April 28th, attendees were pleased with the insight offered by **Carol Oehlhaffen**, better known to Elementary families as "Miss O." Carol, a retired master teacher, is involved in the scholarship selection process for the Berrien Community Foundation. She stated that she had spent several hours reviewing essays written by students and letters of recommendations written by faculty and staff of various area schools. Carol was so impressed with the writing that she encountered in the submissions from LMCHS that she took the time to come to the CCEC meeting to commend the students and teachers. Additionally, she noted that the letters of recommendation, which come from all quarters, for LMC students were very good.

No matter what form it takes, writing is the basis for effective complex communication that is supported by rational thought. Carol's comments are an affirmation of the writing program that begins at the Elementary and increases in scope with LMC Middle and High School English instructors **Pen Campbell** and **Jane Lindemuth**, as well as their colleagues who implement "writing across the curriculum."

The Curtain Closes on a Great Season

So much work, but so much fun ~ the Laker Drama production of *The Pirates of Penzance* was a gratifying experience on many levels. Our audiences caught the high spirits of the cast, especially the hand-jiving 3rd Graders in the front row on closing night who were menaced by the pirates! Gilbert and Sullivan's lyrics were not easy to master but leads **Iain M., Megan H., Greg S., Caitlin B., Justin S., and Joey A.** pulled it off. In the process, they revealed a depth of talent that surprised many, not the least of which are Megan's vocal range, Iain's control...and Joey's dancing.

Special thanks are in order for the senior class members from this show, who have been with us for a long time. **Caitlin B., Jake D., Mary Kate K., Alex L. and Angelica P.** have been active in all seven shows we have done so far. **Andrea H.** was with us for six shows, **Becca M. and Mary M.** for three and **A.J. B. and Greg S.** for both shows their senior year. It is our hope that all the underclassmen will take their cue from these seniors then take the plunge into drama and theater and discover hidden talents. Good luck to the seniors, and we will see everyone else next fall.

Marty and Wendy Golob, Laker Drama

Top State Academic Performance for Laker Girls' Varsity Basketball

Lake Michigan Catholic Varsity Girls' Basketball team had **the highest combined grade point average of any team in the state** this past fall! The Lakers' **overall GPA was 3.851**. Other first-place Academic All-State teams included: Grand Haven (3.748) in class A; Marysville (3.845) in class B; Muskegon Catholic (3.835) in class C. Congratulations to the LMC Lakers Varsity Girls' Basketball team for excellence on and off of the court, and to **Coach Joe Jarvie** for keeping the girls' priorities straight!

Parents! Concerned about teen blogs? Read this, get smart & talk to your kids!

http://www.virtus.org/virtus/index.cfm?free_articles_id=297&scheddate=04-25-2005

Little Laker Preschool with Mrs. Grundy

The school year is winding down at a terrific speed. Mother's Day celebrations were followed by a pond life unit about the special creatures that live there. We spent time "Down on the Farm" learning about that lifestyle and farm animals. Our time together concludes with camping with Curious George and friends with a tent in our room!

Little Lakers were pumped to attend Field Day with our other LMC friends and again when they joined the JK on the bus to **Tanner N.'s** farm for an end-of-the-year picnic. Our hosts **Stacey and Steve N.** planned a hayride and taught the students about horses and how to care for them!

It has been a wonderful year at Little Laker Preschool. Thanks to all for the support and prayers throughout this year. Mrs. Cichon, Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Grundy have been honored to know you and delighted with your children. Let this be a happy and safe summer, and we hope to see you at church or maybe at the beach.

Junior Kindergarten with Mrs. Kuehn

It is great to witness the progress that the JK's have made this year. It is even more awesome to see the students' expressions as they look at things we saved from the beginning of the year. Many came into the year only scribbling their names....now all names can be printed and read with ease! Coloring, cutting, and gluing...remarkable progress. They have amazed themselves! The bright shining eyes and smiling faces make a teacher's day!

We have finally met our last letter person, Mr. X! **Alex S.** has waited patiently all year to be able to spell out his name! We are busy spelling out words each day. We counted down the days to Field Day and the farm. Another accomplishment is that we can join with the rest of the school reciting the *Rosary*. The JK earned their bragging rights as we got to tell Mrs. Maher how well we can say the *Hail, Mary* ~ another sign that JK is ready for next year's weekly Mass as a Kindergarten class!

Kindergarten with Ms. Apple & Mrs. Fields

It seems as though it was just yesterday when these children came through our doors and now it's time for them to move on to 1st Grade. We have been reviewing the vowel sounds and reading, reading, reading. Math studies conclude with the recognition of numerals 11 to 30 and review of addition and subtraction. It was awesome to watch our caterpillars change into butterflies. Even though we will miss them we know we have to let them go. *(Editor's note: I detect a metaphor from Ms. Apple.)*

The Kindergarten was honored to crown Our Blessed Mother at St. Bernard's on Saturday, May 7th. It was truly an impressive ceremony. Now the time is right for end-of-the-year rituals, Field Days, field trips, and the chance to see what's new at Potawatami Zoo.

Our thanks go to all the moms and dads who have helped us this year, at home with the students, and at school whenever we asked. Our successful year was due in large part to all your help. We wish everyone a restful summer.

First Grade with Mrs. Faris & Mrs. Petsovich

The 1st Graders have very **egg-citing** news! As of this writing, we hatched a total of fifteen healthy chicks! Thank you to the **Birk Family** from LMC and **Farmer Monroe** in Baroda who supplied us with the eggs and to the **Birk family** who was kind enough to take the chicks to their farm at the end of the week. We patiently waited 21 days for the new arrivals to our classrooms, keeping a daily chart of the growth of the chicks inside the eggs, and "guesstimating" which egg would hatch first with a bar graph. The students wrote a book answering the questions who, what, where, and when about our chicks, made "birth announcements" on the computer, and we used the democratic process to name them. Our New Life unit went across the curriculum with this fascinating miracle within each egg. We even included our gross motor skills doing the "*Chicken Dance*" to celebrate the hatching, and our fine motor skills when each child dissected their very own avian egg. The best part was hearing the children's squeals of delight each day the chicks were with us!

Mrs. Faris, Mrs. Petsovich and all their students would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many parents and grandparents who helped us this year. Reading parents, Math Center coordinators and helpers, party helpers and planners, Field Day helpers, Scout leaders, field trip chaperones, Art Reach facilitators, Junior Achievement volunteers, lunch room and recess supervisors, **we thank you all!** See you in August!

Second Grade with Mrs. Hanley & Mr. Deja

As the school year comes to a close, the 2nd Graders have been exploring the world of living things; plants, flowers and animals, and their habitats. First we took a look at the parts of the flower, then we moved on to animals. We have each chosen a favorite animal and researched facts about it. To celebrate all this newly acquired knowledge, we will take our year-end trip to Binder Park Zoo. It is a fitting highlight to a great year!

The 2nd Graders are proud of all the skills we've learned. Just think, we can now add and subtract 3 digit numbers, and are learning a little bit about multiplication and division. We are all looking forward to an exciting summer, but will truly miss our friends and good times we experienced in 2nd Grade. Mrs. Hanley and Mr. Deja, along with all of their students, thank the many parents who have graciously volunteered to help throughout the year with our parties and field trips. We look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces in August, specifically August 22nd. Until then, be sure to give us a smile when we see you at Mass on Saturdays or Sundays this summer.

Third Grade with Miss Ford & Mrs. Bodley

Fittingly, 3rd Graders ended the year with a project on growth. We completed our seed unit in Science. The students made seed posters, seed mosaics, and gave wonderful seed presentations, complete with samples of the fruits and vegetables from which they grew. We enjoyed our swimming lessons, a Day at the Symphony, Field Day, and many end-of-the-year activities.

The 3rd Grade students have learned many new skills but can always use refreshers during the summer. Expect your child to demonstrate what he or she has learned in Religion by making an effort to join your child in a daily offering of prayer. Expect your child to respect others, love their family members and accept each one's uniqueness. As you share numerous summer activities, and schedules become hectic, attend Mass regularly and model true faith for your child. *All who kneel before God will be able to stand before anyone.* Encourage daily reading of a variety of materials. This will help maintain the skills they have obtained. As you travel, quiz your child on Math facts. Create math problems that require logical thinking before answering. Ask your child to explain processes used to find the answers. Simply asking a child, "Why do you think that?" conveys your interest as well as providing an opportunity to explain thought processes.

Have a wonderful summer vacation and may you enjoy your children as much as we have. **May God bless you all from Miss Ford and Mrs. Bodley**

Fourth Grade with Mrs. Binger & Mrs. Zetts: Poetry Meets Prose by the 4th Grade

May would take so many lines, so instead we made a list to picture in your head. It's not a rhyme, but rambling prose because this is the way May in 4th Grade goes. We had poetry, Latin, rainforests and a bake sale. We had physics, water labs, biomes and butterflies. We had Michigan studies, mock trial, and the DNR. Don't forget the track meet, symphony, water plant and beach trip, checkbooks, auctions, Estkowski's Mall and Final Jeopardy.

We learned some great stuff and took a trip or two which would not have been possible to do without the many people who were up to the test or visited our rooms and gave their best. We had **Mr. Lubeck** and his wonderful guitar. We had **Fr. Rob** teaching the "Hail, Mary" in Latin. We had moms and dads baking and chaperoning. Don't forget the *Rosary* and the *Hail, Holy Queen* that we shared each day and sometimes led for the whole school, since this is the month of May.

Fifth Grade with Mrs. Puplis & Mrs. Fish: Remembrances of the Class of 2012

When interviewing the class as a whole,
There are many memories to behold.
The times spent here at LMCE
Have certainly left some fond memories!

Madi loved the Masses and music, “The best,”
While **Meghan** put her friends above the rest.
Joe enjoyed the nice classrooms a lot
And **Hailey** feels the teachers are tops!

Sarah’s glad the teachers got her this far,
And the students agree, they like **Mrs. Maher**.
Patrick says the Dell computers are great!
All agree, for Middle School, they can’t wait!

Before they enter the new school this fall,
A GREAT, BIG thank you is sent to all.
The 5th Graders feel that wherever they roam,
Like **Lukas** said, “This will always be home!”

Technology with Mrs. Barden

Playing on the computer during the summer doesn’t
have to be a mind-numbing experience ~ check out
the sites below for activities that are both fun *and*
(gasp!) educational!

www.gamequarium.com: PS-6th grade math, science, social
studies, Spanish, holidays

www.aaamath.com: K-8 math that includes step by step
explanation of each topic

www.primarygames.com: K-3rd grade language arts, math,
social studies, holidays

www.brainpop.com: K-12 content; view 2 movies per
session and take on-line quizzes on health, science,
technology, Math, English and more

http://www.lhs.berkeley.edu/kids/: Play Alien Juice Bar,
Build a Fish, Balloon Ride, and Car Comparison

http://www.superkids.com/aweb/tools/logic/: Try a variety
of logic games

http://www.randomhouse.com/seussville/games/: Games
and activities to accompany books by Dr. Seuss

http://jumbalaya.netfrolic.com/single.html: on-line version
of the word game, Boggle - click on Play Game and the
computer creates the game.

Library with Mrs. Mathews

Thanks to the support of our families, the Scholastic
Book Fair held May 9th–13th, earned \$2,436 in
materials to be purchased for our library collection.

Don’t forget to visit the public libraries this
summer. The **Michicard** gives access to collections
throughout the state, including college libraries, and
every library needs patrons coming through the
doors. Our local libraries have changed along with
the needs of the community. Look to them for
public meeting space and discussion forums, grant
writing resources, Internet access, hobbies and
crafts, seasonal events for all ages, and books!
Think of a public library as a spa...*for your brain*.

Art with Mrs. Dudding

The year with the 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades was one of
weekly discoveries. Tucked in with all those
projects was a lot of learning ~ color, value, light,
line, proportion, perspective and composition ~
giving the kids an artist’s vocabulary and “eye” for
what works and why. This summer, look around
and use those skills to see how rich this arts
community is. Take it all in ~ from the tone and
texture of the Fernwood’s gardens to Richard
Hunt’s fascinating metal work in the Benton Harbor
Arts District. Drop by the Krasl, and the Box
Factory. In July, come see Mrs. Dudding’s smiling
face; she will be at the Benton Harbor Children’s
Art Festival, held in conjunction with the Krasl Art
Fair, July 9-10, making “who knows what” at the
hands-on table! Register for “Chalk the Block” on
July 29-30! So much to do, s-o-o-o, let’s do it!

Welcome Back, “Stamp-ede”

The carousel horses are prancing around St. Joseph
for another summer. Some of the installations have
changed locations, but not “Stamp-ede,” which is
back on its prominent corner at Main and Ship in
front of the St. Joseph Post Office. The carousel
horse, created last year by LMCHS Art students,
under the guidance of **Sr. Kathleen Smith**, is a
faithful recreation of a Native American pony
depicted on a commemorative stamp series. Take
the time to look closely at “Stamp-ede,” the work of
Alexandra C., Linda J. Y., and Tara K. ~ the
many artistic disciplines within this one piece are
amazing!

Scouting Around at LMC

Kindergarten Daisy Troop #542: The first exciting year of Scouting has come to an end for the Daisies. Most of the Scouts earned their 1st Brownie Try-It for Earth Day at Soni Springs Girl Scout Camp in Three Oaks. The girls learned about recycling, cleaning organically and solar cooking. For most of them, it was their first time at Girl Scout Camp. The same day, the girls showed their true courage and conviction by bridging to Brownies. They bravely received their Brownie pins by walking across a great bridge on a snowy and blustery day in April. LMC should be proud of their Daisy troop. The girls worked hard this year learning and earning their patches. Each girl deserves a big pat on the back for a job well done.

1st Grade Brownie Troop #555: Our troop had its last official meeting of the year and it was a busy one! The girls finished earning their patches for the *Rosary* series, the Luminous and Sorrowful Mysteries. When she found out about our this patch activities, **Mrs. Maher** invited all the 1st Grade Brownies to help lead the whole school for the morning *Rosary* throughout May!

Earning their Math Try-It and Sports Try-It rounded out the school year but a lot of girls will get together at Girl Scout Day Camp in June. Until we meet as a troop again, the Brownies wish everyone a safe and fun-filled summer.

2nd Grade Brownie Troop #558: The spring has been very busy for all of the girls in our Troop. **Mrs. Kim Matheny** and **Mrs. Deb Stolte** lead the "Playing Around the World" Try-It. We had fun playing all the games. At our Brownie overnight at Camp Soni Springs, the girls learned how to cook an entire meal outside and over fire. The girls baked breadsticks in a copier box! We thank the moms who came and helped, especially **Mrs. Amy Winans**, Mistress of the Flame! A trip to a wine vineyard hosted by the **Adent family** awaits when we will earn our "Grape Stomp" Try-It. The girls will end the year with a pool party at the **Sullivan's**.

3rd Grade Brownie Troop #574: The girls headed out for our last camping trip as Brownies the weekend of May 20-22. It was an exciting time because we celebrated with a "Fly-Up" ceremony to mark our promotion to Junior Girl Scouts. It was fun to put our fire-building and cooking skills to use and take ambitious hikes. Look for us next year as Junior Troop #574.

6th Grade Junior Troop #5123: As the troop concludes their years as Juniors, we are proud to announce that **Nealie A.** and **Janine G.** received their Bronze Awards. The Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior can receive and a lot of hard work went in to earning them. Aside from the badge work that was required, the troop worked on a service project to mark the trails at Camp Shawadasee in Lawton. Many people have helped us over the years and we thank **Mrs. Maher** and the entire staff at LMCES, especially **Mrs. Dudding**, for allowing us to have our meetings at the school. LMC's commitment to Scouting has meant so much to our troop.

2nd Grade Wolves: Spring is here and that means ...fishing! This past month our Wolves got a lesson in fishing, courtesy of **Shawn and John Kim**. The Scouts gathered at Grand Mere Lake and learned about Michigan fishing regulations, how to bait a hook, and how to cast. After fine-tuning their baiting techniques, the boys were off to the pier for some serious angling. **Greg Brunner** and **Nathan Glotzbach** caught seaweed, some caught each other's lines, and some even caught their den leaders. Fish are another story. **Peter Kim** had a nibble, but the fish won out with half the worm! And you should have seen the size of that fish. Thanks to all the Scouts and their parents for a terrific year. We'll see you all in the fall!



Pack #624 News: Pack 624 is ending the school year, but the boys of the Pack are looking forward to many summer activities, including summer camp where they will camp overnight and take part in a variety of activities such as archery and BB gun shooting. For the last meeting of the year, the boys took a vote and ended up playing a game of softball with the parents.

Cubmaster Milt Agay and Assistant Cubmaster Marty Golob each received a leadership award for their work with the Pack. Milt also received the District Award of Merit for the work he is involved in at the District and Council level.

While our activities are slowing for the summer, the boys in the Pack look forward to welcoming the incoming Tigers, this year's Kindergartners. All the Kindergarten boys have received information on joining Scouts. Anyone else who is interested should contact Milt Agay for more information. The Scouting experience is without equal for a sense of accomplishment and the character building that comes with attaining goals. We recommend it!

**Denouement:
Daddy-Daughter Dinner Dance**

Thank you for going "Under the Sea" at this year's Daddy-Daughter Dinner Dance. Many parents were so kind to volunteer their time and talents to this year's dance: **Nancy Almus, Kim and Paul Landeck, Paul Allerton, Kathy Urrea, Kelly Spencer, Stacy Kryska, Chan Marzke, Gail Bruce, Renae Starr, Laurie Marszalec, Karen Garavalia, Tricia Salvano, and Gina Svec.** Thanks to Renae for making the necklaces for each girl as a remembrance of the evening. **Kelsey A. and Kelly A.** worked over their Spring Break to paint the ocean life decoration ~ great job, girls. **Pat Foley of Bit of Swiss** donated the beautifully decorated cookies for our dessert. It was definitely a team effort and without all of your help it would not have been so successful.

Pro Audio Mix DJ Service provided their services that evening and are offering CDs, DVDs and VCDs for purchase. This was a surprise bonus so if anyone would like to view the recordings prior to purchase, please contact me. Thanks to everyone ~ the event was a pleasure to chair. **Theresa Allerton**

Hey, Band Kids: Make Noise This Summer

Don't let your instruments get dusty this summer! Scheduled performances kick off on September 9th. Mr. Jarvie doesn't expect you to be out there, serenading the setting sun at Silver Beach, but pick up your instruments, run through pieces you know and keep your sight-reading skills sharp.

Take advantage of all the free musical offerings in the area this summer. The **Municipal Band** plays every Sunday afternoon, beginning with an evening performance on June 26th at the renovated Howard Bandshell in downtown St. Joseph. The **Brownbag Concert** series, noon on Wednesdays beginning June 29th, showcases a wide range of musical styles. Happily, local event planners have recognized the drawing power of quality jazz. Fridays from July 22–August 19, St. Joseph hosts **"Jazz Live at the Shell"** from 7:30-8:30pm. Take some musical risks ~ you never know what you will discover.

Band Performances: Scissor-Friendly

Lake Michigan Catholic Band Dates 2005 – 2006 School Year		
Fri., 9/9	7:00pm	Football, SJHS
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Sat., 10/15	1:00pm	Football, W'vliet. HS
Fri., 10/21	7:00pm	Football, SJHS
Wed., 11/9	---	All Star Band
11/18 & 19	---	All Star Band
Sun., 12/4	---	Christmas Concert, LMCHS
Sat., 12/10	---	MS Solo & Ensemble
Sat., 2/18	---	HS Solo & Ensemble
3/13–17	---	Band & Orchestra Fest.
Sat., 4/22	---	MS Solo & Ensemble
Sat., 5/6	1:00pm	Blossomtime Parade
Sun., 5/21	---	Spring Concert, Rose Ctr.
Wed., 5/24	---	Class Night, St. Bernard's
Fri., 5/26	8:00am	Baccalaureate Mass, SJ
Sun. 5/28	---	Graduation