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

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Laker F.U.N. News & Events

Welcome to the start of a terrific 2006-2007 school year! I, **Michele Armstrong** am serving my 2nd year as **President** of Laker Family Unity Network (Laker F.U.N.) along with **Vice-President Karen Ballard**, **Secretary Lisa Iman** and **Treasurer LeeAnn Russell**. We thank last year's Vice-President **Olga Juza** for her service to LMC.

Laker F.U.N. is the "PTO" of our elementary school. We support Laker staff and families through events, donations, time and service. Our first meeting was on September 18th and we have already planned these events just through October!

- \$50 was once again donated to each of the **LMCE staff** to use for their classroom, office, etc. as an extra "Thank You" for their dedication.
- **Doughnuts with Dad** is slated for **Friday, Oct. 20** in the LMCE cafeteria **from 7-8am** Children get to share a special treat with dad before school. **Karen Ballard** is our coordinator.
- The famous **Halloween Dance Party** with a DJ, games, candy, food, costumes, photos, basically great family FUN, will take place on **Saturday, Oct. 21, from 6-8:30pm**. **Michele Armstrong** will chair this exciting and noisy event.
- **Laker F.U.N.** also sponsors the purchase of crafts and games for **Fall Festival** to be held **Friday afternoon, October 27th**. **Kelly Spencer** is our liaison for this event. Parents are welcome to join in the fun!

As you can see—we are set for a busy month!! Mark your calendars for these events!! **Remember to attend the Protecting Gods Children class Wed., Oct. 4th, 6pm** at LMCE so you can volunteer at our wonderful school!

Elementary Essentials with Mrs. Maher

The school year is off to a great start! We welcomed 2 new teachers, **Mrs. Johnette Kurina** in 5th Grade and **Mrs. Nicole Mills** in Kindergarten. They are doing well in their new positions! Our enrollment is up 15 students over last year's. This means we have also welcomed many new students and families. Nothing beats a personal welcome so keep your eyes open for any opportunity to meet and greet these brand new Lakers.

Mrs. Rachel Foster is applying her skills with the Elementary students, now working as the resource teacher at both school locations. She has begun her observations and is working with our classroom teachers to create individualized learning programs for these students.

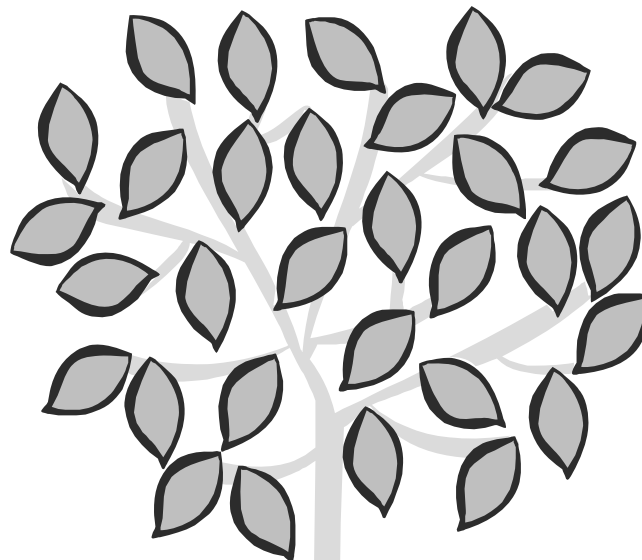
We've been listening! Through both the survey and "Meet the Principal" meetings I have heard a real desire to begin a Spanish program here at the elementary. This is the year! **Señora Mary Beller** begins every day at the elementary school teaching Spanish class that meets weekly in each grade. She then heads downtown to the high school to continue teaching high schoolers.

Another item on our survey was the landscaping and playground. The front of our school looks fabulous thanks to several families who have spent hours and hours to beautify and update the landscaping. **Mrs. Cathy Mavis, Mr. and Mrs. Dolohanty, Mr. and Mrs. Reuter, and Mrs. Betsy Langbo** have led the charge. We are also investigating the best way to get water to the playground area, so we can keep grass. Stay tuned!

Pray for Our Schools: Join LMC PPT

Lake Michigan Catholic Parents Praying Together, otherwise known as **LMC PPT**, is looking for new members to participate in a very worthwhile commitment...praying for our students, faculty and school. LMC PPT meets for one hour or less every Thursday at 11:00am in the Elementary Music Room. If you are unable to attend the meeting and are interested in being involved in LMC PPT, we need prayer chain volunteers to pray our many prayer requests. Please join us or call **Stacy Kryska at 428-9344** for more information.

The LMC Giving Tree



Ever wonder if your teacher or a staff member has a wish list of items needed for the classroom? Maybe you would like to give a gift "just because," during the holidays, for Catholic Schools Week, or even an end of the year appreciation gift and you just don't know what to give?

Look for the LMC Giving Tree and the staff Wish Lists as you head through the hall towards the Multi-Purpose Room. Read the list, give a gift, add a leaf to the tree and reap the many rewards of knowing you have helped enrich the school for years to come!

Protecting God's Children: A "Must-Do" for School & Parish Volunteers

In order to volunteer or attend any field trip as a chaperone, parents must have taken the *Protecting God's Children* class. A session will be held on **Wednesday, 10/4, at 6pm at LMCEs**. A link for registration is located on the homepage at www.lmclakers.com.

Roger's Foodland Keeps On Giving!

Roger and Pam Seely may have moved their store to a new location but they have maintained their role in the community by offering 1% cash back on cash register receipts to participating schools. Any Roger's Foodland tape from **October 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007** may be sent to LMCES for redemption.

Cash Back for Schools 2005-2006 Results

The Orchards Mall announced at the end of the school year that LMC earned the **Community Service Award** in the Cash Back Program, which is **\$1000 in free advertising on Y-Country Radio, 97.5FM**. Thank you to the families that submitted receipts—when you hear LMC mentioned on the air, it will be due to your efforts!

For the 2006-07 school year, the mall has discontinued the Cash Back for Schools program, so receipts will no longer be needed. Receipts that have been sent to the school in the last few weeks will be returned. Direct any questions to **Sharon Graeber, 428-2810**.

In the course of the Cash Back Program, LMC has earned over \$10,000, which has been used to purchase additional classroom and gym materials, and make improvements to the playground. **Thank you to all who participated on behalf of our school.** *Sharon Graeber*, Chairman, Cash Back for Schools

General Mills Box Tops for Education

To kick-off the new school year, General Mills is offering a bonus opportunity for new on-line registrants to the Box Tops program, which earns cash for every General Mills box top submitted. At www.boxtops4education.com/super, complete a simple sign-up, designating LMCES as the recipient school. The sign-up is followed by an optional customer preference survey. Share that website with friends and family members who would like to support LMC Schools in an easy way.

Corporate Donation Programs: They DO Have an Impact

Signing up for a store's incentive program, cutting out a UPC symbol or sending a receipt to school may seem inconsequential but the combined efforts of a few hundred families is significant. With the points and vouchers accumulated through the Martin's Points, Campbell's Labels, and General Mills box tops, purchases are made that help extend the budgets of particular departments. This summer's purchases included:

- 1 VCR/DVD player/recorder for instruction
- MAC Super Batting Tee for P.E. classes
- New GeoShapes and timers for various Science and Math applications
- 3 boomboxes with remote controls for use with classroom reading programs
- Non-fiction books for the Library: Great Scientists, 20th Century Women Scientists, The Big Dinosaur Dig, Secrets of the Deep and Gemstones of the World

Campbell's Labels for Education: Now Even Easier!

The Campbell's program has been reworked to make it more convenient for families and schools. On most products, **simply cut out the UPC symbol** and send only that to school. On products with plastic or glass containers, such as V8 juices or Prego sauces, send the lids. Don't forget that Pepperidge Farm, Franco-American and Market Day UPC symbols are part of the Campbell's Labels for Education program. Another improvement is that 5 points are awarded for the premium items like the Chunky and Select varieties.



High School Girls' Softball: A Bit of Pre-Season Planning from Coach

The Cubs and Sox are looking forward to spring and so is Girls' Softball **Coach Joe Herzog**. Any LMCHS girls who are interested in playing softball this spring should contact Coach Herzog if they have not done so already. A contact list is established to aid team management and to offer conditioning opportunities. Parents or students may send an e-mail to jherzog@lmclakers.com or leave a message at his home number at **925-3617**.

Net Gains: Laker Varsity Soccer

The LMC Boys Varsity Soccer season is well underway and the team is off to a great start. With twelve games now played the team has posted a record of seven wins, four losses, and one tie. In Red Arrow conference play the team has compiled an impressive 3-0 record with wins tallied against New Buffalo, Covert, and Michigan Lutheran. **Shane B.** and **Scott K.** are the leading scorers on a well-balanced team that has seen every player either having scored a goal or earned an assist. **Eric H., Sam M.** and **Ben S.** anchor a strong LMC defense that has not allowed a goal in five of the twelve games. **Chase Y.** is having another outstanding season as goalkeeper.

The team is just approaching the midway point of their schedule and the best is yet to come. The team's next two home games are **Tuesday, October 3rd against Michigan Lutheran** and **Thursday, October 5th against New Buffalo**. Come on out to Laker Field, located just across the street from St. Bernard's church, and enjoy some of the finest high-school soccer in the area. There have been many improvements to the field...there is no admission charge...and you can usually get a front-row seat. So bring your lawn chair and your Laker spirit and join us for some great Fall soccer!

New on the Scene: LMC Middle School Boys Soccer

For the first time ever, LMC is fielding a MS Boys soccer team which plays in the Southwest Michigan Middle School Soccer league. Competing against teams from Berrien and Van Buren counties, the league is in its second year. There are 18 boys from the 6th-8th grades on the Laker team this year, and by the end of the season they will all have lots of experience and gained valuable playing time.

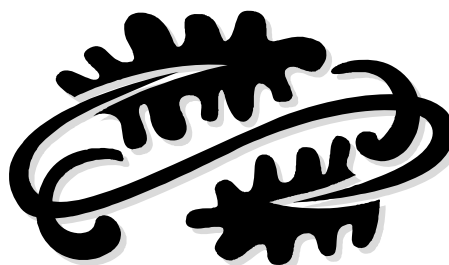
The LMCMS boys play a 12-game schedule, with all of our remaining home games to be played at the Rocky Weed-Lakeshore Soccer Fields located at Cleveland Avenue and Rocky Weed Road. Currently the boys are 0-2-1 and fresh off a very exciting game where we tied Michigan Lutheran after being down by 3 goals in the second half!

Coached by **Mr. Sarno** and assisted by **Mr. Polaskey**, the boys are getting better each week. Come out and cheer them on sometime and see the excitement for yourself. The Athletic Office (**983-3154**) has a schedule of upcoming contests.

**Our thanks to
Navigator co-sponsors**

***The Armstrong Family
Kurt, Michele and Andrew***


**who wish everyone
a fantastic
2006-07 school year!**



Preschool with Mrs. Grundy & Mrs. Sherwood

Laker Preschool is off and running. We have three classes of wonderful, energetic youngsters ready to meet the world head on. Our 2-day class of three-year-old children is progressing well. These kids have learned to stand in line with the aid of a rope. Now they can understand what it means to stand behind the person in front of you. They participated in a successful fire drill with little or no mishap. What champs they are! We recently had the help of **Mr. DeVoir**, Easton's dad, in the classroom. He helped us when we painted handprints.

The 3-day and 5-day classes of four-year old children also are adjusting well. New friends have been made and routines have been established. We are getting to know and trust one another. We recently went to the Butterfly House in St. Joseph for a field trip. For many, it was the first time on a bus. What fun it was to see our friend **Mrs. Schmuhl** there to help us learn about butterflies and their life cycles. Many thanks to all the parents who helped us that day. It was great fun.



Twin-City Area Catholic School Fund

This year, through the generosity of you and donors like you, the Twin-City Area Catholic School Fund was able to provide scholarships to 142 students from 76 different families. This represents nearly 27% of the student population of Lake Michigan Catholic Schools. Thanks to you, these fine young people have the opportunity to learn and grow in our caring Catholic community.

Junior Kindergarten with Mrs. Fields

Four girls and five boys spend their afternoons learning all the things that will make them successful in Kindergarten and beyond. Activities that foster gross and fine motor skills are integrated into academic subjects as a means of addressing learning from as many perspectives as possible.

As Junior Kindergartners, the students are already participating in Specials, enjoying P.E. with Mr. Cleveland, Music with Mrs. Gallagher, Library with Mrs. Mathews, and new this year, Computers, also with Mrs. Mathews, which will start in October. Each of the Specials also has a complementing effect on classroom learning—coordination, rhythm, responsibility, following multi-step directions, and listening skills are enhanced, which is certainly beneficial in the classroom.

Kindergarten with Mrs. Kuehn & Mrs. Mills

Kindergarten is off to a wonderful start! We have been reviewing our colors by making exciting art projects such as a blue peacock and a brown bear puppet. **Señora Beller** has started Spanish with the students and we have learned our numbers and colors—many of those words were familiar and the Kindergartners are ready for more! Whatever language Kindergarten studies, we have to master the recognition, sounds, and formation of the alphabet. We are beginning our alphabet adventure starting with the letter “Cc.” Each week we get a chance to eat a snack starting with featured letter.

The changing season provides a basis for both Science and Literature as we are keeping an eye on the weather, studying all of the different types there are. The students are also learning the different cloud types to help us with weather forecasting. While the trees are changing, we will be studying the different types of leaves and the many varieties of trees that produce those different leaves. Our first author study will be Eric Carle. His painted collages and stories make nature studies so exciting that he will provide all kinds of inspiration. Keep an eye open for many cool projects as well as our first field trip to **Jollay Orchards on October 26th**.

1st Grade with Mrs. Petsovich & Mrs. Faris

The 1st Graders are off to first-rate beginning! The children are doing a terrific job adapting to 1st Grade policies and procedures. We are all working on our yearlong theme of doing just what Jesus would like us to do by being caring and compassionate to others.

Welcome to our new students, **Kristen V., Jeremy O., Max B., Payton F., Abby S., Adeline P., Nick M., and triplets, Yana, Ally, and Zach S.**, who join our Laker family for a wonderful year of following Jesus.

The students and teachers appreciate and look forward to another year of Wednesday Masses, Religion class, Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, and all of our Specials, especially our new subject of Spanish with **Señora Beller**. Within these first weeks, the 1st Graders have already studied some of the beautiful artwork in the hallways as part of our first unit study of the year. We appreciated the works of Van Gogh, Pollock, and Seurat, and compared their techniques. These three were known for using a lot of paint but the results could not be more different!

We'll soon be heading out on the first field trip of the year to Stover's Farm. What a great beginning to a year that promises a lot of "firsts!"

2nd Grade with Mrs. Hanley & Mr. Deja

We are "rocking and rolling" into 2nd Grade. The students started off the year with a science unit studying the Earth. We are learning about volcanoes and rocks, and are looking forward to collecting some sample rocks at Lions Park Beach. We will bring them back to school for our own sorting and classifying lesson. It's great learning to be a junior scientist.



We have all fallen into a daily routine and have already started brushing up on our math facts. Hopefully, with the assistance of parents who run Math Center on Thursday mornings, we will be breezing through our weekly quizzes. Also, we have started our book-in-a-bag homework program and are very excited about all the choices of books that will be available to us.

Finally, the 2nd Graders are excited about all the new challenges that they will be facing this year. The one thing that will be easy for them is getting to know and becoming friends with our new classmates. We would like to welcome **Joe H.** to Mr. Deja's class, and **Fred P.** and **Mia S.** in Mrs. Hanley's room. We look forward to learning about each other as the weeks go by.

3rd Grade with Mrs. Bodley & Mrs. Bruder

Welcome Back! The school year is well underway, and we have been busy in the 3rd Grade. We already accomplished our first project this year: **ALL ABOUT ME**. If you have a moment, take a look at the posters outside our classrooms. The project was also a good way to get to know our new 3rd Grader, **Issy S.**

The students are learning a lot of new things, and one of the most important is *responsibility*, a personal skill that affects every subject! Please remember to help your 3rd Grader develop this much-needed skill by checking their Student Planner and Homework Folder daily. In Science, we are learning all about apples. **Miss O** visited and taught us about Johnny Appleseed. In Social Studies, we are learning the importance of maps and how to read them. *Book It* begins October 1st. Please encourage your child to read a variety of materials. All 3rd Graders are required to read 120 minutes each week, either individually or with a parent.

Please join us on our special days when we plan and celebrate Mass on Wednesdays throughout the year. Mrs. Bodley's class will plan a mass on October 4th and Mrs. Bruder's class will plan a mass on October 11th. These are wonderful opportunities for students to exercise their growing responsibilities as members of their Catholic Church.

**4th Grade with Mrs. Zetts & Mrs. Binger
and News Team 4 Reporters:
Taylor M., Ana M. & Nicole V.**

We are all a little “buggy” in Fourth Grade. To learn the scientific method we experimented with mealworms. With the FLEXCAM, we observed their behavior. What have we seen so far? **Andrew B.** notes his mealworm, Curves, can swim but can’t climb. Chumpers, the pet of **Ana M.**, is a bit chubby and likes to hide. **Patrick C.’s**, Wiggles, wiggles when he is scared. Crawlers, **Sarah S.’s** mealworm, likes crawling on her hand. Working with mealworms was fun!

LMC’s 4th Grade has been blessed with five new students, **Daven B., Dominic M., Ellen P., Sarah V., and Riley V.** **Daven** is from Brampton, Canada and attended Conestoga Public School last year. His favorite subject is math. He likes to watch TV and would like to be on LMC’S football team someday. **Dominic** comes to us from Corpus Christi School in Chambersburg, PA. He boasts the best thing about LMC are the teachers. **Dominic** would love to travel the world; therefore, he really enjoys social studies class. **Ellen** lived in Clyde, Ohio, where she attended St. Mary’s, before moving to St. Joseph. **Ellen** enjoys English and Art and has joined the 4th Grade Girl Scout troop. **Sarah and Riley** live in New Buffalo and were students at St. Mary’s of the Lake last year. Math is Sarah’s favorite subject. When not doing schoolwork, she enjoys being a member of the Girl Scouts and loves to sleep. **Riley** loves math, too! He is a Boy Scout, likes to play video games and thinks the best thing about LMC is all the great friends he has made. We are very happy to have five new 4th Grade friends and welcome them into the Laker family so they can make our “Laker roar” even louder.

Trails End Popcorn

It's POPCORN TIME again! Our Pack sells popcorn as its only fund-raiser for the school year. We're ready to hit the ground popping, so watch for your favorite Scout to get your popcorn this year—there are products to suit everyone's tastes. Be a part of supporting Scouting programs that provide valuable hands-on learning that will last a lifetime.

5th Grade with Mrs. Kurina & Mrs. Fish

Welcome to a new year! We’re off to a fabulous start with many new members added to our Laker family. Here is the scoop . . .

Mollie O. is a new student in the 5th Grade. She came from Coloma Schools, and lives in Hagar Shores. She has an older brother named Ryan. Mollie’s aunt is Mrs. Kurina. Mollie is really friendly.
By Emily and friends

Zach R. is new to our 5th Grade and comes from St. John’s in Newburgh, Indiana. He lives in St. Joseph and has no siblings. He likes playing football on the playground and he is a good quarterback.
By Kyle and friends

Mrs. Beller is the best Spanish teacher ever. She has a husband and seventeen nieces and nephews. She lives in St. Joseph. At LMC, she likes the students the most.
By Corry and friends

Mrs. Kurina, the new fifth grade teacher, has a husband named Jim. She has a ninth grade daughter, Megan, and an eleventh grade son, Michael. Her dog’s name is Lucky, and her cat’s name is Nala. She taught six years at Sacred Heart School in Sioux City, Iowa. She likes teaching at LMC because she can talk about God anytime in any subject. She is a very good teacher.
By Mollie and friends

Mrs. Mills is the new Kindergarten teacher. She lives with her husband and two children, Chloe and Bradley, in Benton Harbor. Mrs. Mills likes being able to celebrate our faith in such a family-oriented setting, and giving back to the school where she attended and she grew up. *By Katherine and friends*

Mrs. Gatchell is our new kitchen helper. She and her husband have two children ages twenty-seven and twenty-five. She lives in St. Joseph. Mrs. Gatchell helps with our lunch. What would we do without her?
By Mrs. Fish and friends

Mrs. Copi is the new Mrs. Visin. She has four children in fourth, eighth, tenth, and eleventh grade. She lives in St. Joseph and makes delicious food. She likes our school because we give personal attention to each student. We hope Mrs. Copi has a good time in the lunchroom.
By Rachael and friends

Art with Mrs. Dudding

Some very impressive works of art came out of the Art room this summer after the elementary students warmed up their skills during the “Earth, Wood and Water” Art Camp, conducted by Mrs. Dudding. Thirteen students in Grades 3-6 enjoyed stamping a rubber fish on a t-shirt, molding a seagull with plaster, weaving a basket, and using river rock for a mosaic flower pot. Since one of the evenings was the same day as the ice cream social, several visitors inquired about our camp. Watch for details at the end of the school year, or ask Mrs. Dudding.

High school art students, **Ashley R.**, **Teresa D.** and **Shane B.** helped Mrs. Dudding “Chalk the Block” for the St. Joseph Today promotion on the bluff. Since *The Toy Company* sponsored our block, and they were celebrating 20 years of business in St. Joseph, we created a giant birthday cake in the style of ‘80’s artist Helen Beck. These three artists worked diligently in the hot sun, with fresh lemonade as a bribe, to complete a fun and colorful tribute. Though the chalk creations are long gone, don’t forget to take advantage of the year-round offerings in the arts throughout Berrien County—wherever you look, you will see that this is an arts-rich community.

Technology with Mrs. Barden

Updating the technology infrastructure at the Elementary and Middle/High schools was the focus of the technology team this summer. A new file server was installed at the MS/HS, and our outdated Novell network was replaced with the most current Microsoft server software. In addition to the yearly task of updating and “cleaning up” the software on each computer, every computer in the building was reconfigured to access the new server. A new web-based e-mail system was put into place, which includes the elementary teachers, and allows teachers and staff to access their e-mail from any Internet-connected computer—these are major improvements over our old mail system. Work on replacing and updating the file server at the Elementary school began in the last week of September, and the initial work has already resulted in far faster Internet service. A HUGE thank you goes to **Mr. Larry Glendening** and **Mr. Joe Herzog** for the countless hours and late nights they dedicated to this project!

Library with Mrs. Mathews

Fortunately not a sun-lover, Mrs. Mathews spent many of the summer days and nights processing over 500 new books for the LMCES Library and doing other projects that are not practical to do when students need to use the Library. The busy school days will be much more pleasant and the workload more manageable with the welcome return of volunteers **Martha Schueneman** and **Lee Ann Russell**.

Letters from the librarians at the Lincoln Township and St. Joseph-Maud Preston Palenske libraries indicated that Lakers boosted local book circulation by participating in summer reading programs. With all of the competing summer activities, making time to read can take a lot of effort. Congratulations go to the following students on the completion of all the program requirements.

Lincoln Township Public Library:

Andrew A.
Jaclyn B.
Rebecca B.
Jackie C.
Kristen D.
Sarah D.
Lauren H.
Abigail .
Henry L.
Will L.

Sarah M.
Will M.
Megan P.
Alice R.
Jessica R.
Hannah S.
Hayden S..
Lizzie S.
Sherwin T.
Megan Y.

St. Joseph-Maud Preston Palenske Library:

Jesse E.
Sami E.
Sarah E.
Megan F.
Nathan G.
Wilkin L.

Anne Marie N.
Christine N.
Katherine N.
Mary Ellen N.
Hannah S.
Hayden S.



After-School Care News with Mrs. Zilke

Staff and students have been busy learning all the new faces and names at Afterschool Care. **Mrs. Linda Dolezan**, Jenna's mom, and **Mrs. Mary Lynn Kormanik**, Gardner's mom, have joined us as new helpers this year. We are also very blessed to have LMC senior **Darcy D.** lending a hand most of the week as well. After a summer off, the After-School kids have been learning the rules and settling into homework routines. We will once again be taking a "trip" around the world to learn about a new country every month. We kicked off our whirlwind tour in the USA with a ice cream party and decorating stars for our hallway flag. Our month will end with a visit from our good friend **Mrs. Lia Hartline**, who will bring some furry visitors for Pet Week.

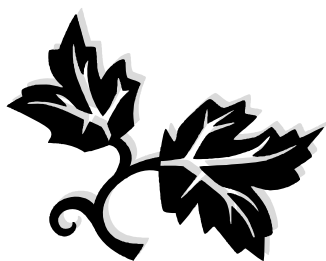
In the Market for a Flute?

A well-maintained Pearl brand flute, perfect for the progressing student, is available for sale. Contact the **Masons at 983-4934** for further information.

- Open hole, B foot, sterling silver emboucher
- Price: \$300
- **BONUS:** Flute comes with *magical Becca Mason musical mojo* for guaranteed performance.

Empty Cartridges & Old Cell Phones Needed

Through the end of October, the Middle School science students are collecting empty printer cartridges and old cell phones to earn funds to adopt gorilla families, and to aid a Catholic mission in Africa where a friend of our Art instructor, **Sr. Kathleen Smith**, serves. Laker moms **Heidi Colter** and **Helen Marzke** are handling the sorting and boxing of the cartridges. Please send the cartridges, sealed in plastic bags, and old cell phones to the **Middle School, Attn: Mrs. Grove**.



Middle School Christian Service

Christian Service is a component of the Theology grade and ideally a natural part of the students' lives. The new school year had barely begun when the Middle School students were asked to volunteer for Whirlpool's World Fair Day at the Mendel Center. Students in the 7th and 8th Grades helped all day and earned Christian Service hours. Among the volunteers were **Brooke W., Jessica C., Sarah B., Madi S., Annie M., Frank M., Shane G.** and **Kelsey A.** in 7th Grade, and **Andrew P., Rory C., Meghan K., Makenzie O., Kate C., Hannah J., Chad R., Kane M.** and **Christa M.** in the 8th Grade.

Service projects often have parallel lessons. At the Whirlpool World Fair Day, the students noticed how much organization and planning was required to set up, staff, and conduct such a large event. Throughout the day, it was hard to miss seeing the level of stamina and mental quickness the volunteers, both adults and students, needed to provide a high degree of customer service. In addition to forming character, Christian Service offers real world experience that will bear an impact on the students as they grow older and find themselves drawing upon what they have observed.

Attention: Middle/High School Parents Breakfast Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for this year's monthly teacher/staff breakfasts. These meals are an opportunity for faculty and staff to enjoy informal, collegial time together without the interruption of students or agenda items. They are also the perfect volunteer activity for busy parents: No need to be present at the breakfast (although extra hands and smiles are always welcome). You are asked only to choose your contribution to the menu and arrange a hand-off. "No-cook" items available! Check out the sign-up sheet at **lmclakers.com** for additional information or contact **Dede Landeck Mason, 983-4934, landeckd@sbcglobal.net**.

Scouting Around at LMCES

1st Grade Brownies: The new troop has formed under the leadership of **Jan Sullivan (428-0685)** and **Cindy Adent (428-5276)**. Watch those backpacks for information, girls!

2nd Grade Brownie Troop #542: A special thanks goes to all of the Troop members and their parents who attended the Kick-Off meeting on September 21st. While the adults were discussing details, the girls dove right in and began their first Try-It of the year—*Her Story*. We look forward to our first official meeting Monday, October 2nd! Thinking back on last year, thanks are due **Mrs. Sharon Graeber** for acting as co-leader when the girls were in 1st Grade and always supporting **Mrs. Starr** in her first year as a Troop co-leader.

3rd Grade Brownie Troop #555: Our 20 Brownies are off to a great start! As we being our final year of Brownies, we have a lot of fun activities planned for the year! We started our year with a meeting filled with camp songs and games—a Brownie favorite. The Junior Girl Scouts joined us, introduced themselves and sang and taught us a song! The LMC Juniors will be helping the 3rd Graders prepare for our big “Flying Up” ceremony at the end of the year when *we become Juniors!*

In the first couple months, the girls will have an overnight camping trip in October, visit the Butterfly House, paint and glaze a personalized pumpkin at 'Gotta Go Pottery'. We will also be working on a school community service project! All the Brownie parent input is appreciated and already contributed the a year that is bound to be the best yet!

Junior Troop #558: Our Troop is bursting with girls, energy and enthusiasm! Junior Troop #574 has merged with us and so we have close to 30 girls from the 4th, 5th and 6th grades. We are excited for a fabulous year with the first big event being a trip to Camp Soni Springs for our Camporee where we will help the 3rd Grade Brownies get used to camping. Before the year got underway, we had a swim party where we also planned our calendar. With so many girls, we really appreciate our leaders and the great parents who signed up to help.

2nd Grade Wolves: The Wolf Den has a new team at the helm. **Patrick Clarke (428-5079)** and **Gil Gaska (428-1461)** will guide the boys through a year of earning belt loops, arrow points and more.

3rd Grade Bears: The boys had their first meeting and were already tied up in knots. While playing several team-building games, the boys had to figure out how to untie the knot in which they had become entangled and then line up according to height. Sounds easy—except the boys did it with their eyes closed! **Ryan S.** seemed to remember the sizes of everyone in the group and helped lead the Bears to a successful conclusion of this game. The boys also prepared a skit for the Pack meeting and practiced the opening ceremony, which they led.

4th Grade Webelos I: Our Bears became Webelos over the summer, and are excited about this transitional rank as they move beyond Cub Scouts and prepare for Boy Scouts. This past July, six of the Webelos had a great time at Summer Camp, where they got a jumpstart on their requirements. **Andrew B., Greg B., Andrew D., Nathan G., Joe J.** and **Joe P.** each earned their Aquanaut Badge. Andrew D. and **Will L.** also attended a Scout Day Camp, where more fun was had under a CSI/Investigators theme. From both outings, Andrew B., Greg, Joe J., Will and Joe P. each earned their BB Gun and Archery belt loops. Congratulations to all our Webelos and welcome back for the new year! It is not too late to join us! Any 4th Grade boy who would like to learn more about Scouting can give **Mr. Duris (463-3542)** or **Mr. Agay (982-2805)** a call—we'd love to have you as part of the Pack!

Cub Scout Pack #624: After a great summer of camping and Scouting fun our Cub Pack, Pack 624, is looking forward to another exciting year of Scouting here at LMCES starting with a welcome to all our returning Scouts and an invitation to boys who would like to join us. There is a den for every grade level with the entire Pack meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at LMCES. Refer all Boy Scouting questions to **Milt Agay, 208-4386** or at abe49085@sbcglobal.net.