



Be part of the fun at the LMS Spring Gala & Auction

We look forward to seeing old friends and new at our “Masterpieces in the Making” Annual Spring Gala & Auction, Sunday, April 22, at 4 p.m.

We return to the lovely Stillwater Place at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo this year. Located across from the Wildlife Carousel, Stillwater Place has a lovely view of Waterfowl Lake. We are happy to have found an event space in our neighborhood—the Zoo is about a mile from our Main Campus and

less than seven miles from the West Campus.

Tickets include Zoo admission on the day of the event. You are welcome to come make a day of it, touring the Zoo or Rainforest before coming to the Gala. Feel free to dress casually.

Come enjoy great auction items, a sit-down dinner and entertainment provided by some amazing LMS students.

Invitations will be mailed in early March. Hope to see you there.

Help make the Gala a success!

- Buy a ticket to the Gala and bring a friend: Tickets are \$50/per person (includes sit-down dinner, Zoo/Rainforest admission on the 22nd and auctions).
- Donate an auction item (i.e., jewelry, restaurant gift cards, vacation homes, sports tickets). Contact Peggy Sexton at 330.256.2242 or development@lmslancers.org if you can help us out!

LUTHER MEMORIAL FAMILY EXPANDS BY ONE



Mrs. Nicole Levy, LMS Executive Director, and her husband, Josh, welcomed their first child, Sylvia Rae, on the afternoon of Feb. 6. Needless to say, Mrs. Levy’s “children” back at LMS are anxious to meet the baby. Sylvia, along with several students, will be baptized by Pastor Stephen Shrum of St. Mark’s, during a school chapel service in late February.

Familiar face fills in as principal at Main Campus

Mr. Joe King, long-time Lutheran educator at Lutheran West in Rocky River, will substitute for Mrs. Levy as principal at the Main Campus during her maternity leave. Mr. King is no stranger to the Luther Memorial halls, having served as a short and long-term substitute here since his retirement from West six years ago. Mr. King primarily taught English during his 42 years at Lutheran West. A number of current LMS teachers were Mr. King’s students, as well as some LMS students’ parents.



Mr. Joe King with some LMS students on the first day of his tenure as substitute principal

“It is a tremendous blessing to be in an elementary school and work with such a great staff,” says Mr. King. “I’m looking forward to being a support to the staff here and helping in any way I can.”

2018 FUND-A-NEED:

Camping trips offer up-close look at nature and a break from technology

uther Memorial has plans to take learning on the road next school year with your help.

Our 2018 Fund-A-Need will fund an overnight camp for 5th and 6th graders in the fall of 2018 and camp for 7th and 8th graders in the spring of 2019.

The trips will be a chance for students to gain a deeper appreciation for God's creation and an opportunity to practice leadership and teamwork skills outside the classroom.

"We have been thrilled with our donor's response to our Fund-A-Needs since we started them three years ago," says Mrs. Levy. "I'm especially excited about camping plans for next school year. Broadening our students' educational experience and giving them hands-on opportunities is critical to their social growth and perspective."

Students must "earn" the privilege to travel by demonstrating strong character and responsibility in and out of the classroom. Those students who qualify for camp will be responsible for raising some of the trip cost themselves through a class project, like a bake sale or car wash.

Living in an urban setting many LMS students don't really have the chance to see deep forests or the night sky without light pollution, says Marty Beckman, principal at the West Campus. "A camping trip would also be an excellent reprieve from technology. Asking students what they do when they get home from school usually elicits a response involving screen time, whether its video games, tablets, or television. A few days away from that may do a lot to spark an interest in nature."



Not a lot of sleep, but loads of fun—middle school camp four years ago made possible by our first Fund-A-Need.

Gala attendees will have a chance to give to our 2018 Fund-A-Need at the event. Non-attendees may use the return envelope in this newsletter or the reply envelope with the Gala invitation. Last year's Fund-A-Need raised \$21,000 for new classroom furniture and renovation of the Main Campus office.



A new counter and refigured space in the Main Office makes student interaction with staff easier. The 2017 Fund-A-Need paid for these renovations.

Drama program makes after-school hours entertaining



A spirited group of students in 3rd grade through 8th grade are enjoying a first-ever after-school drama program this semester thanks to the generosity of donors to our 2017-18 Annual Fund.

Thirty students, triple the expected number, are having fun creating masks and puppets with the goal of performing for the school community on May 4.

Professional actors from Talespinner Children's Theatre in Cleveland had the group first draw their dream puppets and masks. "They're learning an entirely new skill set," says Katelyn Cornelius,

Talespinner's Director of Education and Outreach. "It's challenging for them, but I was so impressed to see how still and focused they were when we brought out the puppets and masks we've used in productions. They asked smart questions about how they were constructed and used."

The whole group will work together to write a play and then decide what characters will be portrayed with a mask, as a puppet or as a human actor. The puppets and masks will likely be made from recycled fabric and sticks and rods.



Mrs. Levy and students look through the new CPH Bible Storybooks for our 1st and 2nd graders recently purchased with funds provided by Faith Lutheran Church in Mentor. Besides classroom use, children will be able to take the books home to read with mom and dad. Thank you, Faith, for having a caring heart for our students.



Taking advantage of a building of different ages, teachers look for ways to engage the younger kids with the older ones. Here, eighth grader Chelsea reads with kindergartner Lorelei on the Main Campus

Long-time teacher joins LMS Board

Adam McElwain, a middle school history teacher in Medina, has joined the Luther Memorial School Board, bringing the board's number to nine. A member of Trinity Lutheran in Cleveland, Adam is eager to see a strengthening of the partnership between his congregation and LMS. Adam lives in Lakewood with his wife, Lisa, and their three young daughters.

Act Now On Thrivent Choice Dollars

Eligible Thrivent members have until March 31, 2018, to direct their 2017 Choice Dollars. Luther Memorial School is one of thousands of qualifying nonprofit organizations that benefit from the Thrivent Choice program. If you are a Thrivent member and have used Thrivent Choice to give to Luther Memorial – thank you! We greatly appreciate you taking the time to participate.

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Mrs. Nancy Jo Creutz, a veteran in the preschool classroom, has had many class pets during her career –fish, hamsters and hermit crabs, to name a few– but her newest pet, a bearded dragon, is a first.

Mrs. Creutz applied for a grant to cover the initial habitat costs. She admits she was a bit surprised to find out how many crickets a day bearded dragons eat (as many as 60) and how much

those crickets cost (6-10 cents each). Elliott will be a weekend guest with Mrs. Creutz, since he'll need to be fed and his cage misted daily.

On the day of his arrival, the kids jostled for room around the tank to watch Elliott climb on his rocks and net. Besides crickets, he can eat melon, apples, strawberries, and salad greens—a diet that keeps preschoolers healthy too!

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