

FOR YOUR CALENDAR-SAVE THE DATE

January

- **Jan 11** at 7pm: PTO Meeting
- **Jan 13** at 7pm: LILA Board Meeting
- **Jan 15** at 6 pm: KINDERGARTEN LOTTERY for the 2011-2012 kinder class
- **Jan 21:** Talent Show (time TBD)
- **Jan 17: No School MINNESOTA TWINS CARAVAN VISITS LILA!**
- Jan 24 at 7pm: LILA Foundation Meeting
- **Jan 24: No School**
- **Jan 25 at 7pm:** Southwest Jr High Parent Information Night

February

- **Feb 17** at 5pm: Trollhaugen Family Tubing Event
- **Feb 19** at 12pm: "Getting Cold for a Cause"
- **Feb 19** at 5pm: LILA Spirit Night Roller Skating Event @ Saints North in Maplewood
- **Feb 28** at 7: Lila Foundation Meeting

Would you like to become more knowledgeable about International Baccalaureate and PYP?

The International Baccalaureate has a webpage for parents! Also, for all you Facebookers, the IB has a fan page! So, if you are intrigued, log in and become more informed about our IB programme.

<http://www.ibo.org/informationfor/parents/>



Twins Caravan at LILA!

January 17, 2010 --School's Out.... but LILA will be full of energy!

The 2011 Twins Winter Caravan is stopping at LILA! So, Grab those homer hankies and come out and help the Twins kick off their new season!

The Twins Winter Caravan is one of the longest running and most extensive offseason team caravans in professional sports. It features teams of current and former players visiting schools, hospitals, corporations and service clubs during the day. Individuals included in the preliminary schedule are Twins players: Matt Capps, Brian Duensing and Sports broadcaster: Dick Bremer

Southwest Information Meetings

January 25—

Southwest Jr. High Parent info night **for LILA parents**— 7 pm, LILA library, for parents of 4th, 5th, and 6th grade LILA students, to learn about the immersion continuation program offered at SWJH

Jan 31—

Southwest Jr. High GENERAL parent info night for parents of 6th graders, held in the SWJH Cafeteria, to learn about the transition to Junior High.

Current Needs for Language Ambassador Host Families

More ambassadors are coming! More ambassadors are coming!

You have probably either met or have heard your kids talk about the language ambassadors we currently have working at LILA. Luis, Patricia, John and Nayibe have been wonderful assets in our classrooms this year!

Now, pending visa approval, we are ready to welcome the next three language ambassadors this month.

Angela Rocio Rodriguez is a 34-year-old native of Colombia. She has worked as an English teacher and a Spanish language and literature teacher in her home country. Her goal here at LILA is to communicate her knowledge with her passion for teaching in order to impact and influence each student positively in life.

Liliana Maria Labrador Morales is a 30-year-old young lady also from Colombia. She has taught Spanish, English and French both in Colombia and in Paris, France. She is ready for a new and exciting experience.

Deisy Esperanza Cañon Lovera is a 24-year-old language teacher. She has experience teaching English and French. She loves literature and therefore loves reading. She is a dynamic inquirer and risk taker. Deisy loves working with children and always looks for new methods and strategies to permit students to acquire more knowledge.

We are in desperate need of host families for these three ladies from Colombia.

Please contact me, Sue Hervig, at shervig@lakesinternational.org if you have questions, would like to be put in contact with a current host family to ask questions about the experience, or would like to host one of our incoming language ambassadors either temporarily (a few weeks) or longer.

Short Term Hosting Opportunity

We have a special situation that would be ideal for someone who would like to get a little taste of what it would be like to host an ambassador, but are not quite ready for a long-term commitment.

Patricia, one of our current language ambassadors, will be teaching some community education classes at the Chisago Community Center on Thursdays from February 3rd to February 24th (four Thursdays). She starts her first class, Spanish I, at 5:45pm followed by Spanish II and French I ending at 10:00pm.

We are hoping to find a family that would be willing to pick her up after school at LILA on Thursdays, enjoy her company for the day and bring her back to school on Friday morning. She is very personable and would be gracious to meet your family and share her culture and language with you.

Contact Sue Hervig at shervig@lakesinternational.org if you are able to host Patricia for those four days or if you have any questions.



School Board Information

The Lakes International Community is currently seeking interested candidates for positions on the School Board. The term of office will be for two years, from July 2011-July 2013. There will be opening for three teachers, two parents, and one community member.

In accordance with Lakes International by-laws, licensed LILA teachers are eligible to run for the board if they have taught at LILA for one full year prior to elections. Parents are eligible to run if they have had a child attending LILA for one full year prior to elections. The LILA board will also include a "community member" who is not employed by the school and does not have a child attending the school, in accordance with Minnesota statute, passed in 2009.

Board elections logistics:

Board seats held by teachers and parents are two-year terms.

Board seat held by a community member is a one-year term.

A board member may run for a second two-year term.

No board member may be elected for more than two consecutive two-year terms.

Interested eligible individuals are kindly requested to apply no later than Friday, January 21, 2011 at 4 pm.

**Application packets are available at the following link-
<http://www.lakesinternational.org/board/elections.html>**

News from the PTO

Please Join Us!
PTO Meeting
Tuesday January 11th at 7pm
6:30-7pm
Open Forum with Frank
Gallegos
and the Kindergarten teachers
presenting during the meeting.

PTO PRESS--

In order to be good communicators, our PTO representatives will be updating the LILA website with the PTO Press. It contains important information regarding events and updates!

To preview the current edition, click below...
https://docs.google.com/a/lakesinternational.org/viewer?a=v&pid=explorer&chrome=true&srcid=0B9_ZnBLhi9Z7MzNIOWE4M2QtMmRlOC00GEyLThiZmItN2JjNWY0OWY2N2Y4&hl=en



LILA students celebrate Chinese New Year!
School Day Assembly-
Feb. 4

NOTE FROM THE CHINESE TEACHER:

Ni Hao, LILA parents,

Chinese new year is on Feb. 3rd this year. It is the year of Rabbit. Students in Grades 1-3 are celebrating it by telling stories, doing activities and projects about the Chinese New Year. They may have some homework of making a New Year booklet, a red lantern or fireworks for the New Year in the coming weeks. All students will help celebrate the New Year on Feb. 4 during a school-wide assembly.

Happy New Year! (Xin Nian Hao!)
Li Laoshi

****To prepare for the Chinese assembly, we will be making lions for a lion dance. We need donations of shoeboxes to make the lion heads. If you have any shoeboxes at home, please bring them to LILA and put in LiNa's classroom.**

Take Charge of Education

Did you know there is an easy way to help LILA raise money for our school? It is called Take Charge of Education, and it is helping our school right now. Thank you for participating in this program!

Here is how it works: Visit <http://www.target.com/tcoe> or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school, then use your REDcard whenever you shop. When you use your REDcard, Target will donate up to 1% of your purchases to our school.

Don't have a REDcard? It is easy to apply. Get started in person at any Target store or go to Target.com/redcard. Grandparents, alumni, friends and neighbors are all welcome to participate in the program. If you are already participating, thank you!



The Minnesota Orchestra's popular family concerts are FREE, thanks to generous support from Target. These concerts feature the Minnesota Orchestra performing the world's finest music and child-friendly guests presenting programs sure to delight—as well as teach. Free tickets are distributed through a random drawing. The drawing registration period for Spring 2011 concerts closes on **Friday, January 21.**

Register to win-

<https://www.minnesotaorchestra.org/target/enter.cfm?>

2010-11 Target Free Family Concerts
with the Minnesota Orchestra

Water Music
SUN MAR 27, 2011
2PM & 4PM

American Riffs
SUN MAY 8, 2011
2PM & 4PM