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Teachers Strike Ends

LMSA students have mixed reaction to the seven-day shutdown

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Staff Reporter

As Chicago Public School students left school on Friday, September 7, the big question on most of their minds was, "Will there be school Monday?"

They found out Sunday night that the teachers had gone on strike for the first time in 25 years. There would be no school for the next seven days.

Students were either in support of the strike and in support of their teachers or, they felt the strike was unnecessary.

Teachers were often portrayed in the media as striking for issues that only dealt with getting paid, but teachers were also striking on issues that benefited their students as well. Teachers wanted better conditions for the classrooms.

When students were asked how they felt about the teachers strike, there were two common answers; some felt like Sophomore Nija Bradford: "I agree with the teachers strike; I believe you have the right to stand up for what you believe in. I believe most of the teachers were standing up for their students and I respect that".

Others felt like Senior Joshua

Short. He said, "I was very optimistic of the strike. At first I loved the idea of striking. However this changed after one week. I was glad to return to school I wish there wasn't a strike because it caused seniors to be behind, and sports were behind as well."

Even though Chicago Public Schools were on strike, that didn't mean that colleges were extending due dates for college applications. Seniors were affected the most by the strike because there were scholarships applications and college applications they needed help filling out.

Here is what some other Lindblom students had to say about the strike:

- Senior Julian Short said, "My first opinion of the strike was that they were selfish, and inconsiderate. Mainly because I didn't think they were thinking about the students. But as time passed I realized the strike was needed."

- Junior Javaris Simmons said, "The teachers strike was very necessary, and is justified by many facts. CPS was trying to cut a lot of things and CTU was trying to prevent that."

- Senior Daushay Campbell said, "The teachers strike was extremely necessary because the government has taken advantage of the union's



PHOTO BY MR. FITZ

LINDBLOM TEACHERS PICKET ON 63RD STREET DURING THE CTU TEACHERS STRIKE.

kindness. Teachers have been the most important factors in everyone's life and they should be awarded for that. The CTU was tired of getting overworked and underpaid, so they stood up for themselves with the support of the students."

- Junior Antwan Smith said, "Although the teacher strike was

beneficial to us for the first couple of days; as the strike went on it started to become detrimental to our education. Students started to lose valuable information learned only weeks ago."

- Senior Darvell Jones said, "The strike was necessary and impactful. In history we learn all about people

and groups of people who have stood up and fought for their rights, and teachers are individuals who deserve all rights they demand!"

The question now is "Was the strike worth it? Teachers did not get everything they wanted but does that mean the strike was all for nothing?"

School Year Starts Loudly

WGCI, Brizard among the guests on the first day

ALIYAH LEE

Staff Reporter

The first day of school was filled with excited and anxious faces. The school received a visit from the group Dollhouse, Pleasure P, WGCI's the Morning Riot, and the Board of Education CEO Jean-Claude Brizard.

The WGCI truck parked in front of the school with various local news stations and residents watching the activities from their porches. They also showed excitement for the first day of school at LMSA. Some students arrived at five o'clock with more to come before eight.

First to take the stage of Keeler Hall was the group Dollhouse. Their performance lasted for about 15 minutes, but little to no interest was shown. They received about ten claps from four to five people, one cheer, and one loud boo.

"Tony Sculfield with Leon Rogers took stage to 'pump up the crowd' in their silly banter," senior Joshua Short said. Both introduced Principal Mather, Brizard, and other CPS offi-

cial. Each spoke briefly on a full school day and year. They decided to stress that the day and year was "full" instead of "lengthened."

At 8:01, Brizard was seen by students and local news stations ringing the bell of the new school year. However, the ringing of the bell didn't end the fun. Students and staff

were surprised when singer Pleasure P took the stage.

He ended the morning activities and students were directed from Keeler Hall to their advisories, thus ending the morning of the first day.

The rest of the day was described as "busy" by many students and faculty members.



PHOTO BY MR. DUDEK

PRINCIPAL MATHER DANCES WITH WGCI HOST LEON RODGERS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

LMSA, Chicago St. work to give back

CHELSEA JAMES

Staff Reporter

Lindblom is teaming up with Chicago State University to help expand the aquaponics realm throughout this school year. The plan is to expand it so that others schools could have their own system also.

So what exactly is Aquaponics? It uses waste from fish to water plants. The plants then clean the water to help keep the fish living by removing nitrates (fish waste) from the water. In turn, the nitrates in the water serve as organic food for the plants.

Lindblom's AP Environmental Science teacher, Ms. Copper is head of the project. Copper states, "I want to tackle that corner store down the street." Believing that through the help of Chicago State, Lindblom can grow fresh produce and sell them to nearby corner stores.

Students taking Copper's AP Environmental seminar are the helpers for the aquaponics project. Lists of jobs have been derived for the students, such as, cooks, marketers,

journalist, and even gardeners.

So what will Lindblom get out of it? Creating a bridge between the community, and Lindblom is one of the school's main goal. By growing fresh produce through Aquaponics Lindblom can give back to the community and in return gain a profit. Lindblom also has the opportunity to gain recognition for aquaponics. LMSA will be the second school in Illinois to join the Chicago State University Aquaponics program.

To become involved with the upcoming project, contact Ms. Copper. Ms. Copper's room is always open. Her class is located on the third floor in room 326. She's currently looking for more volunteers.

Senior Jonathan Upshaw said "I think it is a new experience that would also look great on someones resume for college. It shows that you care about your environment."

Senior Niaira Marshall said "This is a great opportunity for us to build a relationship with the university and its members, and show that we care."



Colloquium!
Colloquium!
Colloquium!



Talon chooses
next president



Movie, TV and
game
reviews



Strong start to
football
season

SWOOP SCOOP

Boys' Basketball season approaching; try-outs in November

Boys' Varsity Basketball tryouts will be held on Wednesday, October 11 in the boys' gym.

Freshmen and Sophomore tryouts will be Thursday, November 1.

The fifth annual Maroon and Gold scrimmage will be Friday, November 2.

Cross Country has New Coach, New Goals

The boys' cross country team has a new coach, Mr. Brannigan. He's giving them a new training regime and it seems to be benefiting the team a lot. There are four team members who have potential to make it all the way to city and succeed. Senior Captain Cameron Hill believes that this will be a very successful year because of Mr. Brannigan's new coaching ethics and the potential of the team. The teacher's strike has heavily affected this team, but the team is practicing together once again. Before the strike, Mr. Brannigan left each team member a sheet of individual work outs to do during the strike so that they would be ready when school is back in session. Head coach Sgt. Lawson encourages everyone to come out and practice with the team, because it's a great experience and also a great workout to help keep students in shape.

- Jordyne Jackson

Picture Day: Mark Your Calendar

Picture day is November 21 for 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th & 12 grades.

Freshmen & Retake Pictures are scheduled for January 30, but be aware of a possible reschedule due to the changes in the CPS calendar. See the Lindblom website for any changes.

Revised 2012-2013 CPS School Calendar

Due to the teachers strike, CPS in collaboration with the CTU, have created a modified 2012-2013 Track E Calendar. The main changes will be that fall break will now be from October 22 to October 26. Also students and teachers will not have Columbus Day off.

Open House Saturday, November 3rd

High School Open House - 10:00am - 12:00pm
Academic Center (7th & 8th Grade Program) Open House - 1:00am - 3:00pm

Debate team looks toward another successful year

The topic that is going to be debated this season is whether the government should focus on infrastructures of the city such as transportation. Lindblom's 2012-2013 Debate team is returning with six varsity members and 10-15 new junior varsity members. Lindblom is in the second ranked conference in the city which consists of Jones Prep, Gwendolyn Brooks and other selective enrollment schools. Last year, and years before, Lindblom teacher, Mr. Silva was the debate coach but now the new debate coach is Mr. Peter Van, the economics teacher at Lindblom. Because the debate season has just started, the confidence of a winning season is too soon to tell. The first debate tournament will be in October.

- Brittni Pratt

Animal Awareness visits shelter

Lindblom's Animal Awareness club is off to a great start this year.

The club visited an animal shelter where they saw the living conditions of the animals. They plan to visit elementary schools later on in the school year, to teach students about animal awareness and how to treat animals.

Members of the animal awareness club have learned many things about animals. Marisela Angulo said that through her involvement in the club she has learned that pit bulls are misjudged because they don't attack, unless you give them a reason to attack.

"I've learned about the proper way to approach dogs and different animal resources such as places to treat animal cruelty, adopt, and low cost services for the animals," Raven Nash said. The members have also learned more about dog fighting and what is being done to stop it.

Indeed, this year will be a wonderful year for the Animal Awareness club.

Seems like only yesterday...



PHOTO BY JOURNALISM STAFF

SENIORS DOMINIQUE EASLEY, ANGLIQUE JOHNSON, SEBASTIAN DESPIAU, CAMERON HILL AND JORDYNE JACKSON STOP FOR A PICTURE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

Sudoku

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NUMBER YOU SHOULD KNOW:

7

Number of school days we will have to add to the calendar to make up for the teachers strike. Five of them will come from Fall Break. One will be Columbus Day. And the seventh will come at the end of the school year.

WORD YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Pleb

n. Refers to an uneducated individual. Usually used by stuck up, middle class, university student types to describe any other normal person.
Ex. "Good sir, I am too distinguished to be talking to these plebs"

www.Urbandictionary.com

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A FEW WORDS WITH MR.MATHER:

Talon: How do you feel about the new, longer school day? Do you think it will work?

Mr. Mather: "The longer school day is exactly what the faculty, parents, and students created it to be. We had four faculty meetings, two meetings with students, two meetings with parents, and another two meetings where we brought faculty, students and parents together. I think with what we said our values were and the constraints we were under, I think that it works."

Talon: What are you, as the principal, looking forward to the most this year?

Mr. Mather: "I like change and I get invigorated and excited by it so when we go through changes I like to think about what is next and what we can do differently and what we can do better. Just regularly looking at what we are doing and how we can refine it excites me. I am excited to have over 1,000 students for the first time, I am excited to see the growth in sport teams and excited to see the growth in the offerings that we have. We also have a lot of new staff and that is always exciting to see."

Talon: What type of values do you want your students to gain this year?

Mr. Mather: "One of the things we do really well is to give students a sense of what life beyond high school is like. The values of hard work and preparation, but at the same time I do not want this just to be preparation. High school is life itself too and people should be enjoying their time and learning the skills not just that will be valuable in high school but to build friendships and relationships that are going to last."

- Monica De Paz

QUOTES YOU SHOULD KNOW:

"I'm fairly certain YOLO is just Carpe Diem for stupid people."

Jack Black, actor

"Tips to reduce weight: First turn your head to the right, and then turn it to the left. Repeat the exercise every time you are offered something to eat."

blog.thoughtpick.com

"People change. Love hurts. Friends leave. Things go wrong. But just remember that life goes on."

thetweetwatch.com

"It is not a lack of love, but a lack of friendship that makes unhappy relationships."

twitter.com/damnitstrue

LMSA offers more colloquia than ever before

MIA SPIGHT
Staff Reporter

This school year LMSA offers new colloquium classes for students. Some of the new classes are Tai Chi, Girls Talk, Current Events, Science in Cinema, and Financial Development. These classes offer unique learning for our LMSA students.

Many students seem to like the new offerings.

Junior Darrell Harris said, "I think that the new colloquium classes are good for Lindblom students because it gives students a greater chance to explore different opportunities with the different classes being offered. But I also think the students should

have a chance to choose future colloquia that could benefit us in different ways."

However, some students think otherwise. Junior Nameshia Tetteh says, "The new colloquia are pointless. Study halls or homework sessions are better."

It is safe to say that people have different opinions on the new colloquium classes. Let's hope these classes are here to stay and that there are many more to come.

Here are just a few of the colloquium classes (some new, some old) offered at LMSA this year:

CURRENT EVENTS

DEVONYA SHELLEY
Staff Reporter

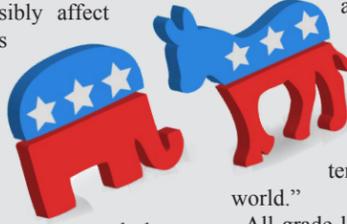
Current Events gets students in touch with what is going on in their community, country, outside of their country, and things that are or could possibly affect them. In this class, students debate about different topics pertaining to the world.

A recent debate topic was the presidential election between Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama. Students in this class also debated about President Barack Obama being elected president because he is

African American and if Hillary Clinton lost the election because she is a woman.

A student was asked why they think this class is important and replied, "This class is important because it gets you acquainted with events not only going on around you but going on in other places, too. This class gives you a better perspective about the world."

All grade levels are in this class. Current Events colloquium can be found in room 304 and is taught by Mr. Cappetta.



COMIC BOOK CLUB

ANNA MYNSK
Staff Reporter

Have you ever wished to create your own hero? Well the students in Comic Book Club will get the chance.

The Comic Book Club is a new colloquium class taught by Mr. Van.

He said, "This is the first year comic book club takes place at Lindblom. I believe, it is a good way for students to relax while developing their creative thinking."

Currently, they are reading *Superman*. Students usually use I-Pads to read comics instead of the traditional paper versions.

Students seem enthusiastic about the club. One participant said, "Usually we read comics and then watch movies on them. It's gripping because we can compare books to movies. And a little bit later we are going to create our own comics."



SERVICE IN ENGLEWOOD

KHIA ANDREWS
Staff Reporter

Service in Englewood is taught by Ms. Caneva. This colloquium deals with the community of Englewood and ways we can improve it.

Mrs. Caneva said that she wanted

of these activities include food and clothing drives, working with children, and memorial basketball games.

They are also going to try to work with Clara's House, a west Englewood organization that helps abused women and the homeless.

Another thing that the students wanted to do was to get other people to volunteer and get some commu-

nity service hours. Her students also talked about environmental activities such as helping clean up the community of Englewood.

Since this is a brand new class Ms. Caneva stated that there would be a lot of "trial and error," but it was all for a good cause. This new colloquium class is sure to have many people eager to join in the following years.

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CHINESE CLUB

SAVON CLARK
Staff Reporter

As a new year starts for Lindblom, one particular club looks to deepen its cultural connections with its language. The Chinese Club opens this school year with ideas for possible fund raising ideas and activities that can widen the amount of Chinese cultural exposure a Lindblom student can receive.



The Chinese Club engages in activities such as tutoring for Chinese students who need help, watching Chinese movies, and even playing Chinese games.

One of the main goals that the Chinese club has outlined for this year is to make an end-of-the-year cultural field trip to Chinatown.

One Lindblom student said that the purpose of the trip was to "Go to Chinatown to ... practice what we are learning."

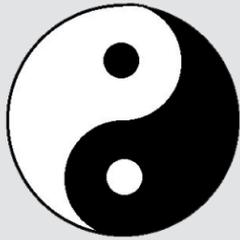
TAI CHI

JESSIKA LINDSEY
Staff Reporter

Tai Chi! Tai Chi! Tai Chi!

Yes, LMSA students and faculty, Tai Chi is here. There are currently two Tai Chi colloquia classes at Lindblom, one during U period and one during V period, taught by Tai Chi master Jim Nitti.

Tai Chi is one of the oldest forms of Chinese martial art; it can be traced back more than one thousand years.



This form of martial arts can be done everyday, by anyone and everyone.

One of Lindblom's newest teachers, Mr. Bass, was the one who brought Tai Chi to LMSA.

He believes that it helps with focus and balance; it gives you great energy, and helps you be calmer and stronger.

If there are any questions you have about the Tai Chi colloquia or Tai Chi in general, you can find Mr. Bass, the Tai Chi coordinator, in room 308.

ANIMAL AWARENESS

AMA SEFA-DAPAAH
Staff Reporter

Animal Awareness is off to a great start; they visited an animal shelter where they saw the living conditions of the animals. They also plan to visit elementary schools later on

in the school year to teach students about animal awareness and how animals should be treated.

Members of animal awareness have learned many things about animals.

Read more about this colloquium on page 2 in the Swoop Scoop column.

BUILDON

TIAJANIQUE BUTLER
Staff Reporter

BuildOn is a non-profit organization that allows students to interact with the community. It is not your typical after school program., BuildOn helps out different communities around the world by building schools, cleaning beaches, and helping in soup kitchens.

"It is a movement," senior Keeayla Jones says.

The program not only helps the community but also teaches the students in the program about the things going on around them and how things like pollution can affect the world. Not only is BuildOn helping the community around them, but it is also helping out other communities around the world. Last year, the group built a school in the small country of Nepal. The stu-

dents of BuildOn called the trip an experience they would never forget and said that the trip gave them a new outlook on life.

"Our mission is to improve the community and ourselves while we are improving the community" Junior Jamela Reyes says, "I try to recycle more. We talked about how long it takes for a bottle to decom-



pose and now I think more about what I do with my plastic bottles." The students in

BuildOn believe that the program helped them a lot with the way they view the world and how they act toward the things and problems going on around them.

Last year BuildOn was really successful with their mission to help out and improve students' knowledge on the world and they plan on doing the same this year. Students are really excited about the upcoming year with BuildOn and what it will bring.

OPINION: Is colloquium a good use of time?

KAYLA CLANCY
Staff Reporter

Is the new colloquium schedule benefiting students? This year, due to the extended school year, colloquium days also experienced some changes. Instead of starting at 9, the students now start at 10. There are new colloquium classes that have also been added: from a yearbook colloquium to a tai chi colloquium.

Colloquium has always been an "Amen" day for many students. It was a time for students to catch up on their studies. Oftentimes the colloquium day was filled with classes where the students could get help with homework.

Senior Jonathan Upshaw, says, "I like that it starts at ten because I get more sleep and the classes help us experience something new." Just like many others, the new start time

sits well with many students because they can sleep late and not worry about being tired at school.

On the flipside, some students disapprove of the new colloquium schedule. Junior Brianna Taylor says she "doesn't like the new schedule and would prefer to go back to the old schedule." The essential question to her statement would be, why?

Colloquium starts too late for some because the school gets out later on Wednesdays than last year Still, this special Wednesday has been a "free day" for many students.

Some of the new classes are boring compared to others. The new colloquium classes require the students to be hands on, which bothers them.

Colloquium could essentially be a good or bad thing. It could be good because it allows students to interact with their creative side.

Maybe that's something they have never done before. On the other hand,

it could be bad because the students would be reluctant to give their all because they are bored.

Either way it goes, colloquium benefits everyone since it is basically an extra day to get last minute assignments completed.



STUDENTS IN THE WRITING CENTER COLLOQUIUM WORK ON THEIR EDITING SKILLS.

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EDITORIALS

We need four more years of Barack Obama

Every four years Americans are asked to choose the man or woman they feel should be president of the United States. It is one of the great acts of democracy in this country, and should not be taken lightly.

This year, America can choose between the current president, Barack Obama (D-Ill.) and a former governor and CEO, Mitt Romney (R-Mass.)

The editorial staff of *The Talon* overwhelmingly endorses President Barack Obama for a second term in the White House.

When Obama took over for George W. Bush, he inherited the worst economic recession in 70 years. Unemployment was skyrocketing, banks were failing and houses were being foreclosed. Four years later, we see improvement in all of those categories. Republicans are quick to point out that the recovery has been slow, but they fail to mention that their party has blocked nearly every piece of legislation the Democrats have proposed to help the country. Even with all the challenges, Obama has succeeded in fixing the broken economy.

Besides the economy, Obama has been a champion of social causes during his four years. He has repealed the military's "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy that discriminated against homosexuals, he pushed for equal pay for women in their jobs, he came out in support of gay marriage, and he continues to support a

woman's right to choose to have an abortion.

In foreign affairs, Obama's crowning achievement is finding and killing Osama bin Laden. He has also overseen the end of Moammar Gadhafi in Libya, the beginning of democracy in countries like Egypt and Tunisia, and he also won a Nobel Peace Prize.

Obama has shown support for the Dream Act that would make it easier for millions of undocumented immigrants to gain legal status and eventually citizenship. He also promised to not deport anyone that was brought to this country as a child.

Finally, Obama seems to be the stronger candidate for students, particularly students headed to college. He has fought to lower student loans and to make it easier to even obtain one.

Mitt Romney won some support from our staff for his belief in a strong military. Despite his proposed cuts to important social programs, his support of a strong military will help keep our country safe in these dangerous times. He has promised to be aggressive with countries that cause trouble on the world stage and to keep our country safe from dangers both foreign and domestic.

The past four years have been tough. Luckily we've had a tough president to lead us through them. He's earned another four years as our leader.

Seniors looking forward to a great year!

MYLAUN GRIFFITH
Staff Reporter

This is going to be a great year for the senior class of 2013. It's just the beginning of the year and they are already out to a good start. Many seniors are saying that their goals are to stay focused on school work and retake the ACT, all while applying for college and scholarships.

Senior Amina Warfield said, "My goal is to raise my GPA and go to the college of my choice."

The seniors are very excited to graduate and enter the next level in the world, which is college. This school year is very different in terms of schedule and the dismissal time. Though this affects the school as a whole, it doesn't hit everyone else as hard as it hits the seniors and sports teams, according to Randi Townsend and Jordyne Jackson, captains of the pom pom team. These athletes said that by the time they get out of

school, go to practice, and get home they are tired ready to fall asleep with tons of homework. Many feel that the new schedule is okay, but not ideal for athletes.

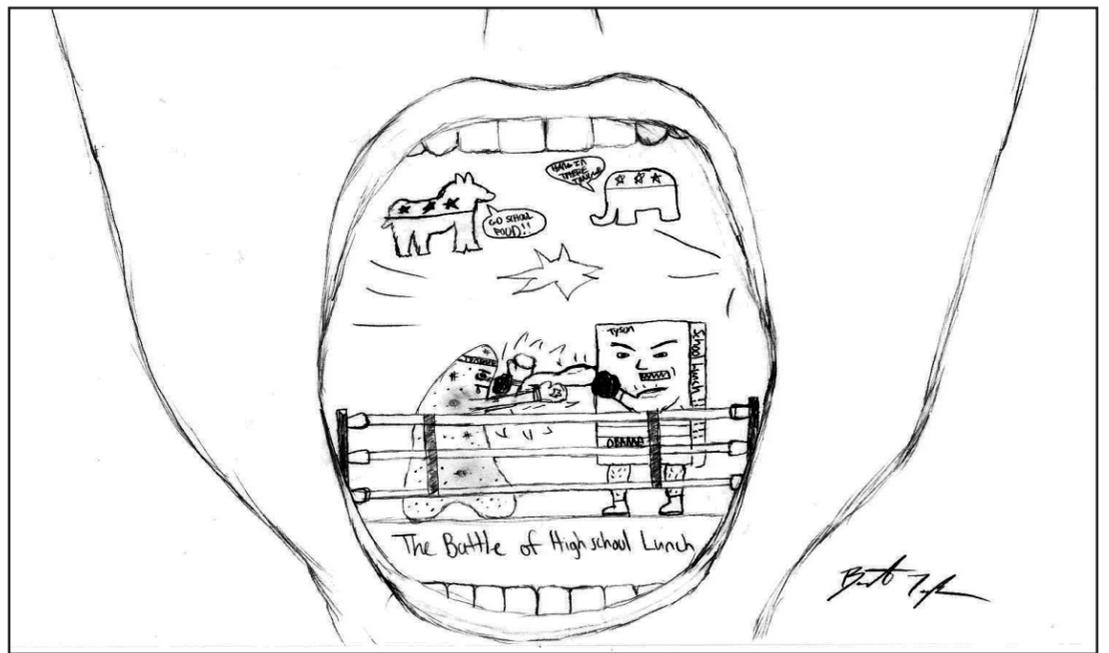
On the other hand, the class of 2013 has a senior class board seminar that meets once every week to discuss and prepare for prom, luncheon, fundraising, and possibly a class trip.

Senior Class President Breyanna Collier said, "This senior class board seminar makes getting everything done for the class of 2013 easier and more organized."

She feels as a class we are finally able to come together and work toward one goal. The senior class has now started the Innsbrook Fundraiser for a great prom with a goal of raising \$10,000. The class of 2013 has also brought the school's average ACT score above last year's class, according to Ms. Berdelle, who is the senior class sponsor.

THE WAY IT IS

BY BRENT TAYLOR



Time for the Eagle to die?

MR. POND

Former LMSA Teacher

My dear LMSA friends,

I am writing about an issue of vital importance to the Lindblom community. No, it has nothing to do with the longer school day, or teacher contract negotiations. It's time we talked about Lindblom's mascot.

By my unofficial (and by unofficial, I mean completely made up) count, there are 894 Chicago Public Schools with Eagles mascots. And come on, Eagles? Really? Even the great Ben Franklin called the eagle a "bird of bad moral character" (that was an official quote not one I made up...go look it up, I dare you!).

So what do I propose Lindblom change its mascot to? I'm so glad you asked. I have in mind the noblest of creatures; a mascot that represents Lindblom's collective athletic prowess, their great moral character, and bonds of friendship. I of course am referring to the West Indian Manatee (bet you never saw that coming).



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OUR NEW MASCOT?

Okay, now roll those eyes back into place and focus here, people – I'm going to make my case. First of all, how many teams are nicknamed the manatees in Chicago? One... just my one-man competitive chess team. Manatees are friendly and slow moving – and like most students (especially the ones in my class) they like to spend much of their day eating and resting.

Additionally, since manatees are an endangered species, they are a rare breed – just like Lindblom students.

I hope when I make my first visit back to Lindblom I will be able to read about the athletic prowess of Lindblom's "Mighty Manatees" in their freshly anointed newspaper *The Paddle Tail*.

Good college fair; needs more non-Midwest schools

JASON MATHUS

Staff Reporter

Many colleges attended this year's Lindblom College Fair, but what if colleges that students are looking to attend were not there? There were very few colleges located outside of the Midwest this year. Yes, students will benefit from the college fair, but the benefits seem very limited because students are not fully exposed to all of the colleges in the nation.

For students who are trying to attend school close to home, the college fair was very beneficial because of the geographical locations of the various colleges. Many of the colleges that were present were within the state of Illinois. Although these colleges are great schools to attend, how will these college benefit students trying to attend school on the east or west coast?

"I thought it went extremely well! We had over 65 colleges and universities represented this year," Ms. Andrews, the new college and career counselor, said. "In fact about five percent of the colleges this year were new to Lindblom's annual fair."

The college fair featured many academically sound schools. Maybe Lindblom should strive to have more schools outside of the Midwest pres-



PHOTO BY TALON STAFF

STUDENTS BROWSE THROUGH INFORMATION WHILE A REPRESENTATIVE TALKS TO THEM ABOUT COLLEGE.

ent so students can have a better perspective on the school that they would potentially like to attend. This way the college fair not only benefits students who want to attend

school closer to home, but also those students who want to attend school outside of the Midwest.

OPINIONS & EDITORIALS

Bulls moving forward

Team optimistic about future without Derrick Rose

SALEM ABUGHNAIM
Staff Reporter

April 28 spelled doom for the Chicago Bulls fans and organization. Star point guard Derrick Rose would be carried off the court while speechless fans watched in shock. Despite this unfortunate setback, the Bulls look optimistically towards the upcoming 2012-2013 NBA season.

The Bulls signed fan-favorite and former player, Kirk Hinrich, to fill Rose's spot. There is no definite date for the fallen guard's return; estimates range from December to May for his arrival.

When asked about the injured Derrick Rose, Hinrich told Bulls.com, "Obviously, we'd love to have him back as soon as possible. But he has to be ready. I know the core

guys will bring it every night, and in this league if you do that you have a chance to win." In addition to Hinrich, Chicago picked up Nate Robinson via free agency and Marquis Teague through the draft. Teague is still developing as a rookie and will become a solid contributor to the team with the help of some experienced veterans.

The organization has received much heat from fans about the break-up of the "bench mob" players Kyle Korver, Ronnie Brewer, C.J. Watson and Omer Asik, no longer on the roster. With the addition of Vladimir Radmonovic, Nate Robinson, and the solid play of the emerging Jimmy Butler, this year's bench is noticeably better than the ones assembled in the prior seasons.

This year's Chicago Bulls team has a greater amount of potential

and talent on its roster. However, until the 2011 MVP Derrick Rose returns healthy, they will struggle in the range of fourth to eighth seed in their conference.

Rose is indeed the missing piece to the NBA Championship hopes of the organization. Most importantly, the Bulls must keep him healthy and provide viable scoring options to take the pressure off of Rose. A good playoff run should culminate in an

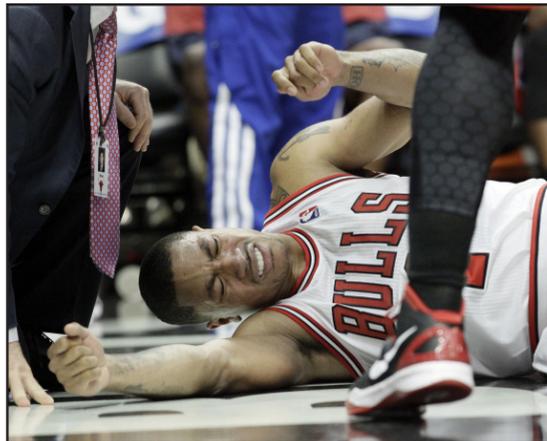


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Will Derrick Rose be able to come back and be as successful after a season-ending injury?

Eastern Conference Finals series against the Miami Heat.

Bears expecting 'huge splash' in NFC



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JULIAN SHORT
Staff Reporter

The Bears did not have an overall great season last year with the record of 8-8. Many blame the play of the teams offensive line, which led to such lackluster play last year.

From the looks of things, with new additions such as Brandon Marshall, the Bears can really take this season as far as they want if they put in the effort. Beginning the season off 6-1 is not bad. But there is still one problem the Bears still have to take on many other tough opponents.

The Bears began the season with two three-and-outs on offense before they found a rhythm, a sack, and a forced punt. If this continues, this can be a setback for the team and can also lead to a long season for the Chicago Bears.

The team picked up Chilo Rachal, a lineman from the San Francisco 49ers who can be a huge help for Jay Cutler, the quarterback. With all of the new additions to the team, I see the Bears making a huge splash in the NFC North.

Promising future for sophomores

DANIEL JOHNSON
Staff Reporter

2015.

A year that some people speculate the world may never see thanks to the Mayan civilization prediction of when the world ends. However, if we do get to see the class of 2015 for four years at LMSA, it will be a pleasure to watch.

First, they have a new president after their prior class presi-

dent resigned. New president Jacob Carnowell promises to raise more money than last year for their prom. He says "I promise a good prom." Such words mean a lot to the class of 2015, seeing that last year hardly anything was done for the class.

Also, there is no doubt that the class of 2015 is the future of Lindblom sports. There are currently four sophomores on varsity basketball (Jordan Stewart, Charles Edge, Darien Boyd, and Chris Edomwande). There are threemore sophomores currently on

the varsity baseball (Daniel Johnson, Roger Tisby, and Harold Daniels), and a host of players currently participating on Lindblom's varsity football team.

Also, sophomore Elizabeth Teye did some amazing things on the court last year for the girls' varsity basketball team as she received all-city honors as a freshman. One player on the baseball team (Daniel Johnson) also made the all-conference team.

Lastly, the members of the class of 2015 are close. Almost everyone

looks out for each other. It's like a big family. This can be seen in the hallways. They are always socializing with one another in a good, playful manner. There is rarely any bullying, teasing or name calling.

There is no doubt that that class of 2015 is the class to look out for in coming years.

Who should be the President?

KYLIE KRAWCZYK
Staff Reporter

Mitt Romney and Barack Obama are the two candidates running for the United States Presidency for the 2012 election.

Barack Obama, the democratic candidate and also the current president, has a vision and plans to bring the country back on its feet that cannot be fulfilled in one term. He still has many of the faithful Americans that voted for him in the 2008 election under his wing, but some favor the other candidate.

Mitt Romney, the republican candidate, has some controversial statements including abortion, gay marriage, and the "American Way" of living which most Americans either strongly agree with or strongly oppose.

"I feel like he is a modern day Puritan and has unrealistic ideas which will not benefit the country in

this day and age," says student Daja Dampier about Mitt Romney.

While most LMSA students might agree with this student's opinion of Romney, some also might favor him because Obama has not immediately kept his promise for making the country's economy stable.

Personally, I feel that Obama can only do so much in one term to fix all of the problems that the Bush administration caused and would be able to make a dent in his promise with two terms. To change the whole system of a country would probably take well over a decade let alone two terms. The Obama administration has done more for this country in the past four years than Bush ever did.

As for Romney, if he were to become president, he will bring the country down with his unrealistic ideas and dictatorship mentality.

Barack Obama is the best candidate for the 2012 election.



PHOTO FROM WIKIPEDIA.ORG
Can President Obama continue to appease his supporters and win another election?

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Have you helped a freshman today?

NAIRA MARSHALL
Editor in Chief

The Ambassador program is currently looking for more freshmen to mentor or have study groups with! What exactly is the Ambassador program?

It is a program in which juniors and seniors are paired with struggling freshmen. There is no limit to what they are struggling in; it can be anything from their lack of organization skills, to needing help with actual assignments.

In the past there have been many success stories with the program. Students are able to build relationships with upperclassmen, and improve upon their communication skills. The program is also open to any juniors and seniors that are exceeding academically, and want to be involved.

This is something that looks great on resumes, and something colleges would like to see. Ms. Berdelle and Mr. Ray are in charge of the program and who gets paired. The good thing is that freshmen are not just paired with anybody; they are paired with someone who excels in what they are struggling with.

For example, if someone struggled with math, one of our Ambassadors who are good in that subject is paired with that freshman.

Another great thing about the program is that you receive community service hours each time you meet up with your mentee, and you need hours to graduate!

For more information about the program, contact Ms. Berdelle or Mr. Ray. Mr. Ray is located in room 224 and Ms. Berdelle is located in room 325. You can email them at lmsaambassadors@gmail.com.

Things we NEED MORE of at LMSA:

MORE microwaves- Every lunch period has become even more crowded than usual, due to more enrollments. There are only two microwaves and about 40 people EACH lunch period trying to warm food up. This leaves some of us not being able to eat ALL lunch period because we are waiting on the microwave.

Air freshener- WHY? Because places like the girls bathroom are not as pleasant smelling. ANYTHING can help at this point. Whether it's Air Freshener or a scented candle, it can help. WE NEED IT!

Boys' bathroom- Most of the boys complain they want a mirror and 2 ply tissue just like the girls' bathroom have.

Parking spots for children- Parking around the school is NO JOKE. Most of the teacher's park on streets with us students. ALL teachers should have a spot in the teacher's parking lot. That could enable most of us students to park on the street, OR if that doesn't work out, just give us our OWN parking lot.

Faster Internet- This is an issue that affects us students and teachers. We need faster internet and MORE working computing in each class.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

New teachers, programs bring creativity to Fine Arts

TERESA NICHOLSON
Staff Reporter

The Lindblom Fine Arts department has been a creative outlet for all Lindblom art students. Creativity is highly encouraged by all of the art teachers. And the main focus is pure experimentation. As long as the students are willing to be open-minded and try new techniques they will have an amazing experience.

"This year two new amazing art teachers, Ms. Walrath and Ms. Lesser, joined the art department," said long-time art teacher Ms. Strang. Lindblom welcomes all the new staff members, and it will be exciting to see what the new members bring to the table.

There are always creative opportunities provided for aspiring students who would like to expand their abilities outside of school. A few great programs that are provided are Marwen and Gallery 37. These programs specifically target the development of artistic skills. They give the students an opportunity to find out which areas they feel comfortable creating in, and an opportunity to earn money doing something fun. If you have any interest in finding out more about these programs, see Ms. Boudreau. Don't hesitate to ask some of the students about their past experiences with the programs either.



PHOTO BY TALON STAFF

STUDENT ARTWORK DECORATES THE HALLS OF LINDBLOM.

Pieces created by the students can be found all around the school. The students were encouraged to explore various mediums including three-dimensional sculpture and two-dimensional drawings. Students spend time creating the pieces and then finding spaces around the school in which they feel the pieces can visually communicate the best.

However, the focus is not solely on

visual appeal; it is about the experience and the emotion that the piece evokes. Touring around Lindblom, creative, bold, colorful works of art catch the eye and spark interest and emotion in viewers.

Don't just take my word for it; explore the school, and take a look at some of their work.

New and Improved? 106 & Park debuts with new hosts

ANTWAINIQUE BROADWAY
Staff Reporter

One of BET's most popular shows is 106 and Park, a music video countdown show. Recently, there has been a major change. Rosci and Terrence are no longer the hosts.

Four new hosts have joined the stage in hopes to keep the show fresh and favored by teens. The new hosts include two males and two females; rapper Bow-Wow, Shorty, Paigon, and Miss Mykie. These four are putting their best efforts forth to win over the live audience and fans at home.

The hosts are using a great deal of humor and, for Bow-Wow, fame to

keep fans tuned in and the live audience supportive.

The live audience responded to the new hosts with great enthusiasm. This is not the first time hosts have changed, so this is not a complete shock to fans of 106 and Park. But, it was unexpected.

It was evident that this would happen someday because of the advancing careers of the previous hosts. Still, are the fans ready for this change yet?

Most fans responded to the change via Twitter. Stoner, a fan, tweeted, "106 and Park is officially dead. You can't revive it, just pull the plug. I'm tired of watching BET suffer."

Clearly some fans were disappointed by the change. But Melanie, a

fan, tweeted "Bow-Wow hosting 106 and Park? I might just have to start watching again..."

On Tuesday, 106 and Park had the same type of programming as it always had. The audience got involved with games, and the music videos shown were still fresh and popular.

Some of them featured Usher, Wade, Rick Ross, Chris Brown and many more. The new hosts showed their support for voter registration, and showed off their hot styles.

Tune in on weekdays and 6pm to watch the new hosts and judge for yourselves.

Drama, betrayal fill the first season of Basketball Wives LA

BRIANNA TAYLOR
Staff Reporter

The first season of *Basketball Wives LA* was very hectic and interesting. The season consisted of fights, arguments, betrayal and losing friends. It was clear that most of the drama in the season would come from how everyone felt about Draya and her chosen lifestyle, and Jackie with her controlling attitude.

After other cast members did background research on Draya, everyone began to form an opinion about her without asking her about the rumors on the internet. When they finally did approach her, she admitted that some things were true while other were not. Jackie would not believe a word

she was saying which led her to turn the other girls against Draya. Her plan eventually backfired because everyone began to linger away from her once they saw how manipulative she really was.

In the second season, I am expecting to see a lot more drama between Draya and Jackie. They did not end season 1 as friends nor enemies but with a strong dislike for each other. Draya was never really the toughest but she stood her ground. I also believe Jackie may not be as close to the girls because in the season 1 reunion, you could tell none of the girls actually liked her. I think she will become the cast member with no friends that is always crying in every reality TV show.

As for the other cast members, I

do not see a lot of drama happening because they all seem to be really mellow and enjoy sitting back and watching everything else happen. They voice their opinion every now and then during the show. The season will end with old friendships no longer existing and new friendships forming.

The girls will probably become closer and more understanding of each other. Season 2 began Monday, September 10, 2012 at 7 p.m on VH1. Tune in and watch the tension build and drama unfold.

REVIEWS

MOVIE ★★★★★

PREMIUM RUSH (PG-13)



Premium Rush has a good story line and action throughout. The plot of the story is that a bike messenger in Manhattan received a package and someone wants it for themselves.

At first glance the story line may seem stupid: "a guy drives a bicycle and gets chased by a car; can't a car just run him over?" Yes, it may seem dumb but overall it's a good movie. The movie has a good tempo and lead actor, Joseph Gordon Levitt (who is also starting in the upcoming movie "Looper,") does not disappoint. It is set in Manhattan where a normal messenger gets into a lot of trouble.

The movie has a lot of surprises throughout; it will keep you interested until the last scene. So go watch the movie and get ready for an entertaining hour and a half of fun, action, and adrenaline. — Francisco Flores

GAME ★★

MADDEN 13 (PS3, XBOX 360, WII)



On August 31, EA Sports released its yearly rendition of its NFL sports series, Madden 13 for the Xbox 360, Wii, and Playstation 3 consoles. Madden 13 is really similar to the past game in the series, Madden 12. The game kept the same control scheme as before but added a more realistic feel that can be seen in new player animations. From the catches made, the tackles, even the grass on the field, it has a new gloss to it never seen in past games. Another new addition to the game is the use of the Xbox Kinect add-on. Just with the use of your voice you can call audibles, hot routes, and even call blitzes without the use of your controller which adds another degree of strategy to the game.

Also coming with every Madden is the usual roster update. Besides these two new features everything else is the same from past games. — Julian Short

BOOK ★★★★★

THE HEROES OF OLYMPUS: SON OF POSEIDON



The second book of the series *The Heroes of the Olympus*, lives up to the expectations of fans of the first book. The story stars Percy Jackson, the now-amnesiac Son of Poseidon, and two other half-bloods as they race against time to save the Roman camp from the destruction at the hands of one of the Gaia's armies and free death.

Rick Riordan's use of mythology is superb and his characters are down-to-earth and engaging. They're just like normal teens, minus the world-saving and monster-killing they do regularly. It's easy to get drawn into this book and stay until you've read it from cover to cover. The twists will have you searching for mark of Athena which is the newly released third book, immediately! I recommend this book for fans of Rick Riordan and kids who like reading about teens killing monsters, dealing with their curses, and saving the world all while maturing into respectable warriors that would make their godly parents proud. — Diane Blue

GAME ★★★★★

LEAGUE OF LEGENDS (PC)



League of Legends is a free Massive Multiplayer Online Role Playing Game that has many unique elements like being able to pick a different Champion at the beginning of every game, from the list of a hundred and six to choose from. Did I mention it was free?

Each Champion is unique because of the skills that they can use and even in their jokes, taunts and dances. It is a simple game that does not require much time to learn but can require some time to master.

Just download the game and start playing, after the quick tutorial of course. People can play with four more of their friends or just play with and against nine others from around the United States.

It is a game that will not waste money (because it is free!) but won't be a waste a time either, because it is a very enjoyable game. — Francisco Del Real

GAME ★★★★★

NBA 2K13 (PS3, XBOX 360, WII)



Since the trailer was released over the summer, everyone has been awaiting the release of NBA 2K13. It finally came out on October 2 at midnight, and if you haven't played it yet you are in for a pleasant surprise.

NBA 2K13 is completely different from any other 2k before. The controls for the game are completely different, and are more interesting than before. The game is now more realistic and it gives the user more control of the players. Another new feature is the voice command on Xbox Kinect. You can now call plays and make the substitutions by talking to the game. — Dominique Easley

MOVIE ★★

RESIDENT EVIL: RETRIBUTION (R)



The newest installation of the famous Resident Evil movie series seems to be taking a new direction. In the previous films, the heroine Alice (played by Milla Jovovich) has had trial after trial in an effort to bring down the Umbrella Pharmacy Company.

The movie itself lacked the action its predecessors build as well as trailers aired prior to its release. Despite the lack of fast-paced action, the movie did push the direction towards the video game franchise with iconic characters from previous games in the series.

Despite most action being repetitive with fighting clackers, the movie held great amount of suspense until the end. — Ruben Alvarez

SPORTS

Birdgang off to a good start in 2012

Could the football team win conference this year?

JORDYN WILLIS
Staff Reporter

The beginning of the school year is more than just long classes, crowded halls and annoying teachers. It's the opening of high school football! It is a yearly tradition that brings fans to the stands each fall. With the high school football season in full effect, our beloved football team has started off rather well. Although our Eagles had a tough time flapping their wings during the first game, in the second and third games they were soaring high. This should be a good year for the Eagles if they keep up the good work.

One of the team's captains, senior Joal Lloyd, says that he is "Excited and Optimistic" about this year's

season. "We've been working all year to make up for last year's disappointing season, and we've started well." Senior Tackle, Julian Short states, "The offensive line will push us towards a win". Junior Tackle, Salem Abughnam quotes, "we are shocking the world." That they have, the eagles won their second game against Urban Prep-Bronzeville, 12-6. Their third game against Bowen high school was a mighty defeat with 45-6. Joal Lloyd, Glen Smith, and Courtney Hill each had two touchdowns and Jabari Butler had an interception for a touchdown. Good Job guys!

With the season being far from over we should expect to see great things from our eagles. Coach Frazier has the boys on the field every day after school, running, sweating, and

even bleeding to make this a great season. A good start should rear a great ending. But, let's not forget another important part of the season, the fans. We are the team's supporters. I have been going to almost every football game since my freshman year, and I'm currently a senior! Senior Quarterback Brent Taylor said "We getting money." These boys love performing for the fans, so let us help them put on a show! Birdgang claims to "not love this game, but live this game." Good motto to live by, keep it up guys! Gooooooo Eagles!



PHOTO BY SGT. LAWSON

SENIOR QUARTERBACK BRENT TAYLOR SCRAMBLES OUT TO COMPLETE A PASS.

Girls' Volleyball Rolling

Is this the best volleyball team Lindblom's ever seen?

STEPHEN KING
Staff Reporter

Go Ea-gles! Go Ea-gles! This was the crowd's reaction at Lindblom's Girls' Varsity volleyball game Thursday night against Dunbar. You could see from the looks on the crowd's faces that they were expecting an amazing game. The Lady Eagles certainly didn't disappoint that night. They kept spectators, such as myself, pumped throughout the whole game.

As the first senior varsity game began, the lady eagles introduced themselves highly by scoring the first point made by player #3, Effina Jackson. As the eagles continued scoring throughout the game, tension and frustration started to thicken on the opposing team. While the competition struggled, the eagles remained triumphant with a blowout of 25 to 8! The winning point was a bit back and forth until Effina stepped in to score. After seeing such a close, winning shot made, the crowd went crazy! They continued pushing through the

second round with focus and were once again successful with a score of 25-9.

After the game, Coach Shinaul and star player, Effina Jackson, commented on their opinion of Thursday's performance. Coach Shinaul stated, "They did really well, but we still have a lot of work to do and ways to improve, so we can continue to do

better." Senior Effina Jackson commented, "We got a new coach this year, so we're still trying to adjust, but we continue to have a successful season." There you have it. The Lady Eagles are soaring off to a great start with high expectations of continued success with a record of 11-0!



PHOTO BY JOSHUA SHORT

SENIORS ON THE GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM STOP FOR A PICTURE AFTER A VICTORY.

Soccer hopes for another big year on the pitch

ALEX ESPARZA
Staff Reporter

The Lindblom Boys' Soccer team had its best season last year. The team managed to beat Evergreen Park and win a spot in the regional semi final. "It was an honor just getting that far, but it was devastating losing to Crete Monee," senior Eduardo Correa said.

This year the whole team is optimistic about advancing further than they did the previous season. While losing some key players, 6 out of the 11 starters from last year have returned. How well the experienced players and the young talent are willing to work together will be crucial this season.

Coach Davis looks forward to a big year with great fans.

"There are a lot of new players on the team this year that could help us accomplish our goal of winning con-

ference," she said. "Hopefully, this year more students will go support our team in home and away games," Coach Davis said.

Not only is the varsity team expected to have a good season but the JV team as well. While the division remains the same, their players have not. This year every school is expected to have a good competitive team so the LMSA team has to work harder. This doesn't scare the players, everyone is excited to take on this new challenge.

The team's first match was against Carver, the game ended in a one to one tie. While LMSA could have played better, the team managed to keep the tie and go home happy.

After the game, captain Mauro Medrano said, "it is clear that the team needs to improve a little more and we have the players to do so. Our hard work in practice will soon start to show on the field, I'm positive about that."

FALL SPORTS UPDATE

Boys' Basketball

by Cameron Hill

Toward the beginning of this school year, the boy's basketball team did not see a lot of action. With the season starting in the winter, coach Linderman has started conditioning his team in the boy's gym. From running in the gym to actually conducting drills, the boy's basketball team is prepping for greatness. Starting practices early however, has caused them to run into a snag. They are unable to get into the weight room because, "the girls volleyball team is always using it" says senior player Sebastian. He also states that there will be open tryouts soon for all those interested in playing on the team in the boy's gym. Preparing early for the season, may prove formidable for the Eagles this upcoming winter.

Wrestling

by Beatrice White

Lindblom's wrestling team will be starting soon. Tryouts will be on Monday, October 1st which will also be the first practice. Coach Morrison

wants students to know that wrestling is a winter sport and encourages LMSA's students to try out. He would like to see students in spring and fall sports at tryouts, especially those that are on the football and soccer team. The team's first match will be in November, the date has not been set. Mr. Morrison wanted to start a wrestling team so he could show Chicago the talent and toughness of LMSA's students. Before coaching at Lindblom Mr. Morrison was the head coach at Parker Elementary for six summers. Mr. Morrison says, "I learned that wrestling needs to be open to all types of students because diversity breeds strength".

Mr. Morrison went to college at Ohio State University, his team was NCAA runner-up twice, and he was in the heavyweight class for four years. He hopes that wrestling will teach his athletes grow confident in their individual abilities. Like Dan Gable, 1972 Olympic Gold Medalist, said, "After wrestling, everything in life is easy."

Girls' Basketball

by Diamond Glover

The Lady Eagles had a tremendous season last year ending the season with a 12-2 record. The lady eagles have earned their way into the Windy City South, a higher conference which means they will take on more challenging teams this season.

This year the team lost a senior, but has gained three new talented freshmen. Also returning this season is veteran Effina Jackson, and highly motivated sophomore Elizabeth Toye. Our lady eagles have once again been invited to the MLK shootout. They are planning a trip to Wisconsin this year to compete against teams they faced last year at the shootout. The lady eagles are well prepared after practicing and attending games during the summer. They have returned to the gym for after school practices as well. This season will be "no walk in the park", Coach Lawson says. "The season looks promising, but we will work hard."

Girls' Swimming

by Courtney Pettigrew

The Girl's Swim team at Lindblom is very excited to compete this year. There are more girls on the team this year compared to previous years. This year, there are almost twenty girls on the team! Onitze Contreras, a junior at Lindblom, has been on the girl's swim team for three years. She said that their favorite team to swim against is John F. Kennedy High School because there is a lot of competition. Onitze also said that her favorite race is the 200 IM because the swimmer gets to swim all four strokes.

Baseball

by Jatouri Baker

And no fall sports update would be complete without a look ahead to spring...

Lindblom has a new baseball coach this year. Lindblom's former coach, has, Mr. Welsh left. So Ms. Copper, a Forensics Science teacher here at Lindblom, proudly takes the position. "I'm excited!", she responds

when asked how she feels about becoming the new LMSA baseball coach.

She doesn't know what changes she's going to make to the team. She just hopes to build on the success of last year and have a great season.

Ms. Copper won't be the only new addition to the team. Lindblom will have its first ever assistant coach assisting the baseball team. His name is Mr. Millian and he played high school and college baseball. According to Ms. Copper, "He is excited too."

With the new additions to the team and the high enthusiasm shown, Lindblom can have a triumphant season. This won't be known until the spring, when baseball season starts.

Welcome to the family

Every year Lindblom opens its doors and its arms to a new group of teachers and faculty. This year is not any different, except the size of the incoming group. Some are replacing departing teachers but many are taking new positions needed to accommodate our growing enrollment. Also, we have two resident principals this year, Mr. Bevis and Ms. Monks, instead of the usual one.

Please make our newest family members feel welcome.



Mr. Bevis
Administration

Mr. Bevis is one of two resident principals this year. He formerly worked at Collins Academy on the north side. He received his degree from Miami University in Ohio and when he isn't busy with students he loves to read and fish. When asked about his feelings towards Lindblom he spoke highly of the building and its students. He explained how the teaching environment is unique and something he's never seen. He continued on about how he applauds the academic rigor, the students' focus, and also the clear dedication from his fellow colleagues.

— Kayla Clancy



Mr. Brannigan
Social Science

Mr. Brannigan is a first year teacher and one of the social science department's newest members. He received his master's degree in education from DePaul. While in school, Mr. Brannigan worked with the parents and students at an elementary school, and gained valuable teaching experience. Before he worked at Lindblom, he served as a sous chef at the famous restaurant Tru. There, he taught and trained chefs to cook which inspired him to want to get involved in his passion — teaching. Mr. Brannigan is one of the cross country coaches, he is involved in student government, and is on the homecoming committee.

— Devon White



Mr. Bass
Science

Mr. Lawrence Bass teaches Pre-Engineering. Mr. Bass previously taught classes at Harlan Community Academy High School which is located on the 9600 block of South Michigan. He says that compared to his last school, Lindblom has more attentive students and engaged parents. He appreciates the strong community Lindblom has established: "I love this place; I like the students." These heart-warming words from Mr. Bass makes it easy for the Lindblom community to welcome him with hopes of a productive school year.

— Randi Townsend



Mr. Calderbank
Math

Michael Calderbank is a second year teacher out of CICS-Longwood Charter School. He teaches Algebra and Geometry. Originally from New Jersey, Mr. Calderbank moved to Chicago when he was 17 for college and currently lives in the Kenwood neighborhood. He graduated from the University of Chicago where he majored in both math and economics, and completed a graduate program in teaching. He seems to like the LMSA schedule: "I like the idea behind the Monday and Tuesday classes and them being flipped on Thursdays and Fridays along with the colloquium day and horizontal [seminar] periods."

— Joshua Short



Ms. Caneva
English

Ms. Caneva has been a teacher for eight years. She teaches AP Lit. & Comp. and English II, and helps Mr. Van in a ACT Prep. When we spoke she was just finishing a class that ran after school by a few minutes. While waiting for her I noticed that she was patient with the student that was giving a presentation. Caneva says, "It's a big switch coming to Lindblom. Before, I had to motivate then teach, but now I can just leap right into teaching." She expresses that she enjoys the longer school day. From the classes I have had with Ms. Caneva, she is helpful and cares about her students. She cares about her work and tries to help at all times.

— Jamela Reyes



Mr. Cappetta
Math

Mr. Cappetta comes to Lindblom from the Chicago High School of the Arts. He is teaching Probability & Statistics and Algebra. Mr. Cappetta earned his undergraduate degree from Northern Illinois University and his master's from the University of Illinois at Chicago. In his spare time, Mr. Cappetta enjoys reading, yoga and watching football. He said he has been impressed with LMSA. He is pleased that the students "are serious about learning."

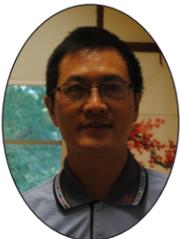
— Jonathan Upshaw



Mr. Jevne
World Languages

One of the great new additions to our teaching staff is Mr. Jevne. Mr. Jevne teaches Mandarin Chinese, levels one and two, and said he absolutely loves it. He said that he believes his students are doing a terrific job at learning the language and that they will succeed at passing the class. Mr. Jevne used to teach at Perspectives Charter School. When he was asked what he likes about Lindblom he simply said everything. But he especially loves the students here for their curiosity, friendliness, and inquisitiveness. Isn't that flattering LMSA students! Keep it up.

— Niah Hart



Mr. Luo
World Languages

Mr. Apollo Luo is a Chinese I and II teacher. His hobbies outside of school, when he has the time to do anything, are watching movies and reading classic novels. This is his first time teaching at Lindblom and Lou says he "is like a student, learning new things as I go along."

— Diane Blue



Ms. Monks
Administration

Ms. Monks is one of two new resident principals at LMSA. (Mr. Bevis is the other.) As resident principal, she is studying to become principal of her own school some day. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and her master's from Northeastern. Ms. Monks said the students at LMSA seem to be very hard-working and "aspire to be the best." She also noted that the "teachers are good role models for the students." In her free time, Ms. Monks enjoys shopping, exercising and just hanging out with friends.

— Jamela Reyes



Ms. Morea
English

This year, Ms. Morea will be teaching English IV, 7th grade Language Arts, and Language & Composition. Though this is her first year actually having a class, she has taught poetry and has been a teaching artist for 17 years. She went to Columbia College for her undergraduate, Goddard College for her M.F.A. and UIC for her Masters of Education. When asked what animal she thinks she most resembles, she responded, "A giraffe. They are calm and mysterious; so unusual." When not teaching, Ms. Morea likes writing songs, poetry and listening to her favorite composer, Arvo Part. Also, she most likes the sincerity and enthusiasm of Lindblom's students.

— Deion Owens



Ms. Namowicz
Science

A new addition to the science department is Ms. Namowicz, a fourth-year teacher that has previously taught at Morgan Park and Michelle Clark. She said the caliber of student at LMSA exceeds anything she has seen before. At LMSA, she is primarily a chemistry teacher, although she also has a research and methodology class. When she is not teaching, Ms. Namowicz enjoys swimming. She also watches a lot of sports, especially football, baseball and basketball. She studied art restoration in college, earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware and a master's from Buffalo State College. She's been impressed with the commitment the faculty shows the students...

— Joshua Short



Ms. Pedziwiatr
Social Science

LMSA continues its history of excellent hospitality as the students, parents, and colleagues make Ms. Pedziwiatr feel welcomed. "Their kindness motivates me to be the best teacher I can be," she said. Ms. Pedzi, as she is often called by her students, is a new addition to LMSA's Social Science Department, coming to us from Whitney Young. She teaches multiple classes of sociology and human geography. She expressed how Lindblom's great atmosphere has not only made her experience at LMSA very positive, but has also exceeded her highest expectations. She really enjoys cycling classes and reading.

— Effina Jackson



Ms. Plecki
Science

Ms. Plecki graduated from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. This is her second year teaching, coming from Golder College Prep. She currently teaches Chemistry and Environmental Science and is very pleased with the school so far. Ms. Plecki says "[Lindblom] is great; I have never seen so many students motivated to learn and so excited about it." She described students to be "really nice" and loves teaching them. Ms. Plecki said she's found the teachers to be "so polite, collaborative, and all friendly." She is currently a part of Underwater Robotics, and enjoys running, reading, and scrapbooking.

— Eddie Correa



Mr. Rosenberg
Special Education

Mr. Rosenberg joins the LMSA Special Education Department from his previous position at Austin High School. He earned his undergraduate degree from Northern Illinois University and is currently attending Concordia University for his masters. In his free time, he likes to fish, spend time with his family & friends, and travel to his favorite place — Guatemala. He feels Lindblom is outstanding and awesome because there's collaboration between teachers, students, parents, and administrators to make learning a fun experience.

— Terri McFadden



Mr. Suh
English

Mr. Suh's 2012- 2013 school year is already packed with a variety of English classes including Honors English I, Honors English II, and others in colloquium and seminar. Other than teaching, Mr. Suh dedicates his free time at Lindblom as the coach of Lindblom's girls' golf team. As the school year started a spot was open for the team and Mr. Suh said, "I excitedly took the position." Mr. Suh welcomes any female golfer to the team to, "Hit the links as an Eagle." Mr. Suh is also the brother of Ms. Trace.

— Rebeca Garcia



Ms. Lesser
Fine Arts

The Fine Arts Department welcomes Ms. Lesser to LMSA. Ms. Lesser teaches 7th grade visual arts and Art I. She received a Humanities degree at the University of Michigan, and her master's degree in Art Education at the School of the Art Institution of Chicago (SAIC). When Ms. Lesser is not teaching, she likes to cook, work on craft projects (knitting, and crochet), travel, read the newspaper, and do crossword puzzles. "Lindblom is fabulous, the students and co-workers are great, and I love that the students are enthusiastic about learning," she said.

— Porcha Magic



Ms. Levites
Math/Science

Ms. Levites comes to us from Bogan High School. She teaches Advanced Algebra and Environmental Science. When she is not immersed in math or science, Ms. Levites enjoys knitting, running, and just hanging out with her friends. She has been impressed with LMSA thus far: "I really like how motivated the students are and how supportive the staff is. Everyone helps each other out." Ms. Levites attended high school in Brighton, Mich., and majored in psychology and biology at Loyola.

— Tiajanique Butler



Ms. Kieffer
English

Ms. Kieffer is one of the new teachers in the Lindblom English department. Before coming to Lindblom, Ms. Kieffer worked at Kelvyn Park High School. She says one of the things that she likes about Lindblom are the block scheduling, because it provides more instructional time. She also enjoys the colloquium sessions. During her first year at Lindblom, Ms. Kieffer says "I look forward to building good relationships with all of my students."

— Amani Boss



Ms. Walrath
Fine Arts

Ms. Walrath is a new art teacher at Lindblom this year. She teaches Art, Visual Arts, and more. Ms. Walrath has taught workshops at Gallery 400 and photography in the Street Level program. She said, "I think Lindblom is a fantastic place because I think it has a supportive environment for both teachers and students. I think it's a great place to explore what education is, what it can be, and where it's going." She also added, "I love the greenhouse." Her main goals for school this year are to grow as a person and student and to learn something new everyday.

— Logan Lawson-Parks