

The Loch Alpine Lore

February, 2004



"Let's Go Play In The Snow" by Erin Schroeder (7)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 6	LAIA Playgroup: 10:00 @ Dara Beck, 4730 Whitman Circle	Mar 12	LAIA Playgroup: 10:00 @ Debbie Penrose, 4240 Fairway Drive
Feb 7	LAIA Winter Festival, 1:00 pm @ Rock Park	Mar 15	LORE Deadline
Feb 12	Early Release Day @ Dexter Schools	Mar 17	IRA Strategies & Systematic Investing: 7:30 pm @ Dexter Library
Feb 13 & 16	No School: Presidents' Weekend	Mar 19	LAIA Playgroup: 10:00 @ Lisa Murphy, 4261 Climbing Way
Feb 18	Winning in Life: A Special Program for Women: 7:30 pm @ Dexter Library	Mar 21	AACC Open House: 1:30 – 3:30 pm @ Clubhouse
Feb 20	LAIA Playgroup: 10:00 @ Donna Schaefer, 4161 Sunset Court Bingo & Pizza Night: 6:00 – 9:00 pm @ Wylie	Mar 24	LAIA Annual Meeting: 7:30 pm @ Webster Township Hall
Feb 27	LAIA Playgroup: 10:00 @ Lisa Schneider, 4506 Cameron Circle	Mar 26	LAIA Playgroup: 10:00 @ Julia Janosi, 4845 Aberdeen
Feb 28	Reptile & Amphibian Show: 11:00 am @ Dexter Library	Mar 27	EFD Silent Auction @ Polo Fields Country Club
Feb 29	Oscar Night Party, 7:15 pm, AACC	Apr 2	LAIA Playgroup: 10:00 @ Lynette Brice,

	Clubhouse		4930 Morrow Ct
Mar 5	LAIA Playgroup: 10:00 @ Kori Keough, 4555 E Loch Alpine	Apr 13	LAIA Garden Club: "Stepping Stones for Your Garden" workshop, 7:30 pm @ Chris Rochman
Mar 10	Early Release Day @ Dexter Schools	Apr 30	LAIA Garden Club: Tree Dedication to Joanie Weaver, 10:00 am @ LA Park

From the Editor

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As we try to keep warm during these very chilly winter days, I thought it would be appropriate to acknowledge the hardy team of LORE distributors who battle the elements to bring this newsletter to your mailbox. No gale is too strong, no downpour too heavy... well, OK, let's give them the benefit of common sense. But there seems little chance that they are going to avoid getting downright cold delivering this February edition. Here they all are. If you pass them on the street, please let them

know how much you appreciate what they do:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrienne Royce • Jan Schafer • Joan Quinlan • Kerry Corsiglia-Grundler • Laura Rende • Liz Rauser • Mim Munzel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Sendra • Sara Spidel • Sarah Musko • Shasha Kleinsorge • Shirley Woodard • Sue Adams • Susan Bado
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For those of you that simply go to the Loch Alpine website to get your latest issue, please also remember Paul Kazanjian, our illustrious Web Master, who converts my original files to their snappy on-line version.

Of course, any community newsletter is only as good as the articles that are submitted. I've noticed that the last two issues of the LORE have been quite "light". It's not that I enjoy those 2:00 am mornings pulling the 22-page issue together, but it's such a good feeling to be inundated with lots of news and updates. So don't be shy: let's hear from you!

Stay warm!

OUR NEIGHBORS

New Residents

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New Resident	Lot #	Previous Resident	Address	Date
Alex Collier	814	Vitkuske	4838 Gifford Ct.	11/21/03
Kenneth & Renee Durrant	263	Vasas	4235 Fairway Dr.	11/26/03
Jeffrey & Laura Blodgett	276	Hill	4360 Sunderland Way	12/05/03
Thomas Beck & Kara Bloom	268	Torno	4285 Hawthorne Way	1/05/04

Been Here A While

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On the last block of Greenook Blvd., where hardly anyone drives, lives long time resident Jane Becker and her son, Scott. Jane's husband Will, who worked for Metropolitan Life, moved here from the Soo when the district office was closed and he transferred to the Ann Arbor office. That was in 1964 and Will

lived alone that winter in the home while Jane and the three children were still 'up north' trying to sell their home. Good neighbors, the Wolfords across the street, fed poor Will often until Jane and the family were able to move down state. Loch Alpine appealed to them as they were used to being in wide-open spaces and didn't really want to live in town. They also needed the space for the two large dogs to romp. The roads were country like, being unpaved at that time, and Loch Alpine just had that feeling of being out away from city life. And, most importantly, the price was right, twenty five thousand dollars was just what the budget could afford!

When the Becker family moved here, the oldest two children, Bruce and Jo, had graduated from high school and the youngest, Scott, became a junior at Dexter High School. All the Beckers were great golf enthusiasts and spent a lot of time on the course. Jane played in the Women's League for many years and even won some silver cups. Scott played a lot and also worked at the club, mostly mowing and tending the greens for many years.

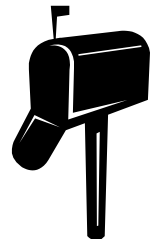
As for favorite memories, Jane remembers the neighborliness of people when she first moved to Loch Alpine. She also remembers all the fun of swimming in the upper lake. The annual meetings were held at that time in the little school house on Delhi Road just across the tracks, as there was no place to hold that many people within the subdivision. Another fond memory is all the balloons that used to fly over the subdivision and occasionally touch down. And of course, all the old timers remember the year the dams broke and the lakes disappeared, after an unusually heavy rainfall. Another great memory is the neighborhood park which everyone around the Loch Alpine W, Greenook Blvd., and Curlew Lane block took turns maintaining. Well, it wasn't an official park but rather an undeveloped lot that was used and maintained by the neighbors until the owner decided to build on it. And Jane points out that just driving down Huron River Drive to get to Loch Alpine has always been a joy as its beauty continues to be inspiring.

Husband Will died in 1976, but Jane has remained in the home they shared. Son Scott returned to live with his mother in 1985 after an unfortunate accident that left him with some severe neurological impairments. Her other two children and some grandchildren are in the immediate area also. Jane has continued through the years to be active in the Zion Lutheran Church, Church Women United and its Friendship Circle. She also did volunteer work at Maxie Boys Home and Motor Meals. Jane has remained a busy lady and a great neighbor during her many years in Loch Alpine.

COMMUNITY MAILBAG

Jean Carlson

It truly grieves me that Bob and Pat Sendra have left the position of L.A. Manager. I have often wondered how appreciative Loch Alpine residents have been, and are, of the contributions of Bob and Pat Sendra to the welfare of the Loch Alpine community. It has occurred to me that most L.A. residents weren't living here during the strictly volunteer era, so I think it might be useful to give some background to the situation.



In 1978, I happened to be elected to the L.A. Board of Directors at the same time Bob Sendra was elected President of the L.A. Board. I well remember the chaos Bob inherited: he and Pat picked up the cardboard boxes containing the jumble of all of Loch Alpine's records, which were a disorganized mess, at the home of the outgoing president. Of course the disorganization had never been intentional, but even in those days, elected officials doubtless became much busier than they expected to be, so Loch Alpine business more often than not got put on the back burner. Realizing the necessity of conducting business from an organized base, Bob and Pat took the records to their home and spent many hours carefully organizing them into a coherent whole. This was not a requirement of the position; they simply cast a conscientious, professional eye on the mess and waded in. Wanting a quality environment in which to raise their 3 sons, Bob served (13-15?) years as its excellent board president, during which time he devoted far more time to Loch Alpine's business than anyone ever had before. And Pat was always there to help every step of the way. This was not just paper-work business: carefully monitoring Loch Alpine's development, Bob and Pat again and again

shepherded that development in the best interests of the community and its individual residents, always with knowledge of and attention to the bylaws. Bob then left the Board for a year, and that was all it took for the wise board members to realize that his had been an extraordinary period of stewardship on Loch Alpine's behalf, and that subsequent presidents were highly unlikely to spend nearly as much time and effort as he had. Furthermore, they realized that, if Loch Alpine's now well-organized records and business left the Sendra's home, the chances of those records continuing to be so well-maintained were approximately abysmal. Even with the best of intentions, most people elected to a volunteer organization become overly busy with the necessities of life and are either unable or unwilling to devote the extra time and energy required to keep often-complex volunteer matters on a professional level.

At that time, there were perhaps 65 homes in Loch Alpine. Now there are about 465 homes with a total of over a thousand residents. Consequently, each resident has paid about \$10 per year to have their Loch Alpine concerns beautifully managed. Bob and Pat have been truly wonderful assets to Loch Alpine. Sometimes they were paid; many other times they were not. Regardless, Bruce and I think Loch Alpine is a far better community because of their remarkably conscientious devotion and just plain hard work. It will be very difficult to find someone to fill their shoes.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mail Carrier Injured in Car Accident

On Dec 19, 2003 Loch Alpine carrier Dorothy was injured in a car accident and has a compound fracture of her ankle. This disables her from doing her job here in Loch Alpine. She is not retired. In fact she is at Heartland Health Care Center at 4701 E Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor MI 48105 (room#605). Feel free to send cards or make contact through her daughter Ruth Stone at 2357 Baker Rd., Dexter MI 48130. We'd like to do something special for Dorothy. If you're interested in participating please contact Vivian Davis at 426-2840

Garden Club

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Loch Alpine Garden Club, N.G.C.

Because we have so many snowbirds who have flown elsewhere for the winter we don't have meetings in February and March.

Tuesday, April 13th, 7:30 pm: A business meeting followed by a workshop "Stepping Stones For Your Garden" led by Phyllis Cole. Each person will make a stepping stone and later the club members will help the Cub Scouts make them for the Butterfly Garden in the park.

- Hostess: Chris Rochman, 4806 Holly Way

Saturday, April 30th, 10:00 am: We will celebrate Arbor Day by planting a flowering tree in the park. This tree will be a memorial to Joanie Weaver, a wonderful woman and member, whom we lost last year. We welcome guests and new members. For more information call Marj Edwards, 424-9093, president, or Chris Rochman, 426-5736, program chairman.

LAIA Annual Meeting




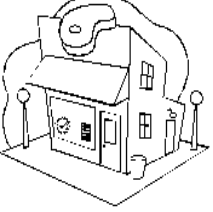



March 24th, 2004: 7:30 pm @ Webster Township Hall

Contact Lynette Brice, LAIA Community Bookkeeper at (734) 426-1374 for (confidential) absentee ballots in the event that you cannot attend. The annual budget and/or special assessments require a 50% + 1

vote of all residents in good standing to pass or fail. Sign in starts at 7:00 pm, the meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

Home +/- Work

What's your wish for Loch Alpine?
Vote at the Annual Meeting!

			
Church or Casino	Mass Transit	SUVs only carry two adults. Don't we have this?	Shopping Strip
			
Diversity	Genetically Modified Creatures		Tropical Climate

Play Group Schedule

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February 6 10:00 am	Dara Beck 4730 Whitman Cr.
February 13 10:00 am	No School President's Weekend
February 20 10:00 am	Donna Schaefer 4161 Sunset Ct.
February 27 10:00 am	Lisa Schneider 4506 Cameron Cr.
March 5 10:00 am	Lori Keough 4555 E. Loch Alpine
March 12 10:00 am	Debbie Penrose 4240 Fairway Dr.
March 19 10:00 am	Lisa Murphy 4261 Climbing Way
March 26 10:00 am	Julia Janosi 4845 Aberdeen
April 2 10:00 am	Lynnette Brice 4930 Morrow Ct.

AACC News

Tony Bonino @ 426-4693 or General Manager@AnnArborCC.com

2004 Oscar Night: Sunday, February 29th, 7:15 pm

A Night of Stars... A glittering annual extravaganza. Come join the stars and walk the red carpet; meet celebrities of the neighborhood and our exclusive membership; rub shoulders with local legends; and drink a toast to all. **But** come ready to shine and dazzle. Joan and Foto Fitz of **F! Entertainment** will be on hand to interview the stars as they walk the red carpet. They will also present that most prestigious of awards, the *Best Dressed Couple Oscar*, a prize so coveted that you too would be proud to display it in your most well-trafficked powder room until this time next year. Will Jim and Gloria McGarvey hold onto this priceless treasure at the 2004 ceremony? Will Jim and Jane Thompson win it back again for the second time? Are the judges tired of the traditional elegance of Oscar Night or will the likes of Nick Janosi's 2003 grunge Eminem look sway their votes this year...? Is it true that someone is dressing up as Golom this year (yikes!). Of course, the awards ceremony themselves will be on the giant (projected) screen. And just to keep you focused on the event itself, take part in the fiercely contested "**Most Oscar Wins**" debacle. Pick sheets available on request.



Tickets:

\$16* members

\$18* guests

*Tickets include buffet, tax and gratuity.

Open House: Sunday, March 21st, 1:30 – 3:30 pm.

Let's hope that by this time the temperatures will have returned to the warmer side of 0 degrees Fahrenheit and that the winds are coming from the balmy south as opposed to the frigid north. Or at least let's hope that we can go outside without risking frostbite.

But whatever the weather is like outside, it's guaranteed to be warm and cosy inside our beautiful new clubhouse. Come and join us for refreshments, entertainment for the kids and learn more about all the great things that we have to offer – including our new 3-year free financing offer. See Advertisement at the back of this issue. Hope to see you there!

Dexter Library News

Paul McCann @ 426-4477

Library Planning

In its efforts to plan for the future, the Library hosted planning consultant Anders Dahlgren on January 22nd at the Library. Working in conjunction with the Library's long range planning facilitator, Dr. Charlaire Ezell, Dahlgren presented his final report regarding the Dexter District Library's long-term space needs. This report was generated after Dahlgren reviewed the Library's recently created Long Range Plan, results from the Library's user survey and community focus groups, of current Library use patterns and collection development history and a survey of the area's demographic data and population projections.



In reviewing the data and opinions gathered, the Planning Team determined a new Mission Statement for the Library: ***“The Dexter District Library serves everyone by being a center for popular materials in a variety of print, audiovisual and electronic formats”.***

New DVD Collection

Starting January 5th, 2003, the Dexter District Library will offer DVD's (digital video discs) to the public. A core collection of recent DVD's for children and adults has been purchased and cataloged. Due to the size of the collection, patrons will be limited to checking out 2 DVD's at a time. DVD's may be kept for one week and may not be renewed.

Overdue DVD's will accrue a fine of \$1.00 per day, per title. Titles in the new DVD collection range from feature films, children's films and educational programs, documentaries and fiction series (such as the series shown on PBS.) Throughout the year, this collection will grow. The Library established this core collection to provide a base and additional titles will be added throughout the year.

New Shelving

Next time you visit the Library, don't be surprised if things look a little different as we install new to help us find room to shelve the many new items we purchase each month.

The shelving, installed by the firm Library Design Associates of Plymouth, was a huge project which entailed lifting the existing shelving (books and all) and relocating the ranges that hold the fiction, non-fiction and juvenile books. In order to maximize space, we also added some mobile shelving. These units can be moved to another area of the Library to accommodate programs or meetings in the center of the Library.

- Dates to Remember
- Interactive programs for Winter Family Reading Program (separate registration required) February 14 and March 13 each at 10:00 am.
- Friends of the Library Monthly Book Sales - February 7th, March 6th and Apr 3rd 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- February 28th – “Leap into Leap Year” reptile and amphibian show - 11:00 a.m.
- Financial Planning workshops with Matt Rolfe of Edward Jones: February 18th - Winning in Life: A Special Program for Women; March 17th - IRA Strategies and Systematic Investing - All programs at 7:30 p.m.
- March 20th - Winter Family Reading Pizza Party, 12:00 noon for program participants only (registration required).

LASA News

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New Year's Day the LASA treatment plant encountered a blockage. Investigation revealed that an extraordinary amount of a greasy substance arrived at the plant via the sewer lines. As a result, we suffered an overflow of partially treated sewage on LASA property. It is unlikely that any material reached Boyden Creek or the Huron River. The problem was properly reported to MDEQ, the County Health Department, and published in The Ann Arbor News as required by our permit.

A plant operator observes the system operation every day of the year but not 24 hours of the day. We plan to install a remote sensor with a “dial up” warning to an operator to reduce the likelihood of this happening again in spite of the fact a failure like this is very rare.

Customers of LASA can help prevent this type of incident. DO NOT introduce cooking grease or other heavy fat concentrates into your disposal. It is also requested that you dispose of oils, paints, and chemicals in the proper solid waste trash system. It is obvious that failure to heed this advice costs each of us money and could endanger our rivers. One of our major expenses each year is to clean sewer lines and the treatment system of materials that should have been disposed of in the proper land fill instead of our sewer system. If you have any questions, call Dave Ruhlig at 426-4545.

Social Committee

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Loch Alpine Winter Festival

February 7th, 1 pm

Once again the cold weather has descended upon our little community. The snow's back, the lakes have frozen over, it's a great time to get out and enjoy nature. This Saturday we're bringing back the winter festival.

Please join us at Rock Park beach for a campfire, complete with hot cocoa and refreshments. Bring your skates, your hockey sticks, your sleds, (Cardiac hill is just across the street), and maybe a log or two for the fire.

Hope to see everyone there.

FEATURES

Editor: Sorry guys – I couldn't resist including this. I'll leave the name of the friend and neighbor who sent me this anonymous because I think too highly of her husband. Thanks for making me laugh out loud!

<i>Classes For Men At Our Local Learning Center for Adults-</i>	
Sign up by February 29 th .	
NOTE: Due to the complexity and difficulty level of their content, each course will accept a maximum of 8 participants.	
Topic 1	"How to Fill Up the Ice Cube Trays" Step by step, with slide presentation.
Topic 2	"The Toilet Paper Roll: Do They Grow On The Holders?" Round table discussion.
Topic 3	"Is It Possible To Urinate Using The Technique Of Lifting The Seat Up And Avoiding The Floor/Walls And Nearby Bathtub?" Group Practice.
Topic 4	"Fundamental Differences Between The Laundry Hamper And The Floor." Pictures and explanatory graphics.
Topic 5	"The After-Dinner Dishes And Silverware: Can They Levitate And Fly Into The Kitchen Sink?" Examples on Video.

Topic 6	"Loss Of Identity: Losing The Remote Or Allowing Others To Use It." Help line support and support groups.
Topic 7	"Learning How To Find Things, Starting With Looking In The Right Place Instead Of Turning The House Upside Down While Screaming." Open forum.
Topic 8	"Health Watch: Bringing Her Flowers Is Not Harmful To Your Health." Graphics and audio tape.
Topic 9	"Real Men Ask For Directions When Lost." Real life testimonials.
Topic 10	"Is It Genetically Impossible To Sit Quietly As She Parallel Parks?" Driving simulation.
Topic 11	"Learning To Live: Basic Differences Between Living Alone Or With Others." Online classes and role playing.
Topic 12	"How To Be The Ideal Shopping Companion." Relaxation, exercises, meditation and breathing techniques.
Topic 13	"How To Fight Cerebral Atrophy: Remembering Birthdays, Anniversaries, Other Important Dates And Calling When You're Going To Be Late." Cerebral shock therapy sessions and full lobotomies offered.
Topic 14	"Car Keys And Other Items" Practice on developing skills of putting things back where they belong so that they can be easily found.
Upon completion of the course, diplomas will be issued to any survivors.	

SCHOOL NEWS

EFD Silent Auction

SCHOOL and COMMUNITY: PARTNERS IN PRIDE

- When: Saturday, March 27th, 2004
- Time: 6:00 pm (preview), 7:00 pm (auction)
- Where: Polo Fields Country Club
- Musical Entertainment: *Rock!* Alpine

The 16th annual Educational Foundation of Dexter Auction will be held at Polo Fields Country Club on Saturday, March 27th, 2004. Everyone is invited to enjoy this great party and help raise money for Dexter school kids. All proceeds are used to fund innovative classroom projects, and every Dexter student benefits. Tickets are \$75 (Benefactor: Includes preview party, auction, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, beer & wine), \$45.00 (Patron: Includes auction, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, beer & wine) and can be bought from EFD Trustees, who are neighbors here in LA, including: Allyson Lyons 426-2315, Karen Chapell 424-9629, Lisa Murphy 424-9419, and Dawn McAuliffe 426-4653.

Cornerstone & Wylie

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The temperature is down near zero, there's a deep covering of snow on the ground and there go our babies out the door and on their way to school. The outside recess policy is as follows: The kids still go outside to play if the temperature and/or windchill is 10 degrees. If the temperature and/or windchill is below 10 degrees outdoor recess will not exceed 15 minutes. If the temperature and/or windchill is 0, there is no outdoor recess. Please be sure your child is dressed for outdoor play and that all their clothing is marked with their name. Cornerstone and Wylie also have a few events planned to make those cold, dark winter nights go by a little faster. FAMILY GAME NIGHT, scheduled for three different nights, 2 in January and 1 in February with rousing games of Bingo etc. and pizza to munch on. It's for kids age 6-12 and their folks with a \$15 cover charge per child.

January was Giving Tree month at Cornerstone with the collection of hats, scarves and mittens for the homeless. Wylie is also asking for gently used socks, underwear and sweatpants for the childrens' use in an emergency.

When you read this the 3rd graders will be taking their Terra Nova's and the 4th graders will be taking their MEAP tests. The MEAP's are especially important so let's hope they do their best.

Important Dates:

- February 12th: Early Release Day
- February 13th & 16th: No School, President's weekend
- February 20th: Bingo & Pizza Night 6-9pm (Wylie)
- March 10th: Early Release Day
- April 5th – 9th: No school, Spring Break
- April 14th: Early Release Day

Bates

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A few reminders: Please sign up for the Meijer Guest Card. This is not a credit card. Using this card every time you make a purchase at Meijers will provide extra cash to our schools. For more information or to sign-up online, go to www.meijer.com and follow the prompts to the Community Rewards program.

Flu and cold season is in full swing. I spoke with a few teachers and the front office staff and all agree that there haven't been a lot of "real" flu cases yet at Bates. Mostly strep and gastrointestinal types of viruses. I'm not going to be like the media and scare everyone, however, now more than ever please enforce good handwashing measures with your children. The first thing I ask my children to do when they walk in the door after school is to wash their hands. I see bottles and bottles of the waterless soaps in classrooms, but good old soap, warm water and lots of friction when rubbing is still the best method. The down side is that cracking and splitting hands is a byproduct of the above – keep those lotions handy!!!! There is much debate over which creams are the best. Udder creams have been recommended for people who have their hands in water frequently. I purchased some at Meijers last year (don't forget to use your guest card)!!!! There usually is a picture of a cow on the tube/bottle.

Don't forget that the next early release day is February 12th, followed by a long President's Day Weekend February 13th – 16th. Have fun!!!!

Presentations on Life Skills are beginning this month at Bates and will continue throughout the remainder of the school year. The Life Skills that will be discussed are as follows:

- Teamwork
- Listening
- Self-assessment
- Communication

- Predicting
- Presenting
- Categorizing
- Estimating

Much is being done to help through the long/cold days of winter. This week (Jan 22) is Fun in the Sun Day. The children bring sunglasses and beach towels to school and pretend they are in some tropical paradise. Activities like this are great since the children have had less recess time with the cold weather. There are so many great things to do during the winter – boardgames, jigsaw puzzles (the really big ones that you start and work on for weeks), read a great novel. Be creative and enjoy the cold weather!!!! I'm still convinced it would be boring if it was warm and beautiful all the time (although come March I wouldn't mind giving it a try).

MEAP Testing

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The premier event of our children's 4th grade school career is upon us. Of course I am talking about the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests. The test window is January 27th - February 12th. When asked about the upcoming testing, my daughter admitted that she was a little scared because her score shows not only how well she herself is learning, but reflects on her teacher and the school as well. It seems like a lot of pressure to place on 4th graders, but I had to admit it was true. In fact, three years ago, our family looked at the Dexter Schools' MEAP scores before moving to Loch Alpine. I thought the MEAP tests were fairly new, but found out they were first administered during the 1969-70 school year. They were developed to measure what all students should know in mathematics, reading, science, social studies, and writing. According to the MEAP information website (www.meritaward.state.mi.us/mma/meap.htm) properly used, the MEAP tests can:

- Measure academic achievement as compared to expectations, and whether it is improving over time;
- Determine whether improvement programs and policies are having the desired effect;
- Target academic help where it's needed.

More than you have time to know about the MEAP can be found by searching for MEAP information on the internet. The main thing we should remember is to help our children get their rest, eat well, pack healthy snacks and look at the experience as an exciting opportunity to demonstrate what they've learned, and help their teachers and the school plan for the future.

School Bus News

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Greetings and warm wishes to all of you!



Winter has arrived and with a major statement - it is COLD! All the young kids look like little R2D2's now that they're bundled up in snow pants and puffy jackets. And, to no surprise, the lost and found piles on our buses are growing. The kids take off their hats and mittens when they're on board and, thanks to gravity, the items fall on the floor where they can slide, (or be kicked) 2 or 3 rows away, lost to its owner. We remind the kids almost daily to put their hats and mittens in their backpacks, but you know how that goes. So if your child is missing a hat or mitten, check the bus's lost & found pile. This isn't too much of a problem with the older students, mainly because they want to look cool and being bundled up just doesn't look cool. Especially with the girls. I guess it's cool to be cold...

I hear that the speed limit in Loch Alpine has been raised. Please remember that when you see the school bus, slow down. Our buses cannot navigate the curves, go around garbage cans and go over speed bumps at the higher speed limit. We'll pull over and let you pass when it's safe, but we ask that you don't tailgate because you want to go faster. Tailgating will not make us go faster, it just increases your perception that we're going too slow. With the build up of snow, the places for kids to wait for the

bus or to walk to and from their house is limited, so be on the look out for them waiting & walking in the streets from 6:45 to 8:45 a.m. and 3:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon. I also want to let you know that the county increased the fines on tickets again. The fine for passing a school bus with its red lights flashing is now \$280.00, up from \$210.00. It is very difficult to beat this kind of ticket, so slow down when you see the top yellows flashing and stop when you see the bus stop and the reds come on. A police officer does not have to witness you doing this, they take our report and off to traffic court you go. The law also requires that when you approach a stopped school bus that you stop at least 20 feet away from the bus. If we pull over and stop with a right turn signal on, you can then pass, but not when the top alternating flashing lights are going.

For more on school bus safety, check out:
www.websterneighborhoodwatch.homestead.com/SchoolBusSafety.html.

And on a lighter note: One of the rules on the bus is that students remain seated while the bus is in motion. We tell them "seat to seat, back to back" or "sit like you would if you were in mom's car" or "put your invisible seat belt on". Well one particular first grade boy on bus #7 always seems to rise up out of his seat to look at the boys in front of him. When he does this, it reminds me of the "Kilroy was here" cartoon. (If you don't know who Kilroy is, ask me or someone more mature). Several times a day I tell him to sit down. One day he asked me if I wanted to know why he always stands up on the bus. OK, why? I never would have guessed it but it's his parents fault!! Yes, this is what he told me, "it's my parents fault". It seems that his parents won't buy him a Gameboy, so he needs to stand up so he can see the boys in front of him play their Gameboys. Never mind that he can talk with his friends and that he brings books and trading cards to occupy him while on the bus. He's lured by the Gameboy. I wonder if Nintendo should put a warning label on these hand-held games. "Caution: Use of this toy will cause others to stand up on a school bus".

Staywarm, Spring is just around the corner.

Next LORE Deadline:
March 15th for April 1st Publication

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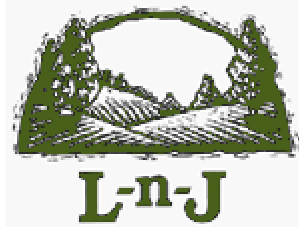
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Family Membership (Initiation & Equity)	March 2004	March 2005	March 2006	March 2007
Swim/Tennis	\$800	\$835	\$835	\$835
Full or Golf	\$1,000	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$1,350

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- \$800 (Swim/Tennis) and \$1,000 (Full and Golf) down payments only available at the Open House on March 21st. Otherwise, 4 x \$835 or 4 x \$1,350 payments apply.
- As an additional option: Pay all equity and initiation fees up-front and enjoy further savings: \$4,900 (Full and Golf), \$3,200 (Swim/Tennis).
- Fees, when fully paid, include \$2,700 equity share, which is 100% redeemable per the conditions of the by-laws.
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For more information, please call our General Manager, Tony Bonino, at (734) 426-4693, or visit our website: www.annarborcc.com