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PRESS RELEASE

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“Dancing in the Dark” is the theme for Lake Forest High School Prom which will take place on May 10 at the Marriott Chicago Downtown in the Grand Ballroom. All students are required to take the coach bus to and from the Prom. The “Safe Prom Buses” will leave LFHS at 6:00 pm. The students will form a procession and exit the front doors of the high school to proceed to the buses. LFHS students began taking coach buses downtown in early 1980’s. Getting students on the buses has turned into an "event" in past 10 years, including some of the following: an actual red carpet was put down in 2005, volunteers shelter prom-goers with umbrellas in case of rain, there are different themes each year, decorated accordingly from LFHS front doors to the actual venue, approximately 300-400 students attend the prom and parents, community members, faculty and families all watch the prom promenade from bleachers which are set up on the front lawn. Prom has been covered by local television stations and there is a DVD available for purchase. Project Safe Prom, introduced in 2002, focuses on raising funds to support the use of bus transportation to and from Prom. Not only current Lake Forest parents, but also alumni parents and community members, have demonstrated an impressive commitment to keeping the students safe. Additionally, students from the junior class raise funds for this purpose. The "red carpet parade" is an even greater source of pride because it is connected to a larger tradition of valuing our students and appreciating our community.

Public notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Board of Education of Lake Forest Community High School District 115, Lake County, Illinois will be held on Monday, May 12, 7:00 p.m., at the Lake Forest City Council Chambers.

Trading Spaces: Understanding the Social and Emotional Aspect for a Successful Transition to High School will be held on Monday, May 12 from 7:00 pm – 8:45 pm at Lake Forest High School, David Miller Theater, Lake Forest. The challenges of moving on to high school can be overwhelming. Come hear from the experts and those who have “been there and done that.” This will be a frank discussion of the social and emotional issues that students will face as they “trade spaces” from middle school to high school. Our panel will include representatives from LFHS, CROYA and LEAD plus a parent and current LFHS students. Parents from all local middle schools, public and private, are most welcome to attend. Sponsored by Lake Forest District 67 Parent Awareness, Lake Bluff PTO, LFHS APT, and LEAD. For parents of children in 8th grade who will attend high school in the fall. Free of charge, no registration required.

There will be a Choral Concert on May 14 in the Raymond Moore Auditorium of LFHS at 7:30 pm.

District 67 and District 115 are partnering to form a Mandarin Chinese Committee. Come join us to assist with our new Chinese initiative. This new committee will be brainstorming ideas to help make our new teachers from China feel welcome, and to assist with their transition to living in Lake Forest. We are seeking volunteers with creative ideas, and for those who are willing to assist in making our Chinese guests, Jessica and Jun, become part of our 67 and 115 family. We will be discussing ways we can connect with neighboring communities, ways to set up cultural experiences for Jessica and Jun, ideas to welcome them, connections we can make with other Chinese groups, and methods for sharing curricular ideas. Please don't miss this opportunity to join us for this exciting initiative. It will be much richer with your ideas and support. The committee will meet on the following dates: Wednesday, May 14 from 1:30 pm - 3:00

pm and Thursday, May 22 from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm in the Beecher Room, District 67 Administration Center, 67 W. Deerpath in Lake Forest. Please plan to attend each meeting, as different information will be shared. For more information, please contact: Mrs. Colleen Brueggeman, District 67 Director of World Language, 847- 615-4474
Email: cbrueggeman@lfelem.lfc.edu.

The City of Lake Forest offers an opportunity to youth who are residents of Lake Forest to have a unique experience with their local government by serving on a board or commission. Civic-minded students who will be high school seniors during their year of service are appointed by the Lake Forest Mayor and work alongside other community volunteers whose dedicated work continues to ensure that Lake Forest remain a special place. This involvement with their local government helps them develop lifelong leadership and business skills. The first step for a student interested in serving the City in an appointed position is to complete a Youth Volunteer Profile Sheet. Profile Sheets may be obtained from www.lfhs.org or the Office of the City Manager at Lake Forest City Hall (220 E. Deerpath) or the office of CROYA (Committee Representing Our Young Adults) at 400 E. Hastings Road. Completed Profile Sheets should be returned to City Hall. The Profile Sheets for individuals appointed to City positions become public information and are filed at City Hall. To accompany the completed Profile Sheet, students applying for an appointment are required to submit a one-page essay explaining why they would like to serve and what benefits they and the City will derive from this experience. A letter of reference should also be provided. For additional information regarding the process of interviewing and selecting candidates for appointed positions, please contact City Manager Robert R. Kiely, Jr. at 847-615-4271. Upon submitting an application and letter of recommendation, interested students will be interviewed by a representative of the City and past youth volunteers. Deadline for Application Submittal is May 15.

Booster Boutique will be open two evenings for graduation gift shopping on Wednesday, May 7 and Thursday, May 15 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Also for the Spring season the Boutique will be offering \$5 off stadium seats (great for bleachers - now \$15) and

wooden handled golf umbrellas (now \$25). As always, we have many selected items for 40% off. Come visit us in the front basement hallway (NW corner) at LFHS on Thursdays and Fridays from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm or on our special night hours. See what great gifts we have for the incoming class of current 8th graders!

Congratulations to Emma Faucher, Taylor Goddu, John Nedeau, and Sayre Shannon who were participants in the 2008 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference, which was held on April 10-13 at Edwards Camp and Conference Center in East Troy, Wisconsin. RYLA was established by Rotary International as a special award for young people of high school age who have displayed leadership skills, or the potential, as shown by their active participation in groups or services. The three day program included motivational and educational speakers from around the United States.

This year's Open Doors Program was in full swing from April 23 through 25. Through the efforts of the APT in conjunction with the Volunteer Center of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff, over 130 job shadowing opportunities and 68 service opportunities were enjoyed by about 130 students, with many of these students taking advantage of both. In all, 47 mentors from business and government and 12 service organizations took the time to show our students what the world beyond the doors of LFHS holds. Thank you to all. A reminder: as student summer internships and employment opportunities are made known to the Student Services Office, they are promptly posted on the LFHS website. Click on the Student Services tab and then on Service Opportunities from the Student Services menu.