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Dear Lower Lab Community,

Here at Lower Lab, March and April were chockfull of activity. We had a councilman visit with our fifth graders, we had two parent coffees, kindergarten publishing parties, and of course, our third, fourth and fifth graders took the ELA and math test. By all accounts, the children have been working so hard and producing great work.

Thanks to the amazing and generous parent body at Lower Lab, we had a terrific evening in March for our *Back to the 80s Auction*. This event raised significant monies, which will help us make Lower Labs programs even stronger than they are today. Lower Lab is also receiving additional funds through several grants that we are excited to put to good use. Also, a giant shout out goes to Ms. Kristin for her tremendous effort on the Pajama and Book Drive. She reports that 126 pairs of pajamas and 335 books were collected and will soon be delivered to children in need!!! Way to go! As more good news, we were named a Respect for All School. Ms. Perez and Ms. Goodman were at the awards ceremony, where Chancellor Carmen Farina and Cynthia Germanotta from the Born this Way Foundation were among the guest speakers. Congratulations to our students, parents and teachers on receiving such an honor.

Finally, finally we are having some spring weather! I hope that you will enjoy the break next week by spending time with your loved ones, relaxing, rejuvenating and having fun, hopefully some of it outdoors. Please check out the *Lab Talk* that was recently distributed to the community. There is an article that speaks to supporting children's curiosity, which may be helpful as you spend the week together. Remember, time spent together, no matter the activity, is the best!

Upcoming events to mark your calendars:

- I would love for parents to join me again for coffee and conversation after drop-off on **dates TBD** for K, 1 and 2 parents, and for 3, 4 and 5 parents.
- May 12<sup>th</sup> *Parent Preview Night* of next year's curriculum, times and further details to be announced
- May 13<sup>th</sup> Inside Broadway Assembly for students and parents of IB kids  
1:30PM

- May 13<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Grade Sleepover at the Museum
- May 15<sup>th</sup> – PTA Variety Show Rehearsal
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – Evening Orchestra Concert with fourth and fifth graders all Lab Families are welcome
- May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Olympic Day
- General PTA meeting – May 17<sup>th</sup> – *This is a change from May 20th*
- May 20<sup>th</sup> - A workshop with Mary Boncher on *Teaching Sympathy 8:30 AM*
- *May 20<sup>th</sup> PTA Variety Show*
- *May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Health Talk with Kate- Parent Meeting*
- *May 25-27 Science Performance Testing 4<sup>th</sup> Grade*
- *May 27<sup>th</sup> Student Council Sprit Day “Nickname Day”*
- *June 6<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Written Science Test*
- *June 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting*
- *June 8<sup>th</sup> - Wingspan Evening Assembly for Fourth Graders*
- *June 8<sup>th</sup> SLT Meeting*
- ***No School for Students on June 9<sup>th</sup>***
- *Field Day – June 10th*
- *PTA Spring Fling – June 10<sup>th</sup>*
- *June 13<sup>th</sup> Awards Assembly Science and Math League*
- *June 14<sup>th</sup> No School for Students*
- *24<sup>th</sup> Annual Science Fair – June 15<sup>th</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup>*
- *June 17<sup>th</sup> Final PTA Meeting and Farewell to 5<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation Parents Celebration*
- *Graduation Day for Fifth Graders – June 24<sup>th</sup> - **Congratulations to our fantastic fifth grade!!!***
- *June 24<sup>th</sup> Student Council Sprit Day “Hat Day”*
- *June 28<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School*

You can see we have much to look forward to as we wrap up this school year!!! As always, thank you for your generosity and support.

Respectfully,

Sandy Miller  
Proud Principal of Lower Lab