May 22, 2020
Parent/Guardian Email Update

Summer 2020 Kids Place Childcare FAQ
Last week we announced that Kids Place would be reopening for the summer period (June 15-August 21). Since then, many parents/guardians have come forward with questions related to safety and COVID-19. Kids Place staff has put together a frequently asked questions document that will hopefully answer many of those questions. The document can be accessed by going online to https://bit.ly/KPFAQ. Additional questions can be directed to Kids Place staff by calling 952-928-6764 or emailing kidsplace@slpschools.org.

Middle School Virtual Rally Night
St. Louis Park Middle School will host a Virtual Rally Night at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28 for incoming 6th Grade students and families. We are excited to welcome you to the next chapter in your education in St. Louis Park Public Schools. Because of COVID-19, we had to postpone our live event and design this virtual event.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28 as Superintendent Astein Osei, Principal Les Bork, and Dean Gina Magnuson welcome you and your family to the Middle School in a live Google Meet. The link will be posted on the Middle School website at www.slpschools.org/ms at the top of the page.

They will provide an overview of the school, its structure and what you can expect as an incoming student. After this brief introduction, they will direct you to a menu of on-demand content for you to read, watch and interact with to become familiar with St. Louis Park Middle School.

Planned on-demand content will include:
- Gifted-Talented Education
- School Resource Officer
- Athletics & Activities
- International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB-MYP)
- English Learners/Multilingual Learners (EL/MLL)
- Student Services
- Youth Enrichment Program
- Site Council
- Construction & virtual tour of the newly remodeled Media Center
- Extended Spanish Program (ESP)

Click here to download a flyer that includes event information in English, Spanish, and Somali.

THERE’S STILL TIME! Order Your Class of 2020 Yard Sign Today!
The St. Louis Park Public Schools Foundation is still selling lawn signs to celebrate the Class of 2020. Show your Park Pride and community support for the Class of 2020 by planting a lawn
sign in your front yard for all to see! Visit www.slppsf.org to order a sign! Your donation will help fund future innovative classroom grants for St. Louis Park students for years to come.

**June 2 Virtual Celebration of the Class of 2020**

A Virtual Celebration of the Class of 2020 will premiere on YouTube at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2. In this NEW, virtual event (formerly Scholarships & Awards Night), ALL St. Louis Park High School Class of 2020 Seniors will be featured as the audience looks back at their childhood and forward to their plans for the future. High school memories will be shared and achievements, honors, and awards will be acknowledged. Students and family members can watch from home or afar at the premiere time or at their convenience. This is an ideal celebration for family members in high-risk groups (particularly older adults and people with underlying health conditions) or those facing illness who still want to celebrate the St. Louis Park High School graduate.

**High School Principals Start Visiting 315 Seniors**

High School Principal Scott Meyers and Assistant Principals Jessica Busse and Todd Goggleye started on an adventure this week to visit all 315 seniors at their homes over the next several weeks.

Each student is receiving a box which contains a number of items, including their graduation cap, gown, and stole; personal letters from individual teachers and staff; National Honors Society tassels and International Baccalaureate medals; Diploma covers; and completed coursework and artwork.

You can follow the principals on this journey by searching for the hashtag #SLPSeniors2020 on Instagram. You can also see all of the photos that have been taken by visiting this [Flickr photo gallery](https://www.flickr.com/photos/slpk12/sets/72157684556569258/).

**Wendy Loberg Named St. Louis Park High School Interim Principal**

St. Louis Park Public Schools is pleased to announce that Wendy Loberg has been named the Interim Principal for St. Louis Park High School for the 2020-21 school year.

Loberg previously served as principal of Maple Grove Senior High School and system leader in Osseo Area Schools, and is a former teacher, counselor, and administrator in Anoka-Hennepin Schools.

“I am excited for Wendy to join the team; she is a knowledgeable, highly skilled educational professional and an exceptional leader with extensive experience in K-12 education,” said St. Louis Park Public Schools Superintendent Astein Osei. “Wendy brings a lot of experience to the interim role. She has led as a high school principal in the past and her beliefs align with the strategic direction of St. Louis Park Public Schools.”
Currently, Loberg is an on-call national trainer for BARR (Building Assets, Reducing Risks) which originated at St. Louis Park High School and focuses on the importance of positive relationships and real time data.

“In her past leadership experiences Wendy has demonstrated the ability to implement effective strategies to elevate student voice and engage stakeholders. She is extremely excited to join the St. Louis Park High School community and support our work to provide a safe and nurturing environment that energizes and enhances the spirit,” Superintendent Osei said.

Loberg has provided professional development training for St. Louis Park Public Schools staff and many other districts throughout Minnesota as part of her personal consulting practice, specializing in social-emotional learning, engaging instruction, trauma-informed practices, cultural competence, and positive school cultures.

“I am a passionate, proactive champion for children and staff, and I can’t wait to begin serving as interim principal for St. Louis Park High School, a school steeped in the tradition of excellence,” Loberg said.

Superintendent Osei said the District will post the principal position next spring and implement a process to fully engage stakeholders in the selection of the next St. Louis Park High School Principal.

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