

**A NEWSLETTER FOR THE STUDENTS, STAFF, PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS OF LEAGUE SCHOOL**



*This rendering is provided by the school’s architect, Albert O. Fine of Boston - Mr. Fine was also the architect for the current League School building which was built in 1999.*

## **Plans for the Addition to League School of Greater Boston Are Moving Forward**

With the rendering above, League School of Greater Boston is pleased to be able to offer a look at its new campus.

It shows the school’s expanded new campus which includes an additional 20,000 square feet to its main building and another 5,000 square feet to the school’s residential independent living center.

“We are excited about this project,” said Dr. Frank Gagliardi, League School’s executive director. “After careful consideration and strong planning, we are now able to proceed with the next phase in our building program,” added Dr. Gagliardi.

According to Paul Oricchio, League School’s director of development, the development and public relations committee of the school’s board of directors is hard at work getting fundraising efforts off the ground. A steering committee is being formed which will include members of the board but which will remain separate in order to more effectively oversee the day-to-day activities of the campaign.

The first solicitation phase has already begun. It will include asking for three-year pledges from our School Family – which includes board members, current parents and grandparents, and employees. 100% participation, admittedly an ambitious goal, will be targeted as corporations and foundations and the general community will look to the people who are most closely associated to the school to take the lead and show how important the new school program is to them.

“It is very important we demonstrate full support internally, before we go outside,” said Paul Oricchio. “It will show everyone what our school means to us, and past campaigns have shown that we can expect to get much more external support for our efforts once this demonstrated internal commitment is in place.”

Initial estimates suggest that the total project could end up costing over \$10 million, and every dollar the school can raise privately will reduce both its short and long-term debt.

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## League School Students Performed at the Walpole Senior Center in Late April

On April 26, 21 students on a community trip of the League School Chorus began what we hope will be a frequent event with their successful performance at the Senior Center in Walpole, MA. Attended by more than 30 seniors, the concert was a hit, acclaimed with applause and smiles. Our chorus sang 8 songs and the audience joined in singing on two of the most popular favorites, "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "Yankee Doodle Boy."

After the final number, Courtney S. Riley, Director of the Senior Center and the Council on Aging located at 135 School Street in Walpole, acknowledged the exceptional efforts of our singers and invited us to come back "any time." Plans are currently underway. Also in attendance with the students were many League School staff members including classroom teachers and administration - thanks again for your time and support.





*Patrick Fuller and Carla Dyer have graciously agreed to spearhead the employee gifts effort of our upcoming development campaign.*

## Patrick Fuller and Carla Dyer Accept Leadership Positions in Development Fund Effort

Dr. Frank Gagliardi, League School's Executive Director, proudly announced that two long-time League School of Greater Boston staffers, Mr. Patrick Fuller and Mrs. Carla Dyer, have agreed to serve as co-chairpersons for the Employee Gifts Division of League School of Greater Boston Development Fund.

"I am very pleased to accept this position to serve our school in this very important endeavor," said Mr. Fuller, who is currently working as vice principal of the school. He has worked at the school, which serves the greater Boston area and beyond, for over 12 years. "Our students will really benefit from the many changes that are being made to our school," added Mrs. Dyer. Carla has also worked at the League School for over 12 years and is currently a head teacher for CT/LS program.

"The school is adding new classrooms, tutorial rooms, a computer center, a library, a vocational center, an independent living center, larger music and art classrooms and individual offices for staff and administrators as well as individual independent living areas for every student in our residences—the positive impact on their learning and their lives will be significant," said Dr. Gagliardi.

Mrs. Dyer and Mr. Fuller's role in the campaign is to encourage all employees to participate in our development fund effort. "Our employees are very dedicated to our students and parents," praised Mr. Fuller. "All of our employees serve as emissaries to the community-at-large in addition to serving our student population."

"Our goal is to receive 100% participation from all of our employees," said Mrs. Dyer. "It will demonstrate that the people most closely associated with our organization feel very strongly about our current building program and our school."

"Corporations, foundations and individual givers will respond more favorably to us asking for gifts, if we can demonstrate early sacrificial giving from our in-house family members, which includes, employees, board members and parents," stressed Paul Oricchio, director of development at the League School.




## Meet Our League School Employee of the Month for April: MeeMee Reynolds

Congratulations to our April Employee of the Month -- MeeMee Reynolds, Head Teacher in 221, CT/LS. "She does a very good job," praised Jean Leahy, League School principal. "She is always smiling and is a very caring teacher and good team player."

MeeMee's energy and enthusiasm are contagious, and she complements her exceptional teaching capabilities with a tremendous zest for life. Whatever the assignment, whether working with her students or with other staff members, MeeMee is driven to achieve the best possible results.

MeeMee's students have been learning about the central nervous system this year. Students in her classroom are high school-aged. "My students have great fun learning from the "Neuroscience for Kids" website created by Eric Chudler, Ph.D from the University of Washington," enthused MeeMee. Interestingly enough, both Dr. Chudler and MeeMee both graduated from the Grant High School in Van Nuys, California. It truly is a small world.



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## Ways Donors Can Make Gifts to League School of Greater Boston's Development Fund

When a donor wants to make a gift to the school, there are many vehicles they can choose to express their appreciation to the school, staff, board and administration, students and parents. Soon the school will have designated gift opportunities that will be available.

As the new plans are developed, we will offer donors the chance to designate or perpetuate a family member or business partner and other entity. These memorials will be available in many giving categories. Also, faculty and research support is another way people can give. Donors can have significant impact on the school or a program by making a gift to support faculty or for a ground-breaking research project. Donors may restrict a gift for scholarship for a student studying at the school or give to a faculty or staff member involved in research.

Also donors to the development fund are urged to seek appropriate legal and/or estate planning counsel in determining the best course of action for them; this is commonly called planned giving.

Other ways donors can give include:

- Direct cash gift or a three-year pledge. The most common form of capital giving is the extended pledge, allowing donors to budget their giving over a three-year period.
- Gifts of appreciated assets allow donors additional tax saving through gifts of property that have enjoyed significant appreciation, such as real estate or securities.
- Bequests allow donors to participate in the development fund through inclusion of League School in their will. Often this allows a family to make significantly larger gift than otherwise possible.

These are just a few of the ways to make a gift to our school. All gifts should be made out to the League School of Greater Boston Development Fund and are tax-deductible according to current charitable gift tax laws.



## We "Lit It Up Blue" in April

Each April 2, Autism Speaks celebrates *Light It Up Blue* along with the international autism community, in commemoration of the United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day. Light It Up Blue is a unique global initiative that kicks-off Autism Awareness Month and helps raise awareness about autism. In honor of this historic day, many iconic landmarks (like the Empire State Building), hotels, sporting venues, concert halls, museums, bridges and retail stores are among the hundreds of thousands of homes and communities that take part to *Light It Up Blue*.

League School of Greater Boston proudly joined this group last month, lighting up both its signage and building with beautiful blue tones. If you happened to be driving by the school some night last month, we hope you enjoyed this colorful tribute.

### Upcoming Events at League School:

- Monday, May 27th - No school - Memorial Day
- Wednesday, May 29th - Half-day for Students
- Thursday, June 6th - Open House at League School - 1:30 PM

Please check the school calendar on the school website, [leagueschool.com](http://leagueschool.com), for the latest announcements about upcoming events at the school.