Learning to play a round in school

by Anne Holzman

The cooing they do when they're babies is really where they should sing," St. Anthony Park Elementary music teacher Brad Oilmann explained to parents at an open house for one of his kindergarten classes last fall.

"I help them to learn to talk, and they forget how to sing up there. So we have to get them back to it," he said.

At sixth grade, said Chelsea Heights music teacher Wendy Finlimer, her students will be singing in harmony, reading the treble clef and playing at least the recorder and perhaps other instruments as well. "My goal is to give them the fundamentals so that when they get to the band teacher, they can just move on," Finlimer said.

An agency once known primarily for adoption programs continues to add depth and breadth to its social service portfolio, recently taking on several programs that will be directed from its offices in the Toogood Building at 2230 Como Avenue.

Late in 2009, Children's Home strengthened its partnership with Family Networks, a Minneapolis County-based agency. At about the same time, it was designated to manage the Strong and Peaceful Families program, an effort jointly supported by the city of St. Paul and Ramsey County.

In addition, at the start of 2010, the Children's Home strengthened its corporate early learning center in Plymouth, Minn., to CHS FS. That facility will now be open to the public as one of 11 early learning centers the agency operates in the metropolitan area.

According to Kathy Kuklikia, CHS FS and Family Networks complement one another nicely. "We already had been doing counseling for children and their families," said the CHS FS vice president of advancement. "But Family Networks offers a more intensive therapeutic approach, including day treatment programs, outpatient services and programs, and other services."
The Northwest Como Recreation Center has free-open gym time for families every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. On Feb. 26, a Winter Chill Dance for grades 3-5, will take place from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is $5. A variety of classes start in February: Sadancing, ages 8-12, and under with a parent; Mannerly manners, ages 5-6; Volleyball Warm-up, ages 8-14. For more information about these and other classes, visit the rec center or go to spal.gov/parks.

Falcon Heights
Michele Teese has begun her job as part-time deputy clerk. Teese grew up in St. Paul, earned a bachelor’s degree from Winona State University and has worked for several cities, including N. Minneapolis, H. Hage and Oakdale. She received a master’s degree in public administration from A. University in 2009.

Ramsey County District Court granted M.G.M. a temporary restraining order, which prevents the city from putting a fence back up at the M.G.M. site. A hearing on the matter is scheduled for Feb. 24. Anyone with questions or comments can call Ann Olson, from Councilmember Lee Hagen’s office, 296-8651.

The annual St. Anthony Park Progressive Dinner will be held Feb. 27. The event starts at the Methodist Church at Como and Hildale, where appetizers will be served and participants will receive a schedule for the evening. More information: spopc.org/progressivedinners.

The District 12 Community Council congratulates this year’s honor roll nominees: Hansen Hanson, for her perfect mix of humor and gravity in leading the Community Council for the past six years, always focused on the finest solutions to issues; Alice H. Haun for her superb leadership in the State Legislature, finding ways to unite rather than divide; and Tim Wulling, for his longevity activism in St. Anthony Park neighborhoods for Peace and, more recently, for bringing together a group supporting environmentally responsible community living.

Due to reductions in local government aid to St. Paul, the St. Paul Public Library has been asked to reduce its 2010 operating budget by $889,240 (4.8 percent). More information about the changes is available at sppl.org/news/2009/2010-budget-fast-facts.pdf. At the St. Anthony Park Library, hours will be reduced from 63 hours per week down to 48.5. New hours will be as follows: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Th-Sa. 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sun. closed.

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Chore service matches seniors, disabled with volunteer workers

by Natalie Zett

 Barely two weeks into her new position as St. Paul Senior Chore Service coordinator, Noreen Huntington was already in the thick of it — taking calls, making visits and developing new forms.

“I’m trying to get a game plan in place,” she said.

The Senior Chore Service helps those who are 60 and older, or who are disabled, live independently by matching them with youth and adult volunteers who provide an array of home services. Volunteers assist with housework, lawn and garden care, snow removal, gutter cleaning, window washing, screen or storm window changing, painting (exterior or interior), basement and garage cleaning, and minor home maintenance and repair.

Recently, the weather has been generating most of the calls to the organization, which shares office space with the St. Anthony Park Community Council at South St. Anthony Recreation Center.

“We’re busy with snow shoveling,” Huntington said. “People began calling when the first snowfall hit. Someone who called recently was in the hospital, and when he came home to all the snow he was unable to shovel.”

Huntington said maintaining a list of volunteers is a balancing act. “Timing is everything. If a potential volunteer comes along and there’s no client to help, they go somewhere else. Conversely, if clients are kept waiting, they get frustrated.”

The Chore Service publicizes its services through newspaper advertising and welcome packets given to new residents. They maintain contact with schools, a primary source of student volunteers. And they try to find places where seniors gather.

Huntington, who grew up in St. Paul, brings a wealth of experience to this part-time position. She’s been overseeing volunteer programs for 17 years, at Second Harvest, the American Red Cross, Ebeanesz, the Roselle Senior Program and the Multigenerational Groveland Block Nurse program, where she still works part-time.

Huntington has been working to connect the Senior Chore Service to other organizations. One example is Hands On Twin Cities (handsontwincities.org), which enables volunteers to find opportunities close to where they live.

Huntington said that prospective volunteers undergo a background check and sign a confidentiality agreement. If they’re under 16, a parental signature is required.

She said high school and college students can sometimes fulfill service learning requirements by volunteering with the Senior Chore Service.

“A couple of 15-year-old boys called recently,” she said. “Both live in St. Anthony Park, and one was looking to fulfill service learning for high school, while the other needed it as part of his National Honor Society involvement.”

The Rice Street Cup: A Como tradition

by Sam Carey

(Editors note: This story originally appeared in the Como Crier.)

The Rice Street Cup is a tradition that’s decades old and has become deeply rooted in Como’s history. It’s one of the most anticipated sports events of the year.

The Rice Street Cup brings out an unprecedented level of excitement and school spirit, not just from students but from every part of the Como community, including alumni and neighbors.

The Rice Street Cup is the second-oldest hockey game of its kind, matched only by the Roseville War Road. It’s an annual hockey match in which the Como Cougars play against the Saint Bernard’s Saints. The event is held at Aldrich Arena, where it attracts a large crowd.

Despite the importance of the Rice Street Cup to Como, this school was not part of the Cup when it began. The two teams that originally participated were St. Bernards and Washington. When Washington merged with Murray to form Como Park Senior High School, we inherited its place in the Cup.

The Rice Street Cup had a fairly humble beginning. Rod Magnuson, coach of Washington’s hockey team, was having drinks with Jack Glazer, the Saint Bernard’s coach. They decided the two teams should play, even though they weren’t in the same conference.

“They had white helmets, and we had black,” said Magnuson, “so we played.” The first game was played in 1965 at St. Paul Academy. It was 1-0 in the arena.

The Cup has a rich history. The teams that play today aren’t made up completely of each school’s students. The Como team picks from the best hockey players at Como, Highland and Central, and Saint Bernards includes players from St. Croix, St. Agnes and Concordia.

Though the first Cup was held at SPA, it switched locations several times before finally settling at Aldrich Arena.

The first Mr. Hockey award was given in 1977, to Bob Turner, an ex-Marine who coached Washington teams that twice went to the state tournament.

The Rice Street Cup is no longer just a neighborhood event now that the schools are farther apart. And since the two schools are now in the same conference, the game is no longer Como and Saint Bernards’ only chance to play each other. But that hasn’t changed what the Cup means to Como.

“It’s a game you play for bragging rights,” said Magnuson, and it’s an event that should be experienced by everyone who wishes to call themselves a Cougar.

This year’s Rice Street Cup was held Jan. 15 at Aldrich Arena. The Cougars won 5-1.
EDITORIAL

It's not easy being a public school music teacher these days. You're lucky to have a job at all, luckier still if you don't have to shuffle between schools. You probably have to make do with minimal, outdated materials, and you might have to teach in one of those outbuildings that are euphemistically called temporary classrooms. Among fellow music teachers, you may be strengthened by the knowledge that you can do, who those can’t teach,” mentality. Among fellow teachers you may be considered second-class because you’re relegated to an “enrichment” subject, while they labor in the 3-as branches. Just about the only drum anyone in public education marches to these days is labeled Testing. Minnesota’s K-12 standards address the arts, with both knowledge and performance components. But there is no music section on the M N Child Comprehensive Assessments, which cover math, reading and science. And it’s the MCA’s by which schools are judged that make “making adequate yearly progress” according to dictates of the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

It’s ironic that music instructors must fight to get a hearing when all around us, what we hear is music. Nearby any public place you wander into has a soundtrack: stores, malls, waiting rooms, restaurants, stadiums, arenas. And music isn’t just in the background; it’s at the forefront of our consciousness. As many people probably know who will be playing at halftime during the Super Bowl Sunday events which will be occurring.

We’re awash in music, yet some of us don’t consider music education a high priority. Parents with means can ensure that their children receive music instruction. If you can afford to buy an instrument and pay for private lessons, and if you’re willing to haul your kids to and from the teacher’s house, you can rest assured that they’ve been given a chance to develop their musical talent and appreciation. But if you lack the means for those things, you’re on the other side of a musical divide, where your children are less likely to become active, informed consumers and creators of music.

One explanation for the secondary (or tertiary) status of music education might be linguistic. We say that one learns to “play” an instrument. Play is important, some would affirm, but when push comes to shove, school is for preparing future workers. Our economy needs full employment, not full artistic appreciation, goes this line of thought. Music, and the arts in general, are destined to play second (or third) fiddle when the one calling the tune is deaf to anything but the bottom line.

And what about the fact that human history is replete with examples of artistic expression? And what about committing ourselves to providing an education in the arts for all students? An instrumentalist, the dictionary says, is (a) a person who performs a musical instrument, or (b) a person who believes in its intrinsic value. And isn’t that what we are? An instrumentalist? We believe in the arts, and we want future workers to have that same belief.

One might ask: How many people are gainfully employed as musicians or artists, and how much do they pay in taxes? How many sculptures or paintings or camel’s hair brushes or concert tickets or musical instruments are sold each year? And might one ask how many of these people can’t make ends meet? If a defense of arts instruction is mounted by educators, it’s likely to appeal to non-arts outcomes. For example, one could argue that learning to “read” a painting involves some of the same skills as reading a text. That’s a plausible claim, one with some research support. But it subordinates the arts to what are implicitly assumed to be weightier activities.

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Music in the Park Series presents
Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio

Music in the Park Series will present a musical Valentine when the renowned Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio appears in its Series debut at St. Anthony Park Unitist Church of Christ (2129 Commonwealth Ave) on Feb. 14 at 4 pm.

The Trio — Joseph Kalichstein, piano; Jamee Laredo, violin; and Sharon Robinson, cello — will perform Beethoven’s Trio for Violin, Cello and Piano in B-flat Major, Op. 11, Schubert’s Piano Trio in E-flat Major, Op. 100 (D. 990); and a recent work composed expressly for the Trio by composer Richard Danielpour, “A Child’s Requiem” for piano trio. It is dedicated to the memory of a young child, the piece employs musical allusions to Brahms’ “Cradle Song” to express the tenderness and poignant loss of grieving parents.

For more than three decades since making their debut at the Inauguration of President Jimmy Carter, the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio has been dazzling audiences and setting performance standards for the art of the piano trio.

Named the 2002 Ensemble of the Year by Musical America, the Trio recently recorded the complete Brahms trio cycle on Koch International Classics. Since 2003, they have been the resident trio of the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Tickets are $22 for adults, $15 for students and can be purchased at www.musichartparkseries.org by calling 645-5699.

School music from 1 grades 1-6 weekly, with grades 5 and 6 combined. The kindergarten, which are half-day, don’t have class with her but do attend some of the older students performances. “By doing this, they will be more comfortable with me in the first grade,” M arrin said.

Both St. Anthony Park and Chelsea Heights, in the St. Paul district, have kept full-time music teachers on board despite years of enrollment pressures that have caused cuts in other areas.

Both schools lost half their instrumental music funding this year, leading Chelsea Heights to drop its strings program. A parent does an “orchestra jam” as an after-school program.

St. Anthony Park parents raised money to keep the strings program intact, but instrumental programming was reduced by several hours a week.

Principal Ann Johnson said district and school budgets provide $30,400 for the school’s vocal and instrumental music. The St. Anthony Park district spent $11,400 this year. The school’s parent association and community donors provide funds for supplies.

 Spicer de Gutiérrez said the St. Paul district bought new curriculum materials — Silver Burdett’s M usic and You — in 2005 for all the elementary schools that had full-time music staff. She said it was chosen for its emphasis on world music. It includes recordings and iPads for each child, as well as books at all levels.

She said curriculum is generally updated about every 10 years. “If the new national push is to look at online curriculum,” she said. School licenses may replace books and CDs, which could cut costs, she added.

Spencer de Gutiérrez said many instruments in the schools are supplied by donors. The district’s central purchasing department also takes teacher requests and looks for deals. Asked why schools should keep music in the curriculum when budgets are tight, Flinner and Spencer de Gutiérrez both cited state and national standards that recognize it as a priority.

Spencer de Gutiérrez said Minnesota is the only state with a music arts agency for the schools, the Perpich Center, which provides teacher workshops and spearheads efforts to improve curriculum.

Flinner, who graduated from Bemidji State and has worked as a church organist and choir director since her teens, taught music and played in Chelsea Heights for 14 years. “I love the fact that every culture I’m teaching about is represented here,” she said of the school.

Flinner outlined her K-6 curriculum in terms of what children can be expected to do as they grow. “They need to know how to read music, moving and singing,” she said, “and self-control. She wants the children to hear lots of songs and become comfortable with singing.”

“I want every child comes ready to sing,” she said. “Second grade they know many melodies and are starting to read music in the treble clef.

In third grade, Flinner introduces recorders. They start with “Hot Cross Buns,” and by the end of third grade, many of them can play Beethoven’s “0 de joy” in treble clef.

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Christmas snowfall kept plows and crews busy for weeks

by Anne Holzman

Despite the efforts of crews working holiday hours, the conditions of Twin Cities roads made for some challenging driving in late December and early January. City crews dropped very little salt on the snow-bound roads, and it wasn’t because of concerns about water runoff. It was more a factor of even the more expensive chemicals being too cold to use, a city official said.

Sodium chloride will melt salt down to about 13°F, said Kevin Nelson, St. Paul public works manager. “If it’s too cold, we’ll use a blend of calcium chloride and magnesium chloride.”

But temperatures stayed below 0°F for about two weeks following the Christmas Eve storm, and those salts wouldn’t work at that temperature, either. And he added that it’s far too cold to use anything but the fancier blend around. “It’s expensive,” he noted.

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Nelson said 23 of the city’s 24 plows were吐槽ed. “We try to use those trucks out. We do our best,” he said.

St. Paul’s Kevin Nelson said that while temperature pushed using salt on the roads until they warmed up, the city has in fact become more attuned to environmental concerns. Nelson said city trucks dropped sand in some places to help with traction, and they had crews out on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day trying to remove snow before it hardened on the roads. “Maybe a little bit too much,” he said. “It was cold.”

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The Park Bugle was a stepchild of Crocus Hill Press, which published a community newspaper called the Grand Gazette. Andy Boss approached Roger Swardson, the president of that organization, to discuss the possibility of starting a similar paper in St. Anthony Park. Swardson agreed to help launch the Park Bugle and the paper was published by Crocus Hill Press from July 1974 until April 1975, when the ownership was officially transferred to Park Press inc.

The Bugle’s first issue noted the demise of the Bench, a monthly publication that served Lauderdale, and included an invitation to Lauderdale residents to contribute news to the Bugle. From its inception, then, the Bugle-covered areas outside St. Anthony Park — first Falcon Heights and Lauderdale, and later the northwest part of the Como Park neighborhood. Today the paper is delivered door-to-door in all four communities.

That first issue also publicized the Fourth of July celebration held in Langford Park, with a parade down Como Avenue, and every July issue since then has included a similar announcement.

Other stories included news of 102 additional units at the U of M’s Commonwealth Terrace, a petition organized by the St. Anthony Park Association to add a stoplight at Como Avenue and Langford Park, and an invitation to ‘World Class’ dunking booth that would feature City Councilmember Vic Teodosio and State Representative Neil Dieterich. Advertisers in that inaugural issue included several businesses still in operation (M cSwain’s, Park Service, Milton Investment, Bildelet), some that have changed names or ownership (LampLighter Inn, St. Anthony Park Barber and Stylits, O’Donnell’s Cleaners) and some that are no more (Bridgeman, Miller Drug, St. Anthony Park Realty, Terminal Bar).

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The Falcon Heights-Lauderdale Lions Club donated $20,000 to the Roseville Library Capital Campaign for adaptive equipment, large print books and books on CD to expand library services available to patrons with low or no vision. This Lions Club raises funds by selling Christmas trees and parking cars at Saints games. The reconstructed library is scheduled to open in July.

Pictured here are Kent Furois, Lions Club president; Sue Gehrz, Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries director; and members of the Falcon Heights-Lauderdale Lions Club.

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Volunteering Matters
by Lisa Steinmann

Would you return to junior high: the agony of puberty, the struggle with authority, the turbulence of emotion and — on top of all that — algebra? It takes a special kind of individual to smile calmly and re-enter that place many of us were only too glad to leave behind.

St. Anthony Park resident Cindy Vik T Tucker brings the smile, as well as energy and commitment, to the Pilot One-on-One Tutoring program she started at M urray Junior HGH. It’s her job to recruit volunteers who will work shoulder to shoulder with seventh- and eighth-grade students, helping them solve problems, both real-life and mathematical.

T Tucker says her inspiration for the program came about because she knew, as a parent, that a big place of student success in school comes from support at home. From experiences as a school volunteer, she also believed that all students could be successful with “daily attention from an adult who believes in them, cared about them and held them accountable for their homework.” She saw a particular need for such support in junior high, and pitched the idea for a tutoring program to the Murray administration in 2008.

M urray’s principal, Dr. W inston Tucker, welcomed the offer to help students who need extra support to succeed. “If they don’t receive that support,” he says, “they are likely to quit trying and will not do well in school.”

The transition from elementary school to junior high can be difficult. Suddenly there are more teachers and assignments, which requires more organization than ever before. Pilot One-on-One Tutoring, in its second year at M urray, targets students who have D or Failing grades in core academic areas: math, English, science and social studies. Tutors work one-on-one with students, helping them get work turned in on time and prepared for tests.

When T Tucker serves as tutor coordinator, the program this year has doubled the number of tutors and students they are able to serve. “Even after one trimester, there are significant improvements in grades,” she reports.

The program supports students and their families. T Tucker calls parents every month, reporting on progress, making suggestions, fielding questions.

She also organizes a kick-off dinner at the beginning of the year. Students and their families share a meal and listen to presentations by the principal and school counselors. T Tucker talks about the importance of regular bedtime and homework routines. M at Anderson, M urray’s technology support person, shows parents how to use the computer to check on grades and homework progress for their children.

The program also relies on community resources. Financial support has come from the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation and Park M idway Bank. Local churches support the program, and some volunteers come from St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church and St. M athews’ Episcopal Church. Tutors represent a variety of backgrounds. Some, like T Thrasher, are parents with experience helping children with homework. Some are college and seminary students from area schools. They might be interested in becoming teachers or earning credit for community service. Some volunteers are at the other end of their career, like Bob Peterson.

T Peterson, retired from the University of M innesota, lives in L auderdale and tutors for two hours on Tuesday afternoons. “M ost of these kids are pretty sharp,” he says. “They roll quickly with things that come their way.”

Peterson sees the potential to turn “sharp” students into “good” students. “I hey need to be motivated,” he says. Recently he worked with S sandy, a seventh-grader, who admits she doesn’t do much homework at home because “no one really around so I have to do it by myself.” She likes having a tutor. “When I get stuck on something I want someone to catch it,” she says.

Kristin M aoen, an architect, found out about Pilot One-on-One Tutoring through a colleague. Like many who are riding the waves of the recession, she stays busy between jobs with volunteer work. Part of her job as a tutor is to fill out an evaluation sheet each time she works with a student, part of the system to track work on assignments as well as grades and goals.

Tutors are given suggested questions to ask: “W hat time of day do you like to do your homework?” “D o you have a routine?” “If you have questions about school, do you have someone you can ask?” “W hat would you like to do when you graduate from high school?”

D ewahn, a seventh-grader, is discussing history day topics with Americorp/VISTA volunteer Abby M iller. He says he’s interested in shoes. M iller helps him refine the research topic to athletic shoes. D ewahn says he gets “decent grades,” adding, “I just have to catch up a little bit.” He says his favorite subject is math. “I used to be the worst,” he admits, “but then I got some help. And now? I get a A .”

To volunteer with the Pilot One-on-One program at M urray, contact C indy Vik T Tucker at c indy.thrasher@spps.org or call the school at 293-8740.

Volunteer tutor Cindy Vik Thrasher works with a Murray student as part of the Pilot One-on-One program. In addition to tutoring in the program, Thrasher coordinates it and recruits other volunteers.

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early intervention and prevention.”

The Family Networks name will be retained for the immediate future and its services added to existing CHSFS program offerings in Ramsey County. In turn, the new relationship will allow CHSFS to expand its family support and post-adoption services into Hennepin County from Family Network sites.

“In the current economy,” said Kukielka, “it’s been difficult for small and medium-sized nonprofits to thrive. By joining CHSFS, Family Networks can achieve efficiencies through combined human resources, no longer having to contract out their information technology function and things of that nature.”

The Ambrose H. Wilder Foundation had directed the Strong and Peaceful Families effort since its inception four years ago, but budget cuts at Wilder forced it to withdraw, according to Donald Gault, Healthy Communities Section manager at the St. Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health. The department sponsors the program, along with the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office and the St. Paul City Attorney’s Office, a partnership known as the Joint Domestic Abuse Prosecution Unit.

“Wild did a superb job with the program and were very sorry that relationship had to end,” said Gault. “However, we’re thrilled that CHSFS is taking over, because we’ve worked with them over the years and know how excellent their services and staff are.”

Each year, city and county prosecutors refer 15 to 30 families that have experienced serious domestic violence to the Strong and Peaceful Families program, said Gault. “There is a strong emphasis on helping children deal with the effects of witnessing such violence, he added, to help them avoid becoming abusers themselves one day.

“Our goal is to break that cycle, and we’ve found that through what can become pretty intensive interaction, we’ve been able to help some families become violence-free for the first time in generations,” Gault said.

Kukielka said that Strong and Peaceful Families will be in with Family Networks’ group counseling for children and its parenting workshops.

The expanded program offerings, the said, enable CHSFS to seek support from a wider range of potential funding sources.

Does CHSFS plan future program expansion?

“We already do some school-based counseling and are actively seeking partners to do more of that, reaching out to more schools, including those in the Como area and charter schools, as well,” she said.

The new programs join the CHSFS Post-Adoption Services and Financial and Home Ownership Education programs at the Como Avenue location. CHSFS headquarters is at 1605 Eustis St.

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School News

Chelsea Heights Elementary
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Students in grades 4-6 participated in the National Geographic Bee. Each classroom held a competition to determine class winners, who faced off in a school-wide bee. First place went to Patrick Norum, second place to Nick Lenzich and third place to Evan Duvall.

Registration is now taking place for the 2010-2011 school year. School tours are available 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. Call the school (293-8790) to schedule a tour. All students enrolling in a St. Paul school for the first time must fill out an application. All sixth-grade students must fill out a secondary school application, indicating their choice of junior high.

Application due dates are Feb. 28 for secondary schools and Mar. 5 for elementary schools. More information is available at spps.org.

St. Anthony Park Elementary
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On Jan. 9, St. Anthony Park Elementary was one of more than 120 schools that participated in the 2010 Parent Information Fair at St. Paul RiverCentre. Applications are required for all elementary students who enroll in a St. Paul public school. Applications are available at enrollment or by calling 632-3701. The elementary school application deadline is Mar. 4.

St. Anthony Park Elementary will hold open houses on Feb. 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m., and Feb. 11, 6-7 p.m. Prospective families are invited to meet teachers and parents and to visit classrooms. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions about the school.

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On Jan. 9, St. Anthony Park resident Kristina Abbas was selected Princess of the Snow as part of the 2010 Winter Carnival Junior Royalty competition. During her year-long reign, she will participate in parades, coronations and other community events in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Some readers may remember Kristina as a 4-H reporter for the Bugle.

The St. Anthony Park Discovery Club's fifth annual holiday craft sale raised over $1,000 for the Polar Bear Odyssey at the Como Zoo. The children made craft items, and parents donated baked goods. Crafts included bean soup and cocoa in decorated jars, ornaments, cards, candle jars and jewelry.

The sale began as a service learning project and in past years has resulted in donations to local food shelves, Animal Ark and Toys for Tots. This year's beneficiary, the Como Zoo Polar Bear Odyssey exhibit, is scheduled to open this summer.

St. Anthony Park resident Jay Weiner will cover the Winter Olympics for NBC Universal this month. NBC and its affiliated networks—MSNBC, CNBC, USA and NBCOlympics.com—will air, cablecast and stream the Games from Vancouver, British Columbia.

Weiner will work as a reporter-researcher for the networks’ on-air talent, providing information to the reporters and anchors of the Today Show, NBC Nightly News and the prime-time Olympic broadcasts.

This will be Weiner’s eighth consecutive Winter Games, beginning with the 1984 Sarajevo Olympics. He has also covered seven Summer Olympics, mostly for the Star Tribune; more recently he covered the 2008 Beijing Summer Games for MinnPost.com.
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Events

1 MONDAY
- "A Common Thread," through Feb. 20, TC.
- "Natural Perspectives," works by local and national artists featuring sculpture, drawing and natural materials, through Feb. 25, LAG.
- Winter Flower Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., through Mar. 11, CPZC.

1 TUESDAY
- State party caucuses, 7 p.m. Various locations.

4 THURSDAY
- P.J. Storytelling, 6 p.m. CG.

5 FRIDAY
- Harold Pinter's "The Homecoming," 8 p.m. GT.
- "Seen & Unseen," photo exhibit, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. LCH.
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6 SATURDAY
- Twin City Model Railroad Museum annual holiday Night Train attraction, every Sat. 6-9 p.m. through Feb. 23, LALSD.
- How Secretaries Changed the 20th Century Office Design, Image, and Culture, through May 30, GMD.
- Cajun Jam session and lessons, 10 a.m. CG.
- Harold Pinter’s "The Homecoming," 8 p.m. GT.

7 SUNDAY
- Open Mic, 6 p.m. CG.

8 MONDAY
- Boy Scouts of America centennial bonfire, 7-8 p.m. SAPUNC.
- Public forum on proposed changes to Hampden Park, 7 p.m. SSAPRC.

9 TUESDAY
- Saint Anthony Park Garden Club: "Gardening in the 3 Ms (Maryland, Minnesota and the Mediterranean)," presented by member Helen Foster, 6:30 p.m. SAPRC.
- Bridge Club, 6:15 p.m. CG.

10 WEDNESDAY
- Social and Q & A with Superintendent Valeria Silva, 6:30-8 p.m. MJKAS.

11 THURSDAY
- Great Lakes Flying Fishers: Research and Recovery, 7 p.m. Fairview Community Center.
- Roots Music Showcase, 7 p.m. CG.
- Design in the Dark: A Film Series: "Valentino: The Last Emperor," 7 p.m. GMD.

12 FRIDAY
- St. Anthony Park/Como West MOMS Club Open House/Valentines Day party, 9:30-11:30 a.m. CPLC.
- Fiber Frengy, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. TC.
- "A Proper English Valentines Tea," 11 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. LTR.
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14 SUNDAY
- Annual parish dinner, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Church of St. Cecilia, 2357 Bayliss Pl., 644-4502.
- Harold Pinter’s "The Homecoming," 8 p.m. GT.
- "Fiber Frengy," 10 a.m.-3 p.m. TC.

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16 TUESDAY

18 THURSDAY
- Curator's Talk: Shaping Office Culture: Secretaries and Beyonce, 6 p.m. GMD.
- Harold Pinter’s "The Homecoming," 8 p.m. GT.

19 FRIDAY
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- Beth Kinderman, 8 p.m. CG.

20 SATURDAY
- Harold Pinter’s "The Homecoming," 8 p.m. GT.
- "A Common Thread," through Feb. 20, TC.

21 SUNDAY
- Harold Pinter’s "The Homecoming," 4 p.m. GT.

25 THURSDAY
- Roots Music Showcase, 7 p.m. CG.

26 FRIDAY
- Glory Noise, 8 p.m. CG.

27 SATURDAY
- Milwaukee Parent Camp Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. CPZC.
- Annual parish dinner, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. FHCH.
- "roots music showcase," 7 p.m. CG.

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Dora Chrun
Ewodia (Dora) Chrun (Zyguzdzi), formerly of Falcon Heights, died Jan. 9, 2010. She was born in Ukraine on Aug. 10, 1924. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fedir Chrun, in 2004. They made their home in Falcon Heights for 41 years.

She is survived by four children: M. ichael (Dorothy) Chrun, John (Sheri) Chrun, Mary Chrun and Kathryn (Donald) Johnson; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He greatly enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Panachyda Prayers were said Jan. 13, 2009, with Requiem Divine Liturgy at St. Constantine's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Northeast Minneapolis. Intermemorial was at Roshalw Cemetery.

Robert James
Robert D. James, 75, of Lauderdale, died Jan. 13, 2010. He had retired from the University of Minnesota and was a member of the Falcon Heights Eagles softball team.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Alexander Golz. He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Ginny; three children, Mark (Pat) James, Kelly (Steve) Golez, Steve (Katy) James; six grandchildren; and his sister, Joyce Annar. He was a member of the Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 16, 2010, at Corpus Christi Church in Roseville, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Helen Kelsey
Helen A. Kelsey died Jan. 15, 2010, at St. Anthony Health Care Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold Kelsey, stepson Ron Kelsey and stepdaughter Margaret Golchick. She is survived by her son Thomas Krog, stepdaughter Judy Schmitt and daughter-in-law Kim Kiley.

Her memorial service was held Jan. 20, 2010, at St. Anthony Heights United Church of Christ.

Neal Gish
Neal S. Gish, 95, died Jan. 15, 2010. He was born in Onamia, Minn., and had lived in Lauderdale since 1946. He was a WWII veteran, serving at the U.S. Naval Hospitals in Farragut, Idaho, and Oakland, Calif. He retired from employment with the Minnesota State Tax Department in 1979.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn, whom he married in 1940, and by their son Charles. He and his wife were long-time members of St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church. They are survived by son John Gish and daughter Janet Gish Finn, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at Roseville Memorial Chapel on Jan. 20, 2010, with interment at Roshalw Cemetery.

Marie Moffatt

For many years Marie owned and operated J. G. Mortcratt Furniture Store, as well as working for Gaymar’s Beauty Salon as a beautician.

She was preceded in death by husbands John Dito and Hilmann Molfatt, sons John Dito and Robert Molfatt and sister Elise Cross. She is survived by sons John (Marylyn), James, Janet and Jeffrey (Judy) Dito and Donald (Sandy) Moffatt, daughter-in-law Joan Molfatt, 12 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held Jan. 19, 2010, at Como Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Roshalw Cemetery.

Josephine Nielsen
Josephine E. Nielsen, 95, died peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Jan. 15, 2010.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Niels, and granddaughter Judith Schmitt and daughter-in-law Kim Kiley. Her memorial service was held Jan. 20, 2010, at St. Anthony Heights United Church of Christ.

Ardis Nier
Ardis T. Nier died Dec. 15, 2009. She was born in Onamia, Minn., and died Jan. 10, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, a prominent physicist and amateur astronomer, Robert D. James, in 1994.

She is survived by her four children, Jackie (Bill) McCallister, Steve (Stacy) Neuner and Mark (Diana), Mark, Lisa (Kotyoka) and Donald (Sandy) Moffatt; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held Dec. 18, 2009, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Marian Roan
Marian A. Roan, 95, was born June 6, 1914, and died Jan. 10, 2010.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James A. Roan, who was preceded in death by his four children, Jackie (Bill) Louk, Tom (Kathy) Roan, Pam (Clay) Eventt and Cheryl M. Shriver; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

After a career as an R.N., she retired as a director of nursing at Lutheran Home Care Center.

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Donald Ruddick
D. Ronald K. Ruddick, 86, of Como Park, died Jan. 7, 2010. He was preceded in death by his wife Marian, who died in 2007. He is survived by daughters Jane (Randyi) Peterson, Barbara (D. Ronald) Niegengarten and Laurie (Jerry) Pichert; seven grandchildren; and daughter Dannel (Rita) Ruddick.

Don was employed by the U. S. Postal Service for 31 years (NARFE 140) and was a member of VFW Post #1580 in Inver Grove Heights Association. He supported his parishioners as a coach at N W Como and volunteered over 2000 hours at Lyngbyton Center. He will always be remembered for his love of sports and gardening and his willingness to help others.

Beatrice Smith
Beatrice Smith, niece, Schroefer, 96, of Falcon Heights, died Dec. 26, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Lyman Smith, Jr. She is survived by daughters Susan Smith and M erily Smith.

A memorial service is planned for Mar 4, 2010.

Florence Spaulding

Evelyn graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1932 and was a teacher and librarian during the next 25 years. She taught high school librarians at Glascow, Montanta, during the building of the Port Peck dam, she met and married engineer Roy Spaulding.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Franklyn; and grandchildren.

She is survived by children Jane, Roy, Robert and Charles, and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Jan. 18, 2010, at her church of 55 years, Central United Methodist Church in Roseville, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Marion Killmer
Marion Earl Killmer, of Grand Marais, died Dec. 26, 2009. Marion was born in St. Paul on Oct. 15, 1918. He attended grade school in St. Paul, graduated from Catholic High School in 1937 and studied for three years at the University of Minnesota, majoring in agricultural science, with a minor in horticulture.

There are two children: Virginia Rose Killmer who was born in 2007.

William L. Killmer, with whom he was married for 34 years, died Dec. 6, 2009. Marion's children are Virginia Rose Killmer, and his son, William L. Killmer.

Marion's hobbies included photography, painting, printing, gardening, choir, writing poetry, correspondence, wine making, cooking and canning. For 15 years, he sang with a men's chorus, the Finale Friends. He edited and published a quarterly newsletter for 10 years for the Minnesota Rural Artists Association. He also taught wine-making for a community education program in the late 1980s, which was featured in the Cook County News Herald.

His church memberships included St. Anthony Park Methodist Church (1918-1946), Rosemount Methodist Church (1966-1971), Falcon Heights United Church of Christ (1927-1974), and the First Congregational United Church of Christ, in Grand Marais (1975-2007). For many years he was a church photographer.

Marion was preceded in death by his sister Helen (Hibbert) N oman; brothers-in-law Howard Linn and Philip Libin; and his wife, Virginia Rose (Knight) Killmer; and a daughter-law Penny Killmer; nephew Thomas M iller; and grandson Andrew Killmer. He is survived by sister Jeane (Wells) Stewart, four children, Ronald (Edith), Bruce (Penny), Deborah (Kern) Tachibana and Richard (Nancy) nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in Grand Marais in the spring.

Bruce Simons
Bruce A. Simons, 74, died peacefully at home on Dec. 23, 2009.

Bruce was a 1953 graduate of Murray High School and a 33-year employee of the U.S. Postal Service in St Paul and Apple Valley.

He lived in Dacula, Ga., and Alberta, Ariz.

He is survived by his wife, Joan, and four children, Kathleen, Grandson Luke; Julie, and Grandson Peter and five siblings. He is survived by his children, Kelly, John (Jennifer), Stacey (Reed) Julian and James, five grandchildren and his Yang grandchildren and great grandchildren, and sisters Sharon (Dr. Preston) Williams, Betty (Warrin), Lorendale and Carol (Wayne) K rauzel.

His funeral was held Dec. 31, 2009, at Roseville Memorial Chapel, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

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