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From the Chair



Start Fresh with CPC

It is just about Spring time in New England. It is time to renew, grow and start fresh. I would like to challenge all and anyone to attend and bring a friend to a meeting this month. It does not have to be a CPC meeting but that would be nice (**March 23, 7pm at the Wang School, How to talk to your kids about Sex**), but to any school function, meeting, or gathering that a Lowell public school is having. Taking the time to be at your child's school shows them how important their education is to you.

Budget time is also approaching. There are many rumors (some of them true) about cuts being made in our schools. It is important to learn what is happening out there, not just in Lowell but all over Massachusetts. Read in the papers, listen to the radio and watch TV news, but learn, stay informed. The decisions made will affect your child's life.

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Our website is <http://www.lowellcpc.org> .
check for updates and information on our organization.



LHS Academies Shine

The CPC Board's monthly meeting coincided with Lowell High School's "Academy Spotlight" evening. Rather than be in two places at once, Supt. Chris Augusta Scott (who is an integral part of these meetings) invited board members to join her at this event. It was a great chance for CPC to see what LHS is up to these days. We were all impressed. Student ambassadors showcased their academies with their expertise and enthusiasm. Projects displayed were impressive and the dinner provided by the hospitality academy could compete with a 5 star restaurant.

"I am impressed with the Lowell High Academies, the staff, and children participating in the program. I hope it will continue to be successful so it can be introduced to our elementary and middle school students someday. I am particularly interested with the Engineering Academy because both my boys have shown great interest and passion in science, invention, and building. Our basement collection consists of Legos, K'nex, and anything robotics or science kit related. I feel this specialized program is a great resource for our kids to discover their fullest potential, and also to pursue a career that they will truly love and enjoy."
Teresa Colena, CPC Board



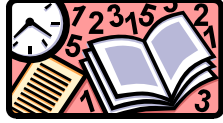
Mark Your Calendars

March 23, 7pm, Wang School
How to talk to your kids about Sex.

April 16, 7pm
College Fair for Middle Schoolers

April 27, 7pm
Local legislatures have been invited to talk about the future of our educational budget.

May 18, 7pm
CPC Year End Meeting, Elections and Forum....Start thinking about how you can make a difference by joining the CPC Board.



It's Never Too Soon to Plan for College

The Lowell Public Schools will host its first citywide **Early College Awareness Fair** for parents and families on **Thursday, April 16, from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Butler Middle School**. The event, sponsored by the high school, the middle schools, parent liaisons, and the Middlesex Community College Trio Program, will include mini workshops on college financial aid and planning, as well as exhibits and information from selected colleges and universities. Food, raffles, and

transportation to and from city middle schools will also be provided. Learn what you can do now to help prepare your middle-school child for college. Be sure to attend this fun and informative event. It's never too soon to start planning for your children's future!

Workshop helps parents talk about sex

March 23, 7 p.m., Wang Middle School

Learn strategies for talking to your kids about sex, from techniques to create a trusting environment to tips on how to answer difficult questions. Sponsored by Planned Parenthood, the workshop will offer parents tools to communicate with their children about sexual health and making good choices.

The meeting will conclude with an interactive discussion pertaining to sex education in the schools. A task force of Lowell educators is currently reviewing state sex education/reproduction standards for grades 6-12 and will make curriculum recommendations to the Lowell School Committee soon. The task force, school administrators, and members of the school committee are invited to attend the meeting to hear from parents regarding sex education in the schools.