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school improvement plan implementation, items related to the principal evaluation criteria, and any other regular reports useful to the LSC.

- Well in advance of the deadline for submission of the SIPAAA and budget, the principal provides a draft for LSC and community review.

- LSC members bring concerns to the

she is given the opportunity to look into a situation before it comes up in a meeting.

Multiple Opportunities for Collaboration

- The LSC has several active committees including a No Child Left Behind (NCLB) parent advisory committees and bilingual advisory committees in schools with those programs which study, review, and evaluate proposals and programs and bring recommendations to the LSC.

- There is an active teacher Professional Personnel Leadership Committee (PPLC).

- The principal includes other LSC members in staff development sessions and when candidates for staff positions are interviewed.

Welcome Extended to All

- The LSC treats everyone fairly, equally, and patiently. Every LSC member and all parents, staff, students, and community members are accepted and valued.

- The LSC generally responds to both support and opposition by inviting greater involvement and directing energy into

- Collaborative LSC relationships are based on two-way trust. Trust must be formed between the principal and the other LSC members, and between the LSC and the staff, the students, the parents, and the school community.

- Trust is built when people speak the truth, deal with each other honestly, fairly and calmly, and welcome and respond to any and all questions to the best of their abilities.

Trust happens in a school where the characteristics listed above are practiced and become "the way we do things here."

Using cards to promote education

(NAPSA)—It's a whole new "deal" when it comes to playing cards at school as teachers discover that the game of bridge can help kids develop important critical thinking skills.

Fueling this in-school card craze is the School Bridge League—a division of The League created through funding from bridge enthusiasts and business leaders Bill Gates and Warren Buffett.

"The game of bridge is full of strategy and tactics," says Mickie Rinehart, director of operations, The League. "It is part science, math, logic, reason and all fun.

Plus, bridge builds bridges as it embodies cooperation and team problem solving—and is linked to higher test scores."

According to a study by Dr. Christopher Shaw of the American Contract Bridge League's Educational Foundation, students who played bridge scored higher on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills than their non-bridge-playing counterparts after 20 months and again after 32 months. What's more, they scored higher in all five subject areas (reading, language, math, science, social

So what's a kid to do if you want to play but don't know how? Ask your teacher, of course.

Thanks to the School Bridge League, everyone—kids and teachers alike—can learn to play and reap the game's brain-building benefits.

To get started, visit the School Bridge League Web site at www.schoolbridgeleague.org. Once there, your teacher can register your class (for free) and order a "Bridge in a Box" learning kit.

Also available are teaching units, links to lesson plans (coded to state educational standards) on how to incorporate bridge into existing curriculum, tournament information, news from schools nationwide and more.

The School Bridge League is open to every school everywhere and is a division of The League—formed to empower young people to "get in the game" of giving. The League and School Bridge League are free and simple to join. To find out more, visit www.schoolbridgeleague.org or

Smart ways to pay for college

(NAPSA)—It doesn't take a higher degree to understand the value of a college education in today's workforce. But how can families afford a diploma with today's rising tuitions?

By 2020, you'll need an estimated \$225,000 to put your child through a private college and about \$105,000 for state school. Fortunately, there are some smart ways to finance an education. Try these tips:

Start Early

No matter how old (or young) your child is, start saving to keep up with the cost of tuition, room and board. One of the best ways to make your money work, especially with long-term investments, is to invest in the stock market. You can save much more over the years than with a traditional savings account.

Consider this: Fifty dollars invested in a savings account in 1950 would have grown to an estimated \$284 by 2007. Fifty dollars invested in the stock market in 1950 would have grown to about

Compare Plans

Uncle Sam wants to help you save for college. Many different plans allow you to take advantage of tax-deferred savings while investing in the stock market, including 529s, the state-sponsored investment accounts; Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, which allow you to contribute up to \$2,000 annually; and prepaid tuition plans, which allow parents to lock in current rates for future tuition.

Don't Neglect Retirement

While saving for your child's education is important, don't neglect saving for your own retirement. Remember, your son or daughter will have other options when paying for college—such as grants and loans—that you won't have when funding your golden years.

Make It Easy

Whether you're saving for college or retirement, the key is steady progress. A terrific way to keep track toward your goal is to set up automatic withdrawals

Macedonian director to visit DOC films this Saturday

An artist featured in the current movie lineup at Doc films, 1212 E. 59th St., will be dropping in next Saturday (see box, right) to discuss his work alongside viewings of three of his films.

Oscar-nominated Macedonian director Milcho Manchevski will present three of his

works, including the Chicago premiere of his latest film, "Shadows," the official Macedonian entry to the 2008 Academy Awards. The screenings begins at 4:30 p.m., and Manchevski will speak between the showings. For more information, call Doc Films at 702-8574.

Screening schedule:

4:30 p.m. "Before the Rain" (1994)
8 p.m. "Shadows" (2007)
11:30 p.m. "Dust" (2001)

Curriculum

Community

Character

What happened to Kindergarten?

Are academic pressures stealing childhood?

Morgan Park Academy (MPA) goes beyond the 3 Rs - the focus is not only a child's cognitive development, but also the social, physical, and emotional aspects of the whole child. Kindergarten at MPA is not just about ABCs, but also emphasizes self-sufficiency, problem solving, and *the MPA Way - be kind and do your best!*

An MPA education instills a love of learning at an age when a child is excited and ready to explore. Morgan Park Academy's full-day program and small classes provide: academics, foreign language, character education, daily physical education, art, music, library, recess, and more.

Join us for our Kindergarten Open House on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Learn more about how Morgan Park Academy provides a challenging academic environment while still allowing your child to enjoy precious childhood years. Call the Admissions Office at 773-881-6700 for details.



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by Gilbert King

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