

November 2 2011

# Park Terrace Elementary Weekly News Update

## Greetings from Kim Fehringer

November 8 General Election Day is fast approaching. In the Park Terrace newsletter a couple of weeks ago I mentioned the two questions that the Spring Lake Park School District will have on the ballot.

**Question 1** is for the renewal of a Levy for Learning, approved by the community in 2002 and set to expire in 2012. Approval would keep current, essential programming in place, without increasing funding. **Question 2** is for a Capital Projects/Technology Levy. Most of the funding provided by this question would be for ensuring reliable technology for staff and kids (maintenance and replacement). These funds would also allow current technology to be enhanced by keeping up with newer and changing software and tools.

*At Park Terrace learning is our top priority.*

We are committed to providing personalized instruction to assure that each child will be successful. We are grateful to have class sizes that allow for small group and individualized instruction where differentiated lessons are possible. Our teachers meet weekly in professional learning communities, using student data to make decisions in response to individual student needs. It is the responsibility of the school to find out how students learn and utilize the resources necessary. These things are supported by the Levy for Learning, and these efforts would continue with its renewal.

Recognizing the uniqueness of each child is a key to developing the child to his/her highest potential.

With a focus on 21st Century Fluencies we strive to make our students better prepared as self-directed learners and empathetic global citizens. We are excited to offer classroom technologies thanks in large part to the Panther Foundation that lead to greater student engagement and differentiation of instruction such as, E-Books, iPad Touches, or iPads. The funds provided from Question 2 would allow these experiences to continue at Park Terrace.

I enjoy working with a very dedicated staff committed to working together with students, parents, and community to provide the best educational experiences that they can. If you would like more information on the November 8 Levy questions before voting on Tuesday, November 8, please visit [SpringLakeParkSchools.org](http://SpringLakeParkSchools.org).

Thank you for all that YOU do for our Park Terrace Students.

### Important Phone Numbers

Main  
763-784-8983

Attendance/Health  
763-783-5804

Transportation  
763-785-5512

Lorenz Bus  
763-201-8888

Voigt Bus  
763-571-1241

### Important Info.

- 11/03 Picture Re-take Day
- 11/06 Daylight Savings
- 11/08 Election Day
- 11/10 Fundraiser Pickup from 3:30 to 7:45. Turkey Bingo from 5:30 to 8:00
- 11/11 NO SCHOOL
- 11/24 & 11/25 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving

### Tell us how you think Park Terrace is doing

Thanks to all of you who filled out a survey at parent-teacher conferences! If you didn't complete this brief survey while attending Park Terrace conferences, you can now do it online. You'll find the survey on the Park Terrace website home page or simply by accessing this link: <http://bit.ly/ParkTerrace> The survey only takes a couple minutes to complete, and will be open through Wednesday, November 9.



# VOTE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2011

POLLS OPEN FROM 7:00AM - 8:00PM

LIVE IN **FRIDLEY** OR  
**SPRING LAKE PARK?**  
VOTE AT **WOODCREST  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

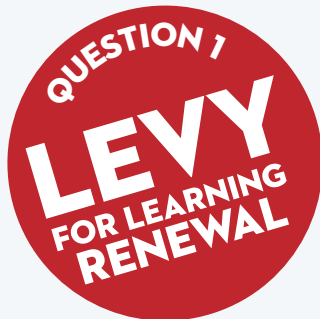
880 OSBORNE ROAD  
FRIDLEY

LIVE IN **BLAINE?**  
VOTE AT **WESTWOOD  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

701 91ST AVENUE NE  
BLAINE

## TWO LEVY QUESTIONS

Renewal of Question 1 and passage of Question 2 would sustain and enhance current programming, and avoid reductions that would result in increased class sizes, cutting student programs, and increasing fees for student activities.



Renewal of a Levy for Learning approved in 2002 and set to expire in 2012. **Approval would not increase taxes**, renewal would maintain current funding and programs.



**Reliable technologies in classrooms and daily operations** (maintenance and repair, replacement schedule for aging computers)

**Technology-rich classrooms to meet the varied needs of learners**

## SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Six candidates are running for three seats on the board currently held by Gary Brisbin, Colleen Vranish, and Annette Winrick. Vranish filed for re-election, Brisbin and Winrick did not. The candidates are:

Jim Amundson  
Bobbi George

Amy Hennen  
Bill Lewis

Bryan Reynolds  
Colleen Vranish

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