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# MALCOLM PRICE LABORATORY SCHOOL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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## Early Childhood/Special Education Classroom

With the start of the school year, the Laboratory School family welcomed an old member into a new space. The Early Childhood/Special Education classroom, formerly housed in the Education Center, is now located in the Laboratory School. For several years, the EC/SE room was organizationally part of the School but not under the same roof. As this condition not only posed logistical problems and began to hamper the mission of the program as well, it was decided that the classroom should be moved to the Laboratory School with the beginning of this school year. Located in Room 5 adjacent to the elementary cafeteria, the new space affords ramp and elevator access when needed for the seven children enrolled in the program and provides program integration opportunities within the Nursery/Kindergarten classrooms located in close proximity.

The purpose of the EC/SE classroom is

- 1) to provide special educational programming for children ages 3-5 with special learning needs,
- 2) to provide a laboratory setting for the teacher education programs of the University of Northern Iowa, and
- 3) to model for the schools of Iowa the integration of special education programming in the regular classroom.

The program, supported by federal and state funding made available through the Iowa State Department of Education, is staffed by Linda Gleissner - Project Director and Special Education Consultant, Darlene Cooney - Classroom Teacher and Rise Choplin - Teacher Associate. Currently, there are seven children enrolled in this multi-categorical early childhood/special education classroom. During the year, one more child could be added fulfilling the maximum enrollment of eight children from the South Sector of AEA-7.

Integration with the regular Nursery/Kindergarten program will be done on a best-practice basis with careful planning, regular documentation, and strong communication between faculty involved. While initial programming will involve common experiences in the lunchroom and playground, the integration model will be shaped by individual student needs and a commitment to providing the least restrictive learning environment for each child.

If at any time you would like to visit the classroom please do not hesitate to contact the Elementary Office or either Darlene Cooney or Linda Gleissner.

## Picture Make-Up Day

On October 19, 1989, photographers from Lifetouch Inc. will be in the building to take pictures of students who missed having their pictures taken on September 12, 1989. Students are required to present a picture envelope and a check or cash for the amount of the package selected. Lifetouch Inc. will also retake pictures for any parents dissatisfied with their child's first sitting.



## Parking

Please do not park your car in front of the building between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. This situation poses a safety problem for students arriving and leaving school. During the summer a sidewalk was added along the access drive south of the building adjacent to the bike racks. Please use this area for dropping off and picking up children. In addition, there will soon be short-term visitor parking spaces in the "C" lot south of the building. When visiting the building during the school day, please park in these spaces.

## Student Achievements

The Eight-and-Under State Championship Swim Meet was held in Ft. Dodge on July 29-30, 1989. Amy Bowlin, a third-grade student at P.L.S. was on two relay teams which won state titles. Amy, who swims for the Cedar Falls Swim Club, anchored the girl's eight-and-under 100 medley relay and was also on the 100 free style relay. Congratulations Amy!

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If there are achievements which your child has accomplished or activities in which your child has participated that you would like to share with us, we would be glad to publish them in the Parent Newsletter.

## New Faculty

We want to welcome the following faculty members to Price Laboratory School for the 1989-90 school year:

Darlene Cooney joins the faculty as instructor in the Early Childhood/Special Education classroom. Darlene comes to us with a B.A. Degree in elementary education from Lockhaven College in Lockhaven Pennsylvania and an M.A. Degree in special education from the University of Northern Iowa. Darlene is not a new face to the Laboratory School community. During the 1988-89 school year she taught in the Nursery/Kindergarten classroom while Dr. Gloria Holmes was on leave. In addition, she worked two

years as a graduate assistant in the Early Childhood/Special Education classroom. Darlene's previous professional experiences have also included five years experience at the fourth and fifth grade levels.

Barbara Lühring joins the staff as first-grade teacher in Unit II. She replaces Dr. Judith Finkelstein who is serving as Associate Director of the Regents Center for Early Developmental Education. Barbara has her B.A. degree from the University of Northern Iowa in elementary education and has taken graduate hours at the University in pursuit of an advanced degree in education. Barbara is not a new face to the Laboratory School. During the 1988-89 school year, she finished the year teaching first-grade when Dr. Finkelstein was appointed as acting-director of the Regents Center. In addition, she has been called to teach in the Laboratory School as a substitute on numerous occasions. Other previous teaching experiences have included seven years at first grade in Waterloo and teaching in Title I summer programs.

Barbara and her husband Vern live on a farm west of Cedar Falls with their daughters Jennifer and Jayne.

Judith Gish joins the Laboratory School faculty with a Master's Degree in education and advanced degree work in the area of special education. Judith is not new to the Laboratory School. After teaching in the Albuquerque Public Schools, Judith taught at the primary level and in the resource program at the Laboratory School from 1972-80. Since 1980 she has been employed as a consultant for Area Education Agency 7 and as a primary teacher and Gifted Education Coordinator for the Waverly-Shell Rock Public Schools.

Judith and her husband Robert live in Cedar Falls where he is Professor of English Language and Literature at the University of Northern Iowa. They have three children, Annabeth, Timothy, and Robin who are graduates of Price Laboratory School.

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In subsequent issues of the Parent Newsletter, we will introduce other new faculty members for the 1989-90 school year.



## Status of the Playground

During the 1989-90 school year, a committee of faculty, parents and students was formed to address equipment needs on the playground. It was determined that both long-term and short-term priorities should be addressed. In the long-term, it was recognized that most if not all of the existing equipment needs to be replaced. This presents a sizeable financial investment far exceeding the current available resources. In the short-term, it was determined that the existing equipment and grounds should be evaluated against safety criteria and that modest improvements be made as funds permit.

A student survey was conducted by the Elementary Student Council to collect input from the student body regarding the playground. Repeatedly, students requested that swings be added to both the primary and intermediate playgrounds. With a gift from the PTP, we were able to purchase a six-swing unit for the intermediate playground and two additional basketball poles. Unfortunately, our ability to replace equipment on the primary playground is restricted by safety standards which require a complete reconfiguration of the asphalt, fence and sand areas. We were able to repair the primary slide and convert the rings apparatus to a two-swing unit. In addition, more sand was added to both playgrounds covering protruding cement footings.

At this point we plan to continue building the playground fund as the opportunities present themselves. The new equipment should be installed sometime during the first part of October.

## Improvements at PLS

Throughout the last year, several improvements representing sizeable resources, were initiated at the Laboratory School:

- **Lockers** throughout the building were painted and new numbers and handles were added where needed.
- **Ceilings** throughout most of the building were lowered. Flammable materials as well as asbestos tiles were removed and new lighting was added. During the month of October new blinds will be installed in many rooms.
- **The Early Childhood/Special Education Classroom** was moved to the Laboratory School. Room 5, where the program is housed, was carpeted.
- **Computer Equipment** for a computer lab was purchased through an arrangement between Apple Inc. and the University of Northern Iowa.
- **Trees and shrubs** were added to the grounds on the east and north sides of the building.
- **Clocks** were replaced throughout the building making PLS Standard Time possible, unlike the past, where either the clocks did not agree or did not function at all.
- **New Chairs** were purchased for grades N-K, 1 and 2.
- **A Telecommunications Link** has been funded making it possible to link the Laboratory School classrooms with the Education Center and later with schools throughout the state of Iowa. New video camera equipment has also been funded.
- **Regents Center for Early Developmental Education** has been funded and is beginning work at the Laboratory School with faculty in grades N-K - 3.





# PLS School Lunch Menus



## OCTOBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Oct. 2</b> Hot Dog French Fries Melon Slice	<b>Oct. 3</b> Beef 'n Bean Burrito Nachos Applesauce Cookie	<b>Oct. 4</b> Chicken Pattie Sandwich Pork 'n Beans Fresh Fruit Pudding	<b>Oct. 5</b> Fish Nuggets Peanut Butter Sandwich Potato Wedges/ Parmesan Cheese Diced Peaches	<b>Oct. 6</b> Pizza Sub Sandwich Layered Lettuce Salad Orange Half
<b>Oct. 9</b> Cheeseburger Vegetable Sticks Diced Pears Choc. Chip Bar	<b>Oct. 10</b> Taco Salad Buttered Bread Apple Juice	<b>Oct. 11</b> Egg Salad <u>or</u> Turkey Salad Sandwich Fresh Fruit Peanut Butter Bar	<b>Oct. 12</b> Chili Dinner Rolls Carrot Stick Diced Peaches	<b>Oct. 13</b> Hogie Sandwich w/Lettuce & Tomato Pineapple Chunks Bar Cookie
<b>Oct. 16</b> Oven-Toasted Tuna 'n Cheese on Bun Chips Fresh Fruit Pumpkin Bar	<b>Oct. 17</b> Lasagna French Bread Celery Stick Applesauce	<b>Oct. 18</b> BBQ Pork Sandwich Dill Pickle French Fries Diced Peaches	<b>Oct. 19</b> Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruited Jello	<b>Oct. 20</b> Sloppy Joe Hamburger Hash Browns Carrot Stick Fresh Fruit
<b>Oct. 23</b> Tenderloin Sandwich Cole Slaw Fresh Fruit Cookie	<b>Oct. 24</b> Italian Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Lettuce Salad Fruit Cocktail	<b>Oct. 25</b> Hot Ham 'n Cheese Sandwich Carrot Sticks Diced Pears Graham Cracker	<b>Oct. 26</b> Baked Potato/Choice of Topping Peanut Butter Sandwich Applesauce	<b>Oct. 27</b> Weiner Wink Sandwich Macaroni & Cheese Peas & Carrots Brownie
<b>Oct. 30</b> Turkey/Noodle Soup Cheese Stick Cinnamon Roll Apple	<b>Oct. 31</b> Pizza Slice Vegetable Sticks Fresh Fruit Bar Cookie			