

# GRANDPARENT/GRAND FRIENDS' (GP/GFs') DAY 2009

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Parents

It's almost here...

This Friday, October 16 is Lab's Second-Ever Grandparents and Grand friends' Day. It's a chance for students from nursery to 5th grade to invite their grandparents (or grand friends) to come to Lab School with them. Here are answers to some questions you as parents may have.

#### ***What grade levels are participating in GP/GFs day events?***

Grandparents and Grand friends of Lab students in grades Nursery 3 through the Fifth grade are invited to attend. These grades all have homeroom classes that make it feasible to have GP/GFs visit the classrooms during the scheduled times.

#### ***Will there be free valet parking and where will it be?***

Yes, free valet parking for GP/GFs will be available beginning at 7:30am on the **north side of the Midway** (not on 59<sup>th</sup> street) directly in front of Lab's main entrance. GP/GFs will then walk across the path to the school. Parents bringing GP/GFs may use the valet but you **must** pick up your car by **12:30pm**. You may **not** leave the car at valet through the end of the school day. If you are just dropping off your GP/GF then you may use the regular carline drop-off procedure. Please be considerate of other parents dropping of their children for an on-time school day.

The valet will relocate to 59<sup>th</sup> street in front of Kovler Gym (the Lab Logs playground) after the event.

#### ***What is the schedule for the day?***

This year we are asking that GP/GFs go directly to the classroom with the children. Doors will open at the normal time (8:20). If your GP/GF gets to Lab early, there will be coffee in Judd 126. We ask that guests go to Judd 126 to wait. Spirit wear will also be available to order (clothing) and purchase (umbrellas, mugs and caps) before school in Judd 126 and after the program in Kovler gym.

#### **GP/GFs' Day Schedule**

7:30 am	Valet & Judd 126 Hospitality Room Open
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Classroom Visits (switch at 9:15 if multiple children to visit)
10:15 am	Brunch Reception begins in Upper Kovler
10:30 am	Student Performances and remarks
11:30 am	Program ends; optional self-guided tours available in Blaine Hall starting in Lobby
12:30 pm	Valet Closes

#### ***Do GP/GFs need to check in?***

No, there is no official check-in table, just an information table in Blaine lobby. Volunteers wearing lime green shirts will be waiting to greet the GP/GFs and will give each guest a note telling them the teacher name(s), classroom number(s) and general directions to the respective classroom(s). There will also be volunteers stationed around Blaine and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms in the High School building to help direct our guests and answer questions. GP/GFs will make their

own nametags in the hall outside of the classrooms. Once they get to the classroom, please ask them to check in with the teachers so they know who is there.

***What if my GP/GF has more than one child to visit? Does it matter where they go first?***

The only classrooms to try to visit first are the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. Within Blaine or Woodlawn it does not matter what grade levels are visited first. At 9:15am the teacher will announce that it is time to change classrooms for those with more than one child to visit. If there are more than 2 students to visit, it will be difficult and the GP/GFs will need to divide up the allotted classroom time (8:30 – 10:00) themselves so they can visit as many classrooms as they would like. Parent volunteers in lime green t-shirts will be outside of the classrooms and in the hallways to help direct parents to the next classroom and answer any questions.

***How do the GP/GFs get to and from Woodlawn?***

Shuttle Service will be available departing from Lab on 59<sup>th</sup> Street in front of Blaine Hall and on Kimbark Street outside of the Judd Hall entrance. The shuttles will run as follows:

8:20 am	Judd/Blaine Departure to Woodlawn
8:30 am	Judd/Blaine Departure to Woodlawn
9:20 am	Judd/Blaine Roundtrip to/from Woodlawn
9:30 am	Judd/Blaine Roundtrip to/from Woodlawn
9:50 am	Woodlawn Departure to Kovler Gym
10:00 am	Woodlawn Departure to Kovler Gym

***I would like to go in the classroom with the GP/GF, is that possible?***

For those parents who will be staying at school with the GP/GF guests, we ask that you volunteer your time. As you know, our classrooms are not large enough to hold many guests (especially adults) comfortably. With so many guests in the classrooms, there will not be room for parents. Please be considerate of our teachers and our guests and do not go into the classrooms. If you would like to volunteer, please call Allison Pay Crawford at 773- 702-6255 or send an e-mail to [labggdayvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:labggdayvolunteers@gmail.com). Volunteers are needed as early as 7:30am with free before-school care being offered for your children.

***If I am picking up my GP/GF, where should I meet them?***

The program ends at 11:30 am. Spirit wear will also be available to order (clothing) and purchase (umbrellas, mugs and caps) after the program in Kovler gym. Optional, self-guided tours of Blaine Hall are also available from 11:30-12:00 with volunteers stationed on the first two floors of Blaine.

***Who can I contact if I have further questions?***

Please e-mail the Parents' Association at [parents@ucls.uchicago.edu](mailto:parents@ucls.uchicago.edu) if you have any further questions or call Lauren Polite at (773) 363-5229.

**We look forward to a wonderful event!**