

MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

I. Lake Park placement

On November 24th principals of all sending schools to Lake Park received class placement recommendations for the Class of '08. The recommendations include honors, advanced, regular, and remedial placements in math, biology, English, and world history for all current 8th grade students. Each teacher at Peacock reviewed the placements in their specific subject and in some cases made changes to a more appropriate level based upon observations and 8th grade performance. Final recommendations were returned to Lake Park on December 8th. A complete list of honors' placements will be sent to sender schools by December 17th with a confirmation letter to be sent to parents on February 5, 2004. Parents will have until February 20th to decline honors placement in science, world history, and English.

II. Update on Peacock musical

Following the November Board of Education meeting the administration was asked to seek qualified applicants for directing this year's musical at Peacock. Seven individuals responded with letters of interest and a resume with each to be given an opportunity to interview during the week of December 10th. A final decision on all matters related to the musical will be made on or before December 19th following interviews.

III. Invention convention for 8th graders

Prior to the Thanksgiving break 8th grade students under the direction of Nancy Krefetz and Johanna Heppeler conducted an invention convention that served as a culminating project for a themed unit dealing with the relationship between change and science, technology, and society. Students were asked to create solutions to current problems in their lives they had determined were significant. Invited to the convention were two patent attorneys who provided technical and legal information on the process inventors must follow to secure legal rights to their ideas. Among the many projects that were showcased several received encouragement for further development by the attorneys with two possibly ready for a patent at this point. Parents of the two students were contacted to inform them of their options.