

Dear LSC Community:

August is National Civility Month, though I think we should celebrate (and practice) civility every month. As we gear up for the new academic year, you will soon hear about how LSC will approach this new year: with respect, professionalism, and kindness. We are forming a task force this month to work on civil discourse and civility practices. The goal of this work is to make LSC a place where ideas and opinions can be heard, where the extremes of any side are softened by the knowledge that our differences, when shared in a civil way, gives us the strength to find a better answer in compromise and listening to each other. A place where it is OK to disagree, but not OK to force one's view on others. At LSC conversation, speech, and actions should be professional and respectful. I know that together we can ensure that LSC fulfills its goal to be a special and welcoming place.

August holds a few more special days:

- S'mores Day (Aug 10)
- Best Friends Day (Aug 15)
- Cupcake Day (Aug 19)

August is also the month where you should notice some nice changes in our landscaping, weed management, and new signage for our native butterfly and bee gardens. We plan to have the project wrapped up before school starts, so please stay tuned!

Another special day in August is August 23rd. This year, LSC will be at the State Fair during the afternoon of August 23rd (Friday). Stop in and see us if you are in the twin cities that day. We will have giveaways, fun activities, and lots of laughter.

Be well, be kind, be mindful, and healthy.

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