Lab School Camping Trip (Saturday 5/28- Sunday 5/29)

- Lab School parents Roozbeh (Aurang’s dad), Laurel (Dominic’s mom), Claire (Nolan’s mom) met last Friday to organize the 2-day camping trip.
- Sign-up information will be emailed shortly.
- The cost for the overnight is $15/per family or $5/per family if you attend only the day-time activities. Campgrounds include an indoor bathroom, showers, and a place where you can brush teeth. The space also includes a large room in case of an emergency shelter.
- Camping grounds are 40 minutes away from the Lab School in Rosemont—just south of the Twin Cities.
- A letter will go out ahead of trip with tips to camping and general instructions for the trip.
- If you don’t own camping equipment, you can rent it at REI or the U of M. Other stores may also offer rental equipment.

Review of 2015-2016 school year

- Year-end all school celebration is May 25th. More info to come!
- Spring Soiree 2016— we raised $11,500 this year! We exceeded our fundraising goal.
- Lab School gear will be available next week for purchase
- The beginning of the year events are very helpful in forming community
- The Lab School has a Kindergarten resource list. The kindergarten list will go out at the end of the year (Google doc that parents can continuously update and find previous Lab School families and where they are currently attending elementary school to be used as a community resource for considering schools for your child).
- The Green Market/Playground Day, Family Giving Event, Soiree and Gym Jam were all great events.

Ideas for next year?

- At the PALS meeting, we discussed ways to continue organizing and planning for next year’s events ahead of time. We also discussed reaching out to Lab School parents who will be gone next year for best practices related to activities they helped organize.
- Another goal is to increase participation on the Lab School Facebook page for information on school activities/events and even class projects and dish duties.
- Discussed organizing a camping trip in the fall. We will revisit that option after the spring camping trip.
- Lab School may hold a green market closer to the winter holidays
• Maybe fewer, but higher attended events over the winter break
• Perhaps a way to remind parents about events via text message
• Room Parents: We will try to identify them sooner and have a table at the Van Clef Park to recruit new families to participate.
• Tracey suggested that we compile and distribute a student teacher “Where are they now” list for families to think about when considering kindergartens.