

What's Coming Up?

Dine Out Night at Longfellow Grill for 8th Grade Trip to DC – Monday, January 22

- Dine at Longfellow Grill on Monday, January 22 from 6-9pm, at 2990 West River Parkway in Mpls. Wear your spiritwear and tell your server that you are with Keewaydin. Longfellow will take reservations for 7+. Invite your family and friends!

FAST Assessments Schedule – January 22-30

- Winter FAST Assessments are coming up at Keewaydin and will continue at Wenonah
- Keewaydin: Grades 7-8 on 1/22, grades 5-6 on 1/23, and grades 3-4 on 1/24 (**note date changes**). For more information contact Kameron.wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us
- Wenonah: rm 106 & 107 reading on 1/22, rm 115 math on 1/23, rm 106 math on 1/23, rm 111 reading on 1/24, rm 115 reading on 1/24, rm 110 reading on 1/29, rm 110 math on 1/30, rm 111 math on 1/30.
- Some tips are to make sure your child is well rested, eats a healthy breakfast, and arrives at school on time.

No School – Thursday-Friday, January 25-26.

- No school for students due to teacher record keeping and professional development time.

GEMS/GISE Students to Compete in Robotics Tournament – Saturday, January 27

- This exciting, unique and free event is an opportunity for students to showcase their accomplishments and celebrate their hard work. Staff, family members and friends are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend. At Anishinabe Academy/Anne Sullivan Community School, 3100 E. 28th St. Grades 1-2 from 8am-1pm, grades 3-8 from 8am-5pm.

Join an MPS Budget Conversation – February 7, 8 or 15

- MPS is holding Community Discussions to discuss next steps in balancing the district budget and moving MPS Forward. We'll talk about why MPS is recommending changes for the 2018-19 school year, how they may affect our learning communities and what can be done to make any changes easier. Visit www.mpls.k12.mn.us/community_discussions to learn more.
 - Wednesday, February 7, 6-8pm, Southwest High School (zone 3)
 - Thursday, February 8, 6-8pm, Davis Center (zone 1)
 - Thursday, February 15, 6-8pm, Transitions Plus Wilder Complex, 3320 Elliot Ave (zone 2 – that's us!)

Dine Out Night at Café Zupas for 8th Grade Trip to DC – Tuesday, February 13

- Dine in or take out at Café Zupas on Tuesday, February 13 from 5-9pm, at 1840 E. 66th Street in Richfield (near SuperTarget). Tell your server that you are with Keewaydin, and they will donate 25% of your order.

School Request deadline is February 17th

- **All incoming kindergartners** need to make a request (even if they already have a sibling at LNCS) at <http://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us>
 - **All 8th graders** need to request a high school at <http://highschoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us>
 - Need help deciding on a high school? Contact Keewaydin counselor Kameron.wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us
 - If you have a Wenonah 2nd grader planning to attend Keewaydin for 3rd grade, you **DO NOT** need to make a request.
 - Any student going into grades 1-12 who want to change schools need to make a request.
 - Questions? Call 612.668.1840 or 612.668.3700
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School Notes

Buses, Cabs and Super Bowl

- Please be aware that from January 22nd through February 5th buses and cabs traveling to and from LNCS could be significantly impacted by the Super Bowl and related activities. Please make certain your student is ready at their identified pick up and drop off time, but also be prepared to wait. If your student's bus or cab is running late, please call transportation directly at 612-668-2300 as they can contact and/or track the vehicle. You will likely need to wait on hold, please be patient. This will likely be true for afterschool programming as well.

Watch Keewaydin's "Skol Chant Challenge" Video!

- Keewaydin students had a great time joining the Kare 11 Skol Chant Challenge today.
- <https://youtu.be/WMZGD48Z8os>

8th Grade End-of-Year Important Dates to Save on Calendars

- Due to the District's change of last day of school for our students to June 8, 2018, please put these important dates on your calendars now:
 - Friday, June 1, 2018 - 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony at 10:30am in the Keewaydin Auditorium
 - Friday, June 8, 2018 - Field trip to Valleyfair.
 - Further details to follow but for any questions please email anne.tank@mpls.k12.mn.us

Last Day of School Year Changed to Friday, June 8

- The Minneapolis Board of Education has voted to eliminate the last two days of the current school year for students, making the last day for students Friday, June 8, 2018. This decision was made because MPS currently exceeds the state mandated school year by 11 days, and the extra days are very expensive and have not been shown to boost student achievement. MPS is aware that this creates childcare concerns for some families and is working to address those concerns.

Wenonah Start and End Times Changing Next Year

- Next year Wenonah's school times will move 5 minutes later than the current schedule, so our hours will be 9:35am-4:05. Many schools will change hours to make the MPS transportation system more efficient and help balance the MPS budget.

Keewaydin Debate Team ROCKS at First Tournament

- Congratulations to our Keewaydin Debate team who competed in their first tournament at Roosevelt High School. An overall highlight of the competition was that every Keewaydin team won at least one round! A special shout-out to team members who took 1st place: Team Awards Category Junior Division~ 8th graders Joy M. and Allina H; and Rookie Category~ 6th graders Kamell T, Matthew P and Craig K. In the Individual Speaker Award Junior Division Category, 1st place went to 8th grader Alina H. Way to go Debate Team and Coach Allison Thompson!

History Day Dates for 7th and 8th Grade Students and Families

- Our 7th and 8th grade History Day students are hard at work completing their projects. The weeks are flying by and here are some important dates to add to your calendars:
- Feb. 9: PROJECTS ARE DUE
- Feb 15: Keewaydin competition during the school day, will be up for viewing during conferences on Feb. 16
- March 24: District Competition at Roosevelt High School
- April 28: State Competition at U of MN
- June 10-14: Nationals in Washington DC

Join the 5th Grade Math Team!

- If you are a 5th grader who loves math...if you find hard problems to be exciting challenges...if you like working alone AND with a team...join our team! Be there or B²!
- We'll meet Wednesdays afterschool from 4:10-5:40 p.m. in room 216 starting January 31st.
- Plan to represent Keewaydin at the Minneapolis Public Schools Math Competition on May 6th.
- Sign up using the green Afterschool Programs Registration Form.

In the Community

Attend the NENA Nokomis Green Fair – Saturday, January 27

- Green spaces and nature are big part of what makes our neighborhood so special! Make a commitment to environmental sustainability for 2018 at the 1st ever Nokomis East Neighborhood Association's Green Fair, Lake Nokomis Community Center, 2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy, 12-3pm

- Enjoy high-quality exhibits, presentations and giveaways from organizations like Minnesota Food Association, Minneapolis Recycles, and Applied Energy Innovations. Wondering how to purchase a CSA share or confused about composting? Our exhibitors are eager to help.
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Calendar

January:

- 22 FAST Testing for Grades 3 and 4
- 22 Basketball Game at Franklin, 5pm Boys, 6pm Girls
- 22 Dine Out Night at Longfellow Grill for 8th Grade Trip to DC, 6-9pm
- 23 Chess Club at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 23 FAST Testing for Grades 5 and 6
- 23 AVID Family Night, 6:30-8pm in the Media Center
- 24 Chess Club at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 24 FAST Testing for Grades 7 and 8
- 25 **NO SCHOOL for students – Staff Professional Development**
- 26 **NO SCHOOL for students – Teacher Record Keeping Day**
- 27 GEMS & GISE Robotics Tournament: 8am-5pm (grades 3-8), 8am-1pm (grades 1-2) @ Anne Sullivan School
- 27 Nokomis Green Fair, 12-3pm at Lake Nokomis Community Center
- 30 Chess Club at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 30 8th Grade field trip to U of M Wilson Library
- 31 Chess Club at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 31 Wenonah Student of the Month assembly in the Gym at 10:15am

February

- 2 Wenonah rooms 106 & 107 to the Wildlife Refuge, 12:30-3:30pm
- 2 NAEP Test for 8th Grade
- 2 Basketball Game at Keewaydin 5pm Boys, no Girls game
- 6 Chess Club at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 7 Chess Club at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 7 Ms. Delveaux and Ms. Johnson, Field trip to Wildlife Refuge, 10am-12pm
- 8 Taste Tests at Keewaydin lunches
- 8 Site Council meeting 5:30-6:30pm in Wenonah Media Center
- 8 PTA meeting 6:45-7:45pm in Wenonah Media Center

- 9 5th Grade field trip to MN Zoo, 10-2
- 9 Basketball Games at Keewaydin 5pm Boys 6pm Girls
- 12 Wenonah Talent Show, 10:30am in the Gymnasium
- 13 Chess Club at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 13 Dine Out Night at Café Zupas for 8th Grade Trip to DC, 5-9pm
- 14 Chess Club at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 15 Keewaydin Debate Tournament
- 15 No afterschool ALC/GEMS/GISE/Community Ed at LNCS (both campuses)
- 15 Parent-Teacher Conferences: 4:30-8:30pm @ Keewaydin, 4:30-7:30pm @ Wenonah
- 15 MPS Budget Discussion for zone 2, 6-8pm at Transitions Plus Wilder Complex, 3320 Elliot Ave
- 16 Parent-Teacher Conferences: 8:30am-4:30pm
- 16 **NO SCHOOL for students – Conferences**
- 17 MPS School Request deadline for K-12th grades
- 19 **NO SCHOOL for students – President’s Day**
- 20 Chess Club at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 20 5th Grade Field Trip to Orchestra Hall, 11:30am-1:30pm
- 21 Chess Club at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 21 8th Grade Field Trip to STEM & Career Expo
- 24 MPS Check it Out Chess Tournament
- 24 LNCS Valentine’s Dinner and Dance for all families
- 27 Chess Club at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 28 Chess Club at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center