

All School Notes

Please Sign Up for a Parent-Teacher Conference – Tuesday, Oct. 17 & Wednesday, Oct. 18

- We really hope all families will attend a conference with their teacher. If you don't have one scheduled, please email your teacher to choose a time. If don't have email, call Anne Tank at Keewaydin 612-668-4689, or Jill Kilibarda at Wenonah 612-668-5040.
- Most conferences will be Tuesday, October 17 from 4:30-8:30pm and Wednesday, October 18, 8:30am-4:30pm.
- We are flexible so let your teacher know if you need to meet at another time or over the phone.

Wenonah Parking & Safety Concerns

- We've had some safety concerns related to students and traffic so here are important reminders.
- **If you are doing curb side drop off in the morning, always drive north on 23rd Avenue and pull over to the east (odd) side to drop off your student next to the school.**
 - Never drive south on 23rd to drop off a student. Do not cross over incoming traffic to pull up next to the school, and never drop a student off across the street and have them cross traffic alone.
- **If you are parking and going inside the building use the west side of 23rd, or the north or south parking lots.**
 - No parking is allowed on the east (odd) side of 23rd Avenue in front of the school's main entrance during morning drop off. It is a curb-side drop-off-only zone in the morning.

Keewaydin New Parking Safety Guidelines

- We are concerned about student safety on 30th Avenue during arrival and dismissal time, so we are asking families not to park on either side of 30th Avenue when busses are present, from 9:15-9:40am and 4-4:20pm. **Currently there is not enough room on that street for all of the busses and other special vehicles that transport students to and from school.**
 - **Arrival** – For curbside drop off, please drive east to west through the Community Center parking lot on 53rd Street and have your student enter door 3 by the cafeteria. If you do park elsewhere, make sure your student always uses crosswalks and **NEVER CROSSES THE STREET BETWEEN BUSES.**
 - **Dismissal** – Please park in the 53rd Street lot, or on or near 53rd Street when picking up your student if busses are present.

Win a Pizza Party! Time to Turn in “Family Fun Walk” Donations

- The competition is heating up! Remember to ask friends, family and neighbors to donate to support our event. Please bring in donations this week (don't wait until the event) to fuel a little friendly competition between classrooms. The top fundraising classrooms in K-2, 3-5, and 6-8 will win a pizza party and \$50 for their classroom!
- So far our leading classrooms are 104 at Wenonah, 106 for grades 3-5 room, 206 for grades 6-8. Get your donations in to push your classroom to the top!

- We can now take on-line donation! Just go to the “Lake Nokomis Community School PTA” Facebook page and click the “Donate” button. It’s perfect for out of town friends and family to support our event. (Please also send in a paper note to make sure we credit the donations to your student’s class.)
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Middle School Extracurricular Activities

Middle School Basketball Registration Now Open!

- 6-8th grade students interested in being a part of Keewaydin's boys or girls basketball team this winter season should report to Mr. Doherty to receive eligibility and athletic physical forms. Students who have athletic physicals on file do not need to get another, but are still required to fill out all other related forms. Forms may also be found on the Keewaydin Physical Education & Athletics webpage. Email michael.doherty@mpls.k12.mn.us with any questions or concerns.

Volleyball Registration is Open at Keewaydin Rec Center

- The league starts October 24th for co-ed teams for 4-8th grades (9-15 year olds). The fee is \$50 and they can register at www.minneapolisparcs.org or at the park.
- FREE pre-season clinics are available Sept. 26, Oct. 3 and Oct. 10 at 7-8:30pm in the Keewaydin School gym.

Keewaydin Middle School Student Council Campaigning is Underway

- 6-8th grade students are busy making posters and campaigning for Student Council positions of: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian or Grade Level Representative. Speeches for positions will be given on Tuesday, October 10th in the Auditorium and voting will take place in classrooms on Wednesday, October 11th. Student Council will help coordinate dances and other school-wide events, give input to Principal Ray about how to make Keewaydin an even better school and build Community Partnerships that benefit the community around us and exemplify the amazing students and learning that goes on at Keewaydin and how our students can make positive change in their world. Student Council will meet every 3 weeks during lunch and Kameron Wittmer is the Student Council Advisor. Good luck to all of our candidates seeking office and official results will be announced next week! For any information about Student Council please email: Kameron.Wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us and check out the new [student council website](#).

Donation Requests

Can You Give Extra Clothes to the Wenonah Health Office?

- We are running very low on extra clothes (especially pants) for students who need to change during the day. Please bring in good condition pants, tops, or underwear sizes 5-9 to the Wenonah health office.

Can You Give a Ball or Two to Keewaydin for Recess?

- We are looking to replenish our recess supplies. Please bring good condition basketballs, rubber balls, and soccer balls to the Keewaydin office.

Collect Your Box Tops!

- All students are encouraged to submit Box Tops as an easy way for our PTA to earn money for our school for field trips, PE equipment, classroom supplies and more!
 - **Keewaydin:** The Box Tops Box is located across from the Keewaydin Health Office. Students can get new forms and submit completed ones there. The classroom (grades 3-5) with the most Box Tops collected receives the Golden Troll Trophy and extra recess! Individuals who bring in the most Box Tops (1 student per grade in 3-5), will get a \$5 Target gift card. Winners will be announced at the end of November, January and May.
 - **Wenonah:** The Box Top Box is located in the hallway across from the main office. The top class each month will get honored at the Student of the Month Celebration with the Big Box Top Trophy, and the individual winner each month will win a trophy to take home.

What's Coming Up?

Author Marianne Richmond to Visit Wenonah – Monday, October 9

- She will introduce her new book *Be Brave Little One* and discuss the importance of choosing courage at an all school assembly from 1:30-2:15pm. www.mariannerichmond.com

Afterschool Classes Start – Monday, October 9 – Thursday, October 12

- Confirmations went home this week. Check them carefully for any changes because a few classes were canceled. There are still openings in many classes.
- **Please make sure your student and their teachers know your afterschool and transportation plans.** If your student was not routed for a bus you will need to pick them up at the end of their Afterschool Class, or send your student home on their normal bus immediately at the end of school.

Drop in to Chess Club Anytime – Meetings Start Tues. October 10 & Weds. October 11

- All students are invited to give chess a try! Students K-8 may drop in to any meeting. No prior chess experience needed. **Keewaydin:** Tuesdays 8:30-9:30am starting October 10 in the Media Center. Contact Anne Tank 612-669-4689; **Wenonah:** Wednesdays 8:30-9:30am starting October 11 in the Media Center. Contact Jill Kilibarda 612-668-5040. Mr. Larry will be the volunteer chess coach again.

Wenonah Student Council 1st Meeting – Tuesday, October 10

- Students who have signed up for Student Council should stay after school for their first meeting from 4:00-5:20pm. Families please make sure your student and their teacher know your afterschool and transportation plan that day. And if you want to request a bus home after the meeting contact Renee Carey in the main office.

All Families Invited to Site Council Meeting – Thursday, October 12

- Join us Thursday, October 12 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Wenonah Media Center. These informal meetings are a place where the principals, staff and families gather to discuss what's going on at school and give input into school decisions, goals, budgets, etc.

All Families Invited to PTA Meeting – Thursday, October 12

- Join us at 6:45pm in the Wenonah Media Center. A majority of the meeting will be dedicated to our guest speaker from Family Tree Clinic who will discuss "How to Talk with Kids about Sexuality." They will present tools for families with kids of all ages to make it more comfortable to talk about bodies and sexuality in a way that is right for your family.

Coffee with the Principal @ Wenonah – Friday, October 13

- After Woodlawn Walks, stay for coffee & conversation with Wenonah Principal Kelly Wright from 10-11am. Hear about her vision for the school, ask questions, and share what's going well at LNCS and what you wish could be better.

Pancake Breakfast & Family Fun Walk – Sat. October 14

- See you on Saturday, October 14 from 9-11am at Keewaydin for this annual morning of fun, food, fitness, and prizes. Your donations for this event make it our biggest PTA fundraiser of the year! Fund pay for field trips, online reading programs and special classroom materials to enrich our students' education.
- **Turn in Donations This Week!** See above for details about prizes and a new link to donate online.
- **Here's what to expect:**
 - **Family Fun Walk:** There will be several activity stations as kids circle around Keewaydin, including our new basketball shooting contest. The more trips around the school the kids make the more chances they have to win a prize.
 - **Pancake Breakfast:** Invite friends and family to join you for a nummy breakfast. \$8 adults, \$5 kids age 3+
 - **Flu Shot Clinic:** 9-10:45am. Free to all families, but if you have insurance please bring your cards to bill insurance and support the flu clinic program.
 - **Mystery Bags:** New this year! Purchase them for a chance to receive a big prize.
 - **Spirit Wear:** Available for sale at the event

No Afterschool Classes: Monday, October 16 & Tuesday, October 17

- There will be no Community Education, ALC, or GEMS or GISE classes that week.

Scholastic Book Fair: Monday, October 16 - Wednesday October 18

- Join us for our Fall Book Fair in the Keewaydin Media Center! All LNCS families and friends are welcome to browse and buy books on: Mon. Oct. 16th from 4:30-6pm, Tues. Oct. 17 from 4:30-8pm, and Weds. Oct. 18th from 8:30-4:30pm. To volunteer or for questions email: Michael.Cowan@mpls.k12.mn.us

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Tuesday, October 17 & Wednesday, October 18

- Make sure to attend your scheduled conference, or contact your student’s teacher to schedule one. Tuesday, October 17, 4:30-8:30pm and Wednesday, October 18, 8:30am-4:30pm.

Wenonah Curriculum Night – Tuesday October 17

- Want to know what topics will be covered in your student’s grade this year? Want to see the materials they will use and check out the new literacy curriculum?! Come to Wenonah’s Curriculum Night being held during the evening of conferences, in the Wenonah gymnasium Tuesday, October 17th. Stop by at 4:10pm or 6:00pm for a group presentation and to look at materials on display.

No School for Conferences & MEA Break: Wednesday, Oct. 18 – Friday, October 20

- No school Wednesday– Friday, October 18-20.

LNCS Stories to Make You Smile 😊

- Recently overhead in an 8th grade classroom, “One time, I tried to read the whole dictionary; it was a lot of work!”
- This week when it was lightly sprinkling at recess a kindergartener said, “I don’t have a rain jacket.” The teacher replied, “It’s OK, you won’t melt!” The student paused, look up frightened and completely serious and asked, “Do you promise I won’t melt?”

Calendar

October:

- 9 Wenonah Author visit by Marianne Richmond, 1:30-2:15 assembly in the gymnasium
- 9 Afterschool classes begin (Community Education/GEMS/GISE/ALC) start at Keewaydin and Wenonah
- 10 Chess Club begins at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 10 Kindergarten (100 & 104) to Arboretum, 12-3:30
- 10 Wenonah Student Council meeting, 4:04-5:20
- 11 Chess Club begins at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 12 Site Council meeting 5:30-6:30pm in Wenonah Media Center
- 12 PTA meeting 6:45-7:45pm in Wenonah Media Center

- 13 Woodlawn Walks
- 13 Coffee with the Principal at Wenonah, 10am (location tbd)
- 13 Kindergarten (101 & 102) to Arboretum
- 14 Pancake Breakfast & Family Fun Walk, at Keewaydin, 9-11am; and flu shot clinic 9-10:45am,
- 16-17 No afterschool classes
- 16 Scholastic Book Fair, 4:30-6pm in the Keewaydin Media Center
- 17 Chess Club at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 17 Grade 4 (Hall) and Grade 5 (Harris) to Wildlife Refuge, 9:40-noon
- 17 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30pm
- 17 Scholastic Book Fair, 4:30-8pm in the Keewaydin Media Center
- 18 Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:30am- 4:30pm
- 18 Scholastic Book Fair, 8:30-4:30pm in the Keewaydin Media Center
- 18-20 **NO SCHOOL for students**
- 24 Chess Club at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 24 School Picture Day at Wenonah & Keewaydin
- 25 Chess Club at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 25 Kindergarten (101 & 102) to Wildlife Refuge
- 26 Kindergarten (100 & 104) to Wildlife Refuge
- 27 Woodlawn Walks
- 31 Wenonah Student of the Month in Wenonah Gym 10:15 am

November:

- 1 First Quarter Ends
- 2-3 **NO SCHOOL for students**
- 7 Chess Club at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 8 Chess Club at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 9 Site Council meeting 5:30-6:30pm in Keewaydin Media Center
- 9 PTA meeting 6:45-7:45pm in Keewaydin Media Center
- 10 Woodlawn Walks
- 12 MN Philharmonic Orchestra performance for at Keewaydin Auditorium for all LNCS families, 3:30pm pre-concert activities for kids, 4:30 concert
- 14 Chess Club at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 15 Chess Club at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 16 PTA fundraiser at Vertical Endeavors, 2540 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis, 5-9pm
- 17 Woodlawn Walks
- 20-21 No afterschool classes
- 21 Chess Club at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center

22-24 **NO SCHOOL for students - Thanksgiving Holiday**

28 Chess Club at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center

29 Chess Club at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center

December:

1 Woodlawn Walks

1 School Picture Retake Day

5 Chess Club at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center

6 Chess Club at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center

12 Chess Club at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center

13 Chess Club at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center

19 Chess Club at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center

20 Chess Club at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center

20-22 6th Grade to Eagle Bluff

21 Last Day of Fall Afterschool Classes at Keewaydin and Wenonah

25-29 **NO SCHOOL for students - Winter Break**

January:

1-5 **NO SCHOOL for students - Winter Break**

8 School Resumes