

What's Coming Up?

Register Today for Winter Afterschool Classes

- Brochures went home in backpacks this week and the registration deadline is December 13 to be eligible for bussing at the start of the session. (Sign up ASAP as some classes fill quickly!). Classes run Jan. 8 – March 1.
- If your student is in GEMS/GISE/ALC, those classes run all year and you do not need to reregister. Some GEMS/GISE classes have openings. If your student would like to start mid-year please inquire.
- Questions? Contact Adam.deleeuw@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-5049.

MPS Chess Tournament: All are invited! – Saturday, December 2

- It's not too late - you can register on site Saturday morning. All MPS K-12 students of all chess abilities are invited to this fun family friendly "Check It Out" Chess Tournament. It's free and includes lunch for participants and families. (Students do not have to be part of a team to participate!). Parents are encouraged to spend the day at the tournament supporting their child and learning more about chess. It's at North High School (1500 James Ave. N. Enter door 30 off Knox on west side) from 8:30am – 4:00pm. For more information and registration go to http://alc.mpls.k12.mn.us/chess_2 or contact Janae at 612-668-1202 or jakra002@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Keewaydin Bands Perform Festive Music for the Season – Tuesdays, December 12 & 19

- Families are invited to listen to our wonderful bands perform festive music in the Keewaydin Commons. Our 6/7th grade band will perform at 9:20am on Tuesday, December 12th and our 8th grade band will perform at 9:20am on Tuesday December 19th. For more information contact: Allison.Cramer@mpls.k12.mn.us

Volunteer at the Minnehaha Food Shelf with "LNCS Cares" – Saturday, December 16

- Children K-8 and their adults are invited to volunteer for a special LNCS Cares day to unload and distribute food, 7-11am, 3701 E 50th Street. There is space for 12 adults and 24 children so make sure to sign up ahead of time: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4aabc2c7-minneharvest>

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for 8th Grade Trip to D.C. - Saturday, December 16

- 8th Graders are working hard to raise money for their trip. Everyone is invited to support them at a pancake breakfast at Peppers and Fries Restaurant, 3900 East Lake Street, on Saturday, December 16 from 9-11am.
- Tickets are \$10 per person, and \$7 proceeds go to the Keewaydin trip! Tickets will be on sale at Oxendale's Saturday, December 2 or after school at parent pick-up December 4 -7th, or you can ask any LNCS 8th grader for help.

Keewaydin Girls and Boys Basketball Home Games – Save the Dates – opener Dec. 20

- Practice has started for our Keewaydin basketball teams and they would love our support by attending home games in the gym. Games scheduled at Keewaydin are: Wednesdays- December 20 & Jan. 17 AND Fridays- February 2 & 9. Game times have not been set, but will be published as soon as they are scheduled. GO EAGLE BASKETBALL TEAMS!
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School Notes

Upcoming Equity and Leadership Opportunities for LNCS Parents

- There will be an open meeting with the **MPS Equity and Diversity Impact Assessment (EDIA) Committee** on Thursday, December 7, 2017 from 12-2pm at the Saint Anthony Library. Come to learn about the EDIA committee and its efforts to expand equity in our district. For more information and to RSVP, please email: Leona.thao@mpls.k12.mn.us
- Parents interested in learning more about being involved in a **Parent Legislative Action Committee** to support MPS district's legislative agenda are invited to attend the first meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 5:30pm at the Davis Center, 1250 West Broadway Ave. in Room L2-305. Please RSVP to josh.downham@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Holiday Donation Opportunities at Keewaydin & Wenonah

- It's the holiday season and we are requesting donations to support our families who need a little extra cheer this time of year. Suggested donations are: Target, Cub or Oxendale's gift cards. Donations can be dropped off at either front desk, ideally by Monday, December 18th! For more information please contact patricia.burger@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-4674 (Keewaydin Social Worker) or jennifer.frisbie@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-5042 (Wenonah Social Worker).

Keewaydin Students Collecting Mac N' Cheese

- Send boxes of Mac N' Cheese to Keewaydin by December 14th to share with families in need this Winter Break. The grade level with the most donations collected will get to play dodgeball against the Keewaydin Staff! Other canned food donations are welcome. This is a great way to support our neighborhood families and have some fun! Contact Kameron.Wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us for more information.

Keewaydin AVID sponsored Food Drive

- AVID Club's food drive will continue through Friday, December 8. Please send non-perishable food items to the box in your classroom to be donated to our local food shelf. The class with the most items in grades 3-8 will win a pizza party!

In the Community

The Night Before New Year's Eve Party at Nokomis Community Center – Sat. Dec. 30

- This annual free event will include food, carnival games, kid DJ and dancing, marshmallow roasting over a bonfire, a photo board, the famous Nokomis Fish Pond, a “midnight” (7:15pm) countdown complete with noisemakers and much more! Saturday, December 30, 5:30-7:30pm, 2401 E. Minnehaha Parkway. Suggest donation \$10.
- Volunteers needed! Looking for a good way to ring in the New Year? Sign up to help at the event <http://signup.com/go/bFqfvoN>

Calendar

December:

- 2 Chess Tournament, 8:30-4, at North High School (door 30 off Knox Avenue)
- 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
- 12 6th/7th grade band performs festive music in the Keewaydin Commons, 9:20am
- 13 Chess Club at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 14 Wenonah Student Council meeting, 4:05-5:20pm
- 15 Vision Screening grades 3, 5, 6 at Keewaydin
- 16 LNCS Cares volunteer day at Minnehaha Food Shelf, 7-11am
- 19 Chess Club at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 19 7th and 8th graders attend Roosevelt High School band performance, 10:30am in the Auditorium
- 19 8th grade band performs festive music in the commons, 9:20am
- 19 Talent Show meeting, 4:05-5:20pm
- 20 Chess Club at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 20-22 6th Grade to Eagle Bluff
- 22 Wenonah Student of the Month assembly in the Wenonah gym at 10:15am
- 21 4th Grade dulcimer concert, 2:30pm in the Auditorium
- 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