

From the LNCS Principals to our Generous Community

As we close out 2017, we want to take this opportunity to say "Thank You!" We are grateful you choose to send your students to Wenonah and Keewaydin. We are grateful for the incredible gifts of your time, talents and treasure. Our school family has grown stronger with your committed partnership, which benefits every single child in our schools. We wish you a joyous, peaceful Holiday Season and we look forward to seeing our amazing students back at school on January 8, 2018.

What's Coming Up?

Dine Out Night for 8th Grade Trip to Washington DC – Friday, December 22

- Don't feel like cooking tonight? Then Dine out to Donate! Our 8th graders need your help in raising funds for their spring trip to Washington DC in June. Please join us on December 22nd at Panda Express from 3-10pm in Richfield. Panda Express will donate 20% of the sale to our 8th graders but... YOU MUST BRING [THE ATTACHED FLYER](#) (OR SHOW IT ON YOUR PHONE) FOR KEEWAYDIN 8TH GRADERS TO GET CREDIT FOR THE SALE. Panda Express is located at 1638 66th Street East (near Target) in Richfield. For more information email: jennifer.monroe@mpls.k12.mn.us

No School: December 25 - January 7

- School resumes on **Monday, January 8, 2017**. We wish you a peaceful and fun break!

Winter Session of Community Education Begins – Monday, January 8

- The new session starts the first day after break and runs through March 1. Confirmation sheets went home in backpacks this week. Questions? Adam.deleeuw@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-4694.
- GEMS/GISE Classes will continue through the entire school year so there is no need to reregister.

LNCS Open House Night for Prospective Families – Thursday, January 11

- If you know any families who are considering attending LNCS, please send them this invitation to our special Open House Night on January 11th where they can tour both campuses and visit a PTA meeting:
 - [4:30-6:30 School Tours](#) – Stop by either campus at any time for a tour with a student, staff member or current parent (and the principals will be available from 4:30-5:20).
 - [6:45-7:45 Attend our PTA Meeting](#) – Prospective families are encouraged to sit in on our January PTA meeting to get a feel for our welcoming K-8 community. Once a month all LNCS families are invited to these meetings to stay updated on what's happening at school, plan community events and fundraisers, share resources, and learn about ways to volunteer.

All Families Invited to Budget Follow-up @ Site Council Meeting - Thursday, January 11

- Join us at 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Wenonah Media Center to get budget updates from Minneapolis Public Schools representatives and follow up on our November budget focus group. We hope lots of you will attend so we can continue to influence the decisions that will impact our school's budget.

PTA Meeting for All Families – Thursday, January 11

- Everyone is invited to attend at 6:45-7:45 p.m. in the Wenonah Media Center. We'll have a presentation on empowering kids to find their own voice, build self-esteem and discover the power they have within to live a healthy life. We will also be preparing for the Valentine's Dinner and Dance and PTA outreach activities, and hearing updates from the principals/liaisons.

School Notes

Keewaydin Tops All Schools in Mac N Cheese Donations!

- Keewaydin earned top prize for collecting most boxes of Macaroni and Cheese to benefit Roosevelt High School's Operation Holiday Baskets! Today Holiday Food Baskets were distributed to 53 families from the LNCS Community. Thanks to everyone who donated to this amazing cause put on by our Roosevelt Partners.

Thank You for a Successful DC Trip Pancake Fundraiser!

- A big thank you to all of the families, teachers and supporters who came out to the 8th graders pancake breakfast fundraiser for their D.C. Trip on December 16th. The breakfast made almost \$1000 in profits, tips and donations!!

Looking for Winter Break Resources like Meals or Childcare?

- Minneapolis Public School has created this list of resources for families during break:
http://osfce.mpls.k12.mn.us/winter_break_resources.html.

Be Prepared if We Cancel School for Winter Weather

- MPS considers closing school when the wind chill is at -35 degrees or below at 6:30 a.m., more than 6 inches of snow falls in 12 hours, or more than 8 inches falls in 24 hours.
- They'll tell parents by 5:30 a.m. the day of the cancellation by phone, text, website, radio, TV and Facebook.

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:

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

January:

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

8 School Resumes

10 Basketball Game at Keewaydin 5pm Girls, no boys game

11 LNCS Open House Night for Prospective Families, 4:30-6:30m tours at Wenonah and Keewaydin, 6:45pm PTA meeting at Wenonah

11 Site Council meeting 5:30-6:30pm in Wenonah Media Center

11 PTA meeting 6:45-7:45pm in Wenonah Media Center

12 Basketball Games at Anwatin, 5pm Boys, 6pm Girls

15 **NO SCHOOL for students - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**

16 ANet Testing for grades 3 and 4

17 ANet Testing for grades 5 and 6

17 Basketball Games at Page, 5pm Boys, 6pm Girls

18 ANet Testing for Grades 7 and 8

19 Field trip to MN Wildlife Refuge-10-12 Hall and Currier, 12:30-3 Harriss and Thompson

22 FAST Testing for Grades 3 and 4

23 FAST Testing for Grades 5 and 6

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 Lil' GEMS & Jr. GISE Robotics Exhibition: 8am-1pm, Anne Sullivan School

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
- 7 Ms. Delveaux and Ms. Johnson, Field trip to Wildlife Refuge, 10am-12pm
- 9 Basketball Games at Keewaydin 5pm Boys 6pm Girls
- 12 Wenonah Talent Show, 10:30am in the Gymnasium
- 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
- 16 Parent-Teacher Conferences: 8:30am-4:30pm
- 16 **NO SCHOOL for students – Conferences**
- 19 **NO SCHOOL for students – President's Day**
- 20 5th Grade Field Trip to Orchestra Hall, 11:30am-1:30pm
- 21 8th Grade Field Trip to STEM & Career Expo