

What's Coming Up?

Buy Tix Now for Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for 8th Grade Trip to D.C. – Sat. Dec. 16

- 8th Graders are working hard to raise money for their trip. Everyone is invited to support them at a pancake breakfast. Admission to the Breakfast requires a ticket that needs to be purchased by December 12th. There are no same day ticket sales at the Breakfast. Contact Jennifer.monroe@mpls.k12.mn.us for more information.
- 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.
- The breakfast will be at Peppers and Fries Restaurant, 3900 East Lake Street, on Saturday, December 16 from 9-11am.

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

FAST Assessments at Wenonah

- It's time for the winter round of FAST assessments at Wenonah. Here are the classrooms scheduled so far: 12/13 108 math or reading; 12/15 107 math, 12/18 109 reading; 12/19 109 math; 12/20 108 math or reading
- Some tips are to make sure your child is well rested, eats a healthy breakfast, and arrives at school on time.

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-minnehaharvest>

Wenonah Talent Show 1st Meeting – Tuesday, December 19

- If your child wants to participate in the talent show, make sure to turn in a sign up form by December 18 and send them to the first meeting on December 19, 4:05-5:20pm. At the first meeting students will share what their talent act will be and we will start to create a schedule for future practices.
- All Wenonah students are encouraged to be in the talent show. Students will rehearse afterschool at 4:15-5:25pm on some Tuesdays and Thursdays in January. (Solo instrumentalists will rehearse at home.) The Talent Show will be Monday, February 5, 10:30am.

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, January 10(Girls game only) AND Fridays-February 2(Boys game only) & 9. Game times have not been set, but will be published as soon as they are scheduled. GO EAGLE BASKETBALL TEAMS!

High School Information Nights for 8th Graders

- **Fair:** Wednesday, Jan. 10th, 6pm; 10 S. 10th St.
- **South:** Thursday, Jan. 11th, 6-8pm; 3131 19th Ave. S.

School Notes

Congratulations LNCS Chess Team!

- This weekend our chess team took home so many trophies and smiles! We had the biggest team at the tournament (28 students) and they competed with grace and skill. Thank you Coach Larry for your strong leadership!
- The following 1st Place students will be recognized at the December 12th School Board Meeting: Best Female Player in 7-12th grade category - Richanta P (7th grader); 1st Place K-3 Individual - Austen H. (3rd grader); 1st Place Team Trophy grades 4-6 - Lewis G, Calvin P, Julen M-S, Evan H, Adam S, Joshua H-D;
- A special shout out to these other award winners: 3rd Place K-3 Individual – Quinn P (1st grader); 2nd Place Team Trophy K-3 – Esme W-A, Isaac K, Joey A, Olin S, & all our amazing team members: Thein H, Hannah F, Declan M,, Berit S, Landen K, Sean H, Betty R, Lillian L, Taylor G, Sam H, Sammy H, Norah H, Max H, Benjamin L.

Visiting Artist to Work with Keewaydin 5th Graders

- Visiting artist Roxanne Wallace will be working with 5th graders on Tuesdays, December 12th and 19th. Roxanne is a movement artist and will be exploring the influence of the Harlem Renaissance in workshops with all classes. The 5th graders will go to Orchestra Hall on February 20, 2018 for a performance by VocalEssence based on the themes students explored in the workshops.

Upcoming Equity and Leadership Opportunity for LNCS Parents

- 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/bFqfv0N>

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 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