

Thank you for all the Budget Surveys! Keep them Coming...

Please Turns Yours in by February 7

- It's time to plan our programming and budgets for next year and we want to know what is important to you and your students. (If your student turned one in early, rewards will be provided next week.) If you need a new copy, stop by the offices or [print a copy from our website](#). If you have any questions, please contact:
 - Wenonah: Principal Kelly Wright at 612-668-5040 or Kelly.wright@mpls.k12.mn.us.
 - Keewaydin: Principal La Shawn Ray at 612-668-4670 or lashawn.ray@mpls.k12.mn.us

What's Coming Up?

Register for Winter Afterschool Classes – Registration Opened Jan. 31. Classes Start March 5

- Brochures went home in backpacks this week or register online at <https://minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com/courses/category/76/after-school-youth-classes>. The registration **deadline is February 15** to be eligible for bussing at the start of the session. (Sign up ASAP as some classes fill quickly!). Classes run Mar. 5 – May 2.
- If your student is in the following classes they run all year and you do not need to reregister: GEMS/GISE/ALC, ST Math, Yearbook, Debate, Theatre, AVID Club, History Day, and Girls Inc. If your student would like to start mid-year please inquire.
- Questions? Contact Adam.deleeuw@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-5049.

Winter Wellness Week at Keewaydin – February 5-9

- All week our Playworks Junior Coaches will be leading news games at the 3-5th grade recess.
- Weds., February 7 - Families are encouraged to walk/bike to school, and staff will compete in a Steps Challenge
- Thurs., February 8 - Taste tests of Moroccan Freekah at lunches

Look for Report Cards Coming Home Soon

- Grades K-5: Report cards will be sent home in backpacks on Wednesday, February 7.
- Grades 6-8: Report cards will be mailed home from MPS and should arrive by February 14. If you do not receive your child's report card please contact Kameron.Wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us .

LNCS Students to be Honored at Native American Achievement Celebration – February 7

- Congratulations to the following Native American students who will be at a celebration on Feb. 7th at South High School 3131 19th Ave S. from 5:30-7:30pm. We are honored by your achievements and you make Wenonah and

Keewaydin Rock: 2nd graders~Anthony, Davien, and Zander; 4th graders~ Miika, Jaylen, Adelle, Isabelle, Dacia; 5th grader~Mason; and 8th graders~ Mikayla and Krista

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!)

All Families Invited to Site Council Meeting - Thursday, February 8

- Join us at 5:30-6:30 p.m.in the Keewaydin Media Center. Childcare is now provided for ages 3+!!
- The Principal's will share mid-year academic data and trends.

PTA Meeting for All Families – Thursday, February 8

- Everyone is invited to attend at 6:45-7:45 p.m. in the Keewaydin Media Center. Childcare provided for ages 3+.
- We are happy to welcome Roosevelt High School Principal Michael Bradley to talk about what's going on at Roosevelt and share why it is a great choice for you to consider sending your Keewaydin graduates. Sarah Smith, Keewaydin teacher, will explain about what the PTA funded annual Eagle Bluff Trip is all about. Also on the agenda is planning for the Valentine's Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction, a PTA budget report and an update from the Wenonah and Keewaydin principals and family liaisons. We hope to see you there.

History Day Dates Projects Due - Friday, February 9

- 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

Free Dental Care for Children Under 18 – Saturday, February 10

- Each year, dental professionals from across the state participate in "Give Kids a Smile", providing free dental care to children in need. Call 612-625-1669 to make your appointment today.
- Saturday, February 10th, 7:30am-2:30pm at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, 515 Delaware Street SE, Minneapolis, MN

African American Parent Involvement Day – Monday, February 12

- National African American Parent Involvement Days (NAAPID) is a day for parents to come to their child's school, see what their day is like, and to support their child's educational future. We hope to see you at one or more of these events!
 - **Wenonah:** Please join us at **1:00 for lunch with your student** in the Wenonah Media Center. Plus stop in anytime that day to visit your student's classroom. If you are attending lunch, please RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 7 to jill.kilibarda@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-5040.
 - **Keewaydin:** Join us for coffee and stay for lunch! Beginning at 9:45, families are welcome to visit with other families and visit their child's classrooms. Then join Principal Ray for lunch at 11:30am. Sandwiches, salad and fruit will be served. . If you are attending lunch, please RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 7 to anne.tank@mpls.k12.mn.us or call Anne at 612-668-4689.
 - **Roller Gardens:** MPS Families are invited for a free night of fun at the Roller Gardens at 5622 W. Lake St. in St. Louis Park from 6-8pm.

Wenonah Talent Show – Monday, February 12

- Please join us for the annual Wenonah Talent Show on Monday, February 12th at 10:30am in the gymnasium. Come support our students and have a great time, even if your student is not in the show. It might be the cutest thing you see all year.

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). Ideally bring this flyer, or tell your server that you are with Keewaydin, and they will donate up to 25% of your order.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – Thursday & Friday, February 15 & 16

- Look for information about conferences from your child's teacher and email them with any questions.
 - 📄 **Keewaydin Schedule:** Feb. 15th from 4:30-8:30pm and Feb. 16th from 8:30am-1:30pm.
 - 📄 **Wenonah Schedule:** Feb. 15th 4:30-7:30pm, and Feb. 16th from 8:30am-4:30pm

No School –Friday, February 16

- No school due to conferences

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

No School – Monday, February 19

- No school for President's Day

LNCS Valentine's Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction – Saturday, February 24

- Mark your calendars for this annual all school PTA event designed to build community and raise funds for our students. Held at Crosstown Covenant Church, 5540 30th Ave. S. Mpls.
- **Dinner:** Enjoy spaghetti and meatballs, bread and salad from Fat Lorenzo's from 5:30-8:00pm.
- **Silent Auction:** 5:30-7:30pm
- **Dance:** Our awesome DJ is great with kids of all ages. 6:00-8:00pm

School Notes

Flu Season is Here - Important Message from LNCS Health Offices

- The flu is a respiratory disease caused by a virus that attacks the nose, throat and lungs. It is not the same as the "stomach flu". We would like to remind you that if your student has a fever of 100 degrees or more, with a cough and a sore throat, please keep your students home and tell your school about these symptoms. Your student should stay home until they are fever free for 24 hours without using fever reducing medication. By keeping your student home we can help prevent spreading the flu in our schools.
- You should seek medical attention if your student has trouble breathing, bluish skin, a rash, extreme irritability, lack of energy, is unable to drink enough water, or you have any other concerns.
- The Minnesota Department of Health recommends that everyone get a flu shot. You can get this at your local clinic or pharmacy.
- For more information contact the School Nurse or The Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-5414.

Step-up Summer Internship Opportunity for 8th Graders

- Attention Keewaydin families! Please consider having your child join STEP-UP this summer. STEP-UP is the City of Minneapolis' internship program for young adults ages 14-21. Each year, STEP-UP recruits, trains and places more than 1,600 Minneapolis youth in meaningful ***paid*** internships with over 220 top Twin Cities businesses, public agencies and nonprofits. Students must be 14 years of age by June 1st in order to be eligible and they must apply online at http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cped/metp/step-up_home. **Applications are due Friday, February 16th** and your child must be available to attend two Saturday trainings on April 7th and April 14th. We hope your child takes advantage of this wonderful and unique opportunity! Questions? Ask Ms. Wittmer 612-668-4670 or Kameron.Wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us

GEMS & GISE Teams Rocked at their First Tournament

- Keewaydin teams earned 4 trophies on January 27th! Our 3-4th grade GEMS took 2nd place in the Design in the Spot Challenge designing a new Super Bowl Trophy. Our 3-4th grade GISE took 3rd place in the final Engineering Robot Challenge (they chose to figure out one of the more difficult choices~the satellite mission). Our 5-8th Grade GEMS received a 1st Place Core Values Award by working together and asking great questions. Our 5-8th Grade GISE team received the 1st Place Project Award in their division focused on short and long term solutions to the Flint Michigan Water System! Congratulations Team and Coach Sarah Smith and Amy Swanson! We are proud of you!
- Wenonah's Jr. GEMS & GISE teams created and displayed fabulous Lego robotic projects that solved a problem in the community related to water. Their projects had moving parts that were driven by a laptop computer that the students had to program. They all did a fabulous job and the judges loved them! Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey even tweeted a photo with a couple of our students.

General Mills Grant Brings Playworks to Keewaydin

- This past week, Keewaydin had a special guest to implement Playworks Recess Roll Out. Coach Ryan spent the week in classrooms and at recesses to focus on positive recess behavior and skills. Playworks, a national non-profit, focuses on play and the power it has in the development of children. Coach Ryan worked on indoor recess games which help build positive interactions and school climate. Keewaydin rose to the challenge and had a blast! New games were learned, laughter was in the air and encouragement and high fives were flowing through the school! Congratulations to Keewaydin for a fantastic week of Playworks recess from Coach Ryan! To learn more go to:www.playworks.org/minnesota

Yearbook Cover Contest

- The yearbook needs your art! Draw an Outer Space themed work of art for us to use as the Yearbook Cover. Entries are due by February 8th. Give them to the office or to Ms. Croft. Enter as many times as you wish. Use pencil or pen. Color is okay, too! Use a blank 8 1/2 x 11 paper.

Calendar

February

- 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 Winter Bike/Walk to School Day
- 7 Ms. Delveaux and Ms. Johnson, Field trip to Wildlife Refuge, 10am-12pm
- 7 Taste Tests at Moroccan Freekah at Wenonah lunches
- 7 Grades K-5 report cards coming home
- 7 Native American Achievement Celebration, 5:30-7:30pm at South High School
- 8 Taste Tests of Moroccan Freekah at Keewaydin lunches

- 8 Site Council meeting 5:30-6:30pm in Keewaydin Media Center
- 8 PTA meeting 6:45-7:45pm in Keewaydin 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
- 12 African American Parent Involvement Day at Wenonah and Keewaydin
- 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
- 15 Deadline to register for spring Community Ed classes
- 16 Parent-Teacher Conferences: 8:30am-1:30pm at Keewaydin, 8:30am-4:30pm @ Wenonah
- 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
- 21 2nd Grade rooms 106 & 107 to Children’s Theatre Company “The Wiz”, 10am-12:30pm
- 23 Kindergarten rooms 101 & 102 to the MN Wildlife Refuge, 12:30-3:15pm
- 24 MPS Check it Out Chess Tournament
- 24 LNCS Valentine’s Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction 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
- 28 1st Grade to MN Wildlife Refuge, rooms 114 & 115 at 10:15am, rooms 110 & 111 at 1:15pm