

## What's Coming Up?

### First Day of (Most) Spring Community Education Classes – Monday, March 5

- Winter community education classes are finished, and most spring classes start the week of March 5.
- **These classes will not start until the week of March 12:** All of Mr. Pritchard's Active Solutions Gym Classes M, T and W, and Ms. Cramer's Guitar Class.

### Pennies for Patients at Keewaydin – March 1-April 20

- AVID Club is organizing Keewaydin's annual Pennies for Patients fundraiser. Each classroom teacher and other staff will have a box where students can deposit money (coins/bills). Also, students in grades 3-5 can choose to bring a box home and any money collected can go into their classroom donation total. Boxes will be collected and counted by AVID Club. The overall goal for our school is \$2,018. For more information please email: [lisa.hudson@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:lisa.hudson@mpls.k12.mn.us) or [emlin002@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:emlin002@mpls.k12.mn.us)

### All Families Invited to School Budget Meeting - Thursday, March 8

- LNCS has received their budget numbers for next year. Everyone is invited to hear updates, learn the results of this winter's budget/family surveys, and share thoughts on various scenarios for how to spend funds. Our principals would like to hear what's important to you as they write the school's budgets. 5:30-6:30pm in the Keewaydin Media Center during the Site Council Meeting. **(Note the meeting is moved to Keewaydin this month)**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade/Wenonah Families Invited - "What to Expect in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade" – Thursday, March 8

- Are you a Wenonah parent wondering what 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is like at the Keewaydin campus? Are you a parent of a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader and ready to start preparing for the transition? Join us for a [presentation/Q&A/Classroom Tour](#) at the next PTA meeting devoted to helping families get ready. There is so much to get excited about! 6:45-7:45pm in the Keewaydin Media Center. **Families of all grades are welcome.** Childcare provided ages 3+. Contact Principal [lashawn.ray@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:lashawn.ray@mpls.k12.mn.us) with any questions. **(Note the PTA meeting moved to Keewaydin this month)**
- Also check out the [Welcome Letter](#) that Keewaydin Principal La Shawn Ray sent home to all 2nd grade families last week.

### Wenonah "Crazy Hair Day" - Friday, March 9

- Students bring \$1 for Pennies for Patients to participate.

### Trimester 3 Specialist Schedule for Grades 3-7 Starts – Monday, March 12

- All students in grades 3-7 will have new specialist classes beginning March 12<sup>th</sup>. The last day of Trimester 2 specialist classes will be Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Ask your child what their specialist class will be from March 12-June 8. For more information contact your teacher or email: [anne.tank@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:anne.tank@mpls.k12.mn.us) Keewaydin Family Liaison.

## 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Night of the Arts – Tuesday, March 20

- Please join us in the Wenonah gym for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Musical Performances and Art Displays. This year the two grades are combined into one night. Students should arrive 5-10 minutes prior to their performance time and go directly to the performance area (risers in the gymnasium). Here's the schedule:
    - 5:30 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade performs
    - 5:50 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade art scavenger hunt and treats
    - 6:30 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade performs
    - 6:50 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade art scavenger hunt and treats
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## School Notes

### Keewaydin Needs Copy Paper

- Thank you in advance for any donations of white copy paper for Keewaydin. We appreciate your generosity throughout the year and need paper to get us through until June 8<sup>th</sup>. Donations of copy paper can be dropped off in the main office.

### Welcome New Staff at Keewaydin

- A warm welcome to Joe Skiba, our new Behavior Dean, and to Brit Frandsen, our new SEA (Special Education Assistant). We are happy to have you in our Keewaydin Family!

### Important Change for MCA Test Opt-Out for this Year

- Please note that students who do not take the MCA or MTAS test will be counted as “Does Not Meet” proficiency for school accountability measures. This mandate from the district is new this year, and the only exception to this will be for students not taking the test due to medical reasons. Parent opt-outs, refusals, absence, etc. all will count as “Does Not Meet” for school accountability. Forms are available in the main office if families still choose to opt-out of the MCA testing. For more information email: [Kameron.wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Kameron.wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us)

### LNCS Chess Team Rocks at 2<sup>nd</sup> Tournament

- On Saturday the LNCS Chess team performed grandly at the District Tournament! Team results were: K-3<sup>rd</sup> won 1<sup>st</sup> Place and 4-6<sup>th</sup> won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. In the Individual Category (K-3<sup>rd</sup>), Austen H. placed 1<sup>st</sup>, Jack S. placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Olin S. placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are so proud of you. Thanks to coach Larry and Adam for their amazing leadership!

### Valentines Event - Thank You and Recap

- Thanks to everyone who participated in the PTA's Valentine's Dinner and Dance Event this past weekend. It was tons of fun and was a great community building event. Attendance held steady even though it was snowing heavily! A special thank you to everyone who volunteered in any way and either obtained or donated items for our biggest silent auction ever. The event grossed over \$12K!

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## In the Community

### NENA Community Snapshot Forum – Tuesday, March 6 @ Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church

- Are you a resident of Nokomis East neighborhoods: Keewaydin, Morris Park, Minnehaha, or Wenonah? Then attend the Community Snapshot Forum, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church, to share your ideas for the neighborhood! This is a great chance to tell us what you see in your neighborhood and what you want to see. This forum is a part of the Community Snapshot project and will inform our strategic plan for the next three years. A free meal will be provided, so come hungry! Visit [nokomiseast.org/CommunitySnapshot](http://nokomiseast.org/CommunitySnapshot)

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## Calendar

### March

*Chess club continues Tuesday mornings at Keewaydin and Wednesday mornings at Wenonah, 8:30am*

5 First day of Spring Community Education Classes

5-9 5<sup>th</sup> Graders to StarBase

6 6<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip to Mill City Museum, 10:15am-2:15pm

8 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Orchestra Hall, 10:45-1:15

8 Site Council meeting 5:30-6:30pm in Keewaydin Media Center (Note location changed to Keewaydin)

8 PTA meeting 6:45-7:45pm in Keewaydin Media Center (Note location changed to Keewaydin)

9 Wenonah Crazy Hair Day (Bring \$1 Pennies for Patients)

12 4<sup>th</sup> Grade ANET testing

13 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ANET testing

14 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ANET testing

15 & 16 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade ANET testing

16 Wenonah Hawaii Day (Bring \$1 Pennies for Patients) (Last day of Pennies for Patients)

20 Wenonah Night of the Arts, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade at 5:30 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at 6:30 p.m.; in the Wenonah gym and cafeteria

21 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Children's Theater Production of "Corduroy", 10am-12:30pm

22 1<sup>st</sup> Grade field trip to the Arboretum, rooms 114 & 115 at 11:15am, rooms 110 & 111 at 1:15pm

23 Access Test for ELL Closes

24 District History Day Competition at Roosevelt High School, 9am-3pm

27 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Guest Speaker "Papa Lemon", 1-4pm

28 Keewaydin Student Recognition Ceremony, 8:30-9:30am in the Auditorium

28 Wenonah Student of the Month assembly in the Gym at 10:15am

29 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip to Roller Garden, 12-3pm

29 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders attend puppet show, 1pm in the Keewaydin Auditorium

30-April 8 No School for Spring Break

## **April**

March 30-April 8 No School for Spring Break

*Chess club continues Tuesday mornings at Keewaydin and Wednesday mornings at Wenonah, 8:30am*

9 Classes Resume

24 Fine Arts Night at Keewaydin