

Special “Fall at a Glance” Issue of the Weekly News

Welcome to another year at LNCS! **Grab your calendar** because this special issue of the Weekly News includes a big list of ways for you and your student to get involved at school this fall.

We hope you join us in these activities because it really makes a big difference for your student. Research shows that when families get involved it boosts their students’ academic and social-emotional growth. And students who participate in extra-curricular activities are shown to be more engaged and motivated at school.

The Weekly News is sent out each week via phone and email, and it’s posted on the home page of www.lakenokomis.mpls.k12.mn.us under the “School News” section. Please contact your school office (Keewaydin 668-4670, Wenonah 668-5040) if you would like to add a phone or email address to receive the Weekly News.

Here’s How You & Your Student Can Get Involved this Fall

LNCS Loves Volunteers

- Our schools thrive in part because of the committed volunteers who give of their time and talent! If you’d like to volunteer, please contact Anne.Tank@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612 668 4689 Family Liaison at Keewaydin, and Jill.Kilibarda@mpls.k12.mn.us 612 668 5040 Family Liaison at Wenonah.

Join the Middle School Soccer Team

- 6-8 graders are encouraged to join the Keewaydin Soccer Team. Students pick up forms from Mr. Doherty and practices will begin next week. Please email Michael.Doherty@mpls.k12.mn.us for more information.

Join Band & Get Ready for a Great Year in Music Classes

- Welcome to Keewaydin Ms. Cramer! Allison Cramer will be our 6-8th grade Band Instructor at Keewaydin this year in addition to teaching music to grades 3-5 and grades K-2 at Wenonah. Band applications were given out at Open House, and if you would like more information about band/music, please email Allison.Cramer@mpls.k12.mn.us

Register for Afterschool Classes – Registration Open Sept. 13. Classes Start October 9.

- Classes will be offered at both campuses M-Th. Community Ed and GEMS/GISE/ALC classes will be presented on the same brochure this year.
- Brochures will go home in backpacks September 13 and the deadline is September 25th. (Sign up ASAP as some classes fill quickly!). Classes run October 9 – December 21

Attend the 1st PTA Meeting – September 14 (and Save the Date for future meetings)

- All families are encouraged to get involved with PTA! Have fun with other families, build community at LNCS, and raise funds for special supplies and activities like field trips, Camp Skeeter, History Day, and Starbase.
- Come to our first meeting Thursday Sept. 14 at 6:45-7:45 p.m. in Keewaydin Media Center.
 - We will offer “PTA 101” to go over the basics of what we do and how parents can get involved.
 - We’ll also plan for the Pancake Breakfast & Family Fun Walk and discuss this year’s budget
 - Free childcare for ages 3 and up will be provided.
- Future meetings: Stop by as many meetings as you can - the 2nd Thursday of most months, locations alternating between the two campuses: **October 12 at Wenonah, November 9 at Keewaydin**, and no meeting in December.

Attend the 1st Site Council Meeting – September 14 (and Save the Date for future meetings)

- All families are invited to drop in to any Site Council meeting! These informal meetings are simply a place where the principals, staff and families gather to discuss what’s going on at school and give input into school goals, decisions, budgets, etc.
- The first meeting is Thursday Sept. 14 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Keewaydin Media Center. This meeting we’ll discuss enrollment numbers, new recess guidelines, student assessments (commonly called standardized tests), and our annual school goals and new strategies to meet our goals.
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Come to the MPS “Welcome Back Powwow” – Friday, September 29

- This free public event will be from 4pm to 7pm at the North High School Football Field, 1801 Fremont Ave North. Grand Entry at 4pm and 6pm. Meal served at 5pm. Come and join this celebration and special welcome to the new school year!

Participate in Bike & Walk to School Day – Friday, October 6

- All students are encouraged to bike, walk, skate or roll to school October 6th in honor of this special day and will receive stickers when they arrive (including Woodlawn Walkers). Celebrate this special day with families around the world and enjoy the benefits of being active and outside on the way to school.

Enjoy Woodlawn Walks – Fridays, October 6 – December 1

- Each Friday starting October 6, students who ride the bus will experience the joys of walking to school. They will be dropped off on the 54xx block of Woodlawn Blvd and walk to school with staff and volunteers on a designated route. Families who do not take the bus are also encouraged to walk with us. Stay tuned for details on how to volunteer and options to opt out.

Run with LNCS in TC Marathon Family Events – Saturday, October 7

- Register to participate in the family half mile, mile, 5K or 10K with Mr. Pritchard (Wenonah Phys Ed teacher) and other LNCS students. Forms went home to all Wenonah students. Keewaydin students can get a form from Mr. Dougherty (Keewaydin Phys Ed teacher). Happy Running!

Start Afterschool Classes – Monday, October 9

- See above for Registration details. Registration starts September 13.

Drop in to Chess Club Anytime – Meetings Start Tues. October 10 & Weds. October 11

- All students are invited to give chess a try! Students K-8 may drop in to any meeting. No prior chess experience needed. **Keewaydin:** Tuesdays 8:30-9:30am starting October 10 in the Media Center. Contact Anne Tank 612-669-4689; **Wenonah:** Wednesdays 8:30-9:30am starting October 11 in the Media Center. Contact Jill Kilibarda 612-668-5040. Mr. Larry will be the volunteer chess coach again.

Save the Date for our Biggest Annual PTA Events – Starting with Pancakes – Sat. October 14

- Pancake Breakfast & Family Fun Walk – Saturday, October 14, 9-11am
- Valentines Dinner & Dance – Saturday, February 3
- Spring Carnival & Plant Sale – Friday, May 11

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Tuesday October 17 and Wednesday October 18

- Contact your student's teacher to schedule a conference Tuesday, October 17, 4:30-8:30pm or Wednesday, October 18, 8:30am-4:30pm.

No School for Conferences & MEA Break: Weds Oct. 18 – Fri Oct. 20

School Picture Day – Tuesday, October 24

- We'll send out details and order forms soon.

Community Events

Monarch Festival – Saturday, September 9

- It's tomorrow! Bring the whole family to this year's festival Saturday, September 9, 10am-4pm at the northeast side of Lake Nokomis. Celebrate the Minnesota to Mexico connection with monarch education, food, art and dance.

Calendar

September:

- 9 Monarch Festival at Lake Nokomis, 10am – 4pm
- 12 Zuzu African Acrobatics perform for grades 3-5, Keewaydin Auditorium 10:15am
- 13 2nd Grade (108 & 109) to the Wildlife Refuge, 10am-12:30pm
- 13 Registration opens for Afterschool Classes (Community Ed/GEMS/GISE/ALC)

- 14 Site Council meeting 5:30-6:30pm; in Keewaydin Media Center
- 14 PTA meeting 6:45-7:45pm in Keewaydin Media Center
- 15 2nd Grade (106 & 107) to Wildlife Refuge, 103pm
- 18 FAST Assessments grades 3-8
- 19 Patrol Squad training in auditorium, 10:30am
- 21 1st Grade to Wildlife Refuge, 114 & 115 at 10am-12:30pm, 110 & 111 afternoon
- 27 4th Grade (Johnson and Delveaux) to Wildlife Refuge, 9:45-noon
- 29 MPS Welcome Back Powwow, North High School Football Field, 4-7pm
- 29 Wenonah Student of the Month Celebration, Wenonah Gym 10:15am

October:

- 4 5th Grade (Thompson and Currier) to Wildlife Refuge, 1-3pm
- 6 Bike & Walk to School Day
- 6 First Woodlawn Walk of the year
- 7 TC Marathon Family Events
- 9 Afterschool classes begin (Community Education/GEMS/GISE/ALC) start at Keewaydin and Wenonah
- 10 Chess Club begins at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 11 Chess Club begins at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 12 Site Council meeting 5:30-6:30pm in Wenonah Media Center
- 12 PTA meeting 6:45-7:45pm in Wenonah Media Center
- 14 Pancake Breakfast & Family Fun Walk, at Keewaydin, 9-11am; and flu shot clinic 9-10:45am,
- 17 Grade 4 (Hall) and Grade 5 (Harris) to Wildlife Refuge, 9:40-noon
- 17 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30pm
- 18 Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:30am- 4:30pm
- 18-20 **NO SCHOOL for students**
- 24 School Picture Day at Wenonah & Keewaydin
- 31 Wenonah Student of the Month in Wenonah Gym 10:15 am

November:

- 1 First Quarter Ends
- 2-3 **NO SCHOOL for students**
- 9 Site Council meeting 5:30-6:30pm in Keewaydin Media Center
- 9 PTA meeting 6:45-7:45pm in Keewaydin Media Center
- 22-4 **NO SCHOOL for students - Thanksgiving Holiday**

December:

- 1 School Picture Retake Day

20-22 6th Grade to Eagle Bluff

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