

## Special “Policies and Procedures” Issue of the Weekly News

This week we have compiled notes about new or commonly misunderstood LNCS policies and procedures. We hope having these details in one place make your life a little easier!

### Please Return All Paperwork Packets ASAP

- Please complete and return the paperwork you received that the beginning of school, including:
  - o **Family and School Compact** - Review and sign with your student to plan for a great year.
  - o **Emergency Forms** - Make sure we know how to reach you if your student has an emergency.
  - o **Lunch Forms** are required for all families every year to ensure we will receive important school funding. Please complete one even if your child brings a lunch from home or you won't qualify.
    - At Keewaydin - families are asked to complete the form online at [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com) or request a paper form in English or Spanish from the school office.
    - At Wenonah - paper forms went home to all families at open house, or you can complete the form online at [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com).

### New Parking Guidelines at Keewaydin

- We are concerned about student safety on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue during arrival and dismissal time, so we are asking families **not to park on either side of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue when busses are present, from 9:15-9:40am and 4-4:20pm.**
  - o **Arrival** - For curbside drop off, please drive east to west through the Community Center parking lot on 53<sup>rd</sup> Street and have your student enter door 3 by the cafeteria. If you do park elsewhere, make sure your student always uses crosswalks and **NEVER CROSSES THE STREET BETWEEN BUSES.**
  - o **Dismissal** - Please park in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Street lot, or on or near 53<sup>rd</sup> Street when picking up your student if busses are present.

### School Start and End Times

- **Wenonah** - School starts at 9:30am and ends at 4:00pm. Free breakfast is available for all students from 9:30-9:45am. Students should not be dropped off early as there is no adult supervision before or after school unless students are enrolled in a program.
- **Keewaydin** - The building opens at 9:15am and school starts at 9:40am. Free breakfast is available for all students from 9:15-9:30am. School ends at 4:10pm. There is no adult supervision before 9:15am and after 4:10pm unless they are enrolled in before or after school programs.

### All Families Encouraged to View the MPS Behavior Standards Summary

- Please look at the PowerPoint posted at [lakenokomis.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://lakenokomis.mpls.k12.mn.us) on the home page under "School News" to ensure you and your student understand the District's discipline policy. In September all schools will be discussing this presentation with students.
- If you have any questions or concerns about how the District's discipline policies are being implemented or if you need assistance in addressing student behavioral issues, please contact [Camille.Kimmes@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Camille.Kimmes@mpls.k12.mn.us) (Wenonah) or [Charleine.Williams@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Charleine.Williams@mpls.k12.mn.us) (Keewaydin). We'd love your thoughts!

## FAST Assessment Schedules

- This year all LNCS students will take the FAST Assessment. It was used last year at Wenonah as a pilot site, and this year is being used district wide to replace the MAP assessment. The FAST is a quicker way to measure student growth in math and reading in the fall, winter, and spring.
- Some tips for parents are to make sure your child is well rested, eats a healthy breakfast, arrives at school on time and feels encouraged to do their best work and to be persistent.
- **Wenonah Dates scheduled so far** - 9/18 (rm 106 math, 115 math), 9/19 (109 Reading, 107 reading), 9/20 (114 reading), 9/21 make-up day, 9/25 (111 reading), 9/26 (110 math), 9/27 (110 reading), 9/28 (107 math). Kindergarteners are being assessed 1:1 on a rolling basis.
- **Keewaydin Dates** - Assessments will be the week of Oct. 3-9, details to come.

## Please Respect Student Privacy When Taking Photos

- If attending a field trip or other student activity during school, families are prohibited from taking photos of other students and should not post photos of other students online.

## MPS Birthday / Wellness Policy

- Please be aware that in accordance with the MPS Wellness Policy, students cannot bring any kinds of treats to class for birthdays or other special events. Ask your teacher if there are other ways that events can be honored in their room (like by reading a special book to the class, or giving pencils or stickers to students).

## What's Coming Up

### Band Has Begun!

- Students are meeting for band in small groups starting Monday, September 18. Students that have turned in applications to join band received schedules this week. If your student needs a band application, they can be downloaded from the Band section of the school website under CLASSROOMS>SPECIALISTS>BAND. Students that already have an instrument at home should bring them to their first lesson. Contact Ms. Cramer if you have questions at [allison.cramer@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:allison.cramer@mpls.k12.mn.us).

### Registration Deadline for Afterschool Classes - September 22 (Classes start Oct. 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 25<sup>th</sup>. (Sign up ASAP as some classes fill quickly!). Classes run October 9 - December 21

## Keewaydin Curriculum Night - Tuesday, September 26

- Join us from 6-7:30pm for a night of learning about the great work your student(s) is doing in different subject areas. Grades 3-5 will include additional information about our new literacy curriculum. More details soon.
- If you have any immediate questions you can contact Anne Tank ([anne.tank@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:anne.tank@mpls.k12.mn.us)) or Kim Knuttila ([Kimberly.knuttila@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Kimberly.knuttila@mpls.k12.mn.us)). We look forward to seeing you!

## 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!

## LNCS in TC Marathon Family Events - Saturday, Sept. 30 (Note date correction!)

- **Register by September 20th** 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 and Keewaydin students can get a form from Mr. Dougherty (Keewaydin Phys Ed teacher). Happy Running!

## Bike & Walk to School Day - Friday, October 6

- All students are encouraged to bike, walk, skate or roll to school October 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Woodlawn Walks Start - Fridays, October 6

- 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.

## Afterschool Classes Start - 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.

## Pancake Breakfast & Family Fun Walk - Sat. October 14

- See you on Saturday, October 14 from 9-11am at Keewaydin for this annual morning of fun, food, fitness, and prizes and our biggest fundraiser of the year! Look in backpacks for materials that went home this week!

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## Calendar

### September:

- 19 Patrol Squad training in auditorium, 10:30am
- 20 4<sup>th</sup> grade workshop with MN Wildlife Refuge, Keewaydin Auditorium
- 21 1<sup>st</sup> Grade to Wildlife Refuge, 114 & 115 at 10am-12:30pm, 110 & 111 afternoon
- 21 Benchmark assessments at Keewaydin
- 22 2<sup>st</sup> grade (106 & 107) to Wildlife Refuge, 1-3pm
- 26 Keewaydin Curriculum Night, 6-7:30 at Keewaydin
- 27 4<sup>th</sup> 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
- 30 TC Marathon Family Events (note date correction)

### October:

- 3-9 FAST Assessments grades 3-8
- 4 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (Thompson and Currier) to Wildlife Refuge, 1-3pm
- 6 Bike & Walk to School Day
- 6 First Woodlawn Walk of the year
- 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
- 10 Kindergarten (100 & 104) to Arboretum
- 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
- 13 Kindergarten (101 & 102) to Arboretum
- 14 Pancake Breakfast & Family Fun Walk, at Keewaydin, 9-11am; and flu shot clinic 9-10:45am,
- 16-17 No afterschool classes
- 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
- 11 MN Philharmonic Orchestra performance for at Keewaydin Auditorium for all LNCS families, 3:30pm pre-concert activities for kids, 4:30 concert
- 20-21 No afterschool classes
- 22-4 **NO SCHOOL for students - Thanksgiving Holiday**

**December:**

- 1 School Picture Retake Day
- 20-22 6<sup>th</sup> 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