



## LAKE NOKOMIS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

-Keewaydin Campus -  
Second Grade - Fifth Grade

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<https://lakenokomis.mpls.k12.mn.us/Home>

### **“Nurturing Great Potential”**

*We proudly offer students a well-rounded education where they can explore a wide variety of interests in a highly supportive and nurturing environment. Students have space to discover their unique passions and gifts while developing the academic, social and emotional skills to pursue them.*

Here are some of the top priorities at our school:

#### **Reading and Math**

We support students in many different ways to develop these building blocks of academic success.

- **Math:** 70 min/day using standards aligned instruction using Investigations Curriculum
- **Literacy:** 120-150 min/day using Benchmark curriculum
- **Reading Corps:** 1:1 tutoring offered to students who need extra support, 20 min/day
- **Differentiation:** Learning is scaffolded and organized to meet the needs of learners at all levels
- **Advanced Learners:** Students are identified in K-2 years and teachers differentiate to meet their needs
- **Spanish Class:** Students in 4th and 5th grade attend a Spanish Specialists - 55 minute class

#### **Technology, Science, Environmental & Outdoor Learning**

We use our unique location and partnerships to learn from the world around us.

- **Guest Speakers and Special Projects:** Starbase, Dulcimer Project
- **GEMS/GISE:** Free afterschool – “Girls in Engineering, Math & Science”, “Guys in Science & Engineering”
- **Technology:** 1:1 iPads for 2nd grade, 1:1 Chromebooks for 3rd - 5th grades,; active Panels and speaker system in all classrooms, DreamBox, Lexia, Raz-Kids & Seesaw Online Educational Platform and Google Classroom Online Educational Platform

#### **Diversity & Inclusion**

We create a welcoming community where everyone is valued.

- **Diverse Student Population:** Native American, African American, Asian, Hispanic, and White
- **Multicultural Learning:** Classroom materials and lessons reflect a variety of cultures, ethnicities, and families
- **On-site Autism Program:** Supports students who are on the Autism Spectrum
- **On-Site Services :** Special Education, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy
- **English Language Learner Program:** Supports students who are learning the English language
- **Anti-bullying Initiatives:** Caring School Community Curriculum
- **Equity & Engagement Team:** Staff engaged in ongoing Professional Development around Equity, Inclusion and Social Emotional Learning
- **Native American Student Groups:** Native American Students participate in a Native group held twice monthly.

#### **Movement and Wellness**

We know that in order to learn, young bodies need to move and eat healthy food.

- **Active Classrooms:** Students work in different areas of the classroom and enjoy many wiggle and movement breaks
- **Physical Education:** All students attend 3x/week, 55-minute classes
- **Healthy Lunch Options:** Students enjoy a daily salad bar, MPS “Farm to School Initiative” and special taste tests
- **Free Breakfast:** available to all students every day
- **Field Day:** A day of fun for students, staff and families



## The Arts

We nurture creativity and exploration through a variety of art forms.

- **Music Class:** All students attend Music Specialist- 55 minute class
- **Instrumental Music:** All 5th grade students are involved in our Instrumental Music Program which builds experience and exposure to band and orchestra instruments and lessons to prepare for MS and HS
- **Art Class:** All students attend Art Specialist - 55 minute class
- **Nights of the Arts:** Annual concerts and art exhibitions
- **Talent Show:** All students are invited to perform in this annual Wenonah/Keewaydin tradition
- **After School Classes:** Community Ed Partnership
- **Media:** All students attend Media Specialist- 55 minute class

## Social Emotional Learning

We teach students skills to regulate their emotions and de-escalate their behavior.

- **Caring School Community Curriculum:** Social emotional learning curriculum supports social skills development for all students
- **Morning Circle Meetings/End of Day Circle Meetings:** Classrooms start and end the day with classroom circles. A community building morning circle meeting and closing circle meeting at the end of the day
- **Social Worker & Behavior Support Staff:** Teach students skills for success in school
- **Responsive Classroom:** An approach to teaching that fosters safe, challenging and joyful classrooms

## Family & Community Involvement

It takes a village. Students succeed when we all work together.

- **In Classrooms:** Parents are highly encouraged to volunteer in their student's classroom
- **Active PTA:** Over 200 parents engaged each year
- **Annual Events:** Pancake Breakfast & Family Fun Walk, Valentine's Dance, School Carnival
- **Site Council:** All parents and staff are invited to monthly meetings to advise and give feedback to the principal
- **Communication:** Weekly school communications go to families via email, phone, website, and backpacks
- **Community School:** Students build friendships and connections that extend into the neighborhood
- **Local Partnerships:** Fat Lorenzo's, NENA, Faith Covenant and Oxendale's Market
- **Yearbook:** LNCS Wenonah/Keewaydin Joint Yearbook

### **Pathway for LNCS Wenonah/Keewaydin Students:**

**Wenonah (K/1), Keewaydin (2-5), Sandford (6-8), Roosevelt (9-12)**

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If you are interested in enrolling your child at LNCS Keewaydin, please contact the main office.