

## Election Day @ LNCS – Tuesday, November 6

Both of our campuses will be polling places on Tuesday. This provides a great opportunity for our students to learn about voting, but also means some of our school routines will need to change that day.

Due to the volume of people in the building we will have personnel at the election doors at all times, as well as official voting personnel. This will ensure that our students are safe at all times. Everyone who is volunteering or on staff will need to wear their badge.

### Wenonah Changes on Election Day

- For **parent drop-off and pick-up, please use Door 17 (23<sup>rd</sup> avenue & 56<sup>th</sup> street)** at the northwest corner of the building near Kindergarten Classroom 100. And be aware that many of our students with special needs pass through the small parking lot on the north side of the building as they walk to and from busses. If you use that lot please drive very carefully, or consider finding other parking options especially on election day.
- Physical Education will be held outdoors (unless it rains) so please dress students appropriate for the weather.

### Keewaydin Changes on Election Day

- Voters will use door 3 (south entrance by the cafeteria). Parent Pick-up will remain at door 3 as well.
- Physical Education will be held outdoors (unless it rains) so please dress students appropriate for the weather.

### Students will “Vote” too

- Local non-profit “Kids Voting Minneapolis” will provide the opportunity for our students to experience an authentic voting activity. Students will learn how to complete a realistic Minneapolis ballot, visit the polling location to turn it in, and receive an “I VOTED” sticker!
- This simple act takes the mystery out of the voting process and has been shown to boost voting activities into adulthood.

### Minneapolis Residents Will Vote on School Funding - Don't Forget to Vote!

- It's election season! Here's the information you need related to your ballot and Minneapolis Public Schools. This November, Minneapolis voters will have the choice to vote on providing an additional \$30 million annually in our students. The funds will be used across the district to improve student achievement and well-being through equitable investments in literacy, social emotional learning, and support services. These funds will also help reduce future budget cuts and reductions in services to students across Minneapolis. Learn more here: [mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum](https://mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum)
  - For information on your polling place, visit [vote.minneapolismn.gov](https://vote.minneapolismn.gov).
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## What's Coming Up?

### No School for Students: Thursday – Friday, November 1-2

- No school due to teacher training and record keeping.

### Grades 3-7 Start New Specialist Schedules for Quarter 2 – Monday, November 5

- Check with your child's advisory teacher or homeroom teacher to find out the quarter 2 schedule, or you may email [kameron.wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:kameron.wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us) with questions. (8<sup>th</sup> graders will change at the semester.)

### Keewaydin Spirit Days Continue – “Celebrate Kindness & Community” – Mon-Fri. Nov. 5 - 9

- Keewaydin Student Council is coordinating Spirit Days that Celebrate Kindness and Community. Dress to show your spirit!
  - Monday, Nov. 5: School Spirit Day: wear LNCS gear
  - Tuesday, Nov.6: Love & Acceptance for All Day: Wear rainbow colors
  - Wednesday, Nov.7: We Can Work Out Problems Day: Dress in exercise clothes
  - Thursday, Nov. 8: It's Your Job to be Kind Day: Dress in Professional Wear/Career of Choice
  - Friday, Nov. 9: Dream of Kindness Day: Wear pajamas to school
- Important Reminder: All clothing must follow the school dress code. Please do not bring weapons/props of any kind to school and shoes must be worn at all times! For more information email: [Kameron.wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Kameron.wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us)

### Wenonah “Great Pumpkin Decorating Contest” – Tuesday, November 6

- If your child would like to participate, have them DECORATE a pumpkin in whatever way they want. PLEASE, NO CARVED PUMPKINS. Pumpkins should not be larger than a basketball.
- If you need help getting a pumpkin, contact our Social Worker at [Jennifer.frisbie@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Jennifer.frisbie@mpls.k12.mn.us) or 612-668-5042.
- **Nov. 6, Tuesday** - Pumpkins can be dropped off in the Media Center before school.
- Nov. 8, Thursday - Student Council will judge the pumpkins. Judging categories will include things like the silliest, scariest, etc.
- Nov. 9, Friday - Prizes will be distributed.
- **(And remember to bring in your extra candy to donate – see notes below!)**

### Election Day – LNCS Campuses are Polling Places – Tuesday, November 6

- See notes above for changes to school routines (especially Wenonah parent pick-up).
- Remember to vote! There are 2 measures on the Minneapolis ballot about increasing school funding.

### Family Drum and Dance Groups – Starts November 7

- The Indian Health Board is offering a Family Dance and Drum Group opportunity beginning November 7, from 6-7:30pm, located at 1315 East 24<sup>th</sup> Street in Minneapolis 55404. For more info and to register call: Frankie at 612-721-9827 or Victoria at 612-721-9811.

### **Keewaydin English Learner Information Night – Thursday, November 8**

- Meet other families, enjoy some food and watch the movie “Coco” in the auditorium on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm. EL staff will have information for families and you can join in for any portion of the evening. For more information email: [Jessica.perez@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Jessica.perez@mpls.k12.mn.us)

### **Site Council Meeting for All Families– Thursday, November 8**

- Join us at 5:30-6:30 p.m.in Wenonah Media Center. These informal meetings are a place where the principals, staff and families gather to discuss what’s going on at school and give input into school decisions, goals, budgets, etc.

### **PTA Meeting for All Families – Thursday, November 8**

- All families are invited to the PTA meeting this Thursday, November 8 in the Wenonah Media Center. Speakers will include one or two kindergarten teachers who will present “A day in the Life of Kindergarten at Wenonah”. We also have a parent who also happens to be an employee of Thrivent Financial who will be discussing opportunities to utilize Thrivent community event grants to support our fundraising efforts. (This will not be a sales pitch for Thrivent, we promise!!!!). We’ll share results from the Pancake Breakfast/Fund Walk event and reports from the Principles and Family Liaisons at Wenonah and Keewaydin. This is the last PTA event for 2018, so we hope to have a great turnout! Free childcare provides for ages 3+.

### **Volunteer at Food Shelf with LNCS CARES – Saturday, November 17**

- Volunteer at MinneHarvest, 3701 E 50th Street, Minneapolis, Minnehaha Food Shelf food drive, 7-11am, help organize and load/unload donated food. Such a great way to help out our community and a great way to meet other LNCS families. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4AABAC2C7-june1>

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## **School Notes**

### **Lost & Found Table in the Keewaydin Commons**

- Due to the overflow of items, our Lost and Found has been moved to the commons. Please have your child claim any items that belong to them and we encourage parents to also take a look! Thanks for your support in helping your child keep track of their belongings while at school

### **Want to Donate Your Extra Halloween Candy?**

- Wondering what to do with all of the leftover candy your children will bring home from trick-or-treating? Join Wenonah in donating your extra candy to Operation Gratitude, a nonprofit organization that collects and donates sweet treats for our Deployed Troops and First Responders. Their mission is to lift the spirits of our

troops and to provide opportunities for all Americans to express their appreciation to those who serve. There will be a donation bin by the office Monday, November 5 – Friday, November 9. Thank you!

### Keewaydin Food Drive Run by AVID Club – Now through November 20

- Please send healthy, non-perishable, unopened food items to your classroom/advisory or the main office at Keewaydin from now until Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. AVID club will donate the items to Sabathani Community Center to be shared with people in our community. Please donate generously!
- The classroom that donates the most food will win a special treat, such as a pizza party or extra recess!

### LNCS Chess Players Earn Second Place at Tournament

- Last Saturday, some of the LNCS Chess Club team competed In the MN Youth and Collegiate Chess Open in Plymouth. Our team competed against much older players and received the Second Place trophy! Congratulations to: Keewaydin students, Josh H.D., Lewis G., Austen H., & Jack S. AND Wenonah students, Quinn P., & Sean H.

### Keewaydin Basketball Sign Ups for 6-8<sup>th</sup> Graders

- Register to play basketball for Keewaydin now! There will be 1 boys team and 1 girls team and there is a \$45 registration fee (scholarships are available). Practices begin the week of Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30pm at Keewaydin. Students need a sports physical on file to participate. For more information please email: [Michael.doherty@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Michael.doherty@mpls.k12.mn.us)

### Important Message from Keewaydin Cafeteria Coordinator

- Ms. Sherry, who runs the amazing school lunch program at Keewaydin, needs all families who have children who eat school lunch to please check if you have a negative balance owed to the district. All school lunch information for your child can be found online at [schoolcafe.com](http://schoolcafe.com). It is very important that lunch balances get paid. If you have questions or need support with your child's lunch account, please email: [hashep.seka@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:hashep.seka@mpls.k12.mn.us) or Ms. Sherry at [keewaydin-fns@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:keewaydin-fns@mpls.k12.mn.us) . Thank you!

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## Calendar

### November:

- 5-9 Donate Extra Halloween Candy at Wenonah Office
- 5 Keewaydin School Spirit Day: wear LNCS gear
- 6 Keewaydin Love & Acceptance for All Day: Wear rainbow colors
- 6 Wenonah "Great Pumpkin Decorating Contest", drop off pumpkins in the Media Center
- 6 Elections/Voting at Wenonah and Keewaydin, 7am-8pm
- 7 Keewaydin We Can Work Out Problems Day: Dress in exercise clothes
- 7 Family Dance and Drum Group starts through the Indian Health Board, 6-7:30pm, 1315 East 24<sup>th</sup> St. Mpls

- 8 Keewaydin It's your job to be kind: Dress in Professional Wear/Career of Choice
- 8 EL (English Learner) Information Night at Keewaydin, 5:30-7:30pm in the Auditorium/Commons
- 8 Site Council meeting 5:30-6:30pm in the Wenonah Media Center
- 8 PTA Meeting 6:45-7:45pm in the Wenonah Media Center
- 9 Keewaydin Dream of Kindness Day: Wear pajamas to school
- 9 Woodlawn Walk
- 12-16 Grade 4 to STARBASE, 9:45am-2:30pm
- 16 Woodlawn Walk
- 17 LNCS CARES at Minnehaha Food Shelf, 7-11am
- 20 AVID 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to Macalester College, 9:40-1:30pm
- 20 Last Day of Keewaydin Food Drive
- 21-23 **No School Thanksgiving Break**
- 28 Wenonah Student of the Month Celebration, Wenonah Gym 10:15am
- 30 Woodlawn Walk
- 30 School Picture Retake Day
- 30 Keewaydin Quarter 1 Student Recognition Assemblies, grades 3-5, 11:30am-12:10pm; grades 6-8 3:30-4:10pm