

What's Coming Up?

Register Today for Winter Afterschool Classes

- Brochures went home in backpacks this week and the registration deadline is December 10 to be eligible for bussing at the start of the session. (Sign up ASAP as some classes fill quickly!).
- Classes run Jan. 7 – March 6. (No classes Jan. 22-23 and Feb. 14.)
- If your student is in GEMS/GISE, those classes run all year and you do not need to reregister.
- Questions? Contact Adam.deleeuw@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-5049.

MPS Chess Tournament to be Hosted at Keewaydin - TOMORROW, Saturday, December 1

- Students can drop in tomorrow morning to register. All MPS K-12 students of all chess abilities are invited to this fun family friendly "Check It Out" Chess Tournament. It's free and includes lunch. (Students do not have to be part of a team to participate). Parents are encouraged to spend the day at the tournament supporting their child and learning more about chess. It's at Keewaydin from 8:30am – 4:00pm. For more information go to http://alc.mpls.k12.mn.us/chess_2.

Keewaydin 8th Grade Transition Events

- Tuesday, December 4: Roosevelt High School students visit Keewaydin to talk about high school with current 8th graders during lunch.
- Tuesday, December 18: Keewaydin Students Visit and Tour Roosevelt and will take the city bus to practice for high school.
- Tuesday, January 18, 2019: 8th Grade Family and Registration Night at Keewaydin 6-7pm in the Media Center.
- For more information about 8th grade transition to high school, please email: Kameron.wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us

No Chess Club at Wenonah – Wednesday, December 5

- Chess at Wenonah will not meet on December 5, but classes will resume like normal on December 12.

5th Grade Heart of Dance Final Performance for Family & Friends – Thursday, December 6

- Every 5th grade student has been working hard learning ballroom dances from around the world and now they will perform for friends and family on Thursday, December 6th at 10am in the Keewaydin Auditorium. Please come to watch them dance the Merengue from the Dominican Republic, the Tango from Argentina and many

other dances. For more information on Heart of Dance please email your classroom teacher or call Anne Tank at 612-668-4689.

High School Information Nights for 8th Graders

- **Roosevelt:** Thursday, Dec. 6, 6-8pm; 4029 28th Ave. S.
- **Southwest:** Thursday, Dec. 6, 6-8pm; 3414 W. 47th St.

Latino Family Involvement Day at Wenonah – Friday, December 7

- This day is for parents to come to their child's school, see what their day is like, and to support their child's educational future. Please join us for the following events:
 - **11:30am - Lunch with Your Student:** Come to Wenonah to have lunch with your student in the Art Room. Please RSVP to Viveca.Pagan@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-5062 so we can plan food.
 - **12:00-1:00pm - Presentation "20 Ways to Help Your Student Triumph in School":** Paulina Jacobsson and Mitch Roldán, MPS district employees will be facilitating a discussion in Spanish on the best strategies for supporting our student's academic progress. Topics will include ways to build relationships with school staff, how to know how your student is doing at school, and ideas for supporting learning at home.

Keewaydin Winter Formal Dance – Friday, December 14

- Students in grades 6-8 are invited to attend the Winter Formal Dance on Friday, December 14th in the Keewaydin Auditorium from 4:30-6:30pm. There is a suggested donation of \$3 and students must turn in a signed permission slip to attend the dance. Parents are responsible for making transportation arrangements and must pick up their child by 6:40pm when the building will be closing. Pizza is free, but students can bring money for other food, beverages and party items that will be on sale. For more information please contact: Kameron.Wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us or call 612-668-4670.

School Notes

Be Prepared if We Cancel School for Winter Weather

- The MPS Superintendent makes the decision to close schools or cancel after-school activities based on the safety of our students and staff, severity and timing of weather, and the ability for buses and cars to travel safely. Visit this [webpage](#) for more specific information on why we might cancel.
- MPS will tell families by 5:30 a.m. the day of the cancellation by phone, email, text, website, social media and local news stations.

Holiday Donation Requests at Keewaydin & Wenonah

- It's the holiday season and we are requesting donations to support our families who need a little extra cheer this time of year. Suggested donations are: Target, Cub or Oxendale's gift cards. (FYI this weekend target gift cards are 10% off! More for your money!)
- Donations can be dropped off at either front desk or mailed to school, ideally by Monday, December 17th. For more information please contact patricia.burger@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-4674 (Keewaydin Social Worker) or jennifer.frisbie@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-5042 (Wenonah Social Worker).

LNCS Cares Winter Gear Drive Continues

- Thanks to all of our families for the generous donations for the Winter Clothing drive. Keewaydin and Wenonah families continue to help students who need winter coats, gloves, and boots to keep warm in the cold weather. Donations are accepted in the main offices at both schools. We appreciate your continued donations!

Can You Try to Fix Wenonah's Laminator?

- We are looking for someone with basic machinery skills who could try to fix our laminator. It is currently making wrinkles on the documents and we don't want to pay a repair bill if we don't need to! Contact Jill.kilibarda@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-5040.

Keewaydin AVID Club Food Drive was a Success

- Thank you to everyone for participating in the AVID Club Food Drive. Over 600 items were donated to Sabathani Food Shelf this week! Congratulations to Room 116 who won the classroom competition by collecting the most food items! Thanks to the LNCS Community for your generosity from the AVID Club! Keewaydin Rocks!

Woodlawn Walks are Done for the Fall

- Thank you to everyone who has volunteered and to the Keewaydin Patrol Squad who helped make the Woodlawn Walk safe and enjoyable for our students every Friday! We appreciate you and look forward to starting the walks again this spring.

Calendar

December

- 1 MPS Chess Tournament, 8:30am-4pm in the Keewaydin Cafeteria
- 4 Roosevelt students visit Keewaydin 8th graders
- 6 5th Graders final performance for Heart of Dance, 10am in the Keewaydin Auditorium
- 6 Roosevelt High School Information Night for 8th Graders, 6-8pm
- 14 Eye Screening at Keewaydin
- 18 8th Graders visit Roosevelt High School
- 19-21 6th Grade trip to Eagle Bluff
- 19 5th Grade to the MN Zoo, 10am-3:30pm
- 20 3rd Grade field trip to The Nutcracker at the State Theatre, 10:15AM-1PM

24-January 4 No School for Winter Break

January

1-4 No School for Winter Break

5 Classes Resume

10 Site Council Meeting, 5:30-6:30

10 PTA Meeting, 6:45-7:45

15 8th Grade Family Night for High School Registration, 6-7pm in the Keewaydin Media Center

21 No School for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

24 No School for teacher record keeping and training

30-31 5th Grade to StarBase, 9:40am-3pm

February

1, 4, 5 5th Grade to StarBase, 9:40am-3pm