

From the LNCS Principals

As we wrap up 2018, we want to take this opportunity to say, "Thank You!" We are grateful you choose to send your students to Wenonah and Keewaydin. We are grateful for all of your support and partnership, which benefits every single child in our schools. We wish you a joyous and peaceful winter break and we look forward to seeing our amazing students back at school on January 7, 2019.

~ Keewaydin Principal La Shawn Ray and Wenonah Principal Kelly Wright

What's Coming Up?

Winter FAST Assessments – Now through January 18

- Students take the FAST as a quick (average of 30 minutes per student) and valuable way for teachers 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 Remaining Classrooms** –1/9 - 111 math, 109 math. 1/14 - 111 reading. 1/15 - 108, 107 math, 110 reading. 1/17 - 109 reading. 1/18 - 107 math.
- **Keewaydin** - A detailed class testing schedule is available on the LNCS website at http://lakenokomis.mpls.k12.mn.us/assessments_testing . Questions? Kameron.Wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-4695.

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- The middle school debate team will head to their first tournament after school on Thursday, January 10 at Central High School. Teams will compete in three rounds of debate, being randomly assigned to the Affirmative or Negative side of the argument. The resolution being debated is: *The United States Congress should pass legislation allowing for open borders for all immigrants, only barring proven or strongly suspected violent criminals for the president to sign.* We have been enjoying discussing such a rich topic. For many of our debaters, this will be their first tournament. Wish them luck! For more information email: Allison.Thompson@mpls.k12.mn.us

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Site Council Meeting for All Families– Thursday, January 10

- 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. Free childcare provides for ages 3+.

PTA Meeting for All Families – Thursday, January 10

- All families are invited to the PTA meeting, 6:45-7:45 p.m. in the Wenonah Media Center. Free childcare provides for ages 3+.

Keewaydin Boys & Girls Basketball Teams Need Fan Support! Next Game - Friday, January 11

- Here is the game schedule - we hope many fans will cheer them on during the season.
- Friday 1/11, girls 5:00, boys 6:00, at Anwatin
- Monday 1/14, girls 5:00, boys 6:00, HOME
- Tuesday, 1/22, Girls 6:00, boys no game, at Lake Harriet Upper
- Wednesday, 1/23, girls 5:00, boys 6:00, at Franklin
- Monday, 2/4, girls 5:00, boys 6:00, HOME
- Wednesday, 2/13, girls 5:00, boys 6:00, HOME
- Saturday, 2/23, Boys Tournament, time TBD, at Henry High School
- Saturday, 3/2, Girls Tournament, time TBD, at Southwest High School

Wenonah Food Drive – Monday, January 14 – Thursday, February 14

- Room 100 is leading a food drive to support the Minnehaha Food Shelf and families in our community. Please drop off non-perishable items in the bin in the main hall. The students will deliver everything to the food shelf when they volunteer there in February.

Minnesota Council for the Gifted and Talented Event at Keewaydin – Wednesday, January 16

- At 6-8pm. It's cold outside but the search for quality summer programs begins now! Karl Bunday, MCGT State Board Member At Large, will share his knowledge of various summer programs. After the overview and Q & A with Karl, the discussion will open up to other topics, giving participants an opportunity to connect and talk about their family's experience or to ask questions.
- CHAT stands for Connect, Help, Advocate, and Talk. Chat nights are dedicated to informally connecting parents of advanced learners and gifted students. Parents have the opportunity to learn of various opportunities and to share experiences and resources. All are welcome - please share!

8th Grade Family and High School Registration Night – Tuesday, January 18

- Join us at Keewaydin from 6-7pm in the Media Center to learn more about High School registration and transition. Representatives from Roosevelt High School will be there to answer questions from students and parents. For more information about 8th grade transition to high school, please email: Kameron.wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us

GEMS & GISE Robotics Exhibition and Tournament – Saturday, January 26

- GEMS & GISE students have had a fun and exciting fall! Their hard work will culminate this winter at a robotics tournament and exhibition. This event is an opportunity for students to showcase their accomplishments and hard work! Parents, family members and friends are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend. There is no cost to attend. The event will be on Saturday, January 26, 2019. Grades K-3 at 8am-1pm. Grades 4-8 at 8am-5pm. At Anishinabe Academy/Anne Sullivan Community School (3100 East 28th Street, Minneapolis 55406.) For more information email: sarahe.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us

Taco Dinner Fundraiser at Keewaydin for 8th Grade Washington DC Trip – Tuesday, January 29

- Enjoy a delicious taco dinner and help our 8th graders travel to Washington DC in the Spring! Our PTA is hosting this fundraiser in the Keewaydin cafeteria on Tuesday, January 29 from 5:30-7pm. The cost for adults is \$8 and for kids is \$5. For more information please email: jaylanson2@gmail.com

History Day Important Dates for 7th and 8th Grade

- 12/21/18~ Rough Drafts Due
- 2/8/19~Projects & Bibliographies Due
- 2/13/19~Process Papers Due
- 2/14/19~Keewaydin History Day Judging
- 3/23/19~Mpls. Region history Day Competition at Roosevelt High
- 5/4/19~State History Day Competition at the University of Minnesota
- For more information about History Day please email: Jennifer.monroe@mpls.k12.mn.us

School Notes

Kare11 Story “Minneapolis Schools Lunch Make-over Verdict: It’s Working!”

- [Check out this great story](#) about the shift 7 years ago in all MPS schools to cooking with whole foods instead of processed foods, led by Chef Bertrand Webber. And a special bonus – the photo journalist is an LNCS parent!

Looking for Winter Break Resources like Meals or Childcare?

- Minneapolis Public School has created this list of resources (including meals and snacks, program and activities, and social services) for families during break: http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/winter_break_resources

Order LNCS Spiritwear Online

- Friday, December 21 is the last day to order the limited edition plaid design! <https://www.lncspata.org/shop>
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In the Community

The Night Before New Year's Eve Party at Nokomis Community Center – Sun. Dec. 30

- This annual family event will include food, carnival games, music, marshmallow roasting, art projects, and a “midnight” (7:15pm) countdown! 5:30-7:30pm, 2401 E. Minnehaha Parkway. The event is free but a \$10 donation is always appreciated.

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for Minnehaha Food Shelf – Wednesday, January 9

- Enjoy Fat Lorenzo’s pasta, door prizes, an accordion band and more, while raising money for our local food shelf. Adults \$15, Kids 10 and under free. Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church, 5011 S. 31st Avenue, Mpls. www.minnehaha.org/foodshelf
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Calendar

December

24-January 4 No School for Winter Break

January

1-4 No School for Winter Break

7 Classes Resume after Winter Break

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

10 PTA Meeting, 6:45-7:45

14 Wenonah Food Drive Starts

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

16 MN Council for Gifted and Talented - CHAT night about summer programs, at Keewaydin, 6-8pm

17 AVID Family Night for Q2 in the Media Center, 6:30-8pm

21 No School for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

24-25 No School for teacher record keeping and training

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

30 Wenonah Student of the Month, 10:15 in the Gymnasium

31 WIDA Information Night for Wenonah and Keewaydin English Learner families from 6:30-7:30pm in Keewaydin Auditorium

31 Black Parents Advisory Council Meeting, 6-8pm at the MPS Davis Center, 1250 W Broadway Ave, Mpls 55411

February

- 1, 4, 5 5th Grade to StarBase, 9:40am-3pm
- 5 Kindergarteners to the Children's Museum, 9:50am
- 7 Wenonah Pennies for Patients Kick Off, 10:15am
- 7 Site Council Meeting, 5:30-6:30
- 7 PTA Meeting, 6:45-7:45
- 8 Phillips Eye Institute Screening at Wenonah
- 11 Wenonah Talent Show
- 14 Wenonah Food Drive Last Day
- 15 No School – Parent/Teacher conferences
- 18 No School - President's Day
- 19 Kindergarten Room 100 to Food Shelf, 10am-noon.