

What's Coming Up?

LNCS Valentine's Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction - Saturday, February 23

- Join us at this annual all school PTA event designed to build community and raise funds for our students. Held at Crosstown Covenant Church, 5540 30th Ave. S. Mpls.
- **Dinner:** Enjoy spaghetti and meatballs, bread and salad from Fat Lorenzo's from 5:30-7:30pm. Tickets are \$12/Adult and \$8/Child at the door (age 3 and under free).
- **Silent Auction:** 5:30-7:30pm. Get ready for lots of great items!
- **Dance:** Our awesome DJ is great with kids of all ages. 6:00-8:00pm
- **Volunteers:** We need lots of help to make this event happen. Shifts are an hour or less. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094daba72e5-2019>

Wenonah Sledding Field Trip Chaperones Needed – Monday, February 25 – Friday, March 1

- Mr. Pritchard will be taking students sledding during their physical education classes all week. He is in need of more chaperones so please contact him at Andrew.pritchard@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-9988 to sign up to join the fun. [View the class schedule here.](#)
- Make sure students dress appropriately with winter coats, snow pants, boots, gloves/mittens, hats, etc. We'll have plenty of fresh snow this year!

African American Parent Involvement Day at Keewaydin – Monday, February 25

- Join us for African American Parent Involvement Day on Monday, February 25 from 11am-1pm. Visit your child's classroom, hear from Principal Ray about ways our school is supporting your child's achievement, meet and mingle with other Keewaydin parents and enjoy a light lunch. Please RSVP to Anne Tank at 612-668-4689, if you will be joining us for lunch.

Register for Spring Afterschool Classes – Deadline Extended to Monday, February 25

- Register at www.mplscommunityed.com. Classes run March 11 – May 9.

Yearbook Cover Contest – Deadline Extended to Thursday, February 28

- Get your drawing on! Not sure how to draw for the theme manga? Draw in your own cartoon style. *"Manga" in Japan is any printed cartoon and "anime" in Japan technically means any animated film, but people in the rest of the world tend to mean comics or animated films from Japan.

Black Life, History, and Culture Celebration – Thursday, February 28

- The Black Parent Advisory Council and OBMSA (Office of Black Male Student Achievement) cordially invite all MPS parents of African American students to our family event celebrating Black History Month.
- “Unveiling the Pledge to Our Youth”, Thursday, February 28, 6-8pm at Franklin Middle School, 1501 Aldrich Avenue North. Featuring Keynote speaker Mauri Freistleben, Lucy Laney Principal.
- Event will include Childcare, transportation, light meal and student performances.
- Contact charisma.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-2093 with questions or to request transportation.

Wenonah “I Moustache You to Donate Day” - Friday, March 1

- Students bring \$1 for Pennies for Patients and paint on a moustache at home to wear to school OR get a fake moustache to put on at school.
- AND/OR bring an additional dollar to vote on which teacher has the best moustache.

Summer Community Education Class Registration Opens – Sunday, March 3

- We hope you will join us this summer at Hale! Super Summer Classes available to view online **Feb 15** and registration opens **March 3rd at 5pm**. Email adam.deleeuw@mpls.k12.mn.us or call 612-290-0221 for more information.
- Go to Youth.mpls.k12.mn.us/Summer to preview classes online. Classes start at \$39!

Taco Dinner Fundraiser for 8th Grade Washington DC Trip –Thursday, March 7

- 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. The cost for adults is \$8 and for kids is \$5. For more information please email: jaylarson2@gmail.com
- Stay after the Taco Night to join us for a special LNCS Budget & Planning Meeting.

All Families Invited to School Budget & Planning Meeting - Thursday, March 7

- MPS has released a new budgeting system for next year and we’d love to share it with you. Our hope is that it will make budgeting and staffing more predictable at our schools. We’ve received our LNCS budget numbers for next year and our principals would to hear your priorities as we make decisions about how to use our funds.
- 7-8pm in the Keewaydin Auditorium. Come for the Taco Night and stay for this great discussion.
- Childcare will be provided for ages 3+.
- This meeting will replace the Site Council meeting that would normally be held the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Wenonah “Costume/Dress as Your Favorite Book Character Day” - Friday, March 8

- Students bring \$1 for Pennies for Patients and dress as their favorite book character or in another costume (school appropriate costumes please).

2nd Grade Families Invited to Presentation by 3rd Grade Teachers – Thursday, March 14

- Parents of Wenonah 2nd Graders are invited to attend this presentation about 3rd grade at Keewaydin given by our 3rd grade teachers: Ms. Lewis, Ms. Brown and Mr. McInerney. Join us at 6:30-7:30pm in the Keewaydin Auditorium to learn about “all things 3rd grade” and to ask questions about your child’s transition to Keewaydin. There is so much to get excited about!
- Families of all grades are welcome. Childcare provided ages 3+.
- This event will take the place of our March PTA meeting. (Also there will be no Site Council meeting on the 14th.)
- Hopefully 3rd times a charm for this event! Thanks for your patience with all the weather cancellations.

1st & 2nd Grade Night of the Arts – Thursday, March 21

- Please join us in the Wenonah gym for 1st and 2nd Grade Musical Performances and Art Displays. This year the two grades are combined into one night. Students should arrive 5-10 minutes prior to their performance time and go directly to the performance area (risers in the gymnasium). Here’s the schedule:
 - 5:30-6:15pm – 1st grade performs in the gym and then shows art in the cafeteria/hallways
 - 6:30-7:15pm – 2nd grade performs in the gym and then shows art in the cafeteria/hallways

School Notes

Keewaydin 3rd Graders Help Launch Weather Balloon and Make the News!

- Some of our 3rd graders were part of a Meteorology Unit which included attending a Weather Balloon launch on Thursday, February 21st from Kenwood Park in Minneapolis. It was an amazing experience and please visit this site to check out our students doing great things like the balloon launch: <https://www.fox9.com/news/3rd-graders-launch-weather-balloon-from-minneapolis-park>

Keewaydin Basketball Teams to Compete in Middle School Tournaments

- We hope many fans will show up to support our boys and girls basketball teams at the Middle School City Tournament. Boys play on Saturday, February 23rd at Henry High School and their first game starts at 11:30am VS Folwell Middle School. Girls play on Saturday, March 2nd at Southwest High School and their first game starts at 10:30am VS Anthony Middle School. Good luck to all of our Keewaydin basketball players and coaches! Keewaydin is proud of YOU!

7th & 8th Grade History Day Students to Represent Keewaydin at Regional Competition

- On Thursday, February 14th, Keewaydin held its annual school History Day competition. Congratulations to all who were chosen to represent our school at the Minneapolis Regional History Competition to be held on March 23rd at Roosevelt High School. Keewaydin is proud of: 8th graders: Erin G., Ava M., Elise L., Sam M., Miguel P.F., Lilah G., Lilee B., Avery N., Aniya B., Hanna L., Maria B., Alana S., Sophia L. and our 7th graders: Jake F., Briyonna M., Brendan J., Jackson M., Brenden C., Aiden D., Ivy J., Lily B., Isabella G., Maia K-H., Laila K-H., Ava W., Maddie G., Maisie D., Riley M., Xavier G., Laine A., Rachel A.

Help! Keewaydin's Lost & Found is Overflowing

- Please have your child claim any lost items on the table in the commons. Families are welcome to look through the items as well. Thanks for helping our students keep track of their winter gear at school. We appreciate your partnership!

Wenonah Pennies for Patients: Now through Friday, March 8

- Wenonah Student Council has officially kicked off their Pennies for Patients fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to help find cures for blood cancers. How does Pennies for Patience work?
 - Students can bring their donations (pennies, coins and bills) to their classrooms any day of the week in a baggie or in the coin boxes provided. Please have them write the amount of the donation each week on a slip of paper and include it in the baggie/box.
 - Please invite your friends and family to donate online. Create an account at www.studentseries.org/find-your-school. (Make sure donors include your student's name in notes.)
 - The top class will win a Pizza Party!
 - Students can also participate in the special celebrations if they donate a dollar on these days: 2/22 Crazy Hat Day; 3/1 "Moustache" You to Donate Day, 3/8 Costume Day

Calendar

February

- 23 Valentine's Dinner & Dance, 5:30-8pm at Crosstown Covenant Church
- 25 Keewaydin African American Parent Involvement Day, 11am-1pm
- 25-March 1 Wenonah classes sledding field trips during PE
- 26 3rd Grade rooms 114 & 116 to Minneapolis Institute of Art
- 27 3rd Grade room 118 to Minneapolis Institute of Art
- 27 Wenonah January and February Student of the Month Celebration, 10:15am
- 28 MPS Black Life, History and Culture Celebration, 6-8pm at Franklin Middle School, 1501 Aldrich Avenue North

March

- 1 Wenonah "I Moustache You to Donate" Day
- 3 Summer Community Education Classes - Registration Opens
- 5 Ms. Van room 208 to Science Museum, 9:45am-2:15pm
- 7 Taco Dinner fundraiser, 5-7pm in the Keewaydin Cafeteria
- 7 All LNCS Budget & Planning Meeting, 7-8pm in Keewaydin Auditorium

- 8 Wenonah Costume/Dress as Your Favorite Book Character Day
- 14 2nd Grade Families to “What to Expect in 3rd Grade”, 6:30-7:30pm at Keewaydin Auditorium
- 20 8th Grade to STEM Expo, 10am-1:45pm
- 21 1st and 2nd Grades Night of the Arts, 1st Grade @ 5:30-6:15pm, 2nd Grade @ 6:30-7:15pm
- 23 Regional History Day at Roosevelt High Day
- 28 5th Grade to MN History Museum, 10am-2:45pm
- 28 4th Grade Dulcimer Concert, 10-11:30am in the Keewaydin Auditorium

April

- 23 Keewaydin “Night of the Arts” Band Concert 6:30-7:30, Cookies & Art 7:30-8:00.