

What's Coming Up?

NO SCHOOL for Spring Break – Friday, March 29 – Friday, April 5

- We'll have 6 days off school for spring break, and return to classes on April 8
- Check out this website for resources during Spring Break: http://mpls.k12.mn.us/spring_break_resources

5th Annual MPS Junior Iron Chef Competition Applications Due April 5

- Calling all middle school student chefs! MPS Culinary and Wellness is looking for middle school (6-8th grade) students to apply to participate in the 5th Annual Jr. Iron Chef Competition on Thursday, May 2, 2019 from 5:30-7:30pm (need to arrive by 4:30pm) at Solar Arts by Chowgirls located at 711 NE 15th Avenue in Minneapolis. Applications are due by 4pm on Friday, April 5th and students should apply as a team of 2 students from the same school, online at: http://cws.mpls.k12.mn.us/junior_iron_chef. Selected students will be paired with local chefs to compete top-chef style for a panel of judges. Six teams will be chosen to compete. For more information email: Kate.Seybold@mpls.k12.mn.us or by phone at 612-668-2852

MCA Testing at Keewaydin – April 8 – May 3

- Keewaydin students will be taking the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) starting the week we come back from Spring Break, April 8th. To view the MCA Testing Schedule please go to the LNCS website: www.lakenokomis.mpls.k12.mn.us Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest, eats a healthy breakfast and is on time for school on testing days. See "School Notes" below for more details about the MCA's.

Last Days of Chess Club for this Year – April 9 & 10

- The last day of Chess Club for this school year will be: for Keewaydin, Tuesday, April 9th and for Wenonah, Wednesday, April 10th. It's been an amazing year for our Chess Club and we give a huge shout-out to our coaches for making the LNCS Chess program so successful. Congratulations to all the students who participated in Chess and keep playing over the spring and summer! See you at Chess next fall!

All Families Invited to Site Council Meeting - Thursday, April 12

- Join us at 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Wenonah Media Center. Childcare is now provided for ages 3+!!

No PTA Meeting in April

- The April PTA meeting has been cancelled as they have no current items for discussion. Join us May 9 for the final PTA meeting of the year where the PTA year will be reviewed and elections will be held for the 2019-2020 board. If you have any questions regarding the PTA Board or other PTA items, feel free to email lncs.pta@gmail.com

Wenonah Woodlawn Walks Starts Again Friday, April 12 – Can you Volunteer?

- Spring is here! Woodlawn Walks will start again at Wenonah the Friday after spring break. Busses will drop off students 6 blocks away so they can reap the benefits of a supervised walk to school every Friday. Contact the school office at 612-668-5040 if you would like your student to “opt out” of the walk.
- **Want to Volunteer!?** We are always welcoming new volunteers to help as line leaders and crossing guards. It’s a great way to start your day outdoors and with some awesome kiddos. Are you available most Friday mornings, 9:15 – 9:45 a.m., April 12 – May 24? Contact Jill.kilibarda@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-5040.
- **Keewaydin:** Due to bussing timing, Keewaydin students will begin Woodlawn Walks in May.

LNCS Night at Vertical Endeavors – Tuesday, April 16

- Join us for a night of climbing fun organized by the PTA, Tuesday, April 16, 5-9pm! Location is changed to the Bloomington Vertical Endeavors, 9601 James Ave. S. Bloomington. A discounted rate of \$15/climber and \$5 goes to LNCS.
- Fill out waivers ahead of time: <https://www.verticalendeavors.com/waiver/> Please note: The check-in process and orientation generally takes about 15 minutes.
- We’ll have a community room for families to gather and dinner is provided by the PTA. RSVP to lncs.pta@gmail.com to help them plan for food.

Wenonah Volunteer Appreciation Party – Thursday, April 18

- Volunteers, You Rock! If you volunteered to support Wenonah in any way this year (eg. as a chaperone, in the classroom, at a PTA event), please come celebrate! Thursday, April 18, 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Students from every classroom have been working hard to prepare the decorations, entertainment, thank you gifts, and refreshments, all while learning about how to show gratitude. RSVP to jill.kilibarda@mpls.k12.mn.us.
- Students are encouraged to wear 1950’s attire to school this day, and so are you! Feel free to come to the party in your favorite 50’s wear.

Wenonah “Dress Like the 1950’s” Day – Thursday, April 18

- In honor of our Volunteer Party theme, all students are encouraged to wear 1950’s attire to school this day. Students could wear blue jeans, white t-shirts, poodle skirts, scarves, pony tails, or greased-back hair. All students will be given special 1950’s stickers that day so everyone can participate.

Keewaydin Night of the Arts – Tuesday, April 23

- Formerly known as “Fine Arts Night”, all LNCS families are welcome to join us for this celebration of the Arts by our talented student artists! Keewaydin Band Concert 6:30-7:30pm in the auditorium. Cookies after the concert. Student Visual Art Exhibit & Sale 6:30-8pm. For more information please email: Katrina.croft@mpls.k12.mn.us

Keewaydin Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast – Wednesday, May 1

- We love our volunteers and want to show our appreciation at a breakfast in your honor on Wednesday, May 1 at 8:30am in the Keewaydin Auditorium. Please join us for some delicious food and dynamite entertainment! If you’d like to RSVP please email: Anne.tank@mpls.k12.mn.us or just join us on May 1 at 8:30am. ☺

2nd Grade Field Trip to Keewaydin – Tuesday, May 7

- 2nd Grade students will spend the morning at Keewaydin getting ready for 3rd grade! They will meet the 3rd grade teachers, have Q & A in the classrooms, enjoy student performances in the auditorium, and eat lunch in the cafeteria. 10am-12:20pm. Adult volunteers are also invited to attend as chaperones.
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- All students in public schools are required to participate in the statewide assessment program. Reading and Mathematics tests are administered in grades 3–8, and the Science MCA is administered to students in grades 5 & 8. Teachers and principals use student results from MCAs to reinforce and enrich student instruction.
- The MCA tests measure student performance relative to the Minnesota Academic Standards and each student receives a score that falls in one of four achievement levels: Does Not Meet the Standards, Partially Meets the Standards, Meets the Standards or Exceeds the Standards (it is not a pass/fail test).
- To opt out of statewide assessments, a parent/guardian must complete an opt-out form available in the main office and return it to school BEFORE the scheduled test day. By opting your child out of testing, the student receives a score of “not proficient” and waives the opportunity to receive a college-ready score that could save time and money by not having to take remedial, non-credit courses at a Minnesota State college or university. In addition, opting out may impact the school, district and state’s efforts to equitably distribute resources and support student learning. For more information on MCAs email: Kameron.wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us

Flag Rugby/Rugby Camps for 5-8th Grade Students - April 28

- As an extension of Mr. Berg’s P.E class, there is a flag rugby camp through Edina Parks & Rec that begins April 28th. Parents can use these sign-up links:
 - <http://edinamn.maxgalaxy.net/Registration.aspx?ActivityID=4074>
 - <http://edinamn.maxgalaxy.net/Registration.aspx?ActivityID=4073>
- There will also be a middle school contact league for students in grades 6-8. If your child is interested in this opportunity please email Mr. Berg at: Leif.Berg@mpls.k12.mn.us For more information about Rugby for Youth parents can also email Director Leah Berard at: rugbyguru@hotmail.com

Hard Work Pays Off for Keewaydin Students at District History Day Competition

- Last Saturday, 18 History Day projects from Keewaydin were judged at the District History Day Competition. Keewaydin student historians rocked the competition with 9 of those projects chosen to represent Keewaydin and MPS at the State History Day competition on Saturday, May 4th at the University of MN! Keewaydin also had 2 projects receive an Honorable Mention, and although these projects will not be moving forward to State, we send a big congratulations to 7th graders, Isabella G., Laine A., and Rachel A. for their strong showing! We

congratulate the following students and wish them well at the State Competition in May, LNCS honors your achievements: 8th Graders~ Aniya B., Elise L., Erin G., Lillie B., and Sophia L. AND 7th Graders~ Ava W., Maia K-H., Laila K-H., Maddie G., Maisie D., Brendan J., Jackson M., Brenden C., Aidan D.

Keewaydin Debate Students Competed at Championship

- On Tuesday, March 26th, Keewaydin sent 5 members from our Debate team to compete in the district Championship. Congratulations to 7th grade teams, Laine A. & Ava W. (Novice Division) and Xavier G., Matthew P., and Brenden C. (JV Division) who all did a great job as they were up against some very tough competition! Although they didn't make it to the championship round, here are some highlights from the competition: Speaker Awards: Novice Division~5th Place went to Laine and 6th Place went to Ava. JV Division~ 5th Place went to Xavier! Way to go Keewaydin Debaters!

LNCS Chess Players to Compete in State Middle School League Playoffs

- Congratulations to Josh H-D., Calvin P., Lewis G. (5th grade), Jack S. (4th grade) and Quinn P. (2nd grade) who will be competing against top middle school students from around Minnesota at the State Middle School Chess League playoffs on Saturday, April 6th at Metcalf Junior High in Burnsville. Although much younger than most teams competing, this team brings strong chess skills and great attitude which have led them to much success! Good luck LNCS Chess players and thanks to Coach Alex and parents who support these amazing students!

Calendar

March

29 No School – Teacher Record Keeping Day

April

1-5 No School – Spring Break

8 Classes resume

9 Last day of Chess Club at Keewaydin

10 Last day of Chess Club at Wenonah

11 Site Council meeting 5:30-6:30pm (No PTA Meeting)

12 Woodlawn Walk – Wenonah only

15 Mpls Kids fall registration opens for return families and their sibilngs, at noon

18 Wenonah “Dress Like the 50’s” Day

18 Wenonah Volunteer Party, 2:30-4pm in the gym

19 Woodlawn Walk – Wenonah only

19 AVID grade 7 to Metro State University

- 22 AVID grade 8 to MCTC
- 23 Keewaydin "Night of the Arts", Band Concert 6:30-7:30, Visual Arts Exhibit & Sale 6:30-8:00pm
- 26 Woodlawn Walk – Wenonah only
- 29 Mpls Kids fall registration opens for new families, at noon

May

- 1 Keewaydin Volunteer Breakfast, 8:30am in the Auditorium
- 1 5th Grade Science Fair, 10-11:15am in the Keewaydin Media Center
- 3 Woodlawn Walk – Keewaydin & Wenonah
- 7 2nd Grade field trip to Keewaydin, 10:00am–12:15pm
- 8 Bike to School Day
- 9 Site Council meeting 5:30-6:30pm
- 9 PTA Meeting 6:45-7:45pm
- 10 Walk to School Day
- 10 Woodlawn Walk – Keewaydin & Wenonah
- 10 Last Leadership Summit
- 10 LNCS Carnival
- 14 2nd Grade room 109 to Minnehaha Food Shelf, 10am-12pm
- 14 3rd Grade to Fairgrounds for Ag Day
- 15 3rd Grade to Target Field
- 16 Kindergarten Registration 6-7:30pm
- 17 Woodlawn Walk – Keewaydin & Wenonah
- 19-23 8th Grade trip to Washington DC
- 20 Patrol Squad field trip to Mall of America, 9:40am-3:30pm
- 23 Visiting artist in 3rd grades, 2-3:30pm
- 23 EL Family Picnic/Potluck, 6pm at Keewaydin
- 24 Last Woodlawn Walk of the year
- 24 Grades 3-5 Field Day
- 24 Visiting artist in 3rd grade, 2-3:30pm
- 27 No School - Memorial Day
- 28 AVID Family Night

June

- 3 Keewaydin Field Day Rain Make-up Day
- 3-6 Wenonah Camp Skeeter
- 6 Wenonah Field Day
- 6 8th Grade Promotion, 10:30am in the Auditorium

- 7 7th/8th Grades to Valleyfair
- 7 Wenonah Field Day Rain Make-up Day