

What's Coming Up?

MCA Testing Continues at Keewaydin – April 15 – May 3

- Please go to our LNCS website (Left menu: parents & guardians – assessments/testing) to view revised schedule to due to snow day on April 11th. Questions about testing please email: Kameron.wittmer@mpls.k12.mn.us

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.

Viva City Middle School Reception - Rescheduled to Wednesday, April 17

- Reception is from 6-8pm with recognition ceremony at 7pm. Viva City Exhibit is at the Davis Gallery located at 1250 West Broadway in Mpls.
- Artwork will be on display by Keewaydin Eagles students: Myztre C. (8th), Ava K. (7th), Evelyn H. (7th) and Mikayla B. (6th) and the exhibit runs through May 31st. Congratulations to our Artists! We are proud of you!

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.

All Families Invited to Site Council Meeting – Rescheduled to Thursday, April 18

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

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

Wenonah “Raising Readers” Literacy Night – Thursday, April 25

- All families are invited to join us at Wenonah anytime from 6-7:30pm for a night of reading fun designed to help kids love to read. Brought to you through a partnership with the Nokomis Library. Enjoy reading together around the school (like reading to a stuffed animal or in a tent), try books of various styles and cultures, learn how to find books at the right reading level, and sign up for a library card.
- Open House Format – drop in whenever you like. There will be optional presentations at 6:30 and 7:00.
- Free Pizza in the cafeteria! And transportation available.
- Contact jill.kilibarda@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-5040 with questions or to request transportation.

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.

Save the Date for 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony – Thursday, June 6

- The 8th grade Promotion Ceremony will be on June 6th at 10:30am in the Keewaydin auditorium. 8th graders and their families and friends are welcome to attend. Watch for more details soon.

School Notes

MCA Testing at Keewaydin

- 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.

- 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

LNCS Chess Players Compete at Middle School State Chess Meet

- On Saturday April 6th, 5 of our LNCS Chess team, competed at the Middle School State Chess Meet. Congratulations to: Jack S. (4th grade), Quinn P. (2nd grade), and 5th graders, Calvin P., Josh H-D., and Lewis G., for taking on players that were older (6-8th graders) and showing their skill, never give up spirit and love of chess! The team finished 4th in the State and Jack S. had first Board wins in each game! Way to Go Team and the future of LNCS Chess looks very bright! Thanks to Coach Alex and supportive parents who make Chess at LNCS possible.

Debate Team Finishes Strong at Final Tournament

- “What an awesome season our Debate Team had!” stated debate coach Ms. Thompson! Here are some highlights from the event: Speaker Points~Novice Division: 2nd Place Leah S., 3rd Place Quentin I., 7th Place Olive G. & JV Division: 1st Place Ava W., 2nd Place Laine A. Team Awards~Novice Division: 1st Place Quentin I. and Thessaly A. & JV Division: 1st Place Laine A., and Ava W., and 4th Place Matthew P., Xavier G., and Brenden C. Congratulation to our Keewaydin Debate Team! Thanks to Coach Thompson and Coach Sandy and to all the supportive parents who make Debate at Keewaydin possible.

Roosevelt High School Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, April 14

- Show your neighborhood pride by attending the annual Roosevelt Pancake Breakfast, 8am-noon. Pancakes plus sides, and tours, raffle and music. \$7 for adults and \$5 for children age 10 and under.

Calendar

April

- 15 Mpls Kids fall registration opens for returning families and their siblings, at noon
- 18 Wenonah “Dress Like the 50’s” Day
- 18 Wenonah Volunteer Party, 2:30-4pm in the gym
- 18 Site Council meeting 5:30-6:30pm in the Wenonah Media Center (No PTA Meeting)
- 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
- 25 Wenonah Literacy Night, 6-7:30pm
- 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