

Hello Kindergarten Families – You will only receive a couple of issues of the weekly news on paper. After mid-September all future issues will only be sent by phone and email. Contact the main office at 612-668-5040 if you have not been receiving them by phone and email and want to add emails/phones to your account.

Hello Keewaydin Families - We are off to a great start!! There is lots of enthusiasm from both our students and staff. There have been some schedule adjustments that we are working to resolve quickly. Some students in grades 7-8 will receive a new schedule on Tuesday. Some of the scheduling changes are because of the between class groupings that we use at Keewaydin, but these groupings are paying off. Keewaydin did extremely well on our spring MCA tests! If you would like to learn more, please join us at our first PTA meeting on September 13 at 6:45pm in the Keewaydin Media Center where I will be sharing our results. Thanks for your continued partnership!

~ Sincerely, Principal La Shawn Ray, lashawn.ray@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-4670

Hello Wenonah Families - Welcome to the new school year! Our students and staff have settled in well and are busy establishing rituals, routines and positive classroom relationships. Our new little Kindergarteners had a great first day of school on Wednesday. Please contact me any time about questions, ideas or concerns.

~ Sincerely, Principal Kelly Wright, Kelly.wright@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-5040

Remember there is no school on Monday, September 3 for Labor Day Holiday.

Bus Delays: Next week busses could be delayed due to a twin cities wide driver shortage. Thank you for your patience as bussing always faces delays and changes during the first few of weeks of school. Don't be surprised if your bus is late – please stay at the intersection until your bus arrives.

Special “Fall at a Glance” Issue of the Weekly News

Welcome to another year at LNCS! **Grab your calendar** because this special issue of the Weekly News includes a big list of ways for you and your student to get involved at school this September.

We hope you join us in these activities because it really makes a big difference for your student. Research shows that when families get involved it boosts their students' academic and social-emotional growth. And students who participate in extra-curricular activities are shown to be more engaged and motivated at school.

The Weekly News is sent out each week via phone and email, and it's posted on the home page of www.lakenokomis.mpls.k12.mn.us under the "School News" section. Please contact your school office (Keewaydin 668-4670, Wenonah 668-5040) if you would like to add a phone or email address to receive the Weekly News.

Here's How You & Your Student Can Get Involved this Fall

Please Return All Paperwork Packets ASAP

- Please complete and return the paperwork you received that the beginning of school, including:
 - **Emergency Forms** – Make sure we know how to reach you if your student has an emergency.
 - **Lunch Forms** are required for all families every year to ensure we will receive important school funding. Complete one even if your child brings a lunch from home or you won't qualify.
 - Paper forms went home, or you can complete the form online at www.schoolcafe.com. Tell your teacher if you completed it online or on a sibling's form at another school.

LNCS Loves Volunteers

- Our school thrives in part because of the committed volunteers who give of their time and talent! Visit <http://lakenokomis.mpls.k12.mn.us/volunteer> to see this year's volunteer opportunities and link to our volunteer form, or look for a volunteer form coming home soon.
- Questions? Contact the Keewaydin Family Liaison: Anne.Tank@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612 668 4689, or the Wenonah Family Liaison: Jill.Kilibarda@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612 668 5040.

Join the Middle School Soccer Team

- 6-8th graders are encouraged to join the Keewaydin Co-Ed Soccer Team! Students can pick up forms from P.E. teacher Mr. Doherty and the registration deadline is September 5th. Practice and game schedule will be given to each player after they register. Please email Michael.Doherty@mpls.k12.mn.us for more information.

Join Band & Attend a Concert

- **Join Band!** - Students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade are invited to be a part of band again this year!!! Band forms will be sent home with 7th and 8th grade students that participated last year and all 6th grade students next week. Band forms are due to their Advisory teacher or Ms. Cramer by September 11.
- **Music in the Commons** - 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands will rotate performing before school in the Commons area this year. All parents are invited to come and enjoy the music 9:25-9:35 a.m.! Dates will be: October 30, November 20, December 18, January 29, February 26, March 26
- **Fine Arts Night** - has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 6:30-8pm
- **Contact** Ms. Cramer with questions at allison.cramer@mpls.k12.mn.us

Register for Afterschool Classes – Registration Opens Sept. 5. Classes Start October 1.

- Brochures will go home in backpacks Wednesday, September 5 and the registration deadline is Monday, September 17. (Sign up ASAP as some classes fill quickly!).

- Classes run October 1 – December 20 (No classes MEA week or Thanksgiving Week)
- Classes will be offered at both campuses M-Th. Community Ed and GEMS/GISE/ALC classes will be presented on the same brochure.

Join us at the new “BIG TENT EVENT” at Nokomis Days – Saturday, September 8

- After the Monarch festival, join us in Oxendale’s Parking lot from 5:30-10pm for a community celebration with live music (Magico a latin fusion band), face painting, balloon artist, root beer floats, and more!
- All proceeds benefit LNCS! Sign up to [volunteer](#) and invite your friends and neighbors. Details on the “Lake Nokomis Community School PTA” Facebook page.

Save the Dates for our Other Big Annual PTA Events

- Pancake Breakfast & Family Fun Walk – Saturday, October 13, 9-11am
- Valentines Dinner & Dance – Saturday, February 23
- Spring Carnival & Plant Sale – Friday, May 10

Drop in to Chess Club Anytime – Meetings Start Tues. September 11 & Weds. September 12

- All students are invited to give chess a try! Students K-8 may drop in to any meeting. No prior chess experience needed. Volunteer coaches Mr. Larry and Mr. Alex will teach you how to play. You don’t need to register and you don’t need to attend every week – just drop in whenever you are available. It’s really that simple.
- **Keewaydin:** Tuesdays 8:30-9:30am starting September 11 in the Media Center. ?’s Contact Anne Tank 612-669-4689; **Wenonah:** Wednesdays 8:30-9:30am starting September 12 in the Media Center. ?’s Contact Jill Kilibarda 612-668-5040.

Come to the MPS Farm to School Community BBQ – Wednesday, September 12

- Attend this FREE Minneapolis Public Schools community event to meet our Farm to School farmers and enjoy delicious local foods, hands-on activities for children and families, a corn shucking contest, farm animals, and more!
- 4:30-7pm at the MPS Culinary Center front parking lot (812 N. Plymouth Ave. Mpls). Check out the [website](#) or [facebook event](#).

Attend the 1st PTA Meeting – Thurs. September 13 (and Save the Dates for future meetings)

- All families are encourage to get involved with PTA! Have fun with other families, build community at LNCS, and raise funds for special supplies and activities like field trips, Camp Skeeter, History Day, and Starbase.
- Come to our first meeting Thursday Sept. 13 at 6:45-7:45 p.m. at Wenonah.
 - We will offer “PTA 101” to go over the basics of what we do and how parents can get involved.
 - We’ll also plan for the Pancake Breakfast & Family Fun Walk and discuss this year’s budget
 - Free childcare for ages 3 and up will be provided.
- **Future meetings:** Stop by as many meetings as you can - the 2nd Thursday of most months, locations alternating between the two campuses: **October 11, November 8**, and no meeting in December.

Attend the 1st Site Council Meeting – September 13 (and Save the Dates for future meetings)

- All families are invited to drop in to any Site Council meeting! These informal meetings are simply a place where the principals, staff and families gather to discuss what's going on at school and give input into school goals, decisions, budgets, etc. Free childcare is provided.
- The first meeting is Thursday Sept. 13 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Wenonah Media Center. This meeting will include discussing our annual school goals and new strategies to meet our goals.
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Parent/Teacher Conferences – Tuesday October 16 and Wednesday October 17

- **Keewaydin:** New this school year, all Fall Conference sign-ups will be done online. Families will receive details about the new online sign-up procedure in the coming weeks. Watch for updates!
- **Wenonah:** Contact your student's teacher to schedule a conference

Calendar

September:

- 3 No School for Labor Day Holiday
- 5 Registration opens for Afterschool Classes (Community Ed/GEMS/GISE/ALC)
- 8 The Big Tent Event, 5:30-10pm in Oxendale's Parking lot
- 11 Chess Club begins at Keewaydin, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 12 Chess Club begins at Wenonah, 8:30-9:30am in the Media Center
- 12 MPS Farm to School BBQ, 4:30-7pm in MPS Culinary Center front parking lot (812 N. Plymouth Ave. Mpls)
- 13 Site Council meeting 5:30-6:30pm in Wenonah Media Center
- 13 PTA meeting 6:45-7:45pm at Wenonah
- 28 Wenonah Student of the Month Celebration, Wenonah Gym 10:15am

October:

- 1 Afterschool classes begin (Community Education/GEMS/GISE/ALC) at Keewaydin and Wenonah
- 16 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30pm
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- 17-19 **NO SCHOOL for students**