

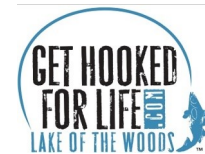
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L/W Student Council impacts community

By Jacob Fish

This year the L/W Student Council kicked off the school year with Battle Royale. The council put a lot of work into making great things possible for L/W students. Overall, they are trying to make a positive impact on the school and the community.

S.C. Leadership is a bit younger this year than in the past. At the end of last year, the junior class slate won the election, against the seniors so the Student Council officers are President Jordan Sonstegard, Vice-President Emma Stimpfl, Treasurer Logan Rennemo, and Secretary McKord Krause.

Student Council officers and representatives have been busy with many projects. They collect all money from vending machines across from the high school office and they use this money to put on activities, such as the Halloween dance that occurred this year. They also started projects such as One Light Wednesday, and a schoolwide paper recycling project as well. Every Wednesday, all teachers are asked to leave one light switch off throughout the day to conserve energy.

Mr. Novak, the principal and S.C. advisor said, "They have been successful so far. We can live with one less light during a school day. And the paper recycling is just a good, simple way to help the environment a bit."

As for the future, Novak says we will have the Food Shelf donations up and running from after Thanksgiving to Christmas. The Student Council encourages everyone to donate if possible. They will also be going door to door this winter, hopefully, with NHS and STUDS students, asking for donation to the local Food Shelf.



Students earn college credit with new classes

By Cassidy Lucek

This year L/W School is offering college in the classroom classes for the first time. Mrs. Hasbargen-Glowack teaches Composition 1 and Intro to Literature to mostly juniors. Mr. Larson, who also teaches college in the classroom, offers Pre-Calculus and College Algebra.

With college in the high school, you can get both high school and college credits at the same time, and best of all, the college credit is FREE to students.

The courses are available for juniors and seniors with a 3.0 minimum GPA. Each college course can earn you 3 credits a semester! If you are taking both math and English you could earn 12 credits this year, almost half of a year of college! A student who takes all of the math and English college classes can earn 24 credits which is almost a full year of college. Mr. Larson said "It is definitely great for

our school to offer college courses!"

These courses replaced AP courses in English and math, which required the passing of a gib test at the end. In these classes, as long as you have the minimum 3.0 GPA and pass the course, you get the college credit from the University of MN Crookston, which will transfer to the college you eventually attend just like any other transfer credit.

When asked if taking her course was worth the extra work, Mrs. Hasbargen-Glowack said, "Definitely! Students are exposed to the rigor of a college course, but still have the daily support of a high school instructor."

Mr. Krause still offers AP Government, which can also give students college credit if they score at least a 3 out of 5 on the final AP exam.

L/W High School Drama Club presents—"Selfie"



Cierra Storbeck, Paul Rivard, Rebekah Fraser, Emma Stimpfl and Cami Martin.

The Lake of the Woods High School Drama Club will present the one-act play, "Selfie", for the high school in the last week of January. This play will be the piece for the Sub-Section One-Act Play Competition, in Roseau, on January 30th. The cast includes: Emma Stimpfl, Cierra Storbeck, Max Million, Paul Rivard, Lanie Krause, J'Karay Matthias, Cami Martin, Rebekah Fraser, and McKena Wilmer. Jonah Schmisek will be providing technical assistance on sound, lights, and projector.

Selfie

It's senior year and problems are mounting for a group of high school students as they prepare for the future. Facing bullies, parents, pressure, sickness, and their own self-judgment, these characters search for ways to stand out. As they document their year, one click at a time, they come to realize life is not about what other people see -- it's about the pictures they have of themselves.

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Teacher of the year: Mrs. Moeller

By Victor Johnson

The 2015-2016 Lake of the Woods Teacher of the year is Mrs. Jennifer Moeller, English and yearbook teacher. Moeller was selected by her co-workers for her hard-work, passion, and dedication as a teacher. Moeller has been working at Lake of the Woods for 18 years—her whole career, starting here as a student teacher in September of 1997.

Moeller said that it was a tough call, but her favorite subjects to teach are freshman English, Yearbook, Journalism, and APLAC (Advanced Placement Language and Composition.) She says that she learned a lot from her co-workers, especially Mrs. Deb Perala.

Moeller was inspired to be a teacher when helping her roommates with their writing assignments in college. She said she loves reading, writing, and theater, so English teacher was a perfect fit.

She grew up in Hallock, Minnesota, but was born in Seattle, Washington where her

dad worked as an engineer for Boeing. Moeller's hobbies include travel, photography, fishing, reading, attending plays (especially musicals), and playing Scrabble.

When I asked Mrs. Moeller what her favorite part of teaching was, she said, "watching the kids learn and grow." I also asked her what her least favorite part of teaching was and she replied, "Correcting assignments and turning in grades."

Moeller's favorite school lunch is diced chicken gravy with mashed potatoes and cooked carrots and her favorite musicals are *Wicked* and *Rent*.

She is married to Gary Moeller who is part owner and a manager of Ballard's Resort and Ballard's Black Island in Ontario. They have three daughters, Ally (22), Tate (20), and Greta (12). They also have a black lab named Dash.

Author visits Lake of the Woods

By Kenzie Hancharyk

Author Ben Mikaelson from Bozeman, Montana came to Lake of the Woods School the week of November 10 to speak with students in 3rd - 8th grade. Many students thought that Mikaelson was interesting, funny, and entertaining.

Mason Russell said that his favorite part of the presentation was when "he would tell stories about his pet bear."

Mikaelson has a passion for working with kids of all ages and helps them break out of their labels and be themselves. Mikaelson also has the ability to impact children and adults.

Sixth grade teacher LeeAnne Crane helped to bring him to L/W since her students read his book *Touching Spirit Bear* in class each year.

His articles and photos have appeared in numerous magazines around the world. His novels have been carried by Scholastic and the Troll Book fairs, and are also recorded on audio tape. Mikaelson has also been featured on German national tv.

Some of Mikaelson books include *Sparrow Hawk Red*, *Stranded*, *Countdown*, *Petey*, *Touching Spirit Bear*, *Red Midnight* and *Tree Girl and the Ghost of Spirit Bear*.

Mikaelson has won many awards including the international reading association and the Western Writers Golden Spur award and many Readers Choice awards.

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Lake of the Woods School Board

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School board meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month.

L/W School Administration:

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Community Education Meeting Dates:

December 15, 2015 ITV Room 4:30 p.m.
January 12, 2016 ITV Room 4:30 p.m.
March 15, 2016 ITV Room 4:30 p.m.
June 7, 2016 ITV Room 4:30 p.m.

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NO HUNTING

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Elementary Yearbooks Are on Sale now!

Contact Cynthia Hanson

Census Information

Lake of the Woods School is updating school census information. Census numbers help determine the amount of levy funding that our Early Childhood Program receives from the State of Minnesota. When you are listed on our census, you will be notified of Early Childhood Screening dates and will receive important Early Childhood and Kindergarten information. If you have a child born on or after August 31, 2010 (children 0-4 years old), please call Deb Anderson at 634-2056 ext. 1518.

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Hours are subject to change.

THE SCHOOL FACILITY WILL BE CLOSED AND LOCKED ON HOLIDAYS AND WHEN SCHOOL IS CANCELLED.

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Save the Date! Saturday March 5, 2016
first annual DANCE-A-THON

at the Lake of the Woods High School
from 6:00 PM to 11:59 PM.

For all ages. Students and parents
The fee will be \$10 per team of 2.

Concessions will be available through the AAA Booster Club

There will be a \$1.00 entry fee for non-participants to come and watch and enjoy the fun.

Sponsored by the L/W Track Teams

For more information contact Patty Jerde-Head Girls Track Coach at: 634-2510 ext. 1623.



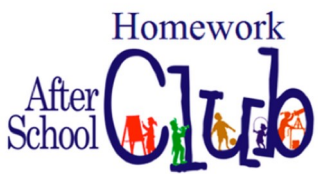
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Ronald McDonald visits students at Lake of the Woods School.



WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm
WHERE: Media Center
WHY: To work on homework or other class assignments

After school Homework Club will be for students in grades **6th through 12th grade.**
Students must sign up by 12:30 pm in the high school office if they are planning on attending Homework Club on that Tuesday or Thursday.

1. Students are required to attend the full session (3:15 TO 4:30)...Classroom door will be locked at 3:15.
2. Parents will be called if student leaves early or does not show up.
2. Homework first and then work on other class projects or read a book.
3. Use the computers in a responsible manner. Computers are a privilege and students must have permission to use. Computer games are not to be played.
4. Behavior issues will result in the removal of the student, a phone call to the student's guardian and an automatic after-school detention. A second offense will be the removal of that student permanently from homework club.



March 5, 2016
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Save the Date
Community Education
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November 19, 2016

Lake of the Woods School has three Automatic External Defibrillators (AED). The three AED's are located in the cafeteria/commons area, by the multi-purpose gym/pool area and in the east hall of the elementary/high school area.

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Ski Trails at Lake of the Woods School

The Lake of the Woods School is excited to offer Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Trails for all residents and visitors to our area. The trails are located in Agassiz Lowlands Environmental Learning Area (ALELA), just west of the school building on the 120 acre School Forest site. The gently contoured ski trails are groomed for both skiing and snowshoeing. The mild terrain makes these trails perfect for beginners, yet the length of the trail system allows experienced skiers the chance for a vigorous workout.

The trail head begins at the trail kiosk located west of school parking lot. The groomed trails will allow guests to enjoy the beautiful winter scenery of our north-land.

Ski and Snowshoe Trail maps will soon be available on our school's website, in the District Office, and at the Lake of the Woods Tourism Office.

When using the Ski/Snowshoe Trails it is important to follow these rules:

- Remove all garbage with you when leaving the trail area.
- Do not build or maintain a fire
- No overnight camping is allowed
- Vandalism of the school property is unlawful
- Motorized vehicles and snowmobiles are not allowed on the trail
- Snowshoeing is allowed on the trail, but please stay to the side of the trail
- Dogs are not allowed on the trails

Parking is available in the school's designated parking lot, and skiers are welcome to use the restrooms located inside the school. A courtesy phone is available outside the High School Office for emergency use.

For more information about the ski trails contact the Community Ed Office at 634-2510 extension 1504.

Snowshoe, Shuffle & Stomp!

Lake of the Woods Community Education is offering a snowshoeing class for students in grades 3-6. Students are invited to join our snowshoeing adventure on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school as we buckle, clip, and stomp thru the snow-filled trails behind the school for our snowshoe sports adventure. Students must wear a jacket, snow pants, boots, hat and mittens. Please bring a water bottle. The instructor is Andy Pierson. The fee is \$25.00 resident; \$30.00 non-resident payable to Lake of the Woods School. Registration forms will be sent home with students.

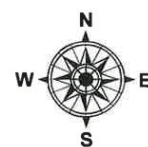
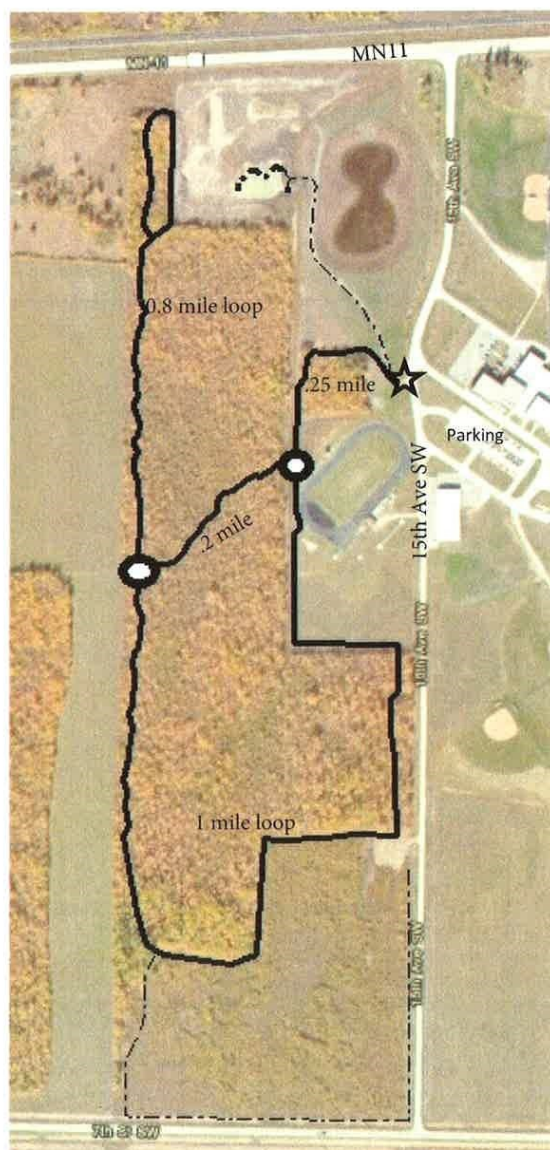
The dates will be Tuesday's & Thursday's February 9, 11, 16, & 18, 2016. Students must pre-pay and pre-register.

For more information, contact Cece in the Community Education office at 634-2735 or cece_c@lakeofthewoodsschool.org



Ski Trails 2016

Agassiz Lowlands Environmental Learning Area
located at Lake of the Woods School



Parking

Parking is available in the main school parking lot.

Trailhead

★ The trailhead is located at the trail kiosk, west of the main parking lot.

Trails

Trails designated with a solid black line are currently groomed. Snowshoers, please stay off to the sides of the trail.

Trails designated with a dashed line are not groomed

Trail grooming is done by volunteers. A trail pass is not required.

We welcome your feedback as we continue to improve the trails at the school forest.

Vacancies: Athletic/Activities Coaching 2016/2017 School Year at Lake of the Woods School-No Closing Date-positions open until filled. Head Volleyball Coach and Football (Junior High). Please contact Laurie Bitter for more information. Letter/Email of application/interest may be sent to: Laurie Bitter, Activities Director laurie_b@lakeofthewoodsschool.org or Laurie Bitter, Lake of the Woods School. P.O. Box 310, Baudette, MN 56623, Fax: 218-634-2750, Phone: 218-634-2735 ext.1423, L/W schools is an E.O.E.



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Triple A Booster Club Has Spirit!

Over the years Triple A Booster Club has shown its school spirit by supporting the education and development of students in grades 7 through 12, in the areas of Academics, Arts, and Athletics.

Established as a 501© (3) non-profit organization, Triple A Booster Club serves as the financial manager for the funds raised by each of its Group Accounts and also conducts its own fundraising to help support those groups and to sponsor other events and activities. Currently, the organization manages funds for and helps supplement the funding needs of over thirty Group Account holders, such as Choir, Hockey, Knowledge Bowl, and Special Olympics. Requests by individuals or other organizations for contributions to support Academics, Arts, or Athletics are considered.

Triple A Boosters also sponsor events and activities that benefit Lake of the Woods School and the communities it serves.

Triple A Booster Club provided the sign

on Highway 11 and the banner in the gym celebrating the success of our State Volleyball championship team. Working with Dollars for Scholars, the Boosters have been able to provide scholarships to graduating seniors. They have also worked with National Honor Society students to create a school calendar of events, including the dates of sporting events, choir and band concerts, dates of parent/teacher conferences, and school testing dates. Although a large portion of the Club's general fund comes from the sale of advertising space in the events program used at athletic and other school-related events, sales of the calendars serve as another source of revenue.

Being active with the Triple A Booster Club is a great way for parents and community members to become involved in more aspects of student activities. New ideas are always welcome! Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month throughout the year.

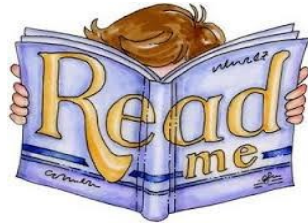
Mrs. Johnson's 4th Grade Social Studies Class studies and cooks!



Mrs. Johnson's 4th grade class has been studying regions of the United States in Social Studies. As we complete each region the students are cooking food that comes from those regions. So far they have made sorghum or molasses cookies for the Southwest region and blueberry pancakes with maple syrup from the Northeast region. Mrs. Nelson has been assisting the class with their cooking endeavors.

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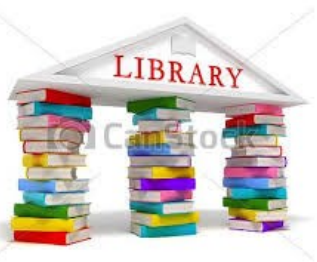
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2014-2015 World's Best Workforce Report Summary Lake of the Woods ISD 0390 Jeff Nelson, Superintendent/Elementary Principal

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.11, a school board, at a public meeting, shall adopt a comprehensive, long-term strategic plan to support and improve teaching and learning that is aligned with creating the world's best workforce. The school board must publish an annual report on the previous year's plan and hold an annual public meeting to review goals, outcomes, and strategies. An electronic *summary* of the annual report must be sent to the Commissioner of Education each fall.

This document serves as the required template for submission of the 2014-2015 report summary. Districts must submit this completed template by December 1, 2015 to MDE.WorldsBestWorkForce@state.mn.us.

Stakeholder Engagement Report

The 2014-2015 Lake of the Woods World's Best Workforce Report Summary is available for viewing at: <http://lakeofthewoodsschool.org/district/>

This report will also be published in the Northern Light Region sometime in late January or early February. The Lake of the Woods School's Winter Edition of the ED Plus will also run this report. The Ed Plus Winter Edition is published and sent to all residents sometime in early January.

Annual Public Meeting The district's WBWF Committee was established at the January 5th, 2015 special organizational meeting with two board members assigned to serve as members. At the January 26th, 2015 regular board Meeting the WBWF Summary Report and the 2014 MCA III Test Results were presented to the board. Following the WBWF Advisory Committee meeting held on April 23, 2015, there was a WBWF Committee report given at the April 27th, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

The WBWF Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet in January, April, and August of this school year. The annual public meeting on the district's WBWF is scheduled to be held on February 22nd, 2016 during the board's public working session prior to the regular board meeting.

Goals and Results

SMART Goal	2014-2015 Goals	2014-2015 Goal Results
All Students Ready for Kindergarten	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ISD 390 will continue to support an early childhood interventions model to support students who are at risk academically. ISD 390 early childhood programs will use instruction for all children that teaches strong early literacy skills, numeracy skills, and language skills they need to be successful in kindergarten and that will build a strong foundation. All preschool students will be screened 3 times each year. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ISD 390 continues to offer Early Childhood programing free of charge to all families. EC Staff continue to work to improve curriculum and instruction that is tied to the Minnesota's standards for early learning and the Early Childhood Indicators of Progress. Preschool students were assessed and conferences with parents were held in November, February and May. Students are assessed on important learning goals in literacy and developmental domains. All pre-schoolers between the ages of 3 and 5 are formally screened.
All Students in Third Grade Achieving Grade-Level Literacy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ISD will increase the percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards on statewide assessments (3rd & 4th grade MCA III) by 9% in 2015. 	<p>Lake of the Woods Elementary Made AYP in Reading on the 2015 MCA III and earned the Celebration Eligible designation based on its MMR score.</p> <p>Reading proficiency for the elementary school increased 9.2 percentage points from 42.1% to 51.3%. Reading proficiency for grade 3 increased 8.6 percentage points from 33.3% to 41.9%. Reading proficiency for grade 4 increased 18.2% from 25% to 43.2%.</p>

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<p>Close the Achievement Gap(s) Among All Groups</p>	<p>ISD 390 set three strategic priorities to address closing the achievement gap for student subgroups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A rigorous, standards-based curriculum. 2. Common Assessments that document student performance, provide for early interventions, and inform instruction and curriculum. 3. Instruction that inspires independent learning and adapts successfully to each student's unique abilities and needs. 	<p>2015 Adequate Yearly Progress Results: District: Not making AYP Reading Proficiency: All > No White > No Special Ed > No Free & Reduced > Yes Math Proficiency: All > No White > No Special Ed > No Free & Reduced > No</p> <p>High School: Not making AYP Reading Proficiency: All > No White > No Special Ed > (cell-size too small) Free & Reduced > No Math Proficiency: All > No White > No Special Ed > No Free & Reduced > No</p> <p>Elementary School: Making AYP Reading Proficiency: All > Yes White > Yes Special Ed > Yes Free & Reduced > Yes Math Proficiency: All > Yes White > Yes Special Ed > Yes Free & Reduced > Yes</p>
<p>All Students Career- and College-Ready by Graduation</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High school staff will meet with every senior to go over school transcripts and discuss post-secondary options. 2. High school staff will meet with every junior to go over school transcripts and discuss post-secondary options. 3. All sophomores will take the PLAN test. 4. All eighth graders will take the EXPLORE test. 5. Juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to attend the Rainy River Community College Career Day in International Falls 6. Sophomores will have the opportunity to attend the NW Community and Technical College's Gateway to the Future Career Day in Bemidji. 7. All sophomores will take Careers class that includes work experience through job shadowing opportunities for students. 8. Students are provided numerous opportunities to meet with college and military representatives who visit the school throughout the school year. 	<p><i>High School Principal/Career Guidance Director met with all seniors in the month of October 2014. He also met with all seniors throughout the remainder of the school year to answer any additional career/ guidance questions.</i></p> <p><i>High School Principal/Career Guidance Director met with all juniors in the months of November and December 2014. He also met with all juniors throughout the remainder of the school year to answer any additional career/ guidance questions. All juniors were informed of possible scheduling options such as PSEO, Online College in the Classroom, and College in the Classroom.</i></p> <p><i>All sophomores took the PLAN Test on November 19th, 2014</i></p> <p><i>All eighth graders took the Explore Test on November 18th, 2014</i></p> <p><i>Juniors and Seniors had the opportunity to attend the RRCC Career Day on September 22nd, 2014 in International Falls, MN.</i></p> <p><i>All sophomores had the opportunity to attend the NW Community and Technical College's Gateway to the Future Career Day in Bemidji, MN on November 5th, 2014.</i></p> <p><i>All sophomores did take the semester long Careers class throughout the 2014-2015 school year.</i></p> <p><i>Throughout the 2014-2015 school year, all students had the opportunity to meet with the scheduled representatives from a variety of college and military institutions.</i></p>

To download the 2015/2016 District Calendar, visit www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org

All Students Graduate	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High school RTI committee will monitor and identify students in need of interventions. 2. Mentor/Monitor services will be available for 7th and 8th graders during study hall to provide small group academic interventions. 3. Students will be provided credit recovery opportunities, including online and Accelerus curriculum. 	<p>The graduation rate for All students at Lake of the Woods High School increased 6.3 percentage points going from 85.4% to 91.7%. This is the highest graduation rate since 2010 when 98.2% of seniors graduated.</p> <p>The graduation rate for Free & Reduced students increased 10.6 percentage points from 76.9% to 87.5%.</p>
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Identified Needs Based on Data

ISD 390 has three strategic priorities that will address increasing proficiency for all students on the MCA IIIs and closing the achievement gap among all groups.

- ⇒ A rigorous, standards-based curriculum that is aligned to state standards and prepares students for success in an ever changing world.
- ⇒ Common Assessments that document student performance, provide for early interventions, and inform instruction and curriculum.
- ⇒ Instruction that engages students, inspires independent learning, and successfully adapts to each student’s unique abilities and needs.

ISD 390 implemented a number of best practice strategies and is in the process of developing additional initiatives to address all of the goal areas.

- ⇒ PLC’s focused on student interventions, teacher instructional practices, differentiation, and using assessment data to drive curricular and instructional decision making.
- ⇒ On-going and job embedded Staff Development activities that are focused on identified goals and targets.
- ⇒ Teacher and Principal Evaluations based on the Marzano Framework and focused on professional growth that leads to improved student learning.
- ⇒ Mentoring of new teachers.
- ⇒ Increasing the use of technology in the classroom.
- ⇒ Curriculum review and standards alignment cycle is in development.
- ⇒ Response to Intervention (RTI) to provide support for students not meeting the standards, as well as, helping students who are meeting the standards to exceed the standards.

Systems, Strategies and Support Category

Students

Students in the elementary school are assessed for growth and proficiency using NWEA assessments, AIMSweb benchmarking and progress monitoring, the OLPA and MCA assessments and also other informal formative assessments. The Read Well Literacy Plan outlines the assessments and required cut scores for each assessment in Grades Pre-K through Grade 3. Each classroom teacher completes a summary notification form on each child that captures all assessment data and reflect student data and whether they have met cut score or not on each assessment given during the year. The NWEA assessments and AIMSweb benchmarking are completed in the Fall, Winter, and Spring of each year in grades K-6. MCA and OLPA assessments are completed once per year in grades 3-10.

Students who are not meeting cut scores in Math and Reading in three or more areas are identified as Targeted Assistance students and qualify for additional Tier 2 or Tier 3 support. Tier 2 is an additional 25 minutes per day of Math and/or Reading instruction. Tier 3 support is Tier 2 support plus and additional 15-20 minutes of Math and/or Reading instruction. These students are progress monitored weekly on reading fluency, math computation fluency, and/or math concepts and applications fluency; depending on their individual need.

Students in the high school (7th-12th) are assessed for growth and proficiency using NWEA assessments, AIMSweb benchmarking, OLPA, MCA III, PLAN, EXPLORE, ASVAB and other informal formative assessments. The NWEA (MAP) assessments and AIMSweb benchmarking are completed in the Fall, Winter, and Spring of each year. MCA III Reading and Math in grades 7th and 8th, Reading in grade 10 and Math in grade 11. MAP testing in Reading and Math 7th-8th, Reading in grades 9th & 10th. Students who are not meeting cut scores in Math and Reading are identified, monitored, and encouraged to take advantage of our summer and after school Targeted Assistance Program.

Teachers and Principals

Our efforts in the areas of RTI, mentoring new teachers, increasing the use of technology in the classroom, and principal and teacher growth are showing a general positive impact on student growth as indicated on MCA IIIs and MAPs assessments. While students are showing growth, there continues to be too many students who are not meeting proficiency on the MCA IIIs.

Teachers and principals continue to work on the alignment of standards within the curriculum and the implementation of interventions based on formative assessments. Implementation and use of technology in the classroom continues to grow. PLCs have had a positive impact on the collaboration and teamwork that is being done within and across grade levels and content areas.

District

The district staff development target areas include showing measurable growth and proficiency on MCA III assessments, providing effective new teacher mentoring, and increasing the use of technology in the classroom. We continue to use Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) as they relate to our Response to Intervention (RTI) process, teacher and principal growth, and implementation of the Marzano Teacher and Leadership Frameworks. The Marzano Teacher and Principal Evaluation Models fulfill the mission of providing clear strategies and measurable goals to help teachers and principals in continuous growth towards being the best educators and leaders they are capable of being. The model incorporates research-based strategies that create causal links to raising student achievement when teachers use the strategies with fidelity.

Access your child’s attendance, grades, lunch account & more www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org

Equitable Access to Excellent Teachers

[Note: Review the information below. Districts do not need to report information in this section at this time.]

Section 1111(b)(8)(C) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires that each state take steps to ensure that poor and minority children are not taught at higher rates than other children by inexperienced, unqualified or out-of-field teachers. On June 1, 2015, MDE submitted a plan to the U.S. Department of Education that required all states to address long-term needs for improving equitable access of all students to great educators. The plan was developed with significant stakeholder input and can be found on the [MDE website](#).

From MDE's data review, the following statewide equity gaps surfaced:

- Schools in the highest poverty quartile are more likely to have inexperienced, unqualified and out-of-field teachers than schools in the lowest poverty quartile.
- Schools in the highest minority quartile are more likely to have inexperienced, unqualified and out-of-field teachers than schools in the lowest minority quartile.
- Priority and Focus schools are more likely to have inexperienced, unqualified and out-of-field teachers than Reward schools.
- Charter schools are more likely to have inexperienced, unqualified and out-of-field teachers than non-charter schools.

To reach the goals of the WBWF, it is important to ensure that all students, particularly students from low-income families and students of color, have equitable access to teachers and principals who can help them reach their potential. Beginning with the next WBWF summary, to be submitted in fall 2016, MDE will request information about the district process to examine the distribution of experienced and qualified teachers across the district and within school sites

Elementary Concert, Choir and Band Concerts



For the pool schedule visit www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org



Ugly
Sweater
Day



To view the breakfast and lunch menus, visit www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org

Headstart Cookie Baking & Christmas Party




Cookie Day





Mrs. Jerde's students invited the staff to join them on Tuesday, December 22nd for their 5th annual Cookie Day Celebration. Cookies, hot chocolate, coffee, and hot apple cider were served by the students. Great conversation and delicious treats (all made by the students from Mrs. Jerde's room.) were enjoyed by everyone.





STUDs Activity Night
January 8, 2016
Starts after the basketball game
Commons/Gyms
Activities may include:
Sumo Basketball & wrestling, dodgeball, volleyball, ping-pong, Wii games, gaga ball, puzzles, board games, & cards. Music, treats.
AND it is FREE!
This is for Lake of the Woods students only in grades 7-12.
SAVE the DATE for future Activity Nights
Friday, January 8th; Friday, February 19th;
Friday, March 15th (this will be the lock-in)



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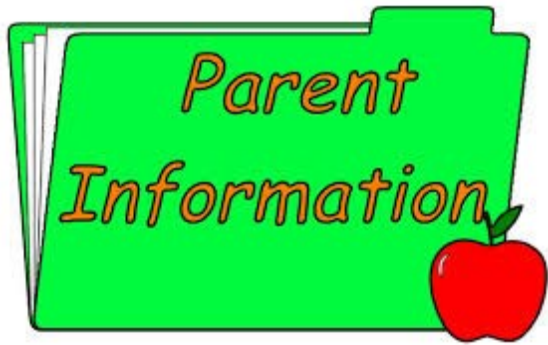
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Vehicle Repair Shop - Cars & Semis!

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Hours:
 Mon-Fri 7:30 am-6 pm Sat 7:30 am-3 pm Sun Closed

Free & reduced meal applications are available in the district office



Check Your Student's Meal Balance On Line
www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org
 District
 Food Service
 click on account lookup
 enter pin number, click on lookup account
 each student knows his/her pin number. Call or email Cece at 634-2735 ext. 1504 or email cece_c@lakeofthewoodsschool.org if you need help with the pin number.

PARENT VIEW ON SYNERGY
www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org
 click on *parent view*
 click on *lunch activity*
 click on *lunch activity again (fork & spoon)*

Free & Reduced Lunch

It's not too late to apply for Free and Reduced meals for your children.
 You may apply at any time during the school year, for example, if you become unemployed or otherwise have a decrease in household income or have an increase in the size of your household. Fill out the free and reduced application and return it to Cece in the District Office. The information is confidential, and students who receive the benefit are not identified in any way.

A copy may be picked up in the District Office, High School Office, Elementary Office, or online at www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org

Funding for several educational programs is based on the number of students who qualify for Free and reduced meals. Information regarding who is enrolled in the free and reduced meal program is kept confidential.

If you have any questions about free and reduced applications or would like additional information on our food service program, call Cece at 634-2735 ext. 1504 or email cece_c@lakeofthewoodsschool.org

ALL MEALS ARE TO BE PREPAID.
Students and parents are responsible for checking their meal balances. Students receiving free/reduced meals must have money in their account for a milk if they bring a lunch from home. Milk is not free.
 It is expensive to mail out invoices, please check your child/children's account regularly at www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org

AGAIN THIS YEAR!
 The 2014 Minnesota Legislature recently enacted the following revisions to state statutes affecting school meal benefits. **These changes are effective July 1, 2014.**

- **Lunches must be provided at no charge to students qualified for reduced-price meals.**
- **Breakfasts must be provided at no charge to all participating kindergarten students.**

Changes to Lake of the Woods School Messaging System
 SchoolMessenger has recently replaced SchoolReach for providing messaging and alert services for students and parents at Lake of the Woods School. We will continue to provide instant alert messaging as we have in the past via phone and email. If you would like to continue to receive instant alerts via text messaging on your cellular phone, you will need to "opt-in" after receiving the "opt-in invitation text message." If you have not received the opt-in invitation text message, you may contact either the elementary or high school secretary to register your cellular number for text messaging. Please call 634-2735 during school hours.

2015-2016 Meal Prices
 Lunch cost for an elementary student is \$2.10 and the lunch cost for a high school student is \$2.50.
 Breakfast cost for both elementary and high school students is \$1.00. Students approved for reduced meals receive free breakfasts.
 Adult breakfast is \$1.80 and lunch is \$3.60.
ALL MEALS ARE TO BE PREPAID.



It's the mark of our times: the merging of the Internet with our day-to-day business. The Lake of the Woods School District offers the online payment processing system, PaySchools.

Through this system, parents can access PaySchools through the school's web site at www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org and pay for school-related fees and products online, either by e-check or MasterCard, Visa or Discover cards. The parent will immediately receive an e-mail receipt confirming their purchase. PaySchools does not save or store bank or credit card infor-

mation to ensure privacy and security for users.

PaySchools offers parents the ease of being able to make purchases 24 hours a day/7 days a week, the security of knowing the school has received payments, the protection of sensitive account information [credit card and bank account numbers are not stored in the database], and the convenience of having records of purchases and payments available online. Schools save significant labor costs by reducing manual processing of payments and handling fewer checks.

Items that may currently be purchased online include:

- Athletic Fees
- Community Education Fees
- ECFE
- School Meal Account
- School Fees
- Weight Room Fees

To make payments log onto www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org and click the "Pay Online" link on the left side of the page. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Feldman at 634-2510 ext. 1505.



To view your student's lunch account balance, visit www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org

Lake of the Woods School Food Service

Brenda Wahl & Cece Charlton

All Kindergarten students will receive free breakfast again this year. Families that qualify for reduced meals will receive breakfast and lunch free.

Menus for breakfast and lunch will be sent home monthly with elementary students and are available in the district, elementary and high school offices. Menus are also available online on the school's website www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org. Parents/guardians are invited to have lunch at school anytime during the school year.

As per government regulations, Lake of the Woods School incorporates a feature called "Offer vs. Serve." This program requires the student to select a minimum of three of the five food components included in the lunch program and three of the four food items on the breakfast menu. The portions of all the food items will be the same

and the price of the meal will not be lowered when taking less than the entire meal.

State law specifies the responsibility of a school to provide a lactose-free milk with a written request from a parent/guardian. The state does not allow the district to make any other substitutions, such as juice to lactose intolerant students. Milk may be purchased for 25 cents a carton for students bringing lunch from home. If your child has any food allergies, please contact, Brenda Wahl in Food Service and our school nurse, Tierra Shaw.

The district uses an Individual Meal Accounting System NOT FAMILY ACCOUNTS where each student has their own account which records all meal payments and purchases. Meal accounts must have money in the account in order for the student to use it. We encourage parents/

guardians to pay in advance of the first day of school to alleviate the constraints students experience those first few days of the school year. Please make checks payable to Lake of the Woods School, and mail to P.O. Box 310, Baudette, MN 56623. The Lake of the Woods School District also offers the online payment processing system, PaySchools.

Lake of the Woods School has the capability for parents/guardians to look up their meal account balance on our school website: www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org. Click on Food Services, "account lookup" enter pin number, your account information is now available.. Each student knows his/her pin number. Please call 634-2735 ext. 1504 if you need your student's pin number. Payments can be sent with the individual student. If sending a check, please include

the students name and PIN#. If you have more than one student in school, you may send one check and in the memo area write each students name and how you want the money divided. If sending cash, please place it in an envelope with the students name on it. Staff and students are required to PREPAY for breakfast/lunch and extra milks. A positive balance must be established in the account to allow participation in the school meal programs. Balances are rolled over from one year to the next.

Students and parents are responsible for checking their meal balances. Students receiving free/reduced meals must have money in their account for a milk if they bring a lunch from home. Milk is not free.

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Breakfast at School

Mornings can be really crazy! The alarm doesn't go off, the kids don't want to get up, there's no time to eat breakfast before the bus comes or they're just not ready to eat. Or maybe your teenager grabs a can of soda and a candy bar on the way to school. If this sounds like your house, we have good news for you.

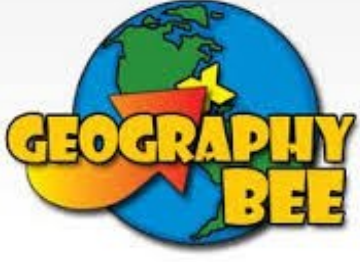
Breakfast is available at school! Take advantage of this option to ensure your child eats a nutritious breakfast. Recent studies show a link between nutrition and learning. A nutritious breakfast helps students be more alert so they can actively participate in class. Breakfast has vitamins and nutrients for a strong and healthy body.

Breakfast at school is affordable, too. A full breakfast costs less than convenience store items. **All Kindergarten students will receive free breakfast again this year. Families that qualify for reduced meals will receive breakfast and lunch free.** Breakfast at Lake of the Woods School cost \$1.00 for both elementary and high school students. If you qualify for free and reduced price meals, you also qualify for the breakfast program, with no additional paperwork. If you qualify for reduced meals, breakfast is free. No-where else will you find a balanced breakfast at such a low cost.

So take advantage of this opportunity to start the day on the right foot. Your child will find breakfast at school provides not only a nutritious meal but also a relaxed atmosphere for socializing with friends and siblings.

To download the 2015-2016 District Calendar, visit www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org

Enrichment Program



The Geography Bee will be held on January 21, 2016 at the L/W School Auditorium.



The Spelling Bee will be held on January 14, 2016 at the L/W School Auditorium.



For school announcements, visit www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org

From The School Nurse...



Tiarra Shaw, L.P.N., School Nurse
School Nursing Office: 218-634-2510 ext.1522
LakeWood Public Health Office: 218-634-1795

Flu symptom screening tool for parents and caregivers

Use this questionnaire, from the Minnesota Department of Health, each day your child is sick with Influenza-like symptoms and follow the instructions for when to keep the child home and what to tell the child's school.

Does your child have:

1. Fever of 100° F or higher? Yes or No
(Take the child's temperature before giving him/her fever-reducing medicine, like Tylenol.)
2. Sore throat? Yes or No
3. Cough? Yes or No

Should I keep my child home?

If you checked "yes" for fever AND one of the other symptoms, keep your child home for at least 24 hours after his or her fever is gone without fever-reducing medicine. For many children this will be 5 to 7 days. Your child should feel well enough to participate in school before returning. If you have questions about your child's health or symptoms, call your child's medical provider.

If your child has been diagnosed by their medical provider with a different disease, such as strep, follow your medical provider's recommendation for when to return to school and call the school nurse to check on the school policy.

What should I tell my child's school?

If you checked "yes" for fever AND one of the other symptoms, tell the school that your child is home with influenza-like illness.

If your child has been diagnosed by their medical provider with a different disease, such as strep, tell your child's school.

Protect yourself and help stop the spread of germs

Good health habits like covering your cough and washing your hands often can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like influenza.

Update on Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP)

from Melody Otto, L.P.N. with CHI LakeWood Public Health

During this first year of the SHIP 4 grant, we will be working on tobacco-free living for our county with a focus on tobacco point-of-sale and smoke-free multi-unit housing.

Myself and a representative from the American Lung Association will be offering a training in March or April of 2016. The training will help us learn about what we can do as a community to get tobacco out of the sight of the younger generation. We will also continue our work with multi-unit housing in hopes of making all housing smoke free. If you are interested in attending this training, please email me, Melody Otto, at: melodyotto@catholichealth.net or call me at 218-634-1795.



BodyWorks Fitness Center

Get a healthy start to the New Year

The BodyWorks Fitness Center offers 24-hour access to members and a variety of exercise equipment including: free weights, treadmills, elliptical machine, cable weights, a stepper and a recumbent bike.

To learn more visit LakeWood Therapies or call 218.634.3429 for membership rates.



600 Main Ave. S, Baudette, MN
218.634.2120

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program

The WIC program is a nutrition and breastfeeding program. The program helps eligible pregnant women, new mothers, babies and young children eat well, learn about nutrition, and stay healthy. It also provides nutrition education and counseling, nutritious foods, and referrals to health and other social services.

Lake of the Woods County WIC participants meet at the CHI LakeWood Health Clinic on the third and fourth Wednesday of each month by appointment. For more information or to see if you are eligible for WIC, please contact Tammy Lafreniere, P.H.N. at 218-634-1795.

APPLY FOR WIC IN 3 EASY STEPS

Step 1: Find a WIC Clinic

In Lake of the Woods County, WIC Clinics are held at CHI LakeWood Health (218-634-1795) or call the WIC Hotline at 1-800-942-4030 for the program nearest you.

Step 2: Call to make an appointment for your family

Friendly WIC staff will help you schedule an appointment and will answer your questions. In Lake of the Woods County, contact Tammy Lafreniere, P.H.N. at 218-634-1795.

Step 3: Go to the WIC appointment in your area

Your first appointment will take about 30-45 minutes and if eligible, you will get your food vouchers that day.



Early Childhood Family Education Lake of the Woods School~2015-2016 Schedule



Nicole Gate-School Readiness Instructor

Jeni Krause Parent Educator

Muriel Crandall Paraprofessional

218-634-2510 ext. 1564 nicole_g@lakeofthewoodsschool.org

School Readiness

School Readiness will be held every Monday through Wednesday of the month. The schedule may change due to enrollment numbers. Class will run from 8:15 am until 3:00 pm. Transportation will be available both to and from school via the school bus. This class is for children ages three to five years old. **Children must be potty trained.** The class focuses on socialization, problem solving, sharing, turn taking, and various school readiness skills. Conferences will be held throughout the school year to discuss the progress made by the children. There is currently no tuition for this class. School Breakfast and Lunch is available for the students. Breakfast will cost \$1.00 and lunch will be \$2.10. Please look at the free and reduced applications to see if your family qualifies.

Parent and Infant/Toddler Class: "Adventures of Parenting"

Parent and Infant/Toddler Class will be held every first and third Tuesday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Parents are required to attend with their child/children. The class is for children ages' birth to 4 years old. Snacks will be provided. There will be guest speakers from the community as well as opportunities to discuss issues of concern. There is currently no fee for this class. *Minimum of 4 registered families required.

Event Nights

Events will be held throughout the school year. Examples of other events may include a gym night, swim night, carnival, etc. These events are open to the community for ages birth to 5 years accompanied by an adult.

ECFE School Readiness

School Supplies

- 2 boxes of crayons (eight pack-standard size)
- 1 set of water colors
- 2 Elmer's jumbo glue sticks
- 2 Elmer's glue bottles
- 1 set of Crayola Markers (any colors, size, 8 or 10 pack)
- 1 box of Kleenex



Please send registration form to:

Lake of the Woods School

Attention: Nicole Gate

P.O. Box 310, Baudette, MN 56623

*A copy of your child's updated immunization records is required with your registration.



ECFE REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Child's name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Child Birth Date: _____
 Classes registering for _____

New Baby? New to the Area?

It is important for our future planning to have all children in our census files. Census numbers help determine the amount of levy funding that our Early Childhood Program receives from the State of Minnesota. When you are listed on our census, you will receive updates from our Early Childhood program and pre-school information for kindergarten. Please call Deb at 634-2056 ext. 1518.

For Sale Old Elementary Yearbooks

Some \$1.00

Some \$5.00

Some \$10.00

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Contact Mrs. Cynthia Hanson
634-2735 ext. 1552

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Community Education Activities



2016 - L/W 3th, 4th, & 5th Grade Boy's Basketball



2016 - L/W 4th, & 5th Grade Girl's Basketball

Join a Community Education
Class or Activity!

Contact Lisa at the pool
634-2735 ext. 1101

or

Cece for Community Ed
classes/activities
634-2735 ext. 1504



Mosaics class



Mosaics class



Jewelry class

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Pool for a one time
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for a day of free swimming
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**Offer Expires
February 29, 2016**

Lake of the Woods Community Education Registration

P.O. Box 310
Baudette, MN 56623
634-2735 ext. 1504



Name (adult): _____
Name (student): _____ Class/Activity _____ Fee \$ _____
Age: ___ Grade: ___ Teacher: _____ T-Shirt Size: (If applicable): _____
Parent/Guardian Name _____ (Parent/Guardian must sign if under 18)
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone (Day) _____ Phone (Eve) _____ Cell _____
Email: _____

I certify that myself/dependent is adequately covered by insurance. _____
Signature

I certify that we do not have insurance, but will assume all legal responsibility for accidents or injuries arising there from. _____
Signature

To view your student's lunch account balance, visit www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org

Community Education/Pool Classes/Activities

Community Ed Class Registration

Class payment and registration are required and must be mailed or dropped off in the Community Education Office. No phone registrations will be accepted. Your class fee must accompany your registration. A registration form is in this flyer. All checks are to be made payable to Lake of the Woods School (American Funds). Class fees are non-refundable unless cancelled by Community Ed.

Piano Lessons Just For Me!

This course is geared toward students who would like to learn how to play piano. Instructed by Heidi Olson, these piano lessons will instruct the beginning student in basic piano knowledge, note reading, technique, and music theory. As the student progresses, the course will become more specialized to meet individual needs. Come learn to play the piano, sharpen musical skills, and have a great time in the process! Individual sessions of 1/2 hour each. Session length varies. Students will need to have a piano or keyboard available to practice on a regular basis. Students will need to purchase piano instruction books from the instructor. Cost: \$16.00 per lesson payable in advance. Sorry, no refunds for missed lessons. Teacher: Heidi Olson
Location: Elementary music room or choir room



Snowshoe, Shuffle & Stomp!

Students in grades 3-6 are invited to join our snowshoeing adventure on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school as we buckle, clip, and stomp thru the snow-filled trails behind the school for our snowshoe sports adventure. You must wear a jacket, snow pants, boots, hat and mittens. Please bring a water bottle. Instructor: Andy Pierson
Fee: \$25.00 resident; \$30.00 non-resident
Dates: Tuesday's & Thursday's February 9, 11, 16, & 18
Time: after school until 4:30 p.m. (Please pick up your child at the main entrance).
Location: Students will meet at the pool entrance. You must pre-pay and pre-register.



Adult Volleyball League

Dates: Wednesday nights
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Small gym
Supervisor: John Batko
If you have questions, please Cece at 634+2735 ext. 1504.



Adult Basketball League

Dates: Wednesday night and Sunday afternoons
Time: Wednesdays -7:00- 9:00 p.m.
Sundays - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Big Gym
Supervisor: Tyler Ketchum
If you have questions, please call Cece at 634-2735 ext.



L/W Outdoor Club

The "L/W Outdoor Club" is a club dedicated to students (5th grade-12th grade) interested in careers in the natural resource field. Students will be involved in numerous outdoor activities including making maple syrup, mushroom I.D., hunting, fishing, trapping, and the science behind these activities. Students will also be assisting in fish and wildlife surveys, tagging sturgeon, and working with local DNR employees. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend and participate as well. **Students must register with Cece in the Community Education Office.** You will not be allowed to participate unless you are registered in Community Education. For more information contact Jeff Birchem at 783-2521 or jebirchem@icloud.com.



Tri-Star Basketball Challenge

Open to all students kindergarten through 8th grade. Registration forms will be sent home with students. Saturday, March 5, 2016
Location: Big and Small Gyms
Time: 9:00 a.m.



Rod Building

Dates: Thursdays, February 18, and March 3, 15, 24, 2015
Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Location: High School Art Room
Instructor: Ralph Christofferson
Class fee: \$10.00 payable to L/W School
Rod building supplies are payable to the instructor.



Crazy Quilting With Wool

Class will include a short trunk show of crazy quilted projects. The students will learn the tips for crazy quilting with wool as they make a small table runner. Different embellishments will be used including beads, needle felting, embroidery, and applique. Supplies provided for use in class: felting needle/foam, beads, some pearl cotton. Supplies needed, stash of embroidery floss or pearl cotton, scissors, fabric glue basting stick, hand sewing needle. This is a handwork class. No machines are needed. A soup and sandwich lunch will be served. Minimum of 10 students. Date: Saturday, January 30, 2016
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Cost: \$10/resident; \$15.00/non-resident, payable to L/W School
Kit cost: \$20.00 payable to the instructor the night of the class (Kits include: pattern packet, foundation, wool for piecing.)
Location: High School Life Skills Room
Instructor: Bonnie Lundorf, Willow Wood Market, Bemidji
www.willowwoodmarketdesigns.com



Table Runner Quilt Class

You will need to bring a sewing machine, cutting mat, rotary cutter, scissors and pins.
Class dates: Tuesdays, February 16, 23, March 1, & 8
Time: 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Maximum students: 12
Minimum students: 5
Class fee: \$10.00/resident; \$15.00/non-resident
Location: Lifeskills Room
Instructor: Audrey Olson



Adult Basic Education

For more information on ABE (Adult Basic Education) Classes, please contact:
Kirsten Fuglseth, Adult Basic Education Coordinator
114 West First Street
Thief River Falls, MN 56701-1911
Phone: 218-681-0886
Email: kfuglseth@nw-service.k12.mn.us
Must be 16 years old or older and not enrolled in secondary school.

Adult Weight Room Membership

For information on how to join the Lake of the Woods School weight room, call 634-2735 ext. 1504.



Walking Track - The Lake of the Woods School is locked during the school day

Walkers must sign in in the elementary office, or the high school office or the District Office and receive a visitor's pass. The walking track is open Mon/Wed/Fri 5:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Tues/Thurs 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (during pool hours).



Lake of the Woods School Facility Use, Policies, and Procedures

The Community Education Department coordinates use of all school facilities and equipment beyond the regular school day. School functions take priority. School activities may be scheduled subsequent to approval and the affected party will be notified if that situation occurs. The use of facilities is governed by policies and regulations approved by the Board of Education. **No activities will be scheduled on legal holidays.** For more information contact the Community Education Office.

Lake of the Woods Community Education is always looking for qualified and interested community members to teach a class or activity in their field of expertise. If you have a suggestion for additional programs that would enhance the current offerings or are interested in teaching a class, please call:

Cece Charlton, Community Ed Coordinator at 634-2735 ext. 1504 cece_c@lakeofthewoodsschool.org

For Community Ed activities visit www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org

Community Education/Pool Classes/Activities

Winter Pool Schedule Schedule subject to change

Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5-8 a.m.		5-8 a.m.		5-8 a.m.		
Adult Swim		Adult Swim		Adult Swim		
	3:30 - 8 p.m.			3:30- 8 p.m.	1-4 p.m.	1-4 p.m.
	Open Swim			Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim

Costs for Open Swim

.75 - Preschool, \$1.50 - Student, \$2.50 - Adult, \$10.00 - Family Max
Punch Card prices - \$5.00 - Pre-school, \$10.00 - Student, \$22.50 - Adult

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Family Fridays -

Every Friday from 3:30-8:00 -Cost \$5.00 per family (maximum 2 adults/4 children) A great time to enjoy family time at the pool at a great price!!

Birthday Parties at the Pool

The pool is a wonderful place to hold birthday parties! Parties can be held during open swim hours and the observation area overlooking the pool is a great place to have games and lunch as part of your celebration. If you have any questions or would like to book the pool and observation area for your next party, call the Pool Office at 634-2735 ext. 1101.



For information about exercise classes, swimming lessons, (private & group), open swim or adult swim times call Lisa at Pool Office - 218-634-2735 ext. 1101 or email lisa_b@lakeofthewoodsschool.org

Water Exercise Class

Mondays/Wednesdays/Thursdays - 4:15-5:15 p.m. There are many benefits of water exercise, here are just a few:

- Water exercise decreases stress, blood pressure, tension, weight, pain, body fat, impact on joints, risk of injury and prescription drug requirements. It increases strength, flexibility, energy, range of motion, muscle tone, oxygen/circulation, endurance, balance, coordination, fun, self esteem, safety and enjoyment of life.
- It enhances feelings of well-being; sleep patterns, recovery from injuries, social pleasures and reversing or slowing of ageing, both mentally and physically.

Remember you don't have to be a swimmer to do water exercise and if you are uncomfortable wearing a swim suit...you can wear a t-shirt and shorts. Pre-registration is not required. You can start classes at any time...and the first time is **FREE**. For more information call the pool office 634-2735 ext. 1101.

Lifeguard Training/WSI (Water Safety) Instructor,

If you are interested in becoming a lifeguard, or WSI (Water Safety) Instructor, please contact Lisa Beckstrand at 218/634-2735 ext. 1101 or lisa_b@lakeofthewoodsschool.org

New Year Specials...during the months of January and February get 20% off on yearly passes and punch cards

Passes/Punch Cards	Regular Price	20% Discount
Yearly Family Pass	\$300.00	\$240.00
Yearly Senior Pass	\$175.00	\$140.00
Yearly Adult Pass	\$200.00	\$160.00
Adult 10-Punch Card	\$22.50	\$18.00
Student Yearly Pass	\$100.00	\$80.00
Student 10-Punch Card	\$10.00	\$8.00
Preschool 10-Punch Card	\$5.00	\$4.00

FOOD BANK



Give & Swim...replenish the food shelf - March 6, 2016

To help stock the local food shelf the Lake of the Woods School Pool is sponsoring a **Give and Swim** March 6, 2016

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Admission to the pool will be anon-perishable food item or a cash donation!

Take the plunge for your heart

- ♥ Swimming uses almost all the major muscle groups and places a vigorous demand on your heart and lungs
- ♥ Swimming develops muscle strength and endurance, and improves posture and flexibility.
- ♥ Swimming is especially useful for people who are overweight, pregnant or with leg or lower back problems.
- ♥ Swimming is a great sport for people of all ages and all proficiency levels.
- ♥ Swimming provides most of the aerobic benefits that running does, with many of the benefits of resistance training thrown in
- ♥ Swimming does not put strain on connective tissues that running aerobics and some weight training regimens do.



Bear Cub Swim Club

The Bear Cub Swim Club is open to all students in grades 1-6. Club practice will begin on Tuesdays, January 19, 2016 and will run each Tuesday through Tuesday, February 23, 2016. Practice times will be right after school until 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 and with this fee, swimmers will receive their own swim cap and goggles and admission to the pool during open swim hours for extra practice, at no charge.

The goal of this club is to learn the way a team practice is run, good sportsmanship, focus on strokes, (free, back, breast and some butterfly) and **to enjoy the lifelong benefits of swimming.**

Coaches are Chelsea Anderson and Lisa Beckstrand. If you have questions or concerns, contact Chelsea at chelsea_a@lakeofthewoodsschool.org or Lisa at lisa_b@lakeofthewoodsschool.org or the pool office at 218/634-2735 ext. 1101.

Registration forms will be sent home with all students and registration forms are available at the pool, elementary office and the Community Education Office.

Forms must be returned with the club fee by Tuesday, January 19, 2016, to Lisa at the pool office or the Community Education office.

For the pool schedule visit www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org

2015 L/W Community Education Holiday Craft & Vendor Extravaganza is a huge success



The 2015 Lake of the Woods School Community Education Holiday Craft and Vendor Extravaganza was a huge success again this year. The NHS students registered approximately 750 visitors and the Robotics club was in charge of the coat check. There were 100 booths which we now know is the maximum booths that the commons and gyms can hold. The Lady Laker JO Volleyball team had the concessions serving sloppy joes, hot dogs, wild rice soup, bars and beverages. The Women of Today held the Turkey Bingo, "Raggedy Ann" enjoyed reading to the youngsters and the 4-H Club helped the kids with holiday crafts. The Just for Kix Dance group performed led by their dance instructor, Amy Potts. Something new this year was the ECFE booth which featured a photo booth, face painting and fund raising items that they sold. Santa visited with approximately 80 kids.

We hope everyone will join us at next year's event on November 19, 2016.



14 NHS members start new year with new leadership

By Josie Leahy

The National Honor Society has been involved in a multitude of activities within the community throughout the summer and fall. Take a Kid Fishing was the major summer event held in June at Sportsman's Lodge, where they spent the majority of the day preparing gift bags for the 100 plus kids out fishing, and setting up for the fish fry for when they returned.

Logan Rennemo, Junior NHS member, said "I loved helping with Take a Kids Fishing, because they gave us lots of French fries."

Since former advisor Erin Grafstrom left L/W, Katie Hasbargen and Don Krause teamed up and took over her role as NHS advisors.

Smaller projects, such as the marathon, blood drive, care center bingo, soup dinner, Northstar 25th Anniversary, and Brink Center breakfast also received help in hosting their events from our enthusiastic NHS volunteers.

October meant two big events; all the members went door to door for Trick or Treat for UNICEF and Phone-A-Thon had them calling for donations for Dollars for Scholars, two successful fund-raisers.

The Holiday Extravaganza was next on Saturday, November 21 in the school commons, where NHS greeted shoppers and painted faces of children.



NHS members Lanie Krause and Jonah Schmisek register guests.

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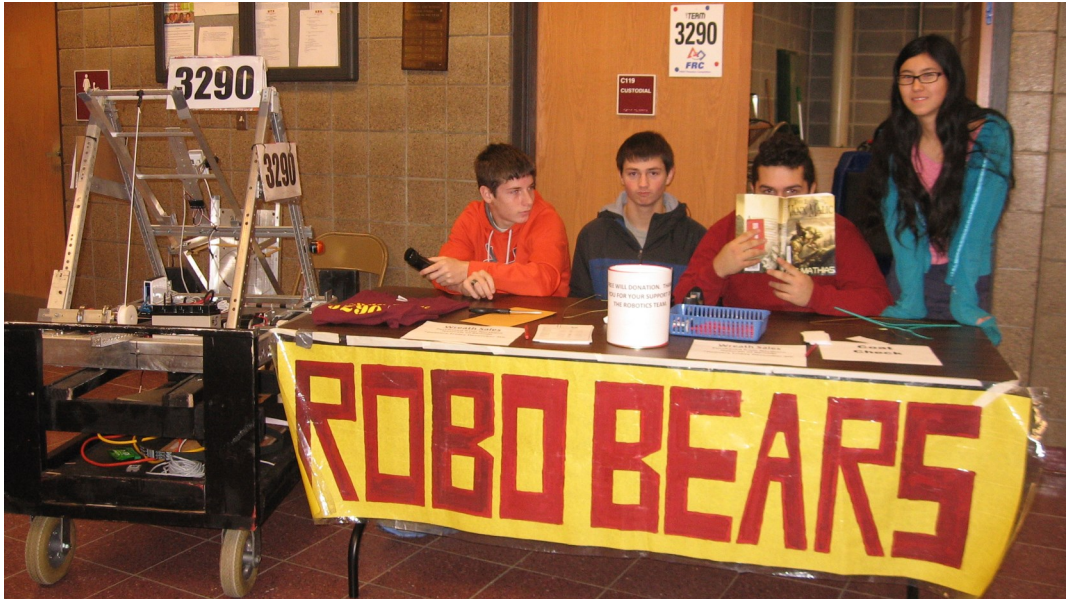
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Lake of the Woods Activity Fees

Lake of the Woods Bears 2015 – 2016 School Year Athletic / Activity Gate Fees and Game Passes

Gate Fees:

Elementary students when accompanied with an adult	Free
High School students	Free
Adult:	\$ 5.00
College Student (w/ college ID)	\$ 3.00
Senior Citizen (65+)	\$ 1.00

*Consists of individual passes
***Passes will be honored at all home games except Minnesota High School League tournaments...**

*Game Passes will be sold at regular season games and through the District Office...

*College students must have a current college/university identification to purchase "student game passes"...

*Individual "game passes" must be presented to ticket taker(s) for entry into games...

For more information please call Laurie Bitter, Activities Director at 634 - 2735 ext. 1423.

Lake of the Woods School 2015-2016 School Year Student Athletic and Activity Fees

Activity	Grade	
High School Football	9-12	\$150.00
Junior High Football	7-8	\$ 75.00
High School Volleyball	9-12	\$150.00
Junior High Volleyball	7-8	\$ 75.00
HS Cross Country	9-12	\$125.00
Jr. High Cross Country	7-8	\$ 75.00
High School Basketball	9-12	\$150.00
Junior High Basketball	7-8	\$ 75.00
High School Hockey	9-12	\$150.00
High School Track	9-12	\$125.00
Junior High Track	7-8	\$ 75.00
High School Baseball	9-12	\$125.00
Junior High Baseball	7-8	\$ 75.00
High School Softball	9-12	\$125.00
Junior High Softball	7-8	\$ 75.00
High School Golf	9-12	\$125.00
Junior High Golf	7-8	\$ 75.00
Sr. High Knowledge Bowl	9-12	\$ 75.00
Jr. High Knowledge Bowl	7-8	\$ 37.50
One Act Play	9-12	\$ 37.50
One Act Play	7-8	\$ 25.00
Maximum Per Family Per Season -		\$250.00
Family Maximum Paid Per Year -		\$500.00

Box Tops News

In an effort to raise additional funds for the school, Lake of the Woods School participates in the General Mills Box Tops for Education program. The program has been an easy way for parents and students to earn cash that goes directly to the school.

How the Program Works

- There are more than 250 participating products in 42 food and non-food categories that carry Box Tops on their packages
- Each Box Tops clip is worth 10 cents
- It's simple. Buy the products; clip the Box Tops; send the Box Tops to school.
- Each enrolled school has a Box Tops Coordinator that counts and submits all of their Box Tops to General Mills
- Enrolled schools receive two checks a year from General Mills to purchase the things they need like: books, school supplies, playground equipment, teacher training, computers, etc.
- Enrolled schools can earn up to \$20,000 every school year by clipping Box Tops from participating products
- Schools can also earn through Bonus Box Tops offers, sweepstakes, and contests
- There are not any restrictions on how each school spends their check. Schools can spend their cash to buy what they need most

If community members are interested in contributing to the Lake of the Woods School efforts by donating Box Tops, please contact Amy Potts at amy_p@lakeofthewoodsschool.org or by phone at 218-634-2056 ext. 1553. Box Tops may be sent to the school in care of Amy Potts at PO Box 310, Baudette, MN 56623. Visit www.btf.com to find ideas and resources and more information about the Box Tops program.

Yes, Yes, Yes, Keep Cutting & Saving!!!

Due to the diligent work of those families and students who continue to save the UPCs from any of the "labels for Education" participating products we are able to purchase debit "Visa" reward cards. This is a fairly new option that the company has now given the schools. Our points are turned in for products or debit cards that we use directly for our students at lake of the Woods School. This particular card will be used for incentives in our morning walking program for our students. Please keep saving the UPC codes and if you would like more information about the program or participating products you may go to LabelsForEducation.com or call Gretchen Thompson at Lake of the Woods Elementary School at 634-2056 ext. 1715.



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L/W Announce Students of the Month for September, October, and November

By Jaiden Dahl



Lanie Krause was chosen as September SOM due to her academic excellence and her extracurricular activities. Lanie's activities include: softball (5 yrs), knowledge bowl (1 yr), STUDs (2 yrs), NHS (2 yrs), choir (1 yr), yearbook (2 yrs), yearbook editor (1 yr), yearbook newspaper editor (1 yr.), class vice-president (3 yrs), and class president (3 yrs). She also has been in summer softball (3 yrs), Interact (1 yr), and figure skating (15 yrs).

She is a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and is the daughter of Dean and Diana Krause. Lanie plans to attend the University of ND next fall pursuing a degree in political sciences.



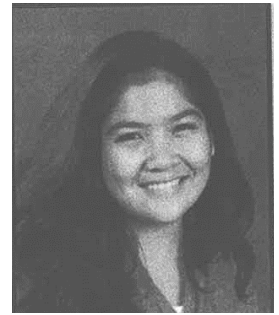
Julie Wojtiw-Quo was selected as junior high Student of the Month for September because of her dedication to academics and her participation in extracurricular activities. Her activities include volleyball (3 yr), basketball (2 yrs), softball (1 yr), track (1 yr), knowledge bowl (2 yrs), choir (3 yrs), STUDs (3 yrs), and band (3 yrs).

Julie is the daughter of Dr. Justin Quo and Margaret Wojtiw. Her favorite part of fall was going to play pep band at games because of how much fun she had with her friends.



Jonah Schmisek was selected as Student of the Month for October due to his dedication to academics and his participation in extracurricular activities. Jonah's activities include band (8 yrs), robotics (3 yrs), NHS (2yrs) and football (1 yr). He has also been involved with the high school trap team for four years.

Jonah is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Williams and is the son of Scott and Lorene Schmisek. Next year he will be attending UW-Stout to become a game designer and developer.



Monique Rivera was chosen as the October Student of the Month due to her participation in her extracurricular activities. Her activities include STUDs for a year and being part of the swimming club back in the Philippines.

Monique is the daughter of Raymond and Raquel Rivera and attends the Cornerstone Assembly Church. Her favorite part of the school year was Battle Royale, because she loved working with her class.

Sadly, Monique's classmates said goodbye to her in November as her family is moving to Texas.



Emma has been chosen to be the Lake of the Woods Senior High Student of the Month for November 2015 because of her academic excellence and her extracurricular activities. Her activities include drama (3 yrs), choir (3 yrs), track (1 yr), robotics (1 yr), Student Council (1 yr) and NHS (1 yr).

Emma has also been involved in figure skating (4 yrs), Chamber Choir (1 yr), JO volleyball (1 yr), UND Honor Band and choir (2 yrs) and the Northland Honor Choir.

Emma is a member of Lutheran-Evangelical Church in Bemidji. She is the daughter of Kurt Stimpfl and Kristi Wells-Saiger.



Denton has been chosen to be the Lake of the Woods Junior High Student of the Month for November 2015 because of his academic excellence and his participation in the extracurricular programs at LHS. His extracurricular activities include basketball (2 yrs), baseball (1 yr), STUDs (1 yr), Class Officer-Secretary and Vice-President.

He is the son of Jeff and Rebecca Thompson.



Senior Band going to the Care Center.





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Students attend We Day at Xcel Center in St. Paul

By Lanie Krause

On November 3, 34 L/W students attended We Day at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, MN. The theme of the event was "Together we change the world!"

L/W school earned 38 tickets this year and went separately from Rainy River School. The students and chaperones Brian Novak, Don Krause, Tammy Doebler, and Jeni Krause, went down a day early on a crowded school bus to hit the Mall of America and check into their hotel.

By 9:00 a.m. 18,000 students, who help out their community and the world, filled the stadium. Several celebrities such as Henry Winkler, an actor known for his role as the Fonz on "Happy Days" and the coach in *Waterboy*, Chelsea Clinton, daughter of Bill and

Hillary Clinton, Rowan Blanchard, an actress from T.V. show "Girl Meets World," and Lily Collins, a model and actress in several movies including, *The Blind Side*, talked about everything from dyslexia to bullying all to encourage people to take a stand.

Isaac Stephani commented, "Henry Winkler was my favorite because he had a funny story about his dogs."

Many famous singers performed to energize the crowd like Darren Criss, Ciara, and Nico and Vinz.

The students left the arena feeling inspired and ready to make a change. Mr. Novak admitted that his favorite part of We Day was, "watching our students celebrating their youth," now they'll be able to "make a difference in their local and global communities."



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Jeff Nelson, Superintendent/Elementary Principal

Passive Consent Notice to Parents School District Plan to Survey Students 2016 Minnesota Student Survey

Our school district is asking students in the 5th, 8th, 9th and 11th grades to participate in the 2016 Minnesota Student Survey. This survey is conducted in schools across our state every three years. The survey is given to get useful information from students about how things are going at school, with their peers and about health-related thoughts and behaviors. The information helps us develop and maintain effective programs and provide better services at school and through community groups. The statewide information assists in guiding our state programs. When we get the report, information from the students in our district will be shared with school staff, students, parents and the community.

Our school district has informed parents of such surveys in the past and federal law also requires us to notify parents of this school activity. There are frank questions on the survey about many topics relating to young people's lives. These include the use of alcohol or other drugs, safety in and around the school, physical activity and nutrition, mental or emotional health (stress, feeling bad), illegal or anti-social behavior (theft, chemical use, fighting) and if religious beliefs affect personal decisions. Questions are asked only of 9th and 11th grade students regarding sexual behavior and attitudes. If students are not involved in an activity, they skip the related questions and go on to the next section. The survey also asks about how well school is going, future plans, how adolescents spend their time and about how the school, family and community support them.

The survey is anonymous and confidential. Students do not provide their names, student identification numbers or other personal information. No individuals or families can be identified. The results are reported on the school district's students as a whole. The privacy of the students is protected.

The survey is voluntary. You may choose to have your son or daughter not take the survey by completing and returning the form below. Students may decline to take any part of the survey or the whole survey and are informed of that option by staff.

You are welcome to review a copy of the survey. To make an appointment, see below.

The Minnesota Student Survey will be administered: **Thursday, March 10, 2016**

If you have any questions, or would like to review the survey, please contact: **Jeff Nelson, Superintendent at 218-634-2510, extension 1506 or email jeff_n@lakeofthewoodsschool.org**

This letter was mailed to all 5th, 8th, 9th and 11th grade students. To have your son or daughter opt out of taking the survey, please complete and return the form that is attached to the letter that was mailed to you by **Monday, January 18th, 2016**.

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