



Minnewaska Area Schools

District 2149



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District News

Rick Ellingworth, Interim Superintendent

Welcome back to school, Minnewaska Lakers!

Your commitment to enroll your children in MAS keeps the Laker family strong and together. We genuinely appreciate your support. We know this school year is different from others, but one thing never changes, we will do everything we can to ensure the safety and high quality education that you have come to expect.



We will start our 2020-21 school year on Tuesday, September 1. K-6 will begin in person and 7-12 will start in the hybrid learning plan, unless you have chosen to participate in the Distance Learning Choice option. It is important to remember this may change as the year progresses and data-driven decisions need to be made. We will continually update you through email and on our website through [News](#) and the dedicated [COVID-19 communication page](#). Please check out the [Quick Reference Guide](#) and [Detailed Plan Information Guide](#) we have provided.



Elementary

Scott Lempka, Principal

I am extremely excited about and thankful for the opportunity to serve as your principal and to join the Laker Team. Since joining the district, I have been consistently impressed by the positivity and the community pride in our schools.

Prior to joining Minnewaska Area Schools, I spent five years as an elementary principal in the Elk River Area school district. Before that, I was an elementary principal in the Anoka-Hennepin School district. I began my career as a fourth grade teacher and also have experience as an intervention teacher, instructional coach, and assistant principal.

I recognize that these are unprecedented times that present unique challenges for families and schools alike. Since joining Minnewaska Areas Schools, I have been meeting almost daily with our district administrative team and our MAES Building Leadership Team to plan instruction that meets the safety standards set forth by MDE and MDH while providing the flexibility to meet the varying needs of our families.

On July 29th, the Governor provided schools with guidance for the reopening of schools in the fall of 2020. As an administrative group, we were extremely pleased that the governor's message fit extremely well with our planning to this point. Taking this guidance, we are now able to fine-tune our plans for the start of school in the fall. We will be sharing these final plans with families in the weeks ahead.



I have been incredibly impressed with the focus, professionalism, and dedication of our E-3rd grade staff. I have also been impressed with the support of our community. Working together, I am confident that our efforts will lead to a successful learning experience for all of our learners.

I look forward to meeting and collaborating with you. In the meantime, if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact our main office at any time!



Welcome to Minnewaska Area Middle School!

We have a new name, but will continue with our rich history of providing a high quality education to all 4th-8th grade students. As you know, this year has been like no other. We've been challenged to find new ways to teach students, provide a clean and safe atmosphere and leverage technology in every facet of the classroom. These challenges not only change us, but they improve the impact we can make with students at Minnewaska Area Middle.

the requirements and time required will look different than last spring. Our staff is working to understand what the difference is between what may have been taught and learned last spring. In addition, students will participate in assessments this fall to help us identify where their learning needs are and how we help personalize their experience.



Engage every student, every day!

If we get to have visitors in the building, one of the first things you'll notice are changes in the set up of the Media Center, added technology and the signage reminding students to social distance in places like the lunch line. Work has been completed this summer to provide for all students to participate in a healthy learning experience. In addition to the physical parts of the school, all students are required to wear a mask, as our public school system is required to follow Governor Walz's Executive Order 20-81.

We recognize the school year will start with students learning both in person and at home. One of our greatest challenges will be to provide the same rigor in each class as we traditionally have. If you are learning distantly, you will quickly notice





High School

Nate Meissner, Principal

I will be your new high school principal, and I couldn't be more excited to be here sharing in your education. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to another school year at MAHS. For those of you who are new to our school community, a sincere welcome and thank you for choosing Minnewaska Area High School!

Typically at this point in time of the summer, I am going stir crazy to have the kids back in school and back into the swing of things. With COVID 19 cutting our in person learning short last school year, I am more excited than ever to have our students back in school. However, the health and safety of our students, staff, and community are at the forefront. This back to school is going to look a bit different. Students will be social distancing, wearing masks, and even attending school in an in person, hybrid, or distant learning setting. One thing I can assure you is that our staff and leadership groups have been very busy planning and preparing to have an incredible year of learning. Regardless of our learning model, we will continue to provide an outstanding education for all of our students.

As we navigate through these unprecedented times where students may learn remotely or attend alternate days, we understand there are hesitations and reservations. There are a lot of fears and unknowns for all of us. Fear of getting sick, fear of going to school, or not going to school, etc. We are going to continue to support our students and staff throughout this pandemic. We will not be able to do it alone. We will need all hands on deck from staff, students, parents, and the community to work together and support each other through this school year. We will get through this, and once we do, we will be stronger!



A few reminders as the school year approaches:

- Be sure to update your online enrollment via our school website
- You can pay any dues, device payments, lunch, yearbook, parking, etc. via school pay
- Parking permits will be at a discounted price this school year due to alternative learning days
- There will be more information coming soon on open house decisions
- Student schedules need to be finalized. Please check your school email as Brit Rose has emailed any student who has an open hour in their schedule. Please contact her at 320-239-4800 ext 1315 or brose@isd2149.org, as our A/B Hybrid days are impacted by these schedules. There will be little to no flexibility to change schedules once those are set.

I look forward to working with you all.

It is a personal goal of mine to make sure each and every student has a great educational experience here at Minnewaska! Should you have any questions, please contact me at 320-239-4800 ext. 1218 or nemeissner@isd2149.org.





W.I.N. Academy

Kelly Quade, Education Director

Who We Are

W.I.N. (What I Need) Academy is a learning environment focused on meeting students where they are at. We work hard to provide rigorous, relevant, and personalized learning both academically and with the best practices for mental health services. We are a Federal Setting 4 Special Education School and are CTSS (Children's Therapeutic Support Services) certified through the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Students receive academic instruction in their core subject areas, as well as two to three hours per day of mental health services. We serve the Minnewaska District, as well as students from surrounding districts.

W.I.N. is a Minnesota State Certified PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) School. PBIS creates a climate where students and staff feel welcomed and safe. Staff are trained on how to provide proactive, positive interventions with our students.

We have fun and love to celebrate success. Every student's plan is different, and our goal is to provide students with the skills they will need to be successful in their home school as quickly as possible. We have committed, skillful, and compassionate staff, and we care deeply about our students and their education.

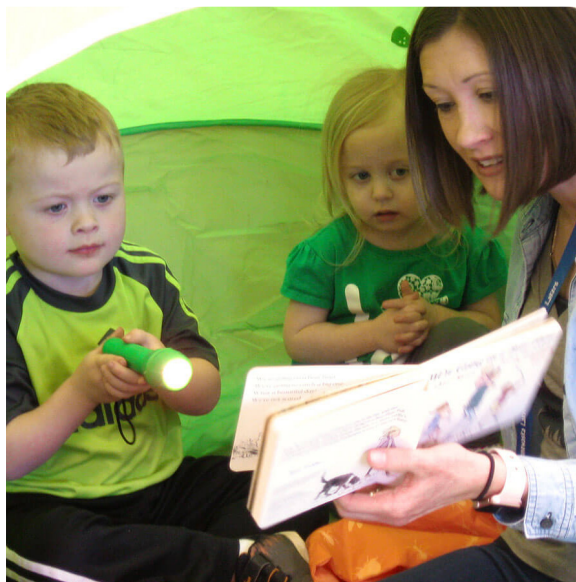
Little Lakers Preschool

Sara Nestor, Coordinator

Welcome!

On behalf of our Early Childhood staff, we are so excited for the start of a new school year and look forward to helping prepare your child for Kindergarten! Our staff are busy preparing for another year of hands-on learning and exploration to support each preschoolers' social and emotional development and pre-academic skills. Preschool begins on September 8th for 3 year olds and on September 9th for 4 year olds.

The health and safety of all are our top priority. We will be implementing thorough cleaning and sanitizing measures in classrooms and creating as much space and social distancing between students and teachers as feasible during primary instructional time in the classroom. To aid in these processes, starting and ending times have been adjusted. Morning preschool will take place 8:00-11:00 a.m. Afternoon preschool will take place 12:00-3:00 p.m.



Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screenings are now able to resume in person! Planning is currently underway and appointment scheduling will soon be available online. This free screening is a requirement for preschool. At your child's Early Childhood Screening, a professional will check the following:

- Vision & Hearing
- Growth, immunizations and movement
- Thinking, language and communication skills
- Social and emotional development

Please visit the school website (www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us/community-ed) for more information and to register.

Ice Breaker Visits and Parent Meeting

Ice breaker visits are an individualized meet & greet time to meet your child's teacher, explore the preschool classroom, turn in supplies and



paperwork, and help make their first day of preschool a smooth transition. Teachers will be contacting families to schedule meet & greet times. On September 3rd, there will be a parent meeting for all preschool families at the Elementary School. Social distancing will be practiced and masks will be worn by all in attendance. At this meeting, preschool information, policies and other resources will be shared. This also provides families with an opportunity to ask any questions they may have.

Important Dates

September 2nd

Ice Breaker Day for M/W/F Preschoolers

September 3rd

Ice Breaker Day for T/Th Preschoolers

September 3rd

Preschool Parent Meeting, 7:00-7:45 p.m.



September 8th

First day of preschool for T/Th students

September 9th

First day of preschool for M/W/F students

ECFE

Sara Nestor, Coordinator

“ You are your child's first, best and most important teacher! ”

We understand that parents are the most important teachers, and we partner with our parents and families to offer the very best in Early Childhood and Family Education. Our Early Childhood staff are looking forward to a fun fall session filled with many class offerings for all age groups. Cleaning and sanitizing measures will continue in our ECFE programs as they have in the past to ensure the health and safety of all. Registration for Fall ECFE classes begins mid-August. Visit the Community Ed. page for class offerings and to register.

Fall Classes

This fall, we will be offering many of the familiar ECFE classes for infants, toddlers, and preschool age children that we have had in the past. Fall

ECFE classes are 7 weeks in length, starting the week of September 21-25. In addition, we will be offering options for fewer class sessions as well as one-time classes.

Open House

The ECFE Open House will be taking place on September 17th. This year, the ECFE Open House will be by appointment only. Please call Sara Nestor at 320-239-1406 to schedule a time slot. The open house is a great opportunity to see the ECFE classroom, learn more about class offerings, meet the ECFE staff, and answer any questions you might have! The ECFE classroom is located in Room 210 of the Early Childhood Wing in the elementary school.

Important Dates

September 17

ECFE Open House 6:00-7:00 p.m.

September 21-25

Fall ECFE begins

ECFE registration is completed online by visiting the Minnewaska Schools website at minnewaska.k12.mn.us and clicking on the Community Ed tab.



Before School & After School Fun

Bill Mills, Director of Community Education and Activities

After school care for students will be available every day!

This year we are adding a Before School Enrichment Program (BSEP) to go along with our highly successful After School Enrichment Program (ASEP). In addition, these programs will be offered during the 2020-21 school year at both Minnewaska Area Elementary and Minnewaska Middle Schools. The cost is \$5 per day for the morning program and \$8 per day for the afternoon program. Morning care at Minnewaska Area Elementary school will run from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. while afternoon care will run from 2:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at MAES, and 3:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at MAMS. This includes a snack and activities. The program starts immediately after school and your child is to be picked up by 6:00 p.m. Some of the activities will include crafts, scientific experiments, speakers and demonstrations, library and music. We also have field trips to such places as area, parks, MAHS swimming pool, bowling and others. And there is plenty of good free time for kids to enjoy games, puzzles and play.

Laker Legends Childcare for Non-School Days

School age childcare is available for non-school days and early outs! The cost for a full day is \$30/day. This includes snacks and activities. Students are to bring their own lunch. The cost for an early out is \$15/day. This includes a snack and activities. Students get served lunch at school, prior to attending care.

Early Out Date Available: Dec. 23

Non-School Dates Available:

- Fall Break: Oct. 15, 16, & 19
- Nov. 6 & 9
- Winter Break: Dec. 28, 29, 30, & 31
- Jan. 18 & 19
- Feb 12

Spring Break: March 19, 22, 23; April 2 & 5

For more information on the Before School Enrichment Program, After School Enrichment Program or Laker Legends please email Audrey Frey, Laker Legends Coordinator at afterschool@isd2149.org or CE/Activities Administrative Assistant Heidi Weller at hweller@isd2149.org.

Registration can be found under the Community Education tab on the Minnewaska Area Schools website.

Head Start

Imogen Kirckof, Family Education Specialist

Our Purpose

Our mission in Head Start, a child and family development program, is to provide each child with an opportunity to grow in a safe and nurturing environment. A caring and professional staff not only administers to the social and emotional needs of the children but also encourages and supports the skills needed for the families to thrive. Both Head Start and Early Head Start are taking applications at wcmca.org for the 2020-2021 school year.

2. To enhance the development of young children.
3. To promote healthy family functioning.

Head Start

This program serves children ages 3 – 5, four half days a week in a classroom setting. Head Start utilizes the Teaching Strategies Gold curriculum and assessment to prepare children for kindergarten. Head Start is a 4-Star Parent Aware Rated Program (the highest possible score). We are currently located in Starbuck and free for families who qualify. Lunch is provided.

Early Head Start

This free home-based program serves children birth to age three and pregnant mothers. We promote comprehensive early childhood development and supports family development.

Goals of Program

1. To promote healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women.



Early Childhood Special Education and Early Intervention Services



Stephanie Swalla / Mindy DeGeer

What Do We Do?

Our services help young children (birth through kindergarten) who demonstrate or are at risk for a developmental delay in the following areas: cognitive, speech and language, large and fine motor skills, adaptive/functional skills, vision or hearing loss, and social/emotional skills. Early Intervention Services are delivered to a child primarily in their home or childcare center. From age 3-5, children receive these services at Minnewaska Little Lakers Preschool or at a community preschool.

IDEA and Help Me Grow

ECSE can be confused with Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE). While ECFE is separate, ECSE is a district program run through the Minnesota Department of Education and is governed by a special education law called IDEA. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) ensures that intervention services are provided to young

children with developmental delays. Minnesota's Help Me Grow initiative provides information and resources that will help parents, professionals, and community members identify children who may be experiencing delays in their development and how to better monitor a child's developmental progression. When concerns arise, parents or caregivers are encouraged to make a referral online at helpmegrowmn.org or by calling 1-866-693-GROW (4769).



Student Support Services

Mary Walsh, School Social Worker

Welcome Back!

Student Services providers are here to support you and your child in ensuring the best school experience possible. We provide both prevention and intervention, collaborating with families, faculty, and community stakeholders to meet each student's needs.

Support Groups and Individual Counseling

Many students come to us needing a little extra support. The mental health staff will be offering support groups and individual sessions for students at all grade levels. If we are unable to meet your child's specific needs, we will assist in making referrals to other providers to better serve your child.

Backpack Attack

Once again, MAS is partnering with United Way of Pope and Douglas Counties to provide nutritious meals for students who may need a

little extra on the weekends. Backpack Attack bags are distributed on Fridays and holiday breaks to students in grades K-6 who sign up for the program. You will see a letter in your fall packet to sign and return if you are interested. If older students are in need of meals, please contact Mary Walsh directly, and we will get your child signed up. We are so grateful to our community donors who continue to make this program possible! Thank you so very much!

Mary Walsh

School Social Worker, 320.239.1317

Britt Rose

7-12 Counselor, 320.239.4800

Jon Weaver

K-6 Counselor, MAES: 320.634.4567
MAMS: 320.239.4800



Community Education and Activities

Bill Mills, Director of Community Education and Activities

It has been an unusual and out of the ordinary last several months as the world copes with the uncertainties surrounding the Covid-19 virus. It has affected us all in how we do business, including Minnewaska Area Schools. As we prepare for the upcoming 2020-21 school year, we've had to rethink how we do things as we work toward carrying out our programs in the safest way possible. Please be assured that all of our community education and recreation offerings will follow Covid-19 protocol established by the Center for Disease Control and Minnesota State Department of Health. This new way of living may limit some of our opportunities, but not our enthusiasm! We are excited as we look toward the months ahead and encourage all of our area citizens, young and young at heart, to get involved with any number of programs offered through the Minnewaska Area Schools Community Education and Activities Department.

Included in this edition of the Minnewaska Messenger, Minnewaska Area Schools Community Education is offering a number of interesting activities and courses for all ages. There's something to involve everyone as we anticipate the approach of fall. From our highly popular water aerobics classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at the MAHS pool, to our youth activity programs beginning in early September which include football and volleyball. These have all been very popular programs over the past several years. There are many other opportunities to choose from which can be found online at the Minnewaska Area Schools website under Community Education by scrolling down to the bottom of the page.

On August 4th, the Minnesota State High School League issued its decision regarding fall activities. As a result, we will be offering the sports of boys' & girls' cross country, boys' soccer, girls' swimming & diving, and girls tennis. Football and volleyball have been moved to the spring of 2021 in what will be an additional "fourth season." There are many more details to come from the MSHSL regarding activities throughout the coming school year. Minnewaska

Area Schools will keep parents updated on the many changes in the weeks and months ahead! Interested participants for the upcoming fall season must have all MAHS and Minnesota State High School League online forms completed before practice takes place. Fees must be paid by the end of the first week and can be paid in person or online. Varsity, JV, & 9th grade practices begin on Monday, August 17th, while most junior high practices begin on Tuesday, September 1st. Please note that all registration is done online. For those without internet access you will be able to stop in the CE/Activities Office at Minnewaska Area High School to access a computer to register your child.

All other information concerning MAS Community Education and MAHS fall activities and schedules can be found online by going to the school website at www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us under the Community Ed or Activities tab or by calling the MAS Community Education/Activities office at 320-239-1305.

As the 2020-2021 school year approaches, the Minnewaska Area Schools Office of Community Education and Activities encourages everyone to participate in the wide variety of programming offered to those of all ages!



High schoolers wave from a float at the 2018 Homecoming Parade.



Building and Grounds



Corey Curry, Building and Grounds Director

Building and Grounds has been busy planning for another great year. We have been keeping up to date with the latest guidance through a variety of channels including CDC and Minn. Dept. of Health. We are prepared to keep our cleaning and disinfecting practices in line with the latest guidance to ensure the safety of all who enter our facilities. We have added extra positions at all three locations which will result in the buildings being cleaned and disinfected every night to ensure the health and safety for everyone.

In addition to all of the extra precautions, we have been busy with our regular summer deep cleaning.

- At WIN we had a large asbestos removal project with new flooring through two main hallways and seven other rooms. A wall has been built in a main hall to better separate areas.

- At the Elementary, we removed and replaced all of the floor finish throughout the halls of the building. Working with teachers from the Elementary, some new fun things have been added to the floors, which the kids are going to love! We had an asbestos project here as well, with new flooring in four classrooms, a hallway and the teachers lounge.



- At the HS, we removed and replaced the floor finish on two hall floors. We replaced the underwater lights and grates in the pool and replaced carpet in one classroom.

After a busy summer, we are looking forward to seeing everyone again!



Health Services

Megan Boutain, Licensed School Nurse, RN, BSN, PHN, LSN

As we look forward to the 2020-21 school year, we anticipate COVID-19 will continue to circulate. We at Minnewaska have implemented policies, practices, and strategies with guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Education, to optimize education and promote health and safety, while mitigating risk throughout the school year.

available on our School Website to assist with any questions or concerns you may have. As time goes forward and we learn more about COVID-19, recommendations will change and we will communicate with our Minnewaska Family of any and all changes as we go throughout the school year. Please feel free to contact Megan Boutain with any questions or concerns you may have.

Students, teachers, and other school staff will be at risk for transmitting and acquiring the infection. It is important that everyone in the school community take steps to reduce transmission, particularly to those at high risk, while balancing the need to maintain a strong education system that effectively supports students, staff, and communities.

Maintaining high levels of immunization coverage is critical to preventing additional outbreaks in school settings during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is more important than ever to continue getting your children in for their immunizations and other well-child visits.

To assist with this we ask everyone to monitor and exclude for illness. Regular self screening for symptoms and ongoing self-monitoring throughout the school day can help quickly identify signs of illness and help reduce exposure. Please complete this short check each morning before your child leaves for school [Self Health Check](#). When determining if your child should stay home and for how long please refer to [MDH Decision Tree](#). There are many resources

We know that many families have skipped or delayed visits to the clinic over the last several months because of recommendations for preventing the spread of COVID-19. This has led to fewer children getting recommended immunizations. Unfortunately, this puts children at risk for vaccine-preventable disease.

Health care providers in the state are ready to serve children for immunization services and get caught up on vaccines they may have missed. Talk with your doctor or clinic today about the immunizations your child needs and the safety measures they have in place to protect your family during COVID-19.



Transportation



Palmer Bus Service

Palmer Bus Service takes pride in serving our community by safely transporting students. We look forward to a fun-filled 2020-2021 school year creating positive connections with students, schools, and families. Please reach out to us at (320) 634-3272 with any questions or concerns that arise as we want all students to have a joyful transportation experience. United with an amazing Minnewaska District, we will address any issues that may occur.

We strive daily to utilize Palmer Bus Core Values:
SAFETY · INTEGRITY · DIGNITY · HELP · COMMUNITY

Contact Information

17631 210th Ave. Glenwood, MN 56334
Phone: 320-634-3272

School Bus Safety / know the rules to ride the bus

1. It is a privilege to ride a school bus, not a right to ride.
2. A student must be on their best behavior on the bus, keep voices low and keep hands and heads in the bus not out the window. Do not throw things or play rough with friends. Doing so can distract the driver from driving.
3. Get to the bus stop 5 to 10 minutes prior to the assigned pickup time.

4. Remain on the sidewalk or grass at the bus stop until the bus stops and opens its door for you to get in.
5. When boarding the bus, go directly to a seat and sit down.
6. You must remain seated in the seat while the bus is in motion.
7. There will be no food of any kind on a school bus like; pop, candy, gum, chips or cookies.
8. Please help the bus driver keep the bus clean by picking up the trash and placing it in the garbage.
9. When getting off the bus, wait for the bus driver to give you a signal to cross in front of the bus.
10. Be careful when getting off the bus, and only get off at your designated stop.
11. If you've forgotten something on the bus, do not run back and attempt to get it. The driver might not see you and start moving the bus to go to the next stop. Go home, call Palmer Bus Service-Minnewaska, and see if you can pick it up at another time.
12. Please do not get into a strange car that is waiting at a bus stop that you do not know, even if they offer to take you home.
13. No bad language, no bullying and no fighting with other students or the driver.

Please Note:

The bus driver must report on a form of all students who disobey the rules to the school principals



Human Resources

Tara Nelson, Human Resources Assistant

New Staff Members

Amber Christiansen, FACS Teacher, MAHS
Lisa Bonk, Speech Language Pathologist, MAES
Tania Kranzler, English Teacher, MAHS
Douglas Lee, Lead Maintenance, MAHS
Scott Lempka, E-3 Principal, MAES
Matthew Meagher, Science, MAMS
Nathan Meissner, 9-12 Principal, MAHS
Sidney Schiffler, Sped Teacher, WIN
Madeline Foster, Mental Health Practitioner, WIN
Rick Ellingworth, Interim Superintendent, MAHS
Elizabeth Zimmel, Custodian, MAHS
HollieAnn Schnitzler, EBD Tech, WIN
Arin Spindler, .5 Elementary Teacher, MAES

Current Staff Changing Positions

Sarah Suchy, 4-8 Principal, MAMS
Kristal Wendt, 1st Grade Teacher, MAES
Richard Bond, 3rd Grade Teacher, MAES
Jessica Wilmes, 3rd Grade Teacher, MAES
Jackie Skoglund, 3rd Grade Teacher, MAES
Chris Hacker, 5th Grade Teacher, MAMS
Caleb Greene, 6th Grade Teacher, MAMS
Megan Modahl, 6th Grade Teacher, MAMS
Missy Breitbach, 6th Grade Teacher, MAMS
Brian Gruber, DAC, MAMS

Open Positions

Substitute Teachers and Paraprofessionals
Preschool Classroom Aide
Part-time Covid Cleaners
Substitute Cook
Palmer Bus Drivers



Food and Nutrition Services

Janeen Peterson, Director

New This Year!

All students will be given a bar code card unique to their information for lunch. Students no longer need to remember their lunch PIN numbers. All they need to do is swipe their card as they go through the lunch line. This is to help keep our students safe with contactless purchasing. It is very important that students keep their cards with them everyday. The cards will have a lanyard to help make this process easier. Lost cards will cost \$5.00 and be charge to a students lunch account if a replacement card is needed due to it being lost or misplaced.

Your Student's Health Is Important To Us

Food and Nutrition Services believes healthy minds start with healthy bodies. We carefully consider the ingredients and nutritional value, as well as taste, of each food we put on our menus. We have eliminated many "ingredients of concern" on our menus. What are ingredients of concern? Basically they are artificial colors, preservatives and other ingredients that are not beneficial.

The American Pediatric Association released recommendations regarding sugar intake in children. They cited strong evidence around limiting sugar in children's diets and that there are associations between added sugars and increased cardiovascular disease risk factors among U.S. children. To help reduce added sugars, we will be offering chocolate milk on Fridays only.

Free and Reduced Lunch

If you feel your household qualifies for free or reduced meal price benefits, please complete an online meal application found on our district website or at <https://www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/MDE-FOODSERVICE-06.08.2020.pdf>. Applications are valid for 1 year only and must be completed prior to the new school year to receive benefits.



Technology

Mark Meyer, IT Systems Manager

Once again summer has flown by. In preparation for the 2020-21 school year, some adjustments with our technology are being made to accommodate the needs for our students and staff to reach their potential during this uncertain time.

All student devices that have been turned in for the summer have been cleaned, repaired and prepped for the upcoming school year. If you or your student has a device that was kept during the summer for summer school or your student is a 10th - 12th grader and the device needs to be repaired, please contact massupport@isd2149.org or call 320-239-1322 to make arrangements to drop it off. We will need to have these devices by August 14th to ensure that they are ready for the start of school.

Once again, new Chromebooks with Cases have been purchased for grades 5 and 9. Current devices are being repurposed for distribution and repairs.

Device insurance is available for purchase for students K-12 and WIN Academy for anyone who is going to be using a school device remotely. The cost is \$45.00 per year, per student. Insurance does not cover loss of the device or power adapter. The insurance information is listed below and can be purchased through SchoolPay at www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us.

Annual Premium Due at Registration	Deductible Claim #1	Deductible Claim #2	Deductible Claim #3
\$45 per device	\$0	\$45	\$90

Families have the option to not purchase insurance but would then be responsible for the cost of the repair.

Any questions or concerns with devices should be directed to massupport@isd2149.org.

Join us for an **OPEN HOUSE!**

Elementary

OPTIONAL

Wednesday, August 26

By First Letter of your Last Name

3:30 – 4 p.m. A-D

4 – 4:30 p.m. E-H

4:30 – 5 p.m. I-L

5 – 5:30 p.m. M-P

5:30 – 6 p.m. Q-T

6 – 6:30 p.m. U-Z

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Open to families unable to make it to their designated time.

Middle School

OPTIONAL

Wednesday, August 26

By First Letter of your Last Name

3:30 – 4 p.m. M-P

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6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Open to families unable to make it to their designated time.

High School

NO EVENT THIS YEAR

High school is not having an open house. We will conduct walkthroughs for students new to the district. Otherwise teachers will be preparing a short video, and everything else will be online.

Little Lakers Preschool

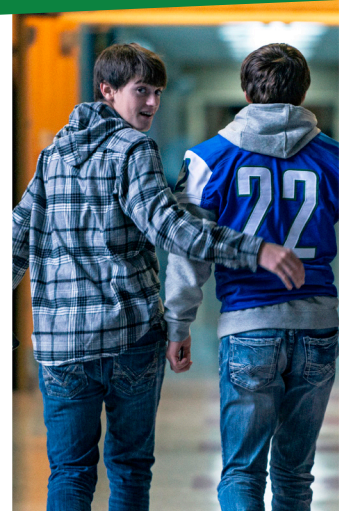
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ECFE

Thursday, Sept. 17, 6-7 p.m.

- Explore our new classroom and meet the staff
- Learn about ECFE classes
- Located in Room 210 of the Early Childhood Wing at MAES





K-3 School Supplies

Kindergarten

- 1 Large school bag (*no wheels*) labeled with name
- 3 Boxes Basic Crayola Crayons (*24 count*)
- 1 box wide Crayola markers (*Classic colors*)
- 1 box skinny Crayola markers (*Classic colors*)
- 1 box of 12 count Crayola colored pencils
- 3 large glue sticks (*1 oz. or larger*)
- 1 set of Expo fine-point whiteboard markers (*no chisel tip, low odor*)
- 1 Spiral Drawing Pad (*for art*)
- 1 250-count box of tissue
- \$38 for snacks to be purchased by the teacher.
- Also includes portfolio binder. (*Please make checks payable to classroom teacher*)

Optional

- Clorox wipes
- 1 box of gallon or quart size Ziploc baggies
- 1 bottle Elmers Glue- "Glue-All"

Please have your child wear tennis shoes to school with velcro or elastic and label markers, crayons & colored pencils sent to school with your child's name.

Second Grade

- 2 pkg. of No. 2 pencils (*Ticonderoga brand recommended—sharpened*)
- 3 boxes basic crayons (*24 count only*)
- 2 boxes colored pencils (*sharpened*)
- 1 box wide Crayola Washable Marker (*classic*)
- 1 box narrow Crayola Washable Marker (*classic*)
- 2 large glue sticks
- 1 highlighter (*any color*)
- 2 spiral bound notebooks, wide ruled
- 1 Fiskars scissors
- 3 pocket folders - red, blue, green
- 1 Pencil box (8x5x2)
- Headphones
- 1 250-count box of tissues
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 water bottle
- 1 pkg dry erase markers (*low odor*)
- 1 large pink eraser
- 1 dry erase board eraser
- 1 Crayola Watercolor Paint Set – 8 count
- 1 Spiral Drawing Pad (*for art*)
- Girls -1 box of gallon or quart sized Ziploc Bags
- Boys -1 container of disinfecting wipes

\$20 cash for misc. items (*planner, special activities, snack, parties*)

First Grade

- 1 small pencil sharpener
- 3 boxes 24 count Crayola crayons
- 1 box 12 count Crayola colored pencils
- 1 box narrow Crayola markers (*Classic colors*)
- 2 boxes wide Crayola markers (*Classic colors*)
- 1 spiral bound notebook
- 1 Spiral Drawing Pad (*for art*)
- 1 set of Expo dry erase markers (*low odor*)
- 4 Large Elmers glue sticks
- 1 Fiskars scissors
- 1 school bag or back pack, (labeled with child's name, no rollers)
- 1 large pink eraser
- Boys - 1 canister of Clorox wipes
- Girls - 1 box gallon or snack size baggies
- \$35 cash for misc. items (*planner, portfolio, special activities, snacks. etc.*)

Optional

- 1 or 2 - 250 count box of tissues

No pencil boxes needed.

Please have your child wear tennis shoes to school.

Third Grade

- 24 No. 2 pencils black Ticonderoga pencils
- 1 box crayons (*24 count*)
- 1 box colored pencils
- 1 highlighter
- 1 box Crayola Markers
- 1 spiral bound wide lined notebook
- 1 spiral bound sketch book (*for art*)
- 1 adult sized scissors
- 1 pocket folder
- 1 250 count box of tissues
- 1 large pink eraser
- 1 composition notebook
- 1 large glue stick
- 1 container of Lysol/Clorox wipes
- 1 dry white board eraser or old sock or rag
- 6 dry erase markers for white board
- 1 box Ziploc bags—gallon size or quart size
- Headphones
- \$20 cash for misc. items (*planner, party/misc.*)

No Trapper Keepers

Tennis shoes are required for K-3 Physical Education classes.

K-1 students should wear tennis shoes every day.

Please print your child's name on clothing and other items for easy identification. If you have any difficulty purchasing any of these items due to cost, etc., please call the school office at 634-4567.

4-8 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

FOURTH GRADE

- 1 - Headphones OR Earbuds
- 24 - #2 Pencils (Ticonderoga brand recommended, *no mechanical pencils*)
- 1 - Pencil Sharpener
- 1 - 12-Pack Colored Pencils
- 1 - 24-Pack Crayons
- 1 - 10 Pack Markers (Bold Classic colors)
- 1 - Large Pink Eraser
- 1 - Glue stick
- 2 - Spiral Notebooks (Wide Ruled)
- 1 - Spiral Drawing Pad for Art class (Target, Walmart, etc.)
- 2 - Folders
- 2 - Red pens
- 2 - Packages Dry Expo Marker (4-5 per pkg)
- 1 - Pair Scissors
- 1 - Kleenex 250 count
- 1 - Container Disinfecting Wipes
- 1 - Calculator Model TI 30XIIS calculator
- Tennis shoes for Phy Ed.

(Math template available for purchase online in August via School Pay)

- Math Template - \$7 each

SEVENTH GRADE SUPPLIES

- 1 - Headphones OR Earbuds
- 12- #2 Pencils or mechanical pencils
- 1 - 12-Pack Colored Pencils (Science, English, & Social)
- 3 - 3 Ring Binders with pockets
- 1 pkg - Loose Leaf Notebook paper
- 2 - Spiral Notebooks
- 4 - Folders
- 1 - Pocket Folder w/ 3 Hold Punch fasteners for Science
- 1 - pkg Highlighters
- 1 set - 5-tab notebook dividers
- Metric Ruler (Science 7)
- 2 - Kleenex 250 count
- 1 - Calculator Model TI 30XIIS calculator
- \$10 School dues plus Planner - visit School Pay @ <https://www.schoolpay.com/>

FIFTH GRADE

- 1 - Headphones OR Earbuds
- 48 - #2 Pencils (Ticonderoga brand recommended)
- 1 - 12-Pack Colored Pencils
- 1 - 24-Pack Crayons (optional)
- 1 - 10 Pack Markers (Bold Classic colors)
- 1 - Scissors (optional)
- 1 - Spiral Drawing Pad for Art class (Target, Walmart, etc.)
- 5 - Dry Expo Markers
- 1 - 3 Subject Spiral Notebook
- 1 - Folders
- 2 - Highlighters - any color
- 1 - Kleenex 250 count
- 1 - Container Disinfecting Wipes
- Tennis shoes for Phy Ed.

SIXTH GRADE

- 1 - Headphones OR Earbuds
- 24 - #2 Pencils (Ticonderoga brand recommended)
- 1 - 12-Pack Colored Pencils
- 1 - 10 Pack Markers (Bold Classic colors)
- 1 - Zippered pencil bag
- 2 - Pens (Black or Blue)
- 1 - 24-Pack Crayons
- 2 - Black Sharpies
- 2 - Glue Sticks
- 1 - Pair Scissors
- 2 - Highlighters (one yellow & one your choice)
- 1 - pack Post Its (standard 3" x 3"; 5 pads)
- 4 - Spiral Notebooks (Wide Ruled)
- 1 - Composition Notebook (Wide Ruled)
- 1 - 80 sheet Loose Leaf (Wide Ruled)
- 1 - Spiral Drawing Pad for Art class (Target, Walmart, etc.)
- 5 - Pocket Folders
- 1 - Kleenex 250 count
- 1 - Calculator Model TI 30XIIS (Optional)
- Tennis shoes for Phy Ed.

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EIGHTH GRADE SUPPLIES

- 1 - Headphones OR Earbuds
- 12- #2 Pencils or mechanical pencils
- 1 - 12-Pack Colored Pencils (English)
- 3 - 3 Ring Binders with pockets
- 1 pkg - Loose Leaf Notebook paper
- 2 - Spiral Notebooks (one for English 8 Journaling)
- 4 - Folders
- 1 - Pocket Folder w/ 3 Hold Punch fasteners for Science
- 1 - pkg Highlighters
- 2 sets - 5-tab notebook dividers (one for English 8)
- Ruler
- 2 - Kleenex 250 count
- 1 - Calculator Model TI 30XIIS calculator
- \$10 School dues plus Planner - visit School Pay @ <https://www.schoolpay.com/>
- Spanish 8 only:
 - 1 - 3 Ring Binder
 - 1 - Small notebook

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