



March 2024 Newsletter

Principal's corner

MAES Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and ready for the exciting events that await us this spring. Here are some highlights for March.

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

We appreciate the strong turnout for our conferences last week, and we look forward to seeing more of you this Thursday evening for the second round of conferences. This is a crucial time for you to connect with your child's teacher, discuss their progress, and hear about the amazing things they are learning in class.

MCA Testing

March is also the final stretch of learning for our third grade students before they take the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) in April. For this reason, I ask our third grade families to do what you can to avoid discretionary absences and appointments in April so our students can all participate and celebrate all they have learned! Our specific testing dates are provided below.

April 16-17 3rd Grade Reading MCA
April 23-24 3rd Grade Math MCA

Dressing for the Weather:

As we transition into the month of March, it's tempting to believe that warmer days are here to stay. While the afternoons may be warm, mornings can still be quite cool. Currently, snow pants are not required for outdoor activities. However, given the potential for unexpected weather, such as snow or rain, we advise keeping snow pants and boots handy!

Upcoming Spring Events:

As we eagerly anticipate the arrival of spring, our calendar is filling up with exciting events and activities. We encourage you to take note of the important dates listed below, including spring break (no school) March 15-19.

Please remember that my door is always open to you. If you have any questions, concerns, or simply want to share your thoughts, please don't hesitate to reach out. Your feedback is invaluable, and we are here to ensure that your experience with Minnewaska Elementary is positive and enriching.

Sincerely,
Sue Currens
Principal, MAES

Lost and Found

We have lost and found items set out on tables in our main hallway, please stop in and take a look as all items will be donated to Goodwill after conferences. Thank you!!

Dive Into Kindergarten - Registration Night

Our Dive Into Kindergarten Registration Event was a success! Thank you to those that were able to make it! If you were not able to attend and have any questions about registering your child, please reach out to Kylie Murken at kmurken@isd2149.org or 320.634.4567 ext 2202. [You can also click on this link to register for the 24-25 SY.](#)

Math & Reading Club

Grades 2-3 will meet for M&R Club on the following dates; March 5, 12, 21, 26.

[Please notice that there is NO M&R Club on Thursday, March 7th, 14th and 28th.](#)

Elementary Yearbook

The yearbook is available for purchase for Preschool - 3rd grade on SchoolPay for \$15. If you are interested in a yearbook please visit our website, www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us and click on "Quick Links" and then "Online Payments". This will bring you to SchoolPay where you can select "MAES Annual". Yearbooks will be handed out in late May.

Laker Legends Summer Child Care * Registration opens March 4th

Keep a look out for our Summer Child Care registration to open up! We will be offering child care Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. The program will require a non-refundable deposit of \$60 to hold his/her spot. This program rate is \$155 per week(full time, 5 days) OR \$105 per week (part time, 3 days) per child, and is billed as a weekly rate only. The Laker Legends program is open to children 4 years old (as of Jan. 1, 2024) - 5th grade (will be entering 6th grade in the fall).

Community Ed Activities * Click [HERE](#) to Register

[Please remember to inform the office and/or your child's teacher if you have signed up your child for a Community Ed activity.](#) They will ride Bus #6 from the elementary school to the HS if the event takes place out there. Thank you so much!!

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Little Lakers Preschool

Little Lakers Preschool offers a nurturing, stimulating environment where children can learn and grow. Our licensed teachers implement an age appropriate curriculum with play based activities. Music and movement as well as free meals are components of our programming.

Preschool Registration for the 2024-2025 school year opens February 6th!

Please register online at: <https://minnewaska.reg.eleyo.com/child-care/2/preschool>

Early Childhood Family Education

Spring classes are now live! Click the link below to register! We are offering Storybook Cooking and Grandparents Are Special.

[Register HERE](#)

Early Childhood Coordinator: Raquel Schmitz rschmitz@isd2149.org



Minnewaska Parent Teacher Organization

PTO raises funds for supplemental materials, supports school and family events with a goal of deepening community spirit and enriching our student's educational, social and developmental experiences.

Father/Daughter Dance - Sunday, April 28, 2024 * 2:00 -4:00 pm @ Minnewaska High School

A dance for girls in grades Kindergarten-6th grade and their fathers or any other significant escort. Special music, food, beverages, and professional photos will be taken.

\$30 for father and daughter, and \$10 for each additional daughter.

[Registration](#)

Spring Fling - Friday, May 10, 2024 * 5:30-7:30 pm @ Minnewaska Elementary School

Enjoy a night out with your family as we celebrate spring and the end of a great school year! The popular basket raffle, scavenger hunt, and prize drawings will be available to families to enjoy and participate in.

Registration

Important Spring Dates

Fri, Mar 1 - Bingo for Books Event 1:45 - 2:30 pm

Fri, Mar 1 - Mother/Son Event 5:30-7:30 pm - Sponsored by PTO

Mon, Mar 4 - Dive Into Kindergarten Registration Event 4:30-6:00 pm

Tue, Mar 7 - K/12 Conferences 3:30 - 7:30 pm

Fri, Mar 8 - Winter Olympics

Sun. Mar 10 -Time Springs Forward 1 hour

Fri, Mar 15 - No School - Flex Day

Mon, Mar 18 - No School - Spring Break

Tue, Mar 19 - No School - Spring Break

Fri, Mar 29 - No School - Good Friday

Mon, Apr 1 - No School - Easter Monday

Sun, Apr 7 - District Art Show

April 15 - 19 - Preschool Conferences

Fri, Apr 26 - Kindergarten Peter Rabbit Play

Tue, May 7 - 3rd Grade Spring Concert

Thu, May 9 - 1st & 2nd Grade Spring Concert

Fri, May 10 - Fun Run

Fri, May 17 - Preschool Spring Concert

Wed, May 22 - Kindergarten Graduation

Thu, May 23 - Last Student Day

A wooden easel with a light brown finish holds a white rectangular sign. The sign features a faint circular graphic in the background. The text on the sign is centered and reads: "District Art Show", "Sunday, April 7th", "4:00p-7:00p", "Central Square", "105 2nd Ave NE", "Glenwood, MN", and "Please join us in supporting all of the achievements and artistic development for K-12 Minnewaska students." The easel has a vertical support with two black circular holes near the top and three legs at the base.

District Art Show

Sunday, April 7th

4:00p-7:00p

Central Square

105 2nd Ave NE

Glenwood, MN

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