



April/May 2024 Newsletter

Principal's corner

MAES Families,

As we approach the final two months of the school year, we are filled with anticipation of the exciting activities and enriching learning experiences that lie ahead. From field trips to programs and important assessments, these next few weeks promise to be both educational and rewarding for our students.

Remember, my door is always open. Whether you have questions, ideas or simply want to share your thoughts, please don't hesitate to reach out. As we embrace the excitement of spring, let us continue to work together to ensure a successful end of the school year.

Sue Currens
Principal, MAES

Math & Reading Club

Grades 2-3 will meet for M&R Club on the following dates; April 2, 4, 9, 11.

Please note that Thursday, April 11th is the last class of Math & Reading Club.

MCA Testing

Just a friendly reminder that MCA testing for third grade students will begin on Tuesday, April 16th through April 24th. Please avoid unnecessary absences during the testing window. Students are encouraged to get plenty of rest each night so they can do their best to celebrate all they have learned!

Tues, April 16th - Reading
Wed, April 17th - Reading
Thu 18 & Fri 19 - Make up days
Tues, April 23rd - Math
Wed, April 24th - Math
Thu 25 & Fri 26 - Make up days

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.

Spring Concerts

PK-3 students will be performing their Spring Concerts for families to enjoy!

*Peter Rabbit Plays - Performed by Kindergarten Classes

Friday, April 26th - held at the Elementary Media Center

Mrs. Wendt - 12:30 pm

Mrs. Johnsrud - 1:00 pm

Mrs. Reichman - 1:30 pm

Mrs. Larson - 2:00 pm

*3rd Grade Spring Concert

Tuesday, May 7th

3rd Grade Concert 6:00 pm - held at the HS Auditorium

*1st & 2nd Grade Spring Concerts

Thursday, May 9th

1st Grade Concert 6:00 pm - held at the HS Auditorium

2nd Grade Concert 7:00 pm - held at the HS Auditorium

*Preschool Programs (4 year old classes only)

Friday, May 17 in the Elementary Gymnasium

Miss Raquel 11:00 am

Miss Nancy 1:30 pm

Miss Amber & Mrs. Wilmes 2:00 pm

PTO Events

Our PTO has been busy planning some fun events for April and May. If you have any questions about our events please feel free to contact Kristal Wendt, PTO president. She can be reached at kwendt@isd2149.org.

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

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

Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening is a free & simple check of how your child is growing, developing & learning. *It is best done when your child is 3 years old.* It is also a requirement for any child entering school in Minnesota. It is designed to ensure the healthy growth of students to be successful in any educational setting and if needed, connect them to resources that will support their development.

At your child's screening appointment, a trained professional will check:

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

Early Childhood Screenings are done by the Minnewaska School District and are free of charge.

If your child is between the ages of 3-5 and has not been screened, please schedule an appointment today! [Schedule an Appointment HERE](#)

Screening dates available;

Wed, June 12 8-12

Wed, July 10 10-4

Wed, July 17 8-2

Tue, Aug 13 12-5

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

Online Registration for 2024-2025 School Year is Open!

Each year we ask that you log into your parent vue account and register your child for the next school year. Make sure you select register for the 2024-2025 school year. All data is saved from the first time you register, so it goes rather quickly! It allows you to update any address changes, email addresses, new phone numbers, emergency contacts and even medical information for your student(s).

If you have a student that will be in Kindergarten this fall, we ask that you register as soon as possible so we can plan for adequate staffing. If you don't have a ParentVue account, you will need an activation code from the school office. Please reach out to Kylie Murken at 320.634.4567 ext 2202 or kmurken@isd2149.org and I'll be more than happy to help! Below are the instructions for registering your child online;

In a browser of your choice, locate Minnewaska Area Schools website: <https://www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us/>

Select "Enroll and Register" at the top of the main page.
Select "Access Online Enrollment Here"

If you already have a Parentvue account, log in.

If not, choose "More Options" then choose "Activate Account"
Select "I Accept" Then use your activation code and follow prompts to create your Parent Vue account. (IF you do not have an activation code you need to contact the office)

Once you are at the "HOME" screen, you should see any students that the district has attached to you in the center of the screen. In the upper right of this screen, choose the "On-Line Enrollment" option.

The system will walk you through the enrollment process for each of the children you want to enroll at Minnewaska Area Schools for the 24-25 SY.

Class Placement Input Form

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we frequently receive inquiries from parents regarding our classroom assignment process. Our main objective is to establish conducive learning environments that cater to the diverse needs of all our students. Many factors play into our process for determining classes, including gender, and mixed ability groupings which prompts us to use data on each child's social, emotional, and academic



skills. For these reasons we are unable to honor requests for specific teachers or friend requests. We do welcome parent input through a Placement Input Form which you can find on our website under "Elementary School". This form is a way for you to express your child's unique learning needs. Forms must be returned to the Elementary Office by Friday, May 3rd.

Community Ed Activities * Click [HERE](#) to Register "Enrichment & Fun" tab
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!!

BOGO Book Fair



We LOVE books at Minnewaska Elementary so what better way to spread the wealth of literature than with a Book Fair!

We accept cash, checks (made out to Minnewaska Elementary), e-wallet, and credit cards.

Book Fair Hours and Place

In the Gym

Friday, April 26th 12:00pm-3:00pm

(During the Kindergarten Peter Rabbit Program)

Saturday, April 27th 12:00pm-3:00pm

In the Library

Monday, April 29th 8:00am-3:00pm

Tuesday, April 30th 8:00pm-5:00pm

(Open during school)

Scholastic E-Wallet

For more Information
scan this QR code



Important Spring Dates

Mon, Apr 1 - No School - Easter Monday

Sun, Apr 7 - District Art Show

April 15 - 19 - Preschool Conferences

Sat, Apr 20 - Touch the Truck Event

Fri, Apr 26 - Kindergarten Peter Rabbit Play

Sun, Apr 28 - PTO Father/Daughter Dance

Tue, Apr 30 - 2nd Grade Field Trip

Wed, May 1 - Preschool Field Trip

Thu, May 2 - Day of Caring for K-3

Tue, May 7 - 3rd Grade Spring Concert

Wed, May 8 - Wonder Wednesday Event

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

Fri, May 10 - Fun Run

Fri, May 10 - PTO - Spring Fling Event

Thu, May 16 - Kindergarten Field Trip & Third Grade Field Trip

Fri, May 17 - Preschool Spring Concert

Wed, May 22 - Kindergarten Graduation

Thu, May 23 - Last Student Day





Minnesota Twins Day

Thursday, April 4th



Wear your MN Twins gear or colors next Thursday
and help us celebrate....

The MN Twins Home Opener

AND

OUR WONDERFUL PARAS

Next week, April 2-5, is Para Appreciation week at MAES!

We thank our **ALL STAR PARAS** for all they do for our students, staff, and school! They hit a **home run** each and every day!

Join us in celebrating our paras next week.

We are so lucky they're on our team!

