



# LAKE DENOON MIDDLE SCHOOL



*Every student learning, growing ... succeeding.*

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***“The best thing parents can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning.”***

- Carol Dweck, author of *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Please know that other events will continue to be added, but here are the dates we know of:

- March 1:** New Monthly Attendance Letters to be sent to all families.
- March 5:** **NO SCHOOL** – Professional Development Day
- March 13:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Planning Meeting – 4:45 p.m.
- March 13:** PTO Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
- March 20:** End of third quarter
- March 23:** Musical – 7:00 p.m.
- March 24:** Musical – 2:00 p.m.
- March 30 – April 6:** – Spring Break - **NO SCHOOL**
- April 9:** School Resumes
- April 12:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Forward Testing – Social Studies/Science
- April 16, 17, 19:** Forward Literacy Testing
- April 24:** Forward Math Testing



## PROGRESS REPORTS

Mid-term progress reports are now available on Infinite Campus for your viewing. To access your child’s mid-term progress, log in to Infinite Campus, select your student, click on grades. If there is a comment indicated next to the grade, to read the comment, click on the course number and name (to the left of the teacher’s name) and hover over the word *comment*.



**March 23, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**March 24, 2018 – 2:00 p.m.**

**All ticket sales will be done online.**

**[Click here to access the Online Ticket Sales for LDMS Musical, The Rockin' Tale of Snow White](#)**

Advanced ticket sales were available for the cast and crew.  
Ticket sales opened to the public on February 5, 2018.  
Check the website above for updates.

## TRACK INFORMATION



Track season is right around the corner. Seventh and eighth grade students interested in track should attend the informational meeting on **Tuesday, March 6, from 3:05 – 3:30, in room 213** (Ms. Kamperschroer's room). At the meeting, your child will receive all of the information and paper work for the season. If your seventh or eighth grade child is not able to attend the informational meeting, he/she will need to get the information from Ms. Kamperschroer's, room 213, after March 6. Some important dates include: **March 19 – Apparel order due** (track participants must have a track t-shirt to participate in meets). **March 19 - all forms and co-curricular fees due.** **April 9 – First practice at Lake Denoon 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. Please dress warm and bring water. We will be outside.**

If you have any questions, please contact Coach Kamperschroer at [nicole.kamperschroer@muskegonorway.org](mailto:nicole.kamperschroer@muskegonorway.org) or (262) 971-1820, ext. 7213.

## EIGHTH GRADE PROMOTION AND DANCE

The eighth grade promotion celebration and dance has been set for Thursday, May 31, at 7:00 p.m. The dance will immediately follow the ceremony and end promptly at 9:30 p.m. **The meeting for the eighth grade last day and dance planning is scheduled for parents/guardians on Tuesday, March 13, at 4:45 p.m. in the library.** We will meet to discuss and plan the promotion activities.

## DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE A MHS SENIOR WHO ATTENDED LAKE DENOON?

*They may be eligible for one of (2) \$500 scholarships!*

To learn more, stop by the MHS guidance office. A short 300-350 word essay is required. The essay will focus on how they have demonstrated respect and responsibility as a high school student. Essays are due back to the guidance office by Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

[Click here](#) for more information.

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION COLLECTION CONTEST



It's time for the PTO's annual collection contest for Box Tops! It's easy and fun. Bring in as many box tops as you can. In each homeroom, there will be a collection bag. Each Box Top will be worth a point toward your homeroom's total. The top 4 homerooms with the highest total points WINS! Please bring your Box Tops in from **March 12 through March 23.** Clean out that drawer in the kitchen, ask your family and neighbors, and remember to bring them in. Your donations will be used to purchase recess equipment and other items in the PTO budget. Visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for eligible products.

Thank you - and if you have questions, please contact PTO volunteer, Laurie Buxengard at [lbuxengard@wi.rr.com](mailto:lbuxengard@wi.rr.com)

## MATH CORNER

From Mrs. Quirk, Mathematics Coach

In the spring, we will be taking the Wisconsin Forward Exam and the last STAR assessment. The Forward Exam only measures grade level standards, so if your child is in advanced math, they may want to review the skills from their current grade level. The STAR assessment is adaptive, and will measure concepts where they are academically. Reviewing and practicing skills at any level is important for retention and understanding. When they have extra time at home or if they can carve out 10 minutes of practice a few times a week, we recommend they revisit the concepts through websites as well as any verbal or paper and pencil work. My website includes grade level practice and videos: [www.mathgalore.com](http://www.mathgalore.com), but any site and any practice is helpful. Thanks for your support from home!

In addition to having deep understanding of the math content, the non-academic skills influence success in mathematics. We work to develop these areas for all students. Those in the accelerated pathway especially need these characteristics due to the quick pacing. If you are able to nurture these at home as well, it would help your child to flourish:

1. Perseverance: being comfortable with challenging problems and having the stamina to keep trying.
2. Self-advocate: asking questions when something is unclear.
3. Good homework habits.
4. Flexible thinking: showing their math thinking in multiple ways, using diagrams, charts, and algorithms.
5. Explaining their thinking in writing, using precise vocabulary.
6. Performing their best on all assessments, without relying on retakes.

## **WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW: JUULING – A NEW TREND**

Recently [NPR reported on a new vaping trend](#) that is extremely popular among teenagers: juuling. Juuls are a type of e-cigarette that resemble a flash drive, are roughly the size of a regular cigarette and can be easily hidden. Like other e-cigarettes, Juuls are odorless and have a very large social media following.

According to Vaping Daily, users are cautioned to keep track of how many puffs they take otherwise they run the risk of “chain vaping” and may get too much nicotine. Juul pods have a high concentration of nicotine, with one pod containing as much nicotine as a pack of cigarettes, which would have a serious health risk for children.



## **END OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION**

Plans are already underway for the end of the year Recognition Celebration on **Wednesday, May 30**. Specific information on these activities will be available as plans are finalized. As with other Recognition Days, there will be activities at school and off campus.

Eligibility requirements for the indoor water park at Lake Geneva (grades 5 and 6) and Great America (grades 7 and 8) are as follows:

- Students may not have any office referrals or may not have 3 or more detentions during fourth quarter.
- Students may not have any F's as a quarter grades in any subject. Students who have incompletes may or may not be eligible to attend.
- Any student who has NOT earned Recognition Day and who is taken out of school and arrives at a Recognition Day activity will NOT be allowed to participate in the following Recognition Day.

# **PTO UPDATE**

**Spirit Week/Spaghetti Dinner/Book Fair** - We had a wonderful Spirit Week, February 2 – 8, and we greatly appreciate the coordinated efforts of the Student Council, School Staff, and community in making the week very successful and fun!

As something new this year, parent-teacher conferences were held the night of the spaghetti dinner fundraiser. The PTO would like to give a special thank you to **Dan and Lisa Sande** for organizing the spaghetti dinner fundraiser. We would also like to thank **Julie Misiak** for all her hard work in making the Book Fair a success.

**PTO Goals: What we are working on** - The PTO is working on various items. We are in the process of obtaining 501c3 status and we continue to work with school staff to give teachers additional funds to purchase classroom items that will benefit students.

**Volunteers Needed** - Volunteers are needed to help with Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-11. E-mail [lakedenoonpto@gmail.com](mailto:lakedenoonpto@gmail.com) if interested.

We are also seeking a parent to help organize next year's eighth grade promotion events.

## **NEXT PTO Meeting/how to reach us**

- Upcoming PTO Meetings for 2017-18 are: March 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the library. (Eighth Grade Promotion meeting starting prior to the meeting at 4:45 p.m.) Everyone is welcome! Please consider joining!
- The 2017-18 PTO Board consists of: Courtney Korselt, Co-President; Connie Peplinski, Co-President; Ava Casey, Co-Treasurer; Cassandra Hoefke, Co-Treasurer; Jackie Liebel, Secretary; Linda O'Bryan, Principal; John McEwing, Assistant Principal; and Lori Rooney, Teacher representative for PTO.
- The PTO's guiding mission is to encourage a team atmosphere amongst parents, teachers, and administration by lending our energy, talent, resources, and time to improve the quality of education and Lake Denoon Middle School environment.
- Email us at [lakedenoonpto@gmail.com](mailto:lakedenoonpto@gmail.com) with questions or suggestions.
- To view PTO meeting notes, actions, decisions made and financials [Click Here](#).

## **THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THE 2018 BOOK FAIR A SUCCESS!**



The 2018 Scholastic Book Fair at Lake Denoon was a great success once again. With the sales of the fair, Lake Denoon earned \$2,437.86 in money from Scholastic Books to purchase new books for the school. The library was able to purchase over \$800.00 in new books and we were also able to fill \$1,000.00 worth of classroom teacher wish list items to replenish their classroom libraries.

With the remaining money earned, Mrs. Toni, head librarian, was able to order much needed new equipment for the library.

New elements were added to the fair this year, which were a wonderful success. During the spaghetti dinner, students performed musically and vocally to entertain families as they dined. It was a beautiful night.

Lastly, our proudest moment was collecting donations for the libraries that were damaged or destroyed during the Texas hurricane. Through generous contributions, we earned 15 new books that will be donated to the Texas libraries in the effort to help them rebuild.

The PTO and Lake Denoon staff would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to the volunteers who helped out by working at the Book Fair this year. As you know, it takes many people to make this week long event work out, and without you, we couldn't have done it.

**A SPECIAL THANKS to:** Lisa Duller, Lauren Feldman, Patty Hein, and Janae Petropoulos – Your time and talents were greatly appreciated.

Julie Misiak  
Book Fair Chairperson



## **A SPAGHETTI DINNER THANK YOU:**

The 19th annual spaghetti dinner was enjoyed by 209 adults and children this year. Leah's restaurant of Muskego prepared another delicious meal. We raised \$495.00 on this event. This profit will go directly to the LDMS PTO. Thank you so much to each and every one of you that helped support this fundraiser.

We would like to acknowledge the volunteers and donors at this time:

**THANK YOU** to the following people that donated baked items, water, soda, juice boxes or volunteered at the event: Lauren Kubicki, Cherice and Abigail Thomka, Nikki, Hunter, Marek and Genevieve Ackerman, The Buxengard Family, Carolyn Herda, Gedeon Behning, Wendy Fredlund, Chrissy Hrdi, Amy and Dominic Reno, Connie Peplinski, Ava Casey, Cassandra and Mike Hoefke, Amy Stachowiak, Jan Talaga, Allison Anschutz, Gina Campione, Anna Ozolins, Kalleen Bruch, Jennifer Dobke Nelson, Tanya Kotar, Leslie Jaeschke, Kimberly Everson, Karla Klein, Jennifer Reinsel, Jennifer Domzil and Sara and Dan Sande

A majority of these parents volunteer their time each year to this event. Their continued commitment is appreciated.

**THANK YOU** to Principal O'Bryan, the teaching staff, the custodial staff, kitchen staff, and office staff who have continually helped and guided us from behind the scenes with this event this year! This event would not be possible without the dedication and enthusiasm from Principal O'Bryan and her staff at Lake Denoon.

In order to continue the successful tradition of the Annual Spaghetti Dinner we need volunteers to help in all areas. This year we could not get someone to chair the Silent Auction, so this was not included. We believe we already have a chair for next year. Please consider donating your time to help serve the dinner, assist at the silent auction, clean up, etc. If time is an issue, donations of supplies, beverages, money, bakery, and auction items will also be needed. Look for your opportunity to volunteer in the forms and fees packet coming out in the summer. Or if you want, you can contact us anytime during the year to get on the list. This will be my last year as chair of this event and I believe we have another family that has graciously decided to step-up.

Sincerely,

Lisa Sande  
Chair of the LDMS Spaghetti Dinner

