



# LAKE DENOON MIDDLE SCHOOL



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

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Check out our website for daily school announcements.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

- May 2:** Reading STAR Assessment – All grades
- May 9:** Math STAR Assessment – Grades 5, 6, 8
- May 10:** Math STAR Assessment – Grade 7
- May 16:** PTO Meeting – 3:30 p.m.
- May 17:** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert – 7:00 at MHS
- May 23:** Choir concert – 7:30 p.m. at MHS
- May 24:** 6th Grade Band concert – 7:00 p.m. at Lake Denoon
- May 29:** Memorial Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- June 6:** Recognition Day
- June 8:** Last day of school – Dismissal 12:00 p.m.
- June 8:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade promotion – 7:00 p.m.
- August 9:** Registration – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- August 10:** Registration – 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- August 22:** Open House/School Supply drop off – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



## CROSS-COUNTRY, IT'S A GREAT SPORT!

Sign up for Fall 2017 cross country is the week of **May 1- May 12** with Coach Kruk. All sign up paperwork is due **May 12**. If your child has not been involved in a sport or does not have a physical card on file, he/she will need to schedule a physical. All incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders will need a current physical card on file (from April 1, 2017 or after).

On **Wednesday, May 31**, we will be holding our annual *Cross-Country Experience* at LDMS. This will involve a 1.5 mile run and team meeting. A parent/guardian is encouraged to be at the May 31 meeting. The goal of the *Cross-Country Experience* is to guide athletes in making a wise and committed choice about joining cross country. **In order to participate, athletes need the following four forms turned in to Coach Kruk no later than Friday, May 12:**

- Code Card (gray)
- Concussion Form (white)
- Physical Card (salmon) or Alternate Year Athletic Permit Card (yellow)
- Athletic Emergency Information Card (green) and Health Card

Obtain all forms directly from Coach Kruk or on our school website.

Be part of a team where encouragement is the norm. Contact Coach Kruk at [katie.kruk@muskegonorway.org](mailto:katie.kruk@muskegonorway.org) with any questions.

## EIGHTH GRADE BABY PHOTOS NEEDED

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS:** Baby photos of our current 8<sup>th</sup> graders are needed! Help make our end of the year promotion slideshow fantastic for our students by turning in a baby picture by **May 15**. There are two ways to turn in the baby pictures:

**Physical Picture:** Make sure your child's name is on the back of the photo and have them turn it in to Students Services. All photos will be returned.

**Digital Picture:** Have a virtual copy for your child's picture? E-mail it with your child's name in the body of the e-mail to [michelle.plaushines@muskegonorway.org](mailto:michelle.plaushines@muskegonorway.org).



## **BAND CONCERT**

The spring band concert for **Grades 7, and 8** will be held on **Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 7:00 p.m.** at the Muskego High School PAC. **Students need to be at the PAC by 6:30 p.m.**



The spring band concert for **Grade 6** will be held on **Wednesday, May 24, 2017, 7:00 p.m.** at Lake Denoon Middle School. **Students need to be at LDMS by 6:30 p.m.**

## **SPRING CHORAL CONCERT**



The spring choral concert for grades 6, 7, and 8 will be at **7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2017**, at the Muskego High School PAC. **Please drop students off at the Muskego High School PAC at 7:00 p.m.**

**Attention 6, 7, and 8 grade CHOIR FAMILIES:** This is just a friendly reminder that the concert attire is now officially changed to black dress pants for ALL members. There will no longer be dresses or skirts of any kind allowed. Also, please be sure it is 100% black. No stripes, no white sweaters, etc. Concert attire will be black dress pants, black dress shirt, and black shoes for boys. For girls, it is a black blouse, black dress pants with black shoes.

## **END OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION**

Plans are already underway for the end of the year Recognition Celebration on **Tuesday, June 6**. 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 4<sup>th</sup> quarter grade 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.
- Any eighth grade 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 eighth grade dance.

## **EIGHTH GRADE PROMOTION AND DANCE**

The eighth grade promotion celebration and dance have been set for **Thursday, June 8, at 7:00 p.m.** The dance will immediately follow the ceremony and end promptly at 9:30 p.m.

**Students need to be seated in the gym by 6:45 p.m. the night of the celebration.** Please note: no one will be allowed into the gym until the doors open at 6:00 p.m. As a courtesy to all attending, please do not reserve seats. Seating will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. Suggested dress for boys is a dress shirt and slacks; no visible boxer shorts with loose, low pants, and something "dressy" for girls. We discourage shorts, blue jeans, tuxedos, and formal gowns. No strapless, backless, or bare midriff dresses will be allowed. This is a school event and School Board Policy outlines the parameters for student dress as "decency and moderation: no bare chests, midriffs, or backs." Moreover, as stated in our school handbook, "no part of any undergarment is to be visible while standing or sitting; no strapless tops, off the shoulder, or visible bra straps, or low cut tops; skirts should be mid thigh or longer for students."

**The theme this year is NEON. WE NEED YOUR HELP** to make the event a success for all of our eighth grade students! If you are interested in volunteering with this event, whether it is helping with food, decorations, chaperoning, clean up, or the eighth grade breakfast, please e-mail [jodie.henneberry@muskegonorway.org](mailto:jodie.henneberry@muskegonorway.org).

## **EIGHTH GRADE SCHEDULE FOR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – JUNE 8**

Meet in homerooms	8:05 – 8:24 a.m.
Promotion rehearsal	8:24 – 9:04 a.m.
8 <sup>th</sup> grade breakfast	9:04 – 9:34 a.m.
8 <sup>th</sup> grade slide show	9:34 – 10:25 a.m.
Classes	10:25 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## **MUSICAL**



We would like to, again, thank all the parents who volunteered their time and talents for our recent musical production of *Spamalot*. Thank you for taking time away from your own families to help make our production a smashing success. In particular, a special thanks to the following parents: **Costume Coordinator** – Rici Welden (no longer a parent here, but a community member). **Costume Crew** – Jennifer Nelsen, Amy and Aron Oechsner, Julie Stridde, Carey Logan; **Make Up, Hair and Volunteer Coordinator** – Michelle Dietzler, Molly Salentine. **Publicity** - Julie Stridde

## **MATH CORNER**

From Mrs. Quirk, Mathematics Coach

Our last STAR assessment will be May 9 for grades 5, 6, and 8, and May 10 for grade 7. Any additional practice at home is appreciated, to ensure the best performance and most accurate picture of your child's understanding of mathematics.

Thank you for your support of mathematics throughout the year. Please encourage your child to continue thinking mathematically over the summer. Some ideas include: math games online, budgeting for items at home, figuring out the tip at a restaurant, card games, interpreting graphs from the newspaper, figuring out how many miles per gallon your vehicle got, estimating the cost of items at the store, and logic puzzles. You can find many great online resources on my math website: [www.mathgalore.com](http://www.mathgalore.com)

## **LITERACY IDEAS FOR HOME**

From Mrs. Lindsay Bremberger, Literacy Coach

*This section of the newsletter focuses on tips for bridging a child's at-school and at-home literacy life.*

Summer break is an opportunity for relaxation and fun, but it is also prime time for children to continue growing and learning as readers. Reading during the summer is incredibly important in preventing the "summer slide" or "summer setback", a decline in a child's reading development during summer vacation when they are away from the classroom and not participating in formal literacy programs (Allington & McGill-Franzen, 2003).

Take a moment to consider the following questions with your child:

- What books or magazines are on their summer reading list? How will they be obtained?
- How often will you expect them to read?

Here are websites to help with the creation of a summer reading list:

1. American Library Association: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>
2. Children's Cooperative Book Center (CCBC) at UW-Madison: <https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/bibBio.asp>

Check this section next year for more literacy tips for families. In the meantime, contact Lindsay Bremberger, Lake Denoon Literacy Coach, with questions at [lindsay.bremberger@muskegonorway.org](mailto:lindsay.bremberger@muskegonorway.org).

## **DRESS CODE**

With warmer weather on the way, please note that LDMS and Muskego-Norway Schools have policies related to proper attire/dress for school. Specifically, the policies outline bare midriffs, backs, and chest as not appropriate for school. Also, low cut shirts and spaghetti straps are not allowed. Skirts/shorts should be mid-thigh in length. We have talked with the children about the code and have, at times, asked them to change or put on a sweatshirt or jacket. We appreciate your support as we strive to maintain an environment conducive to learning. School administrators will make the final decision as to what constitutes appropriate dress.

## **FINAL REPORT CARDS**

Once the final report cards are completed, parents will be e-mailed to let them know that they can access the report.

## **ARE YOU MOVING?**

Please notify the Main Office if you have a change of address or if your child will not be returning for the 2017-18 school year.

## **IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS – 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

Grades 6 through 12	4DTP/DtaP/DT/Td <sup>2</sup>	1 Tdap <sup>3</sup>	4 Polio <sup>4</sup>	3 Hep B	2 MMR <sup>5</sup>	2 Var <sup>6</sup>
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Attention 5<sup>th</sup> grade families:

The Wisconsin Student Immunization law requires that all students **entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade** receive a dose of Tdap vaccine. To be compliant with the school law, parents must provide their child's school with proof of immunization OR claim a waiver.

In preparation for summer appointments with your child's physician the immunization record will need to be turned into your school at the beginning of next school year. \*Please note: if you choose to waive the vaccine for your child, the form will need to be signed under step 4, Waivers.

If you have any questions, please contact the Waukesha County Health Department at (262) 896-8430 or your school's health office, Lake Denoon: (262) 971-1820, ext. 7436.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

All lost and found items left at the end of the year will be donated to charity one week after the last student day.

## **ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY FOR 2017-18**



**All of our interscholastic athletic opportunities require a physical examination by a licensed physician PRIOR to tryouts or participation. Sports requiring a physical are: sixth, seventh, and eighth grade boys' and girls' basketball, cross country, track, wrestling, cheerleading, and seventh and eighth grade girls' volleyball.**

Since the physical is required **PRIOR** to tryouts, often it is a scramble for you to get your child in for a physical at the last minute. To avoid this unneeded stress we recommend that you get your child in for a physical **AFTER APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>** and **PRIOR** to the **end of August**. Even if, at this point, your child doesn't want to play sports, or isn't sure, it still would be a great idea to get your child in for a physical.

The physical exam form that needs to be filled out by you and signed by your physician can be picked up in the school office or found at the Lake Denoon website under co-curricular, then under forms. All the physicals are good until the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Each year after the physical, you must file an alternate year card, which the athletes' parents sign.

If you have any questions, you can contact Mark Nagy, LDMS Activities Coordinator, at (262) 971-1820, ext. 7118, or you can e-mail him at [mark.nagy@muskegonorway.org](mailto:mark.nagy@muskegonorway.org).

## **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS AT LDMS**

The Main Office will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The office will be closed on Fridays.

## **SUMMER REGISTRATION DAYS**

2017-18 registration dates for grades 5 – 8 are as follows:

- **Wednesday, August 9 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday, August 10 – 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



During registration, students receive their schedule, have their pictures taken, tour the building, and pay their fees. Typically, registration can be completed in less than an hour. More information will be sent home in late July, along with forms that need to be returned at registration.

## **OPEN HOUSE ALL GRADES/DROP OFF SUPPLIES**

On **Tuesday, August 22**, we are hosting an open house from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Students can bring in their school supplies at this time. Fifth and sixth grade teachers will have desk and locker assignments ready for your child. In 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, you can go to your homeroom to get your locker assignment.

## **2017-18 CALENDAR**

As a reminder, the 2017-18 school year calendar has been approved by the school board and is available at this [link](#). **Please note, next year's calendar has Muskego-Norway Schools starting school on August 24, 2017.** It was determined that starting school early in 2017 would allow the district to finish about one-and-a-half weeks early in June 2018. Why you ask? The added time in the summer of 2018 will allow students and staff to vacate the buildings earlier, thus allowing custodian and construction crews necessary time to prepare for and complete major construction projects tied to the April 2016 Facilities Referendum.

## **ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY LINES FOR 2018-19**

In fall, the school board approved school attendance boundary line changes that will be in effect for the 2018-19 school year. The City of Muskego created a map depicting the new boundary lines with the corresponding streets (available [HERE](#)). Background information on the process the district took to determine new boundary lines is available [HERE](#). Please contact the district office, Darlene Birdeau, with questions at 262-971-1800, ext. 2111. Parents interested in having the district consider a request for an intra-district transfer for the 2018-19 school year may complete an application by April 30, 2018. Applications are available [HERE](#).

# **PTO UPDATE**

- **PTO Meeting** – Our last PTO meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 16, at 3:30 p.m.** in the library. We are always looking for parents/guardians to take leadership roles and chair committees for our PTO. At this meeting, the election of PTO officers will take place. We would love to have 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents/guardians attend and see what our PTO is all about.

## **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 homeroom in EACH grade with the highest total points WINS! Please bring your Box Tops in from May 1 through May 12. Clean out that drawer in the kitchen, ask your family and neighbors, and remember to bring them in.

Visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for eligible products.

Thank you and if you have questions, please contact PTO volunteers, Laurie Buxengard at [lbuxengard@wi.rr.com](mailto:lbuxengard@wi.rr.com) or Ava Casey at [mcasey1@wi.rr.com](mailto:mcasey1@wi.rr.com).

Did you ever wonder why teachers are so effective  
with handling student behavior?

## **WHAT ARE THEIR SECRETS?**

**May 2, 2017**

**6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Educational Services Center  
S87 W18763 Woods Road, Muskego, WI 53150

# **Sharing Strategies**

*A Workshop for Parents and Caregivers*

Attend Sharing Strategies: a Workshop for Parents and Caregivers. In this 2 hour workshop, you will learn about behavior levels and learn the techniques to de-escalate behavior at every level.

Over 170 Muskego-Norway staff have been trained on CPI Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Techniques. Now you too can get an overview of the same training and add more tools to your own tool box.

**Please RSVP to Colleen Peaslee at 262-971-1800, ext. 2224, or email [colleen.peaslee@muskegonorway.org](mailto:colleen.peaslee@muskegonorway.org)**