



LAKE DENOON MIDDLE SCHOOL



Every student learning, growing ... succeeding.

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Check out Infinite Campus 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 at the time of publishing:

- October 4:** Parent Teacher Conferences – 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- October 5:** Parent Teacher Conferences – 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- October 10:** Ski Club forms, money turn in day.
- October 10:** Picture Retake Day – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- October 11:** All School Fund Raiser – Turn-in and prize day
- October 16:** **No School** – Teacher Professional Day
- October 24:** PTO Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
- October 25:** Fall Choir Concert – 7:00 p.m. – PAC
- October 30:** End of first quarter
- November 9:** All School Fund Raiser product pick-up day – 3:15 – 6:00 p.m.
- November 22-24:** **No School** – Thanksgiving Break



PARENT/GUARDIAN-STUDENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS

Parent-Student-Teacher conference days are scheduled for **October 4 and 5**. Conference hours on **Wednesday, October 4 and Thursday, October 5, are from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.** **All students are strongly encouraged to attend with their parents/guardians.**

Fifth and sixth grade: Homeroom teachers will contact parents to schedule conferences with the students and their parents/guardians.

Seventh and eighth grade core teachers: Teachers will have five to a maximum of ten minute walk-in conferences. Seventh grade will be held in their own classrooms and eighth grade will be held in the library during scheduled conference hours. If additional time is needed, a future appointment can be made.

Project i – Project i sent out a signupgenius e-mail on September 5 and on September 8 where parents can select their day/time. If a parent/guardian did not receive this e-mail, please contact: amy.veit@muskegonorway.org

Encore: (health, phy. ed., computers, Spanish, French, band, chorus, art, FACS, and tech. ed.): These teachers will be available in their own classrooms during all conference hours. The teachers' names and classroom numbers will be posted throughout the school.

FOLLOW UP TO PARENT SURVEY

Thanks to all of you who contributed to our parent survey last year. We are happy to see our progress on parent satisfaction, which went from 3.76 to 3.90 on a 5 point scale. We ranked highest in the areas of a clean, well-maintained school (4.39), a safe environment (4.18), treating families with respect (4.16), and providing necessary resources for classrooms (4.16). The areas that we will be working on are giving parents feedback, including positive communication.

Some of the ways you can support our improvement are:

- If you don't already have an Infinite Campus account, please call the administration office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:25 p.m., Monday through Friday, if you need Campus portal directions and/or an activation key code.
- Review the [grading policy handbook](#) for information to understand the grading in Infinite Campus.

We will be taking some steps ourselves. We will:

- Institute the new grading policy outline in the above handbook.
- Gather sample parent input regarding the new grading during fall conferences.
- Communicate homework expectations in terms of the typical amount of time that students should be spending on homework.
- Enter assessments in Infinite Campus within one week of the assessment.
- Update teacher webpages with information for this year.
- Set aside time on Professional Development Days to communicate with parents.

Thank you for being our partner in improvement and in your child's education.

2017 ALL SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

LDMS has officially kicked off its only school-wide fundraiser for this year. We've found a great way to raise money and, moreover, it's fast and easy for you to help support our cause!

Simply click on the link below to buy a variety of merchandise as well as renew your magazine subscriptions at up to **85% off newsstand prices**. It's fast and your child will receive full credit for your selections. **40% from every sale goes to our school!**

<http://www.gaschoolstore.com>

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Our yearbook staff, made up of our Lake Denoon students, puts a great deal of work and creativity into building a hard-covered, yearbook full of colorful faces, activities and memories. Don't miss out on the opportunity to buy a yearbook this year. Individualize your child's yearbook with their name embossed on the front and include various icons (FREE when you order by September 29th) representing their likes and interests. **Yearbooks are \$25** and will be **ordered ONLINE ONLY** by visiting jostensyearbooks.com or by calling Jostens at [1-877-767-5217](tel:1-877-767-5217) before February 1, 2018. Please do not send money to school with your child. E-mail Mrs. Ervin, Yearbook Adviser, with questions: michelle.ervin@muskegonorway.org.



SKI & RIDE CLUB



Lake Denoon Middle School, in conjunction with Alpine Valley, will again be offering the opportunity for your son/daughter to participate in the Lake Denoon Downhill Ski/Snowboard Club. The cost this year, which includes six trips, one free lesson, student ID card, club shirt and transportation via coach bus will be: **\$206.00 for those who have their own equipment or \$314.00 for those who need to rent equipment**. Due to the increasing number of ski and board injuries around the country, it is **MANDATORY** that ski/board helmets be worn at all times on the slopes. **The cost for a helmet is \$10.00 each trip (must pay for on own at Alpine Valley unless you own one).**

The Ski Club will again be skiing on Tuesday nights from 2:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. starting on December 5 and on the following Tuesdays: December 12, 19, and January 2, 9, 16. If needed, the make-up dates will be January 23 and 30 (if needed). We will return to Lake Denoon by 8:00 p.m.

Packets can be picked up outside Mrs. Entwistle's room (rm 402) October 2 – 9.

There will be a limited number of students in the ski club. Membership will be based on the first **45 students who pay in full by the turn-in date – Tuesday, October 10. NO FORMS OR MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED BEFORE THE OFFICIAL TURN IN DATE.** The club is open to all students enrolled at Lake Denoon Middle School. Students must also meet the academic eligibility requirements according to the co-curricular code handbook (2.0 G.P.A.).

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

If you are having your child's picture retaken due to photographer error, please return the original package of pictures that your child has received. The photographer will be at Lake Denoon Middle School on **Tuesday, October 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** to retake students' pictures.

MUSICAL AUDITIONS



We are currently accepting applications for auditions for our Spring Musical, "The Rockin' Tale of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

The auditions take place November 13 and 14, 2017. You must first apply online.

The Deadline for applying for the musical is **Friday, October 13, 2017.**

Important links for you: [Click HERE to apply online for an audition](#)

[Click HERE to view the musical website and get more information](#)

ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

You are invited and encouraged to attend the annual meeting and budget hearing at the Muskego High School PAC on **October 23, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.** Traditionally, we have had five parents attend the meeting to represent Lake Denoon Middle School. If anyone is interested in representing Lake Denoon, please contact Linda O'Bryan at (262) 971-1820, ext. 7001, or e-mail her at linda.o'bryan@muskegonorway.org.

FALL CHOIR CONCERT



Attention 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choir families. The fall choir concert is **Wednesday, October 25, 7:00 p.m. at the Muskego High School PAC.**

There is required attire for the three choral concerts this year. Students CANNOT simply wear street clothes to the concert. The descriptions below outline what is required. DRESS CODE must be adhered to as well. Students whose outfit is not aligned with the dress code outlined in the school handbook will be required to change into something appropriate.

Attire for boys: Black dress pants, black dress shoes/socks, black long-sleeved dress shirt.

Attire for girls: Black long-sleeved or ¾ length dress shirt (school appropriate), black dress pants, black flat dress shoes.

NO SKIRTS, SHORTS, OR DRESSES OF ANY KIND. Only black pants please.

Students must be dropped off at the Muskego High School PAC no later than 6:30 p.m.

LOST AND FOUND

There are a number of clothing articles, etc. in our lost and found. **Please note that any items that are not picked up by Friday, October 27, 2017 will be donated to charity.**

NEW FACES/ROLES

- ❖ **Mauria Turkowski** – 5th Grade
- ❖ **Stephanie Fote** – 8th Grade Math
- ❖ **Erica Branson** – Special Education
- ❖ **Jennifer McAlister** - Spanish/Exploring World Lang.
- ❖ **Amy Kounelis** – Technical Aide - Library
- ❖ **Carly Nowak** – Interventionist Aide
- ❖ **Deb Ewert** – Special Education Aide
- ❖ **Dr. Jenn Rohrbaugh** – School Psychologist



NOTE FROM OUR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Hello to Lake Denoon Families and Students:

I would like to introduce myself as your new school psychologist. I am excited to be here and look forward to getting to know the school, community, and our families! My role as a school psychologist can include, but is not limited to: assisting with the evaluation process for special education and Section 504, providing individual and group supports for students, analyzing data for decisions about students' participation in literacy and math interventions, providing crisis support for students and families, and acting as a liaison between families/students/outside providers. In each newsletter, I look forward to providing interesting bits of information about child development and other student-related topics. Cheers!

Dr. Jen Rohrbaugh, School Psychologist

MENTORS NEEDED

Do you have one free hour a week to spend with a child? Lake Denoon offers a mentoring program for students who need an extra adult in his or her life. Mentors generally spend about an hour during the school day with a student doing various activities chosen by the child and mentor.

If you have questions, or if you are interested, please contact Michelle Johnson at (262) 971-1820, ext. 7112, or e-mail michelle.johnson@muskegonorway.org.

OFF CAMPUS PASSES

Students who need to leave school during the school day must have written parental permission. Please have your student bring the written excuse to the Student Services first thing in the morning so that a pass can be issued. With this pass, the student can leave the classroom at the time they are to be picked up, and office staff can avoid interrupting learning by calling into the rooms. **Please do not e-mail teachers with attendance. All attendance goes through Student Services.**

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

Sometimes appointments may be set up at the last minute and you may need to get a message to your student when you will be picking them up. If you wish to have the office convey a message to your student, **please call before 2:30 p.m.** It is hard to track down students so late in the day.

BUS PASSES



Students who wish to ride a different bus must bring a note from their parent/guardian to Student Services for a bus pass **before 2:30 p.m.** Students will not be allowed to call home for permission to ride a different bus, as written permission is necessary. **LDMS only issues daily bus passes. If your students need to take a different bus long term, please contact Lamers Bus Company at (262) 679-8920.**

MORNING STUDENT DROP OFF

School starts at 8:05 a.m. Students may enter the building at 7:55 a.m. Parents: To ensure the safety of our students and compliance with the law, please be considerate of the posted, **NO PARKING - FIRE LANE** in front of the building that is for **BUS TRAFFIC ONLY**. The correct drop-off and pick-up procedure at Lake Denoon Middle School is near the flag pole in the front parking lot. **Please be sure to pull all the way to the end of the sidewalk to drop your child off rather than dropping him or her off closest to the building. Otherwise, you will be blocking traffic including buses.** There is ample parking in the parking lot if you should need to stop in the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. **Reminder:** Please keep the handicapped parking spaces accessible at the end of the day when picking up students. **If you need to drop your child off before 7:55 a.m. please contact a day care provider in our community as we do not have day care at Lake Denoon.**

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

REMINDER: Any prescription medication that will be administered at school must be accompanied by a district medication form signed by the prescribing physician and parent/guardian. A district medication form signed by a parent/guardian must be submitted if it's a non-prescription medication.

ALL medication sent to school must be in the original container or prescription bottle. No medication will be accepted that arrives in baggies, envelopes, etc.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADES 6, 7, and 8



The following vaccines are required for grades 6, 7, and 8 for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

Students are required to have 2 Varicella (chickenpox) doses and a Tdap – adolescent combination vaccine that protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Only one dose of the Tdap is required.

The exceptions to the Tdap and Varicella are:

1. If your child has had the chickenpox disease or shingles, even after the first dose of varicella. Check the yes box to the chickenpox disease questions and enter the year of the episode.
2. If your child has received a tetanus-containing vaccine (such as Td vaccine after an injury) **within the last five years** of entering the grade it is required, your child is compliant and Tdap vaccine is not required. Check the box marked “Td” on the Immunization Record, enter the date (month/day/year) it was given and return the **signed** form to school.

Be sure to add the Tdap and Varicella vaccine dates to the permanent record you keep for your child at home.

MATH CORNER

From Mrs. Quirk, Mathematics Coach

This year, our math classes are focusing on growth mindset. This means that all students can learn math, and all students can grow in their math ability. Our teachers are committed to helping your child be successful here at school and we are looking to partner with you at home.

Areas that would help support your child's mathematics would be to: 1) reinforce a commitment to completing homework, 2) ask your child to explain a problem from their work, 3) ask your child about upcoming assessments, and 4) check-in on Infinite Campus for an updated status.

We are striving to challenge all students to show their thinking in multiple ways with explanations. If your child struggles with the basic facts in multiplication, their brain power will be used for calculation, rather than higher level problem solving. Any extra home practice on the basic facts will provide them with the time they need to do advanced mathematics.

Thank you in advance for your support.



THE CHROMEBOOK CORNER

Monthly Topic: Get in the habit of charging and remembering to bring your Chromebook to school.

Just a reminder that students are responsible for bringing their FULLY CHARGED Chromebooks to school EVERY day!

POLICY: A student is allowed up borrow a LOANER 3 times per school quarter. (Chromebook problems do not count.) Students reaching the “**3 LOANER LIMIT**” will result in an e-mail home. If your student is struggling with this, help them set up a routine for plugging in his/her Chromebook before bed and packing it up in the morning. Chromebook use is an integral part of the day and frequent visits to the Library/Tech Center for LOANERS disrupts his/her educational time.

Remember that Chromebooks should ALWAYS be transported in the district-issued cases, including when they are charged. This helps decrease the number of repairs needed for your Chromebook.

Thank you for your cooperation!

INTERNET SAFETY

The internet has changed the way your children communicate with peers, family and the world. The attached article gives practical tips to help you create a positive digital culture in your home. [Click Here](#) for articles.

DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

Have a questions or concern? You can find information on our district website for who to contact for a variety of questions you might have. You can also find it [HERE](#).

DISTRICT ADVANCED LEARNER ADVISORY

This committee is looking for parent members. The focus this year is “Developing Leadership Skills in Gifted Children”.

Meetings will be held on the following dates at the Educational Services Center: October 30, December 11, February 5, March 12, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m..

E-mail Karen Borgman if you are interested in attending: karen.borgman@muskegonorway.org.



FRIDAYS ARE SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

Staff and students are encouraged to wear school colors, navy and white, or school spirit wear every Friday. Spirit wear is sponsored by the PTO.

OPEN GYM – SATURDAY MORNINGS

Saturday open gym (8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) is for boys and girls in grades 5-8 and their families! It is a great time to get the family out and play some basketball, practice other sports skills, dodgeball, or just jog. Students have access to the locker room and their phy ed clothes but not to their homeroom, lockers, or any other areas of the school. Please use the Park and Rec entrance at the back of the school to enter/leave the gym. All participants will be required to bring two canned goods or non-perishable food items (or more) to benefit our local food pantry.

Open gym will start sometime in October. There will be announcements made at school. Any questions regarding this program may be directed to Mr. Schaeve at (262) 971-1820, ext. 7117, or e-mail james.schaewe@muskegonorway.org.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL – GRADES 5 and 6

Intramural basketball for girls in grade six takes place in October and November. Fifth grade girls' basketball will start in March. Information will be provided at that time.

The sixth grade program offers fundamentals, drills, and strategies that will help prepare them for the 7th grade basketball season. There will be an inter-squad game at the end of the season. Practices are held from 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. on selected dates after school, usually Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, unless there is a home game for our 7th and 8th grade teams. There are no cuts, please come out!

Sixth grade boys' intramural basketball will follow the same format as the girls and will run from December through January. Fifth grade boys' basketball will be in March. More information on this season will be sent home with the boys in the beginning of November and March.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY FOR 2017-18



In order to be eligible for co-curricular activities in the fall of 2017, students must have met the criteria as outlined in the co-curricular code. Academic criteria requires that students have a 2.0 GPA and have no more than one failing grade during the preceding nine weeks. For activities that begin during first quarter next year, fourth quarter grades from the 2016-17 school year will be used to determine academic eligibility.

If your child is planning on participating in any athletic co-curricular activity grades 5 – 8, please obtain a physical form (from the office or website), have your child get a physical from a licensed physician, and turn the form into Lake Denoon Student Services Office.

All athletes who are planning on participating in interscholastic sports (those which play other schools) will be required to have a physical **prior to tryouts**. All physicals will be good until the end of 8th grade. Have your doctor fill out the physical card (salmon). Each year after the physical, you must file an alternate year card (yellow), which the athletes' parents sign. 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. 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.

VOLUNTEERS

Muskego-Norway Schools understands and appreciates the important role that volunteers and chaperones play in our schools. We encourage parents as well as other community members to volunteer their time supporting the students and staff of our district schools. In an effort to provide a safe environment for our students, the district has established a **Registered Volunteer Program**.

Applications must be submitted every three years unless, since your last application, you were arrested, indicted, convicted of, plead no contest or guilty to or adjudicated for any felony, any offense involving moral turpitude, and any of the other offenses as indicated below:

- Crimes involving school property or funds;
- Crimes involving attempt by fraudulent or unauthorized means to obtain or alter any certificate or permit that would entitle any person to hold or obtain a position as an educator;
- Crimes that occur wholly or in part on school property or at a school-sponsored activity;
- A misdemeanor which involves moral turpitude [e.g. an act or behavior that gravely violates moral sentiments or accepted moral standards of the community]; or
- A misdemeanor which violates the public trust.

Failure to disclose this information may result in denial of a registered volunteer status.

Please direct questions to the Human Resources Department at the Educational Services Center at (262) 971-1800, ext. 2117.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the School District of Muskego Norway, pursuant to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and State Statutes 118.125 (1) and (2) and (2)(j) had designated the following as "Directory Data" and may release this data intermittently throughout the school year to specialized organizations or institutions as listed below:

- I. Student's name, address, telephone listing, date of birth, and school/grade of attendance may be released to the following:
 - A. Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
 - B. Vendors who have been designated as official providers of school related services
 - C. Parent organizations for the purpose of producing school directories
- II. Students' names, photographs, participation in activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, awards received, and schools most recently and previously attended by the pupils may be released to:
 - A. Publications sponsored by the School District of Muskego
 - B. Area newspapers
 - C. Appropriate private and public sponsored magazines, journal, monographs, etc.

Any parent, guardian, or student may inform Lake Denoon personnel by completing the Request to Withhold Directory Information form at Lake Denoon Middle School, which the said student attends, that all or any part of the directory information may not be disclosed without the parent, guardian, or student's consent provided that such notification is given to the school within fourteen (14) days of this published notice.

Any previous notice on file with the Muskego-Norway School District to withhold the disclosing of directory information is now void.



PTO UPDATE

Hello LDMS Parents! Below is a summary of what is going on with your PTO!

Recent PTO successes:

- Hosted welcome back staff breakfast
- On-boarded two new PTO co-treasurers (Ava Casey and Cassandra Hoefke)
- Launched new online LDMS spirit wear store
- Engaged new families and existing families more thoroughly with a new volunteer sign up
- Updated PTO cash management and financial processes

These services were offered for our (parents) convenience:

- GeniusSupply.com school supplies
- Sold gym clothes at LDMS registration

Active projects:

- 2017-2018 budgeting, including identifying the projects and funding, which the PTO will support to meet our mission supporting students and teachers
- Incorporating and obtaining 501©(3) status
- Identifying future PTO Board positions
- Volunteer coordination based on your survey results

A reminder of our guiding mission: 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.

Your 2017-2018 PTO Board

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| • 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 | Associate Principal |
| • Lori Rooney | Teacher Rep for PTO |

E-mail us at lakedenoonpto@gmail.com with questions or suggestions!

Thanks again for your support! We look forward to seeing you at a PTO event soon!

PTO Meeting Dates 2017-18

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE LIBRARY

Know your child's

CYBERWORLD

Tips for Parents

1 Maintain open communication with your child about technology and the appropriate uses of it.



2 Make sure your child knows they cannot be anonymous on the Internet.



3 Talk to your child about what should never be posted online and the dangers of posting too much information.

4 Explain that posting online is just like writing in permanent marker – it cannot be erased.



5 Engage your child in continuous conversations about how to behave online.



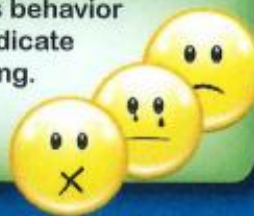
6 Complete a "use agreement" with your child and talk about respecting others online. Establish and enforce household rules for technology usage.



7 Discuss why strong passwords are important, how to create them and the need to keep them private. Obtain all passwords for devices and apps.

8 Stay informed on your child's Internet habits, review their user history and observe their social media activity. Know who their friends and followers are.

9 Be aware of changes in your child's behavior that may indicate cyberbullying.



10 Never threaten to take away your child's phone or Internet access. This could prevent them from approaching you in the future about online problems.

