



# 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:

- April 9: School resumes
- April 12: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Forward Testing - Social Studies/Science
- April 13: All School Dance/Open Gym – 3:05 – 5:00 p.m.
- April 16, 17, 19: Forward Literacy Testing
- April 18: Recognition Day
- April 20: Teen Center – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- April 24: Forward Math Testing
- April 26: STAR Reading Test
- May 1: STAR Math Test
- August 13: Registration – 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- August 14: Registration – 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- August 29: Back to School Night – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



## TEST PREPARATION FOR FAMILIES

Please help us prepare students to do their best on upcoming state testing. The schedule was emailed earlier and can also be found again in the Dates to Remember section (above).

### HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD:

- 1) **HEADPHONES** - Students will need a pair for the literacy portion. Please check that the headphones are in working order.
- 2) **CHARGING** - Chromebooks should always come fully charged, but please check with your student on specific testing days.
- 3) **NO** phones, smartwatches, tablets or any unauthorized devices in the testing environment. This could result in a severe penalty. If possible, students might consider leaving all devices home that day.
- 4) **SLEEP** - Please try to encourage a good night's sleep the night before the test. Many of the tests will be administered in the morning hours.
- 5) **BREAKFAST** - Please encourage a healthy breakfast.
- 6) **ALL** students must use a school-issued Chromebook. Students who use personal devices will be assigned a school device for the purpose of testing only.
- 7) **BOOK** - Students need to come to school with a paperback/hardcover book when finished with the test.

Students not in school on the scheduled testing days will be scheduled for a make-up test prior to the close of the testing window, which is May 4, 2018.

The [Informational Brochure for Families](#) gives more information about the assessment including its purpose, what scores will be provided, and how the scores will be used.

This assessment measures the knowledge and skills your student(s) should have acquired by the time they reach each grade level. Their performance on the assessment will not affect any of their current grades. Please encourage your son or daughter to take the test seriously and do the best they can. The results of these tests will be used to help school staff make determinations or placement in classes to best support your child(ren).

If you have any questions, please contact Linda O'Bryan at [262-971-1820, x 7001](tel:262-971-1820).

## **HOMWORK REQUESTS**



Please request homework for your child when you call in his/her absence. Homework will be provided for students if they are absent **two or more days**. Homework assignments can also be found on the teacher's webpage or Google Classroom. If there is homework for your child it can be picked up in the entrance way.

## **RECOGNITION DAY – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

On **Wednesday, April 18**, we will have Recognition Day. Students in fifth and sixth grade who did not have any D's, F's, or disciplinary referrals are eligible during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Seventh and eighth grade students who do not have any D's, F's, three or more detentions, or one or more disciplinary referrals during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter will be eligible for our activities. Students who are ineligible will be assigned to directed study during the activities.



**Activities include:** Stonefire Pizza and Helium Trampoline Park for fifth and sixth grade, a Brewers' game for seventh and eighth grade students, and open gym and a movie at school for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade.



**Parents/guardians are encouraged to send their child to school on Recognition Day. Students will be attending regular classes in the morning, with Recognition Day activities in the afternoon. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders attending the Brewer game will be leaving the school at approximately 8:15 a.m. and returning around 4:00 p.m. Please arrange to pick up your child promptly.**

## **RUN FOR EDUCATION**

The Wisconsin Run for Education is a series of 5K runs (and fun runs for the little ones!) that support two school districts in Southern Wisconsin - Muskego-Norway Schools and Kettle Moraine.

These runs have been organized to encourage health and wellness and bring our community, staff, students, parents, and businesses together! Register today for one or both of the races! Proceeds from each race will go to each specific district.

**Muskego-Norway Schools 5K — Sunday, April 29, 2018 9:00 a.m.**  
**Children's Fun Run - Start time: 9:00 a.m. – Price: \$10.00 race fee + \$2.50 signup fee**  
**5K Walk/Run - Start time: 9:30 a.m. – Price: \$30.00 race fee + \$3.00 signup fee**

Use the following link to register for the run! <http://runsignup.com/?Race/WI/Muskego/>

The run/walk will begin at Muskego High School and route through the community returning back to the high school. The route will be clear for runners, walkers, and those pushing strollers. The Children's Fun Run will take place on the high school track.

## **IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

Attention 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents/guardians: Later this month, your child will be bringing home information about new immunization requirements for students entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please look over this packet. The gold record sheet will need to be completed upon your child entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If you have any questions, please call the health room at (262) 971-1820, ext. 7436.

## **MATH CORNER**

Thank you for supporting your child's math thinking at home. The state Forward test on Tuesday, April 24, will include only the standards from their grade level, not their academic level. Any additional practice at home is appreciated. It is beneficial for students to spiral their practice to keep older standards fresh in their memories. This could be accomplished through website practice or any paper and pencil work.

Two good websites to use are: [www.mathgames.com](http://www.mathgames.com) and [www.mathgalore.com](http://www.mathgalore.com). Just click on their grade level for practice and videos.

## **SOLO ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL**

Congratulations to the following students who performed in the Solo Ensemble Festival, Saturday, March 12, at East Troy Middle School!

### **BAND**



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Emiy Pan – Piano Solo

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Mattie Buckett – Bari Saxophone; Olivia Feldman – Piano; Rachel Fredlund and Sophia McCartney – Trombone; Elijah Hoefke - Trumpet

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Evan Anschutz- Trumpet; Sierra Coleman - Flute; Ryan Koepp – Alto Saxophone; Christina Pan – Piano; Maddie Vukovich - Oboe

### **CHOIR**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Olivia Feldman, Kara Loeffelholz

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Lily Dietzler, Noelle Graves, Jenna Heun, Emma Johnson, Hailey Logan, and Kate Olson



## **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 7**. 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 of your child's picture? E-mail it with your child's name in the body of the e-mail to [annamarie.morinerdman@muskegonorway.org](mailto:annamarie.morinerdman@muskegonorway.org).



Thanks for your help in this!

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



Sign up for Fall 2018 Cross Country is the week of **May 7 – May 11** with Coach Kruk. All sign up paperwork **is due May 17**. All grade levels are welcome to join our CC team. Due to high numbers in previous years, away races will be open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on a first come, first serve basis. Please turn in **all** paperwork as soon as possible, as this will hold your racing spot (physical cards can be turned in throughout the summer if needed). Any available racing slots will be opened up to 5<sup>th</sup> graders on a first come, first served basis. All athletes will be able to run at our Lake Denoon home meet and at all practices.

**\*\*\*IN ORDER TO HOLD A RACING SPOT ON THE TEAM, ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE TURNED IN.** A racing spot will not be held for your child unless **all paperwork** is in (excluding the physical if you are getting one during the summer. A physical will be required in the fall to participate. **If your child does not have a physical at the start of the season, his/her racing spot will be given to someone else**). Once all paperwork is in, your child will be given a racing spot. Please note we have 70 racing spots and the **date/time ALL paperwork is turned in will determine your racing spot number**.\*\*\*

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. If your child is currently a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, that physical must be dated after April 1st. Sign up information for current 4<sup>th</sup> graders at elementary schools feeding into Lake Denoon will be sent to those schools in April.

If your child currently attends Lake Denoon, but will be attending Muskego Lakes next year and would like to participate in cross country, he/she can turn in his/her paperwork at Lake Denoon with a post-it that says 'Muskego Lakes'. We will date and forward it to the Muskego Lakes coach.

On Thursday, **May 24**, we will be holding our annual *Cross Country Experience* at LDMS. The Cross Country Experience is for 2018 Lake Denoon Cross Country runners. This will involve a 1.5 mile run and a team meeting. More information will be included in the CC sign up packets.

For more information about cross country, go to Fall Sports, which is located under Athletics, Clubs & Activities at the Lake Denoon school website. You can also check out our LDMS CC website at <http://ldmscross.weebly.com/>.

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.

## **FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!**

It goes without saying that Middle Schoolers are a unique crowd. Their *push-pull relationship with autonomy and dependence* can be invigorating, yet confusing, for parents and educators alike. The brains of middle schoolers are working tirelessly on their continuing development of higher order thinking skills (executive functions), such as problem solving, impulse control, thinking critically, and planning. The resulting observable and albeit stereotypical behaviors are also extremely important for long-term intellectual and social/emotional growth. When we see our children engaging in strong, intense but short-lived interests; forgetting seemingly simple directions, exhibiting powerful emotions that overshadow rational thinking; preferring interactions with their peers; and preferring active to passive learning, we should be embracing these radical changes by responding in ways that nurture their development. For example, parents can help encourage positive and prosocial development in their middle schoolers by doing the following:

- Establish and practice consistent expectations and routines for chores, homework, privileges, and other responsibilities--this may look different from one household to the next (or even one child to the next), but what's key is keeping things structured for your own home.
- Teach your child how to study. Build your child's capacity for work stamina and studying by using a timer, brain breaks (quick breaks that refresh your child), and a quiet, distraction-free environment. Studying is a learned skill and does not come naturally to middle schoolers. Teach your child what worked for you (and what didn't work) so your child can find the tools and process that creates the most bang for their buck when studying.
- Provide talking moments with your child following an incident of poor problem-solving or planning. Choose a time and space when you are both clear minded and calm--perhaps over a Saturday lunch, hot chocolate at the local coffee house, or a walk outside with the dog. Use your wisdom to guide your child in thinking about what happened and what could be done differently in the future. Make these teachable moments, as opposed to punishable moments.
- Make mind-body wellness a priority. Have available healthy snack options. Encourage outside and/or physical activity throughout every afternoon or evening--whether it's a walk in the neighborhood, lifting weights with your middle schooler, or doing yoga together.
- Love and nurture your child--even in the throes of middle school rollercoaster behavior. Find ways to make that physical connection with your child. Hugging is still important--even if your middle schooler shrugs them off, keeping hugging them, rub their shoulders briefly, or tousle their hair.
- And most importantly, remember that you were once this age...and this stage, too, shall pass.

“~Dr. R”

## **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 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 on the night of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion.

## **EIGHTH GRADE SCHEDULE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

8:24 – 9:04 a.m.	Promotion rehearsal
9:04 – 9:34 a.m.	8th grade breakfast
9:34 – 10:25 a.m.	Slide show
10:25 – 12:00 p.m.	Back to classes

## **ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY FOR 2018-19**



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 COLLEGE AND CAREER OPPORTUNITY**

WCTC is offering a hands on career exploration camp from July 30 to August 2. Students can choose one of eight different themed tracks. Each track will include opportunities in eight related careers. For more information, please [click here](#).



# **PTO UPDATE**



*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.*  
E-mail us at [lakedenoonpto@gmail.com](mailto:lakedenoonpto@gmail.com) with questions or suggestions.

## **ALL SCHOOL DANCE/OPEN GYM**

The Greatest Event - LDMS Dance & Open Gym – **Friday, April 13** 3:05 to 5:00 p.m. Admission: \$3.00

All proceeds help sponsor the Lake Denoon Alumni Scholarship. All participants will receive a prize!

## **SEEKING TWO CO-PRESIDENTS FOR NEXT YEAR**

The PTO is in need of two co-presidents for next year. Current co-presidents Courtney Korselt and Connie Peplinski will stay to help with the transition.

## **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PROMOTION**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion will take place Thursday, May 31, at 7:00 p.m. The dance will immediately follow and end at 9:30 p.m. Alpine Lanes has been booked for the post-promotion student event.

## **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

We will celebrate our teachers the week of May 7 – 11. More details will be forthcoming.

## **WI INCORPORATE STATUS**

The PTO is now Wisconsin incorporated and we are seeking 501 © (3) status.

**\*\*NEXT PTO MEETING: May 8 at 3:30 p.m. in the LDMS library\*\***