



LAKE DENOON MIDDLE SCHOOL



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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

- February 1 – February 8: Book Fair
- February 2: 8th Grade Field Trip – Timber-Lee Youth Camp
- February 6: PTO Spaghetti Dinner – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- February 6: Parent Teacher Conferences – 3:45 – 7:30 p.m.
- February 9: **NO SCHOOL** – Professional Development Day
- February 23: Dodgeball Tournament at Lake Denoon
- March 5: **NO SCHOOL** – Professional Development Day



8th GRADE FIELD TRIP TO TIMBER-LEE YOUTH CAMP – FEBRUARY 2, 2018

Most of the day we will be outdoors, so appropriate attire such as boots, gloves, snow pants or layers, and hats are required to ensure your child will be warm and can comfortably enjoy the day.

BOOK FAIR

February 1 – February 8. With a theme of “Paws for Reading,” the Book Fair offers an opportunity to purchase a wide variety of reading material. The school library and classrooms will benefit from the total sales of the event. Parents can also be able to purchase books for their child’s classroom “wish list” or send money for donations. **Volunteers are needed.** Contact Julie Misiak at jmisiak02@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities. All checks should be made payable to **LDMS PTO**.

Online purchases can be made 24/7 at <http://bit.ly/2jvYmV5>. Books will be delivered to Lake Denoon at no cost within 7 to 10 business days.

PARENT/GUARDIAN-TEACHER-STUDENT CONFERENCES

Parent-Student-Teacher conference days are scheduled for **Tuesday, February 6**. Conference hours are from **3:45 to 7:30 p.m.** All students are strongly encouraged to attend with their parents/guardians.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Tuesday, February 6, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Tickets are still available** for \$8.00 (\$5.00 for children under 5) for a dinner catered by Leah’s Pizza in Muskego. Dinner will include your choice of spaghetti or mostaccioli with house meat sauce, salad with Leah’s homemade vinaigrette dressing, Leah’s famous homemade garlic bread, beverage and dessert. **Volunteers are needed.** Contact Lisa Sande at (262) 442-0471, or e-mail her at 6sandes@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities or if you have questions. There will be limited carry-out orders available that night. Please click [HERE](#) for an order form.



LDMS DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT



The 8th Annual Dodgeball Tournament will take place on **Friday, February 23, 2018** for all grade levels. (Snow date will be March 9, if necessary.) 5th grade matches will begin at 3:30 p.m. and 6th grade matches should start close to 4:15 p.m. Projected start times for 7th and 8th grade matches will be 5:00 p.m. **Admission for spectators** will be \$1.00 plus one canned good or \$2.00 with no canned good. All canned goods are donated to our local food pantry. All proceeds fund equipment costs here at LDMS. Please call Student Services for additional information at (262) 971-1820.

LOST & 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 Thursday, February 8, 2018, will be donated to charity.**

WARRIOR FAMILY WEEK – FEBRUARY 12 – 17, 2018

Attention all middle school students and families! Muskego High School is hosting WARRIOR FAMILY WEEK during the week of **February 12-17**. Two of the main events are very exciting, and we are hoping you and your families will be involved!

Thursday, February 15 – Basketball contest to win \$10,000.

- Come support a great cause ([Warrior Family](#))! Watch the boys and girls basketball teams battle Kettle Moraine and have your chance to shoot to win \$10,000 at halftime of each varsity basketball game! Girls: 5:45 p.m., Guys: 7:00 p.m. Use the link below to purchase entries to the contest for only \$3! [Eligibility rules](#).

Friday, February 16 – Broomball Tournament at Idle Isle, Little Muskego Lake.

- 5 v 5 Broomball Tournament @ Idle Isle Park on Little Muskego Lake! Bundle up and come check out the empty lake! Each team guaranteed 2 games. The middle schools will have a different bracket than the high school bracket. Cash prizes for winning team! [Register team](#) / [Permission slip](#)

Please visit bit.ly/warriorfamilyweek to learn more and to register for all events!

Thank you!
MHS Student Council

SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUESTS

Because we already started to schedule, any changes need to be submitted by **Thursday, March 1, 2018**. Please realize that we build the entire master schedule around the choices you make. No changes will be made after March 1 unless there is a clerical error on our part. [CLICK HERE FOR SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUEST FORM](#)

OPTIONAL PARENT INFORMATION SHEET FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Parents/Guardians please know we are unable to honor requests for specific teachers as many factors are considered in scheduling, including class size and balance, and working to provide as many of your child's course elective selections as possible.

If you would like to identify any specific information about your child's learning needs and information that would help your child's transition into the next school year, please feel free to complete the following form: [Optional Parent Information Sheet](#)

Please return this form to the Main Office at Lake Denoon Middle School in a sealed envelope marked "Office-Placement" by **Friday, March 23, 2018**.

2018- 2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The 2018-19 school year calendar has been approved by the school board. [Click here](#) for calendar.

SCREEN-ADDICTED TEENS ARE UNHAPPY

A new study finds that more screen time coincides with less happiness in youths.

Summary: Researchers found that teens who spent a lot of time in front of screen devices – playing computer games, using more social media, texting and video chatting – were less happy than those who invested time in non-screen activities like sports, reading newspapers and magazines, and face-to-face social interaction. The happiest teens used digital media for less than an hour per day. But after a daily hour of screen time, unhappiness rises steadily along with increasing screen time. – San Diego State University.

MATH CORNER

From Mrs. Quirk, Mathematics Coach

It might be of interest to you to know the Common Core fluency expectations - meaning what your child either knows from memory, or the procedures that can be done quickly and accurately. If the fluencies are solid, your child can spend more energy on the problem solving and the mathematics, which results in higher achievement. Teachers work on these skills at school, but any additional support at home would be appreciated. Here is the breakdown:

Quickly from memory:

- 2nd grade: addition facts through 10;
- 3rd grade: multiplication facts through 10.

Solve quickly and accurately: 5th grade: multi-digit multiplication; 6th grade: multi-digit division and all work with decimals; 7th grade: negative and positive number operations and solving for a variable; 8th grade: all cases of linear equations, volume of prisms, spheres, cylinders, and proportional reasoning.

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: HOMEWORK!

Homework is a given practice in our public school systems. Much research has been conducted on the effects of homework and its impact on academic achievement. Findings suggest that homework in the middle school years has modest positive effects on academic skills, while homework during high school can have great positive effects on academic achievement. In addition to how homework affects academic skills, many researchers and educators believe homework offers other benefits for students, including: increasing students' responsibility, as well as, skills in executive functioning (i.e., planning, prioritizing, time management, organization). These habits of the mind will not only help students be successful in school, but also in their post-secondary choices. Dr. Peg Dawson, a school psychologist in New Hampshire, created the following quick guide for parents and students to develop homework routines that promote these habits of the mind.

- **Step 1. Find a location in the house where homework will be done.** The right location will depend on your child and the culture of your family. Some children do best at a desk in their bedroom. It is a quiet location, away from the hubbub of family noise. Other children become too distracted by the things they keep in their bedroom and do better at a place removed from those distractions, like the dining room table. Some children need to work by themselves. Others need to have parents nearby to help keep them on task and to answer questions when problems arise. Ask your child where the best place is to work. Both you and your child need to discuss pros and cons of different settings to arrive at a mutually agreed upon location.
- **Step 2. Set up a homework center.** Once you and your child have identified a location, fix it up as a home office/homework center. Make sure there is a clear workspace large enough to set out all the materials necessary for completing assignments. Outfit the homework center with the kinds of supplies your child is most likely to need, such as pencils, pens, colored markers, rulers, scissors, a dictionary and thesaurus, graph paper, construction paper, glue and cellophane tape, lined paper, a calculator, spell checker, and, depending on the age and needs of your child, a computer or laptop. If the homework center is a place that will be used for other things (such as the dining room table), then your child can keep the supplies in a portable crate or bin. If possible, the homework center should include a bulletin board that can hold a monthly calendar on which your child can keep track of long term assignments. Allowing children some leeway in decorating the homework center can help them feel at home there, but you should be careful that it does not become too cluttered with distracting materials.
- **Step 3. Establish a homework time.** Your child should get in the habit of doing homework at the same time every day. The time may vary depending on the individual child. Some children need a break right after school to get some exercise and have a snack. Others need to start homework while they are still in a school mode (i.e., right after school when there is still some momentum left from getting through the day). In general, it may be best to get homework done either before dinner or as early in the evening as the child can tolerate. The later it gets, the more tired the child becomes and the more slowly the homework gets done.
- **Step 4. Establish a daily homework schedule.** In general, at least into middle school, the homework session should begin with your sitting down with your child and drawing up a homework schedule. You should review all the assignments and make sure your child understands them and has all the necessary materials. Ask your child to estimate how long it will take to complete each assignment. Then ask when each assignment will get started. If your child needs help with any assignment, then this should be determined at the beginning so that the start times can take into account parent availability.

If you have specific questions about setting up homework routines, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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OPEN GYM – SATURDAY MORNINGS



Are you looking for your child to be active on a Saturday morning? Drop them off at open gym held at Lake Denoon on Saturday mornings from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Open gym 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 item (or more) to benefit our local food pantry.

Any questions regarding this program may be directed to Mr. Schaewe at (262) 971-1820, ext. 7117, or e-mail james.schaewe@muskegonorway.org.

PTO UPDATE

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7 – May 11: More to come on volunteer opportunities.

8th Grade Promotion – May 31: Planning is in the works.

Muskego Warriors Spirit Wear – For parents who want to order Muskego Warriors Spirit Wear please click on the following link: [Muskego Warriors Spirit Wear](#)

Next PTSO meeting is Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the LDMS library

