



LAKE DENOON MIDDLE SCHOOL



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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:

- February 15: NO SCHOOL** – Professional Development Day for teachers
- February 22:** Dodgeball Tournament at Lake Denoon
- February 25 - 28:** Book Fair
- February 28:** Parent Teacher Conferences – 3:45 – 7:30 p.m.
- February 28:** Ice Cream Social – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- March 8:** Make up day for Dodgeball tournament - if needed
- March 12:** PTO Meeting – 4:30 in the library
- March 14: NO SCHOOL** – Professional Development Day for teachers
- March 15: NO SCHOOL** for students and teachers



SCHOOL CLOSING PROTOCOL

This is a friendly reminder to familiarize yourself with the district’s protocol for closing school due to inclement weather. For information [Click here](#)

LDMS DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT



The 9th Annual Dodgeball Tournament will take place on **Friday, February 22, 2019** for all grade levels. (Snow date will be March 8, 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.

PARENT/GUARDIAN-TEACHER-STUDENT CONFERENCES

Parent-Student-Teacher conference days are scheduled for **Thursday, February 28**. Conference hours are from **3:45 to 7:30 p.m.** All students are strongly encouraged to attend with their parents/guardians.

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 28, 2019, will be donated to charity.**

OPTIONAL PARENT INFORMATION SHEET FOR 2019-2020 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 1, 2019**.

SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUESTS

Because we already started to schedule, any changes need to be submitted by **Friday, March 1, 2019**. 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](#)

TRACK INFORMATION



Track season is right around the corner. Seventh and eighth grade students interested in track should attend the informational meeting on **Monday, March 4, 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 after March 4. Some important dates include: **March 15 – Apparel order due** (track participants must have a track t-shirt to participate in meets). **March 15 - all forms and co-curricular fees due.** **April 1 – 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 or (262) 971-1820, ext. 7213.

ATHLETIC ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Lake Denoon Middle School has launched an online registration process for students participating in our school athletics. We encourage all families to set up an account, as Muskego High School uses the same online registration for all club/sports/parking permits.

Regarding the registration process for sports, please note the following prior to registering:

- Students registering for athletics **must have a current physical examination uploaded** to their family account in order to participate in the sport. (Please [click here](#) for examination forms.)
- If the physical exam took place on or after April 1st of their 4th grade school year, the physical is valid for all four school years at LDMS.
- Paper work will no longer be turned into LDMS or the coach. The online procedure is sufficient.

To create a family account and complete registration please go to the Activities Website: WWW.1WARRIOR.ORG

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.

2019- 2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The 2019-20 school year calendar has been approved by the school board. [Click here](#) for calendar.

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

From the Desk of your School Psychologist:

As a brief reminder for my readers, I've decided to use the parent newsletter to chronicle the ins and outs of parenting a 7th grade boy this year, as I believe that my experiences may mirror many of yours.

My most recent challenge as a parent occurred last week when I received an email from my son's literacy teacher about his inappropriate internet use on his Chromebook two different times in class during that week. Mind you, my son already had one incident earlier in the year in the same class because of this same reason, which was addressed at home with a restricted access to screens for a limited time frame. My son's teacher reported that every time she's talked with him about this, he never takes responsibility for his actions, blames others for his internet use, and is unable to identify what is appropriate internet content for school.

When speaking with my son about what happened, he had a very long, drawn out explanation (excuse?) about what had unfolded. He was not accountable for what happened, and (I have to admit) a little entitled about what he thought he could do in class on his Chromebook. He was again issued consequences of restricted screens for a week, as well as a loss of his school activity night that evening. The journey of our conversation, however, is what I want to focus on here.

I told my son I wanted to believe him and his version of the facts (an important parenting step--validating your child's perspective because it builds mutual respect and lays the foundation for taking responsibility for one's own behaviors). I told him I loved him and wanted to trust that his actions represented what he has learned to be important up to this point. But I also told him that even with me, his disregard for accepting responsibility for his own actions was most troubling. I wanted to know a little more about how reflective he could be about what happened, so I asked him about this teacher (i.e., what behaviors she finds acceptable in her classroom, what are the things she is sensitive about, what rules are important to her). I used this information for us to explore the concept of learning how to "play the game." We talked about how "playing the game" does not mean manipulating the situation or the adults in it, but knowing how to adjust personal actions to adhere to and respect others needs. I let him know that this is an important concept to learn, because not only does it apply to middle school (knowing which teachers are okay with him accessing YouTube when his work is finished), but also to life after middle school--with different colleagues at future jobs, and with friends and acquaintances. In talking about this concept, my son was able to eventually rethink his own actions, which led him to voluntarily admit his wrongdoings.

It is always hard as a parent to know how far to drive a point home with your child--you don't want the journey to turn into a lecture, because you can lose the child along the way. I think this conversation turned out more successful than it might have because of what he learned in how to read others and their needs, while getting his needs met too.

In solidarity,

"Dr. R"

INFLUENZA

[Influenza](#) has started to increase in Wisconsin and the MNS.

The [Wisconsin Surveillance Report](#), December 29, 2018, shows **MODERATE** levels of influenza-like illness being reported throughout the state except Milwaukee County which is still below baseline. This is an increase since the last report before Winter Break.

MNSD is seeing a **NORMAL** amount of influenza-like illness being reported but reports have started to increase since return from Winter Break.

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. [Flu is different from a cold.](#) Flu usually comes on suddenly. People who are sick with flu often feel some or all of these symptoms:

- Fever or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.
- *It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.



HANDWASHING is the single most important method of preventing the spread of illness.

ABSENCE REPORTING: When you report your child as absent, please provide as much information as possible. This allows MNSD to monitor specific conditions more accurately and provide a healthy learning environment for your child. In addition, we have some students throughout MNSD that have health conditions requiring close surveillance of potential illness exposure.

Absence information related to illness is optimal if it includes the following:

- Symptoms such as:
 - Fever
 - Flu-like (see above)
 - Sore Throat
 - Respiratory – nasal or sinus congestion/drainage, cough (productive or non-productive)
 - Gastro intestinal – diarrhea or vomiting including frequency and last episode
 - Skin – rash
- Onset – date and/or time of onset
- Diagnosis – Healthcare provider diagnosis including lab test confirmation (ex. Flu, strep)
- Treatment – Prescribed by healthcare provider (ex. Antibiotics) or parent-initiated
- Others – If other family members are also ill

The [Wisconsin Childhood Communicable Disease Chart](#) is a handy reference.

GUIDELINES: It is important to keep your child home when they are experiencing illness. MNSD has developed some [GUIDELINES](#) to help determine when your child should stay home from school. We at MNSD know that keeping a child home from school presents challenges, not only for working families, but for all families. We want to minimize absences but at the same time provide a safe and healthy learning environment.

MNSD has also developed some [GUIDELINES](#) to help determine when to take your child to your healthcare provider.

Please refer to the [District Nurse](#) page on the MNSD website for more information.

PTO UPDATE

PTO ICE CREAM SOCIAL

You spoke up and we listened! The LDMS PTO is hosting a brand new event this year in place of the spaghetti dinner.



The LDMS PTO is organizing an ice cream social during winter conferences. During the event we will offer coffee, hot cocoa, and an ice cream sundae bar for a small price. In order to make this event a success we are looking for multiple donations of materials as well as your time. Please click on the following link to browse the list of needs. [Lake Denoon PTO Ice Cream Social 2019 Information Link](#)

All donated items can be dropped off at the LDMS front office during school hours in the two weeks leading up to the event beginning Monday, February 18.

Ice Cream Social, **Thursday, February 28**, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Conferences run 3:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. We will continue to serve coffee, hot cocoa, and ice cream beyond the listed 7:00 p.m. time if inventory and demand remain.

If you have any questions, please contact Candice Cook or Nikki Ackerman at lakedenoonpto@gmail.com.

BOOK FAIR

February 25 – 28. With a theme of “Dinosaurs,” 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.

Recent PTO successes:

- Successful Elegant Farmer fundraiser raised approximately \$800.00 in revenue for the PTO! Thank you for your support.

Active Projects:

- Mark your calendars for the upcoming Book Fair the week of February 25 – February 28. The Book Fair will also be open the night of Parent/Teacher conferences on February 28. Volunteers welcome!
- New Hot Cocoa, Coffee, and Ice Cream Social available this year during Parent/Teacher conferences on February 28. Donations needed!
- Identifying needs for the upcoming Teacher Appreciation in May.
- Getting vendors for a new School Supply vendor this fall.
- Save your box tops!

Needed:

- Volunteers wanted for the upcoming Book Fair.
- Donations needed for upcoming Coffee, Hot Cocoa, and Ice Cream Social in February and Teacher Appreciation in May.
- PTO positions available for the 2019-20 school year. Co-President, Treasurer, and Secretary is needed. For more information or to show interest, please e-mail us at lakedenoonpto@gmail.com.

A reminder for 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 at [LDMS PTO](#).

Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the LDMS library

