



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 1, 2:** I Ready Reading Assessments
- May 7, 8:** I Ready Math Assessments
- May 7:** PTO Meeting – 4:30 p.m.
- May 16:** 7th and 8th Grade Band Concert – 7:00 p.m. at MHS
- May 21:** 6th Grade Band concert – 7:00 p.m. at Lake Denoon
- May 24:** Professional Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- May 27:** Memorial Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- June 5:** Choir concert – 7:00 p.m. at MHS
- June 12:** Recognition day
- June 13:** Last day of school – Dismissal 12:00 p.m.
- June 13:** 8th Grade promotion – 7:00 p.m.
- August 12:** Registration – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- August 13:** Registration – 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- August 28:** Open House/School Supply drop off – 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.



CELL PHONE USAGE

While middle school students may possess personal communication devices (PCDs) in school, on school property, during after school activities (e.g., extra-curricular activities), and at school-related functions, they must be kept out of sight and silent during the instructional day (from the bell at the beginning of the day until the dismissal bell at the end of the day).

Violations result in the following steps:

- First offense** - phone taken and held in Student Services Office until 3:05 p.m.
- Second offense** - phone taken and held in Student Services Office. Parent contacted to pick up phone.
- Third offense** - phone taken and held in Student Services Office. Parent contacted to pick up phone and detention issued.

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.

VAPING HARMFUL TO DEVELOPING BRAINS

[Here](#) is more information on the dangers of addiction to nicotine in students who vape. Please continue to be vigilant and talk to your child about the dangers of vaping.

BAND CONCERT

The spring band concert for **Grades 7 and 8** will be held on **Thursday, May 16, 2019, 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 **Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 7:00 p.m.** at Lake Denoon Middle School. **Students need to be at LDMS by 6:30 p.m.**

CROSS-COUNTRY, IT'S A GREAT SPORT!

Sign up for Fall 2019 Cross Country is the week of **May 13 – May 17** with Coach Kamperschroer. All sign-up paperwork is **due May 23**. All grade levels are welcome to join our CC team. Due to high numbers in previous years, away races will be open to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders on a first come, first serve basis. Please turn in 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 5th graders on a first come, first serve 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. HERE IS WHAT'S REQUIRED:**

By May 23: Code Card, Emergency Card, Concussion Form, Apparel Order, Health form, Email form

- Code Card, Emergency Card, and Concussion Form can be filled out online via <https://www.1warrior.org/>.
- Apparel order form, Health form, E-mail form, Squad Leader form (optional) will need to be picked up from Coach Kamperschroer's room- Room 213/214- the week of **May 13 - May 17**.
- A racing spot will not be held for your child unless this paperwork is in by **May 23**. 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.*****

By September 4: Physical Card or Alternate Year Card.

- This will also be turned in via <https://www.1warrior.org/>. If your child is currently a 4th-grader, their physical must be dated after April 1st. **If your child does not have a physical by the start of the season, his/her racing spot will be given to someone else.**

By September 13- \$45 Co-Curricular Fee (either check or cash).

- Please wait until the start of the school year to turn in this fee. Any fees turned in this school year will be returned.

Sign up information for current 4th graders at elementary schools feeding into Lake Denoon will be sent to those schools.

On Thursday, **May 30**, we will be holding a team informational meeting from 3:10 - 3:30 p.m. in Room 213/214 (Ms. Kamperschroer's room). We will be discussing the season calendar, as well as summer running. Students should have a ride ready to get picked up from this meeting at 3:30 p.m. All information discussed will be forwarded on to Lakeview Elementary and Mill Valley Elementary for incoming 5th-grade athletes.

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 Kamperschroer at nicole.kamperschroer@muskegonorway.org with any questions.

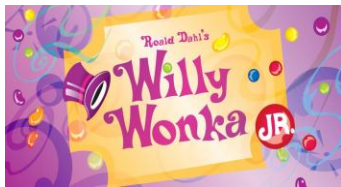
SPRING CHORAL CONCERT



The spring choral concert for grades 6, 7, and 8 will be at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2019**, at the Muskego High School PAC. **Please drop students off at the Muskego High School PAC at 6:30 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.

MUSICAL



We would like to, again, thank all the parents who volunteered their time and talents for our recent musical production of *Willy Wonka, Jr.* 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** – Dana Buhl and Beth Stigler; **Make-Up Coordinator**– Michelle Dietzler **Publicity** - Jennifer Rybarczyk. **Behind-The-Scenes Photography** – Cecilia and Nathan Fernau.

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.

It was one of those beautiful spring days, warm and sunny, that I decided to put my 2 year old into the jogging stroller to go for a run after work. On a whim, I asked my 13 year old son and 10 year old daughter if they wanted to ride their bikes along with me. Surprisingly they agreed. After the "outing," we returned home and any request I put forth, my 13 year old was polite and accommodating. To be honest, I was taken aback each and every time. As I think about it today, in conjunction with just having started reading the book, *Raising Kids to Thrive*, I shouldn't have been surprised by his willingness to be outside with me and do those small chores that needed to be done throughout the night. I think as parents, we are trained to believe the pre-adolescent and adolescent time is going to be challenging, and when we expect that, we support it in happening. This book reminded me that our kids, no matter what their age, love us as parents, and they still want to be loved. The intermittent times they are "acting like a teenager," are really just moments (although sometimes it can feel like the moodiness lasts for days). The authors of this book thought that our kids are embarrassed by us or don't follow our directions because "they love us too much" and it is this love that confuses them when they are trying to figure out who they are as a unique person--when so much of our kids is actually a reflection of us as parents.

It is that reflection part that I want to focus on. In schools we talk about needing to have high expectations for students and with high expectations, students will rise to the occasion. I think parenting should be similar. But I think we should have *positive* expectations for our children. We need to value their self-discovery, their expressions of love and gratitude (in whatever way they show us), and love them unconditionally--even when they make mistakes or defy our rules. For those moments that become challenging, we need to remind ourselves that how we respond is critical--they are watching our every move and are learning how to be an adult (and perhaps also a parent when the time comes).

As we move into the Wisconsin spring and summer, hug your kids--appreciate who they are as individuals and who they are learning to become, and *expect positivity* in your interactions with your kids. I think you will be pleasantly surprised.

Until next year.....

"Dr. R"

MATH CORNER

From Mrs. Quirk, Mathematics Coach

Our last I Ready Math assessments will be May 7 and 8 for all grades. 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 at Mathgames.com, Prodigy, and on my math website: www.mathgalore.com

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.



END OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION

Plans are already underway for the end of the year Recognition Celebration on **Wednesday, June 12**. 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 4th 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 SCHEDULE FOR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – June 13

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

EIGHTH GRADE PROMOTION AND DANCE

The eighth grade promotion celebration and dance have been set for **Thursday, June 13, 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.” If students are not following the dress code, we will have t-shirts and other clothes to appropriately cover up.

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 Candice Cook at muskegocookfamily@gmail.com.

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 2019-20 school year.

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. These hours will run from June 17 to August 9.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY FOR 2019-20 AND ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION



In order to be eligible for co-curricular activities in the fall of 2019, students must have met the criteria as outlined in the co-curricular code. Academic eligibility requires that students 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 2018-19 school year will be used to determine academic eligibility.

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, poms, and seventh and eighth grade girls' volleyball.

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

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.

SUMMER REGISTRATION DAYS

2019-20 registration dates for grades 5 – 8 are as follows:

- **Monday, August 12 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, August 13 – 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 **Wednesday, August 28**, we are hosting an open house from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Students can bring in their school supplies at this time. Fifth and sixth grade teachers will have locker assignments ready for your child. In 7th and 8th grade, you can go to your homeroom to get your locker assignment.

2019-20 CALENDAR

As a reminder, the 2019-20 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 September 3, 2019.**



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 with questions or suggestions.

Teacher Appreciation Week – We will celebrate our teachers the week of **May 6 – 10**. More details will be forthcoming.

Next PTO Meeting – Our last PTO meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 7, at 4:30 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 4th grade parents/guardians attend and see what our PTO is all about.

Seeking Treasurer and Secretary Positions for next year – The PTO is in need of two positions open for next year, Treasurer and Secretary. Please e-mail lakedenoonpto@gmail.com if interested in the position.

8th Grade Promotion – The 8th grade promotion will take place **Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m.** The dance will immediately follow and end promptly at 9:30 p.m. Alpine Lanes has been booked for the post-promotion student event.

Order your 2019-2020 School Supply Box Today! - We have partnered with a new vendor this coming school year, 1st Day School Supplies, and are happy to announce our school store is **NOW OPEN**. Click [HERE](#) to be directed to our store where you can order your child's full school supply list and it will be delivered to your home. **Deadline to order is June 30, 2019.**



<https://www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com/kits.php?sid=115418>