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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:

- November 7:** End of first quarter
- November 8:** All School Fundraiser pickup – 3:15 – 6:00 p.m.
- November 15:** Elegant Farmer Fundraiser pickup – 3:15 – 6:00 p.m.
- November 19:** LDMS hosts the School Board Meeting
- November 21-23:** **No School** – Thanksgiving Break
- December 7:** Teen Center – Grades 5, 6, and 7
- December 13:** Band Concert – Grades 7 and 8 at MHS PAC – 7:00 p.m.
- December 17:** Band Concert – Grade 6 at LDMS – 7:00 p.m.
- December 24 – January 1:** **No School** – Winter break
- January 2:** School Resumes



FUNDRAISER PRODUCT PICK-UP DAYS

- **All School Fundraiser** product pick-up will be on **November 8** from **3:15 - 6:00 p.m.** in the **LDMS commons**. Please make sure that arrangements are made to pick up your student's order at that time. We do not have refrigeration available to hold any perishable items (i.e. cookie dough) past that date.

This year, LDMS student's total sales were approximately \$14,000.00. A significant percentage of this money gets returned to our school to offset the cost of student activities, field trips, Recognition Days, etc. Remember that you can still help us raise funds by shopping online at <http://www.gaschoolstore.com> and entering our school ID code: 2545655.

- **Elegant Farmer PTO Fundraiser** pick-up will be on **November 15** from **3:15 – 6:00 p.m.** in the LDMS Commons. Please note that this date of pick-up has changed from the original flyer.

Thank you to all LDMS students and parents for another successful fundraiser!

LDMS HOSTS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

On **Monday, November 19** we will host the school board meeting at LDMS. Parent participation is welcomed! At 6:30 p.m., we will have a light meal with the school board members. At 7:00 p.m., the School Board meeting begins in our library, which will include a short presentation about our work, goals, and accomplishments at LDMS. **Please e-mail Linda O'Bryan, Principal, at linda.o'bryan@muskegonorway.org if you would like to participate in the conversation and enjoy a light meal with School Board members. Please RSVP by Friday, November 9.**

WRESTLING



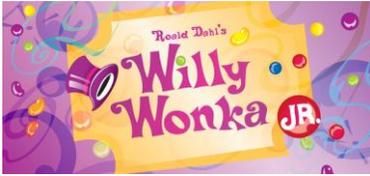
Wrestling for grades 6 thru 8 starts on Monday, November 5, at 3:05 p.m. in the gym. There are no cuts – we keep any and all. A physical card from this year or an alternate year card from this year must be on file prior to try outs. Information is available in Student Services or if you have any questions please contact Mr. Schenke at matt.schenke@muskegonorway.org.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Eighth grade boys' basketball tryouts are Monday, November 5, from 3:05 – 4:30 p.m. Seventh grade boys' basketball tryouts are Tuesday, November 6, from 3:05 – 4:30 p.m. Sign-up sheet is on Mr. Nagy's window. A physical card from this year or an alternate year card from this year must be on file.



ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS THAT HAVE APPLIED FOR THE MUSICAL



A link to your audition packets was e-mailed to you shortly after you applied. All of the information you need to prepare is in those packets. Make sure you have gone to the choir room and figured out what your audition number and date is so you can inform parents! Auditions take place **November 12 and 13** after school in the choir room – Room 300! Call backs, if necessary, will take place on November 15. Good luck everyone. We are looking forward to hearing and seeing your auditions.

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 Tuesday, November 20, will be donated to charity.**

BAND CONCERT



The band concert for **grades 7 and 8** will be held on **Thursday, December 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Muskego High School PAC. Students need to be there by 6:30 p.m.

The band concert for **grade 6** will be held on **Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** at Lake Denoon Middle School. Students need to be there by 6:30 p.m.

Concert dress – The concert dress has changed to ALL BLACK this year. Black pants/shoes/socks, and a black dress shirt. Pop of color is allowed, with a colorful tie for the guys / accessory for the ladies.

HOMEWORK REQUESTS



Please request homework for your child when you call in his/her absence. Requests will then be listed on the staff announcements. **Homework will be provided for students if they are absent 2 or more days.** If there is homework for your child, it can be picked up in the Main Office between 3:00 and 3:10 p.m. From 3:10 - 5:00 p.m., homework is available on a cart located outside the Main Office.

PLANNED ABSENCES

If a student has a planned absence, a Planned Absence Form must be obtained from the Student Services window or downloaded from the LDMS website. Homework arrangements should be made with the student's teacher(s) prior to the absence.

Once the Planned Absence Form is complete, please have your student return it to the Student Services Office.

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lake Denoon daily student announcements are available on our website. [Click here](#). These announcements also include information on community clubs and events.

Opportunities from outside community sources are also posted on our website. These sources can be found at the Lake Denoon website under Parents & Students → Community Resources.

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.



MATH CORNER

From Mrs. Quirk, Mathematics Coach

The UW-Madison Math Talent Search contest has started for this school year. Each month, 5 math problems are released, and students are encouraged to participate and expand their thinking. The questions are challenging, but do not require advanced mathematical knowledge – just hard work and creativity. Students would work through one problem or all 5, and submit their answers to be graded. The information is shared during daily announcements each month, and copies of the forms are available in the school hallways. Top participants are invited to Madison for an Honors Day in spring and to participate in an exam for the Van Vleck scholarship to UW-Madison. We hope to have another finalist, as we did a few years back. You may find additional information on their website: <https://www.math.wisc.edu/talent/>

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.

I'd like to share this time that my son, in his school district, has Chromebooks issued to all students starting in their 5th grade year. Along with the Chromebooks comes the responsibility of the student to keep their Chromebooks charged, with them every day, and safe from needing repairs. Additionally, headphones or ear buds are a required purchase by the parents so students can use the audio feature of their Chromebooks in class without distracting other students.

This year, during one of our many treks to Target (where I seem to always leave with more than I intended), I found some Skull Candy ear buds for my son--originally priced at \$40, on sale for \$20. I bring them home and have a very candid conversation with my son about the value of the ear buds, the responsibility of keeping track of them, AND maintaining their usability ("Don't break these!). He nodded his head and profusely thanked me for such cool ear buds. Well, I can tell you that by week 3 of school, I already was told (mind you, as I am walking out the door to get to Lake Denoon--which is very early in the am hours) that he lost his ear buds and "I NEED SOME RIGHT NOW FOR TODAY MOOOOM!" Flabbergasted, though I shouldn't be, I asked him if he remembered our conversation at the start of school about the level of responsibility required for keeping track of those ear buds. His gave me his typical response these days (a grunt) as I walked out the door and said he'd have to deal with the natural consequence that day of not having ear buds and that I would handle it with him later that afternoon.

While at work, I found some very old ear buds of mine, (hot pink, mind you) that I decided to lend him. In thinking about my training as a school psychologist, natural consequences, we know, can be the most powerful consequence to help prevent future poor decisions. In my reasoning, if my 7th grade son needed ear buds and he lost his \$40 ones within three weeks, then he could either use the (hot pink) ones offered to him or go without ear buds. Naturally, the hot pink ear buds were reluctantly taken. Do I think he used them? Probably not. Does he ask me every day for new ear buds? No. Did my masterful parenting/natural consequence work? I'm not sure. But what I can say is that I have not purchased new ones yet and I believe he has magically found another pair to use. I think giving him the hot pink ear buds resulted in him having to be resourceful and actually look in that bedroom of his for another pair. So ultimately, did I perhaps build some reflection and autonomy in my 7th grader? I hope so... but as we know, parenting this child is to be continued.....

"Dr. R"

STUDENT SERVICES CORNER

With various holidays approaching over the next several months, these holidays may bring up mixed emotions for young people and adults who have experienced loss. **Kyle's Korner** offers grief support groups. The website is a place to access information and resources about how to help children, teens and their families work through grief. <https://www.kyleskorner.org/helpful-links.aspx>.

Healing hearts is another organization that serves and supports grieving children and their families. They offer free peer-to-peer grief support as it relates to death, divorce, opioid addiction, separation, abandonment, incarceration and deportation. <http://www.healingheartsofwaukeshaco.org/>.

Parents Place is one community resource that focuses on strengthening families and protecting children through community education, parenting classes, support groups, child advocacy and supervised visitations. Please feel free to link to <http://www.parentsplacewi.org/> to learn more about the November Education programs that are offered.

CHRISTMAS CLEARING COUNCIL

The Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County has been providing Christmas gifts for children of families in need since 1949. Families who qualify for free and/or reduced lunch may apply. If you'd like to apply, please request an application from Student Services, Main Office, or contact Amanda Rosman, School Social Worker, at (262) 971-1820, ext. 7428. Completed applications **must be returned to Lake Denoon by November 14, 2018**.

If you'd like to sponsor a family, make a donation, organize community service project or volunteer, please visit the Christmas Clearing Council's website: <http://www.christmasclearingcouncil.org/>.

DRESSING APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER – www.weather.com



Please send your child to school with the necessary winter clothing. Warm coats, gloves, mittens, scarves, boots, and hats are all essential in order to enjoy a warm and dry recess in winter. Labeling your child's clothing will aid in recovering lost articles. **Only students who wear boots, gloves, and snow pants are allowed to play in the snow.** We utilize weather.com to determine if the weather "feels like" 0 degrees or colder. When it is 0 degrees or colder, please note that students will remain inside the building for recess. For any day above 0 degrees, students will be going outside and need to come to lunch dressed accordingly.

WEATHER AND EMERGENCY CLOSING

When schools close, it is important to avoid jamming school phone lines. Instead of calling the school, **please check local television or radio stations that will announce/list school delays or closings.**



Regular attendance is important to success in school and we expect that when school is in session, students are engaged in learning. However, because we live in Wisconsin and our winter weather is unpredictable, the Muskego-Norway School District has established the following guidelines for decisions related to inclement weather. Please refer to these guidelines when you have questions about possible school closings.

- Our first priority is to ensure student and staff safety. We consider information from the National Weather Service, local road conditions (police department), transportation services (bus company), other Waukesha County school districts, and reports from our buildings and grounds department to make a decision about school closures.
- Decisions regarding extreme cold or snow are based on the National Weather Service's (NOAA) WARNING level. For extreme cold weather, the WARNING level is a sustained minus 35 degrees wind chill or lower with winds at least 4 mph for 3 hours or more. While exceptions are possible, you should plan on school being open if the forecast does not reach the WARNING level. Cancellations for snow are based on the amount and timing of the snowfall, as well as compounding factors such as wind or ice layers.
- Decisions to close school are made as soon as practicable, typically no later than 5:00 a.m. and sometimes as early as 4:15 a.m. Area superintendents remain in close contact as soon as we hear a prediction of inclement weather, often having conversations the day before and again before 4:00 a.m. While we try to keep decisions consistent across the region, each of us must weigh the many factors unique to our district. Therefore, there may be times what another district is open and we are closed, or vice versa.
- Sometimes the weather will surprise us after school is already in session. We will generally not close once school is in session due to transportation and/or supervision concerns.
- Provided we have a current telephone number on file, families will receive a phone call if school is cancelled. You can also find information on our district website, through local media or by following us on Twitter.
- If your child lacks warm clothing, please contact your child's school for information about social service agencies.
- As parents/guardians, you know your child's circumstances best. Therefore, we respect your decision to not send your child to school when weather conditions are questionable. However, please understand that if school is in session and you decide to keep your child home, your child is missing instruction and will be required to make up any missing work.

School closing decisions are not easy. Your child's education is important and we want to provide learning opportunities on as many days as possible. Almost always, some people will agree with the decision, and some will not. Please know that we use our best judgment with the information we have available at the time.



PTO UPDATE

News from the Lake Denoon Middle School PTO

PTO Updates from the October 23rd PTO Meeting:

- The Elegant Farmer Fundraiser is now underway and orders are due by Friday, November 1, 2018.
- Instead of a spaghetti dinner, the PTO will be hosting an ice cream social in conjunction with parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, February 28, 2019.
- Parent volunteers are needed for the Book Fair in February and Teacher Appreciation week in May. If interested in helping to organize these events, contact lakedenoonpot@gmail.com
- Upcoming PTO meetings for 2018-2019: Tuesdays, January 15, March 12, and May 7. All meetings are at 4:30 p.m. in the LDMS library.
- Needed: PTO Co-Treasure to shadow this year in anticipation for service during the 2019-2020 school year. E-mail with interest.

Your 2018-2019 PTO Board

Jessica Pemble--Co-President
Trisha Senart--Co-President
Ava Casey--Treasurer
Candice Cook--Secretary
Linda O'Bryan--Principal
John McEwing--Assistant Principal
Lori Rooney--Teacher representative for PTO

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 lakedenoonpot@gmail.com with questions or suggestions.
- PTO meeting, notes, actions, decisions, and financials are available for viewing at: <http://www.muskegonorway.org/schools/lakedenoon/parents/ldmspto.cfm>.

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





GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING SICK CHILDREN HOME

Many families have questions about the decision to keep children home from school when they are ill. Please use the following as guidelines in determining whether to send your child to school. The following information is not intended to take the place of your pediatrician's advice, but to provide guidelines to be followed until your doctor can be contacted for his/her opinion.

Symptom	How long to stay home	Causes	Considerations
Fever greater than 100 degrees (by mouth)	24 hours without use of medication	Many different cause	Push fluids to prevent dehydration
Common Cold	No set time but a sick child should rest at home	Virus	See below
Influenza	No set time but a sick child should rest at home	Virus	See below
Strep Throat	24 hours after start of antibiotics	Bacteria	Need lab confirmation
Gastroenteritis (vomiting, diarrhea)	48 hours after last episode of vomiting/diarrhea	Many different viruses - often Rotovirus and Norovirus	Push fluids to prevent dehydration
Rash	See doctor to determine if infectious before returning to school	Many different causes	Often first sign of many common childhood communicable diseases

Is it a Cold or the Flu?

The common cold and the flu are usually both caused by viruses. The symptoms of the common cold and the flu are very similar. It is often a matter of severity. Both will often start with a sore throat, then progress to a runny nose, cough, and congestion. The flu tends to have more severe symptoms. Fever can be present for both but the flu often has a higher fever. The flu may also have muscle aches, headache, fatigue. Some flu viruses also bring on vomiting and diarrhea. The flu often comes on quickly where a cold may come on over days. A cold will last for about a week, depending on the virus the flu may last for days or weeks. Even though they are both caused by a virus, a secondary bacterial infection may occur. Always see your doctor for a persistent fever, productive cough, and if symptoms are not improving in a few days.

When your child is ill, be sure to provide plenty of rest and fluids. Teach them to use tissues and dispose of them immediately. **HANDWASHING** is the single most important method of preventing the spread illness. Be sure both healthy and ill family members get into the habit of washing hands with soap and water several times a day, especially after using the bathroom and before eating. Remind children to keep their hands away from their face as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tracy Staudacher
Muskego Norway District School Nurse