



# 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 at the time of publishing:

- October 5:** Teen Center at Bay Lane Elementary (Grades 5 – 7) – 7:00 p.m.
- October 8 - 12:** Ski Club forms, money turn in
- October 10:** All School Fund Raiser –Turn-in and prize day
- October 15:** Parent Teacher Conferences – 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- October 16:** Fall Choir Concert – 7:00 p.m. – PAC
- October 17:** Picture Retake Day – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- October 17:** Parent Teacher Conferences – 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- October 19:** **No School**
- October 22:** **No School** – Teacher Professional Day
- October 23:** PTO Meeting – 4:30 p.m.
- November 7:** End of first quarter
- November 8:** All School Fund Raiser product pick-up day – 3:15 – 6:00 p.m.
- November 21-23:** **No School** – Thanksgiving Break



## FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!

Now families can stay in touch with the latest events taking place at Lake Denoon Middle School by following us on Twitter! Mrs. O'Bryan will be tweeting with the handle @LakeDenoon. We look forward to sharing photos showing the learning, growing, and succeeding happening here.

## MORNING STUDENT DROP OFF

**School starts at 8:05 a.m. Students may enter the building at 7:55 a.m. If you need to drop your child off before 7:55 a.m. please contact a day care provider in our community as we do not have day care at Lake Denoon. [Click here for before and after school childcare information.](#)**

Parents: To ensure the safety of our students and compliance with the law, please be considerate of the posted, **NO PARKING - FIRE LANE** in front of the building that is for **BUS TRAFFIC ONLY**. The correct drop-off and pick-up procedure at Lake Denoon Middle School is near the flag pole in the front parking lot. **Please be sure to pull all the way to the end of the sidewalk to drop your child off rather than dropping him or her off closest to the building. Otherwise, you will be blocking traffic including buses.** There is ample parking in the parking lot if you should need to stop in the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. **Reminder:** Please keep the handicapped parking spaces accessible at the end of the day when picking up students

## OFF CAMPUS PASSES

Students who need to leave school during the school day must have written parental permission. Please have your student bring the written excuse to the Student Services first thing in the morning so that a pass can be issued. With this pass, the student can leave the classroom at the time they are to be picked up, and office staff can avoid interrupting learning by calling into the rooms. **Please do not e-mail teachers with attendance. All attendance goes through Student Services.**

## MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

Sometimes appointments may be set up at the last minute and you may need to get a message to your student when you will be picking them up. If you wish to have the office convey a message to your student, **please call before 2:30 p.m.** It is hard to track down students so late in the day.

## **BUS PASSES**



Students who wish to ride a different bus must bring a note from their parent/guardian to Student Services for a bus pass **before 2:30 p.m.** Students will not be allowed to call home for permission to ride a different bus, as written permission is necessary. **LDMS only issues daily bus passes.** If your students need to take a different bus long term, please contact Lamers Bus Company at (262) 679-8920.

## **2018 ALL SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

LDMS has officially kicked off its only school-wide fundraiser for this year. We've found a great way to raise money and, moreover, it's fast and easy for you to help support our cause!

Simply click on the link below to buy a variety of merchandise as well as renew your magazine subscriptions at up to **85% off newsstand prices.** It's fast and your child will receive full credit for your selections. **40% from every sale goes to our school!** To order visit [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com).

## **YEARBOOK ORDERS**

Our yearbook staff, made up of our Lake Denoon students, puts a great deal of work and creativity into building a hard-covered, yearbook full of colorful faces, activities and memories. Don't miss out on the opportunity to buy a yearbook this year. Individualize your child's yearbook with their name embossed on the front and include various icons representing their likes and interests. **Yearbooks are \$25** and will be **ordered ONLINE ONLY** by visiting [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) or by calling Jostens at [1-877-767-5217](tel:1-877-767-5217) before January 31, 2019. Please do not send money to school with your child. E-mail Mrs. Ervin, Yearbook Adviser, with questions: [michelle.ervin@muskegonorway.org](mailto:michelle.ervin@muskegonorway.org).

## **PARENT/GUARDIAN-STUDENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS**



Parent-Student-Teacher conference days are scheduled for **October 15 and 17.** Conference hours on **are from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.** **All students are strongly encouraged to attend with their parents/guardians.**

**Fifth and sixth grade:** Homeroom teachers will contact parents to schedule conferences with the students and their parents/guardians.

**Seventh and eighth grade core teachers:** Teachers will have five to a maximum of ten minute walk-in conferences. Seventh grade will be held in their own classrooms and eighth grade will be held in the library during scheduled conference hours. If additional time is needed, a future appointment can be made.

**Project i** – Project i sent out a signupgenius e-mail on September 14 where parents can select their day/time. If a parent/guardian did not receive this e-mail, please contact: [amy.veit@muskegonorway.org](mailto:amy.veit@muskegonorway.org)

**Encore: (health, phy. ed., computers, Spanish, French, band, chorus, art, FACS, and tech. ed.):** These teachers will be available in their own classrooms during all conference hours. The teachers' names and classroom numbers will be posted throughout the school.

## **SKI & RIDE CLUB**

Lake Denoon Middle School, in conjunction with Alpine Valley, will again be offering the opportunity for your son/daughter to participate in the Lake Denoon Downhill Ski/Snowboard Club. The cost this year, which includes six trips, one free lesson, student ID card, club shirt and transportation via coach bus will be: **\$216.00 for those who have their own equipment or \$324.00 for those who need to rent equipment.** Due to the increasing number of ski and board injuries around the country, it is **MANDATORY** that ski/board helmets be worn at all times on the slopes. **The cost for a helmet is \$10.00 each trip (must pay for on own at Alpine Valley unless you own one).**



Packets can be picked up in Student Services or outside of Rm. 7401 the week of October 1-5.

All forms and fees will be due the week of October 8-12. No early drop off/registrations will be accepted before this week. **We will not be having the usual sign-up in the commons.** You can drop off an envelope with all forms and fees completed inside to the Students Services office. The envelope will be time and date stamped.

**ALL forms need to be completed in full, along with the full payment in order to participate in the club.** If forms and fees are not completed fully, they will be returned and the student will forgo his/her spot in the club until all items are completed in full and payment has been made.

## FALL CHOIR CONCERT



Attention 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir families. The fall choir concert is **Tuesday, October 16, 7:00 p.m. at the Muskego High School PAC.**

There is required attire for the three choral concerts this year. Students CANNOT simply wear street clothes to the concert. The descriptions below outline what is required. DRESS CODE must be adhered to as well. Students whose outfit is not aligned with the dress code outlined in the school handbook and choir syllabus will be required to change into something appropriate.

**Attire for boys:** Black dress pants, black dress shoes/socks, black long-sleeved dress shirt.

**Attire for girls:** Black long-sleeved or ¾ length dress shirt (school appropriate), black dress pants, black flat dress shoes.

**NO SKIRTS, SHORTS, OR DRESSES OF ANY KIND.** Only black pants please.

Students must be dropped off at the Muskego High School PAC no later than 6:30 p.m.

## PICTURE RETAKE DAY

If you are having your child's picture retaken due to photographer error, please return the original package of pictures that your child has received. The photographer will be at Lake Denoon Middle School on **Wednesday, October 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** to retake students' pictures.

## MUSICAL AUDITIONS



We are currently accepting applications for auditions for our Spring Musical, "Willy Wonka, Jr."

The auditions take place November 12 and 13, and if necessary November 14, 2018. You must first apply online.

The Deadline for applying for the musical is **Thursday, October 18.**

Important links for you: [Click HERE to apply online for an audition](#)

[Click HERE to view the musical website and get more information](#)

## ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

You are invited and encouraged to attend the annual meeting and budget hearing at the Muskego High School PAC on **October 29, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.** Traditionally, we have had five parents attend the meeting to represent Lake Denoon Middle School. If anyone is interested in representing Lake Denoon, please contact Linda O'Bryan at (262) 971-1820, ext. 7001, or e-mail her at [linda.o'bryan@muskegonorway.org](mailto:linda.o'bryan@muskegonorway.org).

## NEW FACES/ROLES

- ❖ **Victoria Behling** – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies
- ❖ **Paul Dooley** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math
- ❖ **Ellen Gorr** – Special Education Aide
- ❖ **Mitch Hendrix** – Phy Ed.
- ❖ **Eric Hetzel** – Phy Ed.
- ❖ **Shelly Jarvis** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science
- ❖ **Lisa Lamb** - FACS
- ❖ **Amanda Rosman** – Social Worker
- ❖ **Matt Schenke** – Phy Ed.



## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

As a school psychologist, as well as a parent of a 7th grade boy, I thought it would be an interesting, perhaps comical, and hopefully useful way to use this newsletter to chronicle my parenting experiences this year. So a bit about my son: He attends a different local middle school; prefers video games to being outside; and knows how to aggravate his younger sister really well. (When no one is looking, he and his sister play Legos and Nerf wars harmoniously though.) He loves to read, has an extensive vocabulary, is curious about the world, and just surpassed me in height. A bit about me: I've been a psychologist in some capacity for 13 years and a parent for 12 years. I've got three kids with my 7th grader the oldest. The best I can, I use the strategies and research I read about and apply it to my parenting.

In last year's newsletter, I cited some research about the negative effects of social media and the brain's response to too much screen time. I try mightily hard to limit my children's access to social media and use parental controls and other safeguards to monitor their activity. Over the course of last year, I discovered that my then 6th grader created a secret g-mail account, a twitter account, and a pinterest account--all of which he was explicitly told not to do when we laid out the ground rules of his new phone. In many conversations with him, I learned that the root cause (the real deep reason why) for these sneaky behaviors was to fit in with his friends. Obviously, my school psychologist hat came on and we ventured into talks about peer pressure, fitting in, and the negative ramifications for lying. He learned about what a "lie of omission" is and had some fairly strong restrictions put into place about screen time and access. Given his love of reading, I put that to the test and printed off several articles about the impact social media has on adolescents, depression and anxiety as linked to social media usage, and trust. His assignment was to read the articles and write summaries of each. The final paper was a synthesis and analysis of how his behaviors affected trust between us as his parents, his privileges, and future decisions we make about his responsibilities.

His papers were beautifully written and his analysis of his behaviors to the underpinnings of the research articles was evident. With time, his restricted access to screens has lessened. As we venture into his 7th grade year, it will be interesting to see if his analysis went beyond just the paper he wrote to his actual actions moving forward.

...To be continued...

~Dr. R

## STUDENT SERVICES CORNER

### October is Bully Prevention Month

#### Is it Bullying? What is it?



An **UPSTANDER** is defined as someone who recognizes when something is wrong and acts to make it right. When we stand up for what is right, and **do** our best to help support and protect someone who is **being** hurt, we are **being** socially responsible.

### Career Cruising

Hello, I am Pam Groh, Lake Denoon's School Counselor. Students in 6th - 8th grade will be utilizing an online program called Career Cruising to complete assessments regarding their interests, skills and abilities this school year. These assessments will help students engage in career exploration and share in discussions with their peers about different careers of interest. [Click here for more information on Career Cruising.](#)

## **MATH CORNER**

From Mrs. Quirk, Mathematics Coach

This year in math at Lake Denoon, we are focusing on two areas. 1). We are continuing our emphasis on **growth mindset**. We stress: All students can grow in their math ability through effort and practice. 2). All teachers have implemented **spiraled concepts**, either through practice and/or assessments. Research shows that bringing concepts back and practicing them, helps them shift to students' long term memories. Any additional practice students do, will deepen their skills and increase success, helping them to become strong mathematicians. Thanks for your support with this at home.

## **MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

**REMINDER:** Any prescription medication that will be administered at school must be accompanied by a district medication form signed by the prescribing physician and parent/guardian. A district medication form signed by a parent/guardian must be submitted if it's a non-prescription medication.

ALL medication sent to school must be in the original container or prescription bottle. No medication will be accepted that arrives in baggies, envelopes, etc.

## **IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADES 6, 7, and 8**



The following vaccines are required for grades 6, 7, and 8 for the 2018 – 2019 school year:

Students are required to have 2 Varicella (chickenpox) doses and a Tdap – adolescent combination vaccine that protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Only one dose of the Tdap is required.

The exceptions to the Tdap and Varicella are:

1. If your child has had the chickenpox disease or shingles, even after the first dose of varicella. Check the yes box to the chickenpox disease questions and enter the year of the episode.
2. If your child has received a tetanus-containing vaccine (such as Td vaccine after an injury) **within the last five years** of entering the grade it is required, your child is compliant and Tdap vaccine is not required. Check the box marked “Td” on the Immunization Record, enter the date (month/day/year) it was given and return the **signed** form to school.

Be sure to add the Tdap and Varicella vaccine dates to the permanent record you keep for your child at home.

## **DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION**

Have a questions or concern? You can find information on our district website for who to contact for a variety of questions you might have. You can also find it [HERE](#).

## **FRIDAYS ARE SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS**

Staff and students are encouraged to wear school colors, navy and white, or school spirit wear every Friday. Spirit wear is sponsored by the PTO.

## **OPEN GYM – SATURDAY MORNINGS**

Saturday open gym (8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) 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 items (or more) to benefit our local food pantry.

Open gym will start October 27. There will be announcements made at school. Any questions regarding this program may be directed to Mr. Schaewe at (262) 971-1820, ext. 7117, or e-mail [james.schaewe@muskegonorway.org](mailto:james.schaewe@muskegonorway.org).

## **INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL – GRADES 5 and 6**

Intramural basketball for girls in grade six takes place in October and November. Fifth grade girls' basketball will start in March. Information will be provided at that time.

The sixth grade program offers fundamentals, drills, and strategies that will help prepare them for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball season. There will be an inter-squad game at the end of the season. Practices are held from 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. on selected dates after school, usually Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, unless there is a home game for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams. There are no cuts, please come out!

Sixth grade boys' intramural basketball will follow the same format as the girls and will run from December through January. Fifth grade boys' basketball will be in March. More information on this season will be sent home with the boys in the beginning of November and March.

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



In order to be eligible for co-curricular activities in the fall of 2018, students must have met the criteria as outlined in the co-curricular code. Academic criteria requires that students have a 2.0 GPA and 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 2017-18 school year will be used to determine academic eligibility.

**If your child is planning on participating in any athletic co-curricular activity grades 5 – 8, please obtain a physical form (from the office or website), have your child get a physical from a licensed physician, and turn the form in to Lake Denoon Student Services Office.**

All athletes who are planning on participating in interscholastic sports (those which play other schools) will be required to have a physical **prior to tryouts**. All physicals will be good until the end of 8th grade. Have your doctor fill out the physical card (salmon). Each year after the physical, you must file an alternate year card (yellow), which the athletes' parents sign. 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. 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).

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Muskego-Norway Schools understands and appreciates the important role that volunteers and chaperones play in our schools. We encourage parents as well as other community members to volunteer their time supporting the students and staff of our district schools. In an effort to provide a safe environment for our students, the district has established a **Registered Volunteer Program**.

**Applications must be submitted every three years** unless, since your last application, you were arrested, indicted, convicted of, plead no contest or guilty to or adjudicated for any felony, any offense involving moral turpitude, and any of the other offenses as indicated below:

- Crimes involving school property or funds;
- Crimes involving attempt by fraudulent or unauthorized means to obtain or alter any certificate or permit that would entitle any person to hold or obtain a position as an educator;
- Crimes that occur wholly or in part on school property or at a school-sponsored activity;
- A misdemeanor which involves moral turpitude [e.g. an act or behavior that gravely violates moral sentiments or accepted moral standards of the community]; or
- A misdemeanor which violates the public trust.

Failure to disclose this information may result in denial of a registered volunteer status.

Please direct questions to the Human Resources Department at the Educational Services Center at (262) 971-1800, ext. 2117.

## **OFFICIAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the School District of Muskego Norway, pursuant to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and State Statutes 118.125 (1) and (2) and (2)(j) had designated the following as "Directory Data" and may release this data intermittently throughout the school year to specialized organizations or institutions as listed below:

- I. Student's name, address, telephone listing, date of birth, and school/grade of attendance may be released to the following:
  - A. Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
  - B. Vendors who have been designated as official providers of school related services
  - C. Parent organizations for the purpose of producing school directories

- II. Students' names, photographs, participation in activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, awards received, and schools most recently and previously attended by the pupils may be released to:
- A. Publications sponsored by the School District of Muskego
  - B. Area newspapers
  - C. Appropriate private and public sponsored magazines, journal, monographs, etc.

Any parent, guardian, or student may inform Lake Denoon personnel by completing the Request to Withhold Directory Information form at Lake Denoon Middle School, which the said student attends, that all or any part of the directory information may not be disclosed without the parent, guardian, or student's consent provided that such notification is given to the school within fourteen (14) days of this published notice.

Any previous notice on file with the Muskego-Norway School District to withhold the disclosing of directory information is now void.

## **PTO UPDATE**

### **Welcome new and returning Lake Denoon Parents and Students!**

**Our next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, October 23, at 4:30 p.m. in the LDMS Library.** At this meeting we will discuss and finalize upcoming events and the state of the business. Parent input and attendance is critical to our work. Please consider joining us at an upcoming meeting if you can and/or volunteer your time during a future event. If you would like to receive updates and information on future events please e-mail us at [lakedenoonpto@gmail.com](mailto:lakedenoonpto@gmail.com) to be added to our notification list.

### **2018-2019 PTO Meeting Dates**

October 23, 2018  
January 15, 2019  
March 12, 2019  
May 7, 2019

\*All meetings are located in the LDMS library and begin at 4:30 p.m.

**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.

### **Your 2018-2019 PTO Board**

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| • <b>Trisha Senart</b>    | Co-President        |
| • <b>Jessica Pemble</b>   | Co-President        |
| • <b>Ava Casey</b>        | Co-Treasurer        |
| • <b>Cassandra Hoefke</b> | Co-Treasurer        |
| • <b>Candice Cook</b>     | Secretary           |
| • <b>Linda O'Bryan</b>    | Principal           |
| • <b>John McEwing</b>     | Associate Principal |
| • <b>Lori Rooney</b>      | Teacher Rep for PTO |

Thanks again for your support! We look forward to seeing you at a PTO event soon and wish you a great 2018-2019 school year!

For comments or suggestions, feel free to contact the PTO at [lakedenoonpto@gmail.com](mailto:lakedenoonpto@gmail.com).

