



STILLWATER AREA SCHOOLS

Messenger

Lake Elmo Elementary School
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Stephen Gorde, Principal

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Dear Families,

As you know, our District has implemented a new anti-bullying policy. To view the details of the policy, please go to the District website using the following link:

http://www.stillwater.k12.mn.us/Policy_1_3_Bullying_Policy.html

Throughout the next few newsletters we will be including some websites that may provide helpful information on bullying. Please check them out at your convenience, as we believe they are valuable resources.

8 ways to Banish Bullying: <http://www.care.com/child-care-8-ways-to-banish-bullying-p1017-q8181798.html>

Gulp! What to do When Your Child is the Bully: <http://www.care.com/child-care-gulp-what-to-do-when-your-child-is-the-bully-p1017-q8563941.html>

Da Vinci Fest!

You Don't Want to Miss this Free Event!

The sixth annual Da Vinci Fest will be held on January 7, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Stillwater Area High School with the awards ceremony at 4:15 p.m. Da Vinci Fest is a community wide gathering featuring over 700 outstanding projects from talented young artists, scientists, film makers and creative thinkers from all schools in the St. Croix Valley.

Da Vinci Fest is sponsored by The Partnership Plan, the nonprofit educational fund that provides resources to enrich, engage and enhance the educational experience of Stillwater Area Public School students.

Martin Luther King Breakfast

Information about the breakfast can be found on the St. Paul Area Council of Churches web site: <http://www.spacc.org/>.

The Metro Northeast event will be held again at the White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church in Mahtomedi, on Monday, January 16th from 7-9:30 a.m. Children under 12 are free, other tickets are \$5 each. You may order tickets from the church or online at the SPACC web site.

Give Kids a Smile

Celebrating 10 years

Minnesota dental professionals are concerned about the growing number of low-income children who face barriers to dental care. That's why thousands of dental professionals come together on the first Friday and Saturday of February to provide free dental care to children in need.

All patients from age 3 to 18 must have appointments in advance and be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. After January 1, parents may call United Way 211 or 800-543-7709. Operators will have a list of participating dental offices and will be able to direct people to a location in their area. Parents will then call the dental office to schedule an appointment.

Service will vary from preventive care, which includes cleanings, sealants and fluoride treatment, to restorative care, which includes fillings. More information is available at www.mndental.org.

Upcoming Music Concert

Enjoy an evening of wonderful music on January 19th when the Lake Elmo Elementary 5th and 6th grade band, choir, and orchestra perform their winter concert at the SAHS auditorium from 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Lake Elmo Interim Library

The Friends of Lake Elmo Library are opening an interim library at the Lake Elmo Regional Art Center on the corner of Lavern Avenue N. and 36th Street from January 3rd until the new library opens. At this time they offer newspapers, a small collection of adult and children's books, DVDs, CDs, with Wi-Fi and computers coming. The hours of operation are Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. with Tuesdays

IMPORTANT NUMBERS!!

Main Office - 351-6700

Nurse - 351-6702

Attendance Line - 351-6701

MN Central Bus Co. - 430-3311

and Thursday having an additional period from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Free coffee is available.

Wells Fargo Educational Matching Gift Program

Lake Elmo received a check for \$45.00 from the Wells Fargo matching contribution of employee payroll donations made through the annual giving campaign. The employee who participated in the campaign was Leif Grun-dahl. Thank you for your contribution.

Science Fair Update

We had a wonderful response to the number of students interested in participating in this year's Science Fair! If your child is interested in completing a Science Fair project, but did not turn in the interest form to receive an informational packet, they may still pick one up either at the office or through their teacher. Parents can help their child by reminding them to work on their project a little bit each week. Remember, some projects will take longer than others, so it's a good idea to start early. If you are interested in judging or volunteering at the Open House, please contact Yoko Cheatham at #351-6783 or at cheatham@stillwater.k12.mn.us. Lake Elmo Elementary's Science/Art Fair will be held on Thursday, March 22nd, 5:30-8:00 P.M.

Happy Feet Walking & Running Club

Congratulations to all who have participated in the Lake Elmo Elementary Happy Feet Walking & Running Club. So far our school has walked over 6,000 miles!!! Together we have traveled one-quarter of the way around the world!

Here are the individual top mileage earners from each grade:

1st Grade: Daniel O'Loughlin, Mrs. Tibbett's class
2nd Grade: Marisa Bonilla, Mrs. Cutler's class
3rd Grade: Jonah Taylor, Mrs. Cheatham's class
4th Grade: Jack Heintz, Ms. Nelson's class
5th Grade: Derien Yang, Ms. Schindler's class
6th Grade: Madison Shaffer, Mrs. Sickman's class

We hope everyone had a great break. Keep those feet moving and we'll see you around the track in the spring!

Upcoming Dates

- January 9th Gifted/Talented Testing
9:15 – 10:30 3rd Grade Test 2, Library
10:30 – 11:45 4th Grade Test 2, Library
12:45 – 2:00 2nd Grade Cutler, Foster, Mock Test 2, Library
2:00 – 3:15 5th Grade Test 2, Library
- January 10th Macalester College – African Music Ensemble, 5th, 9:15 – 11:30 AM

- January 12th Gifted/Talented Testing
9:15 – 10:30 3rd Grade Test 3, Library
10:30 – 11:45 4th Grade Test 3, Library
12:45 – 2:00 2nd Grade Cutler, Foster, Mock Test 3, Library
2:00 – 3:15 5th Grade Test 3, Library
- January 16th No School
- January 16th – 20th Paraprofessional Recognition Week
- January 17th Gifted/Talented Testing
9:30 – 10:30 2nd Grade Deitner & Tepy, Test 1, Rm: 410 Tepy
- January 17th PTA Meeting, Media Center & Gym, 6:15 – 8:00 PM
- January 18th Gifted/Talented Testing
9:30 – 10:30 2nd Grade Deitner & Tepy, Test 1, Rm: 410 Tepy
- January 19th Gifted/Talented Testing
9:30 – 10:30 2nd Grade Deitner & Tepy, Test 1, Rm: 410 Tepy
- January 19th Spirit Club, Media Center, 3:35 – 4:35 PM
- January 19th Winter Music Concert, SAHS Auditorium, 6:30 – 8:45 PM
- January 20th End of Quarter 2 and 1st Semester
- January 23rd No School – Teacher Workshop
- January 24th ELL Parent Information Night, Media Center, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
- January 25th World Music Concert @ Orchestra Hall, 4th, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- January 26th Gifted/Talented Testing
9:15 – 10:30 6th Grade Test 1, Library
- January 27th Spirit Club Movie Night, Gym, 6:30 – 9:00 PM

January 27th - Report Cards Sent Home

- January 30th Classroom Partnership Exchange @ Bell Museum, K-Mankowski, 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM
- January 31st Warner Nature Center, 2nd Gr.