



STILLWATER AREA SCHOOLS

# Messenger

**Lake Elmo Elementary School**  
**11030 Lake Elmo Blvd., Lake Elmo, MN 55042**

<http://www.stillwater.k12.mn.us>

651-351-6700

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**Stephen Gorde, Principal**

**March 2012**

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Dear Lake Elmo Families,

I need your help to ensure the safest possible transition to and from school for our students. If you are planning to drive your child to school or pick them up from school you must use the carpool lane established on the northeast side of the school. The lane can be accessed from Lavern Avenue. The main office driveway on the south side of the building is designated for our special ed buses only.

Here is some important information for you to be aware of:

1. The carpool lane will ONLY be used between 8:45 - 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 - 3:45 p.m. Please do not use the main office area as drop off or pick -up during the above designated times.
2. If you arrive after 9:00 a.m. for drop-off you will need to use the main office entrance to check your student in. If you arrive after 3:45 p.m. to pick up your student, they will be in the main office
3. If you need to pick up a sick child, or if your child has another reason for leaving school prior to dismissal, please enter the main parking lot off of Highway 5 and enter through the main office.

By following the procedures and utilizing the carpool land, you can help us ensure the safety of student and staff, while maximizing efficiency for all.

Thank you,  
Stephen Gorde  
Principal

## **Bullying Information**

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](http://www.stillwater.k12.mn.us/Policy_1_3_Bullying_Policy.html)

Here is the last website that deals with bullying that may prove helpful and an additional one that deals specifically with cyber bullying. Please check them out at your convenience, as we believe they are valuable resources.

**OMG-The Mean Girl Saga Starts at Age 4:** <http://www.care.com/child-care-omg-the-mean-girl-saga-starts-at-age-4-p1017-q6010589.html>

Cyberbullying Specific Articles:

**Cyberbullying is Parents' #1 Fear:** <http://www.care.com/child-care-survey-cyberbullying-is-parents-1-fear-p1017-q3629717.html>

## **Lake Elmo Receives Monetary Gift**

Lake Elmo received a check for \$167.70 from the Wells Fargo matching contribution of employee payroll donations made through the annual Giving Campaign. The employees who participated in the campaign are Tiffany Gilchrist, Colleen and Terry Bouthilet, and Jessica Smebak. Thank you for your contributions.



## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS!!**

Main Office - 351-6700

Nurse - 351-6702

Attendance Line - 351-6701

MN Central Bus Co. - 430-3311



Lake Elmo Elementary  
 "Our Colorful World"  
 Science and Art Fair  
 Thursday, March 22nd  
 5:30 – 8:00 P.M.



Lake Elmo Elementary's Science and Art Fair will be here soon! If your child is completing a Science Fair project, please remember to fill out the pre-registration form in the science project informational packet and return it to your child's teacher. Projects will need to be dropped off on Wednesday, March 21st between 4:00 and 6:30 P.M. Judging will take place that afternoon and evening.

The Science and Art Fair Committee is also looking for volunteers to help out at the Open House. Volunteer shifts are from 5:15-6:45 and 6:45-8:15. We have many great activities planned but need your help in order for us to have these activities take place. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Wendy Kogl by phone (#468-1913) or e-mail at [jwkogl@yahoo.com](mailto:jwkogl@yahoo.com). Also, Science Fair judges are needed on Wednesday, March 21st after school and evening. If you are interested in judging, please contact Yoko Cheatham by phone (#351-6783) or e-mail at [cheatham@stillwater.k12.mn.us](mailto:cheatham@stillwater.k12.mn.us). Thank you for your help in making this year's Fair a success!



**Share Your Thoughts on Transportation and Program Options**

We are collecting input from parents on how we can best serve families living within the Stillwater Area Public School District 834 boundaries.

Please take a few moments to access this short, 10 question online survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/schoolbus> to provide us with this important information so that we may better serve the needs of your elementary-aged student/s.

**Volunteers Needed for District Committees!**

As district leaders continue to seek innovative new ways to increase revenue for our schools, they're looking to the community for help. Two new committees are forming soon to develop plans to increase revenue by: (1) selling advertising in school facilities and (2) attracting and retaining students.

**Advertising Committee:** We're looking for approximately six to eight parents and/or community

members to help guide the district as it explores ways to increase revenue by selling advertising on school grounds and in school facilities. If you have a background in advertising or a related field, or just believe you have some valuable insight to share, please send an email to [keisterc@stillwater.k12.mn.us](mailto:keisterc@stillwater.k12.mn.us).

**Marketing Committee:** Have a passion for Stillwater Area Public Schools? We're in need of approximately eight to ten parent/community volunteers to serve on a Marketing Committee to help develop a plan to positively promote our schools, attract new students, and build connections with school district residents. If you have a background in marketing, public relations, communications, advertising or a related field, we need your expertise! Please contact Carissa Keister at [keisterc@stillwater.k12.mn.us](mailto:keisterc@stillwater.k12.mn.us) for more information.



**UPCOMING DATES**

- March 6th Family Fun Night @ Culver's  
5:00 – 7:00 PM
- March 7th Late Start, 11:00 AM
- March 8th Science Museum, 5th Grade Overnight, 2:00 PM
- March 8th Carnival Committee Planning Meeting, Media Center, 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- March 9th Science Museum, 5th Grade Returning @ 11:00 AM
- March 8th Spirit Club, Media Center  
3:35 – 4:35 PM
- March 12th – March 16th No School  
Spring Break
- March 20th PTA Meeting, Media Center & Gym, 6:15 – 8:00 PM
- March 22nd Spirit Club, Media Center  
3:35 – 4:35 PM
- March 22nd Art/Science Fair, 5:30 – 8:00 PM