



WEAVER LAKE ELEMENTARY

A SCIENCE, MATH and TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 18, 2009

Principal, Gretchen Peel

Happy Thanksgiving

*Have a wonderful
Thanksgiving holiday!*

*No school for students or teachers on
Thursday–Friday, November 26-27th
for the Thanksgiving Holiday.*

*Looking ahead to December, there will be no
school for students on Friday, December 4th
for Teacher Mark Reporting Day.*

Weaver Lake Upcoming Events:

Friday, November 20

Waffle Breakfast for students and families from 8:15–9:20 am.

P.T.A Sponsored Turkey Bingo at Weaver Lake from 6:00–8:00 pm. Families are Welcome! Come and win a turkey or one of many other prizes!

Monday, November 23

Magnet Presentation and Tour for prospective families at Weaver Lake from 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 24

PTA Meeting in Media Center from 7- 8:00 p.m. Parents and guardians are all welcome to attend. Childcare will be available during the meeting.

Thursday– Friday, November 26–27

No School for staff or students. Happy Thanksgiving!



Friday, December 4

No School—Mark Reporting Day for Teachers.

Thursday, December 17

Robotics Showcase - families welcome to attend. Come and see the 6th grade students robotics competition from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the gym.

Friday, December 18

All School Sing-A-Long will be in the afternoon at Weaver Lake. Families are welcome to attend. The time will be posted in the December newsletter.

Winter Break Dates

Last day of school before Winter Break will be on Friday, December 18, 2009.

Winter Break will be from Saturday, December 19 through Sunday, January 3, 2010.

Waffle Breakfast and Turkey BINGO

Reminder to families to come to Weaver Lake on Friday, November 20th for the Waffle Breakfast from 8:15–9:15 a.m. and also come from 6:00–8:00 p.m. for Turkey B-I-N-G-O night!

Reminder



Maple Grove Fire Prevention Poster Contest Winners

Congratulations to Weaver Lake fourth graders who created posters for the Maple Grove Fire Department's annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest. At Weaver Lake, our Fire Poster winners are **Sukhmani S.**, First Place; **Emma M.**, Second Place, and **Karina E.**, Third Place. **Erin M.** was named the Grand Prize Winner for all of Maple Grove for her poster about checking smoke detectors. Her poster will go on to a state Fire Prevention Poster competition. Look for these posters on display at Weaver Lake.

Help prevent the flu: Hand sanitizer donations requested

Our school is running low on our supply of alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and our suppliers are struggling to meet the high demand for the product. Therefore, we are asking parents/guardians to consider donating 8 oz. bottles of alcohol-based hand sanitizer for use in our school. The most common brand is Purell, but the brand name doesn't matter; any brand that has 62-65% alcohol base will be effective.

Please consider donating one or more bottles (8 oz preferred) to Weaver Lake; you or your child can drop off the supplies in the school office. Thank you!

News from the Health Office at Weaver Lake

It has been a busy fall in the health office! We have started to see reduced numbers of influenza like illness (fever over 100 degrees accompanied by sore throat or cough). Thank you for your diligence in reporting your child's symptoms when you call your child in ill to our absence line and also for keeping your children home when they are ill. Children do need to stay home for 24 hours after their fever, diarrhea, or vomiting has resolved without the use of medication. Good hand washing and coughing into a tissue or a sleeve are keys to prevent the spread of illness.

**STUDENT ABSENCES / LATE ARRIVALS
BEFORE 9:20 a.m. CALL:**

763-391-8882

This is the voicemail number for Vicki Rykyto, LPN, at Weaver Lake. Please leave your child's name, grade, teacher and reason for the absence.

Applications for 2010-2011

Magnet School Applications for the 2010-2011 are now being accepted by Northwest Suburban Integration School District. Applications need to be submitted by **Friday, January 15, 2010.**

Students who are currently attending Weaver Lake in grades Kindergarten—6th grade, do not need to apply to continue at Weaver Lake next school year.

If you have an upcoming Kindergarten age child, or know a family interested in having their child (ren) attend Weaver Lake Science, Math & Technology Magnet school, or any other NWS magnet program school, please submit an application to NWS by January 15th. Applications are available at any District 279 school office, and also on-line at: www.nws.k12.mn.us - click on Magnet Schools then Forms and Applications.

Informational meetings and tours are currently being held at Weaver Lake. You can check dates and times online at:

<http://weaverlake.district279.org> Please call Weaver Lake at 763-420-3337 to reserve a spot at a tour or if you have any questions.

Counselor's Corner

K-3 Students and Families

During the month of November students, in grades K-3, have been learning about feelings and *empathy*, which we define as "standing in someone else's shoes." Students have been learning what empathy means, through books and videos, and practice being empathetic towards others.

Suggested Reading:

This is a list of the books I have read in class or books that go along with this month's theme. Reading with your student is a great way to reinforce behaviors learned in the classroom.

- ★ How Are you Feeling?, by Saxton Freymann
 - ★ Today I Feel Silly, by Jamie Lee Cutrtis
 - ★ The Way I Feel, by Janan Cain
 - ★ The Feelings Book, by Todd Parr
- How Do I Stand In Your Shoes, by Susan DeBell

Vocabulary of the Month

Empathy Feelings Kindness

4-6 Students and Families

During the month of November students, in grades 4-6, have been learning about *conflict resolution* and *problem solving*. Students will be learning about the importance of stopping to calm down when solving conflicts/problems. In addition, students have been practicing solving conflicts/problems using "I messages" and compromise.

Vocabulary of the Month

Empathy Conflict Resolution I Messages
Compromise Consequence

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me. Thanks.

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Gifted Education News:

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Information for second through fifth graders:

January is the time when testing for Gifted Education pull-out service takes place. Teachers in grades two through five will soon begin the data-collection process in preparation for identifying those students with the greatest need for pull-out enrichment in the 2010-2011 school year. More information will be sent home through the Wednesday envelope.

Information for sixth graders:

It's time to make plans for 7th grade now. High Performance flyers have been included in recent Wednesday envelopes to pave the way for the next step in the process. In the report card envelope of each 6th grader, will be an application for High Performance classes. HP classes are available at all junior high schools in English, Science, Social Studies and Math. Interested students and their families should complete the application form and return it to school on or before December 16, 2009. Be sure to read the Math portion carefully regarding automatic placement.

Young Scientist Roundtable:

An enrichment opportunity for all Weaver Lake families

Your participation in each month's Young Scientist Roundtable is funded by Gifted Education 279. Future dates are listed below!

Mark your calendars now and check out all the info on the Gifted Ed webpage, go to Classroom Web Pages; Gifted Education from the Weaver Lake website at

<http://weaverlake.district279.org>

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

For more information about GE Services, please access our web site:<http://www.district279.org/services/TalentedGifted/GeneralInformation/>



Do you have an instrument at your house that is no longer being played?

Consider donating the instrument to the ISD 279—Osseo Area Schools Music Department.

We are prepared to clean it up, make any necessary repairs, and lend it to a student who wouldn't otherwise be able to participate in the program.

Flutes	Alto Saxophones
Clarinets	Trombones
Cellos	Euphoniums
Acoustic Guitars	Percussion Kits
Double Basses	Violins
Trumpets	Violas

Instrument drop off sites:

- Your student's orchestra or band teacher
- The main office at any elementary, junior high, or high school during school hours
- The Educational Service Center, 11200-93rd Ave. N, MG from 7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

The person accepting your donation will provide a gift letter for tax purposes. We would appreciate receiving donated instruments by December 16, 2009. Thank you.

December Lunch Menu Additions

Wednesday, December 2nd

"Manager's Choice"

Hot Dog
Baked Beans
Chips
Fruit Choice
Milk Choice

Monday, December 7

"Brunch for Lunch"

Waffles
Tri Tators
Sausage
Fruit Choice
Milk Choice

December Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cereal Choice String Cheese Fruit Choice Milk Choice	Cinnamon Tastries Cereal Choice Milk Choice Orange Juice	Cook's Choice Cereal Choice Milk Choice Orange Juice	Breakfast Pizza Cereal Choice Milk Choice Orange Juice	Waffles Cereal Choice Milk Choice Orange Juice