



WEAVER LAKE ELEMENTARY:

A SCIENCE, MATH and TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

October 14, 2009
Gretchen Peel, Principal



MONARCH FAIR and Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday, November 12 From 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

At our Monarch Fair we will celebrate what our students have learned as they have experienced the life cycle of the monarch butterfly. Beginning with eggs on a milkweed plant and raising their caterpillars, students learned about instars, metamorphosis, migration, and environments. They've used technology to collect their information and to display what they've learned. They have designed and completed scientific investigations. Find out more about our great Kindergarten through sixth grade learning experience. Join us at the Monarch Fair and Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday, November 12 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The butterflies have flown away, but the great monarch projects your children have completed will be on display for you to see. You will be amazed at what they have done.



Important—Kindergarten parents please take note:

No School for Kindergarten students only on Thursday, October 29—Friday, October 30th. Conference release days for Kindergarten teachers. Students in grades 1-6 at Weaver Lake have school as normal.

Notes from the Weaver Lake Health Office:

Due to all of the children with possible flu symptoms who have come to the health office, we prefer that students come only if it is absolutely necessary. Students should not come to the health office for things like Vaseline for dry lips, lotion, or cough drops. Students may bring those items from home, if needed. They will be allowed to bring in cough drops with a note from a parent to give to the teacher to keep in the classroom. We would like you to help your student understand the importance of seeing the nurse only when it is necessary as we want everyone to stay as healthy as possible during the flu season. Students also need to be prepared for the cold weather with warm jackets, hats and mittens. These items will not be available from the health office. Thank you. Vicki Rykyto, LPN.

Weaver Lake Upcoming Events:

Thursday, October 15

No School for students or teachers. Minnesota Professional Education Workshops

Friday, October 16

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Thursday, October 22

Conferences from 7:45—9:05 am and 4:30—6:30 pm.

Tuesday, October 27

PTA meeting from 7-8 pm in the Media Center

Wednesday, October 28

Picture Retake Day— students who want picture retakes will need to bring their complete picture package to school on October 28th. Students who were absent on September 29th, picture day, will have their picture taken on retake day, October 28th.

Saturday, November 7

Northwest Suburban Magnet School Choice Fair at the Maple Grove Community Center from 10:00—3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3

Election Day—Remember to get out to VOTE!

Thursday, November 12

Monarch Fair and Scholastic Book Fair at Weaver Lake for students and families from 6-8:00 p.m. Come to see the wonderful Monarch projects and displays the students completed this fall, and maybe find a fun book to purchase.

Friday, November 20

Waffle Breakfast for students and families before school. Watch for flyer to come home soon! P.T.A. sponsored Turkey Bingo at Weaver Lake



Magnet School Choice Fair

Do you know a family who may be interested in having their child attend Weaver Lake or another magnet school? What are the magnet school choices after elementary school?

Northwest Suburban Integration School District will host the annual Magnet School Choice Fair on Saturday, November 7 from 10:00 – 3:00 at the Maple Grove Community Center, featuring 15 magnet schools for grades K-12. Weaver Lake will have a display highlighting our science, math, and technology activities. We'll have student ambassadors, staff, and parents there to talk about our school.

Applications to attend Weaver Lake Elementary in 2010-11 will be accepted by NWSISD now through January 15, 2010. Applications will be available at Weaver Lake, at the Choice Fair, and online at: www.nws.k12.mn.us - click on Magnet Schools then Forms and Applications.

Students who are attending Weaver Lake in grades Kindergarten—6th now do not need to re-apply. If you have a pre-school child who will attend Kindergarten next year, and you want him/her to attend Weaver Lake, you need to complete an application.

Check out the Weaver Lake website at: <http://weaverlake.district279.org> for Informational Meetings and Tour dates and times to be held at Weaver Lake Magnet school. Please call our office at 763-420-3337 to reserve a spot at a

COME TO SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 20 MORNING AND NIGHT!

You are invited to come to Weaver Lake on Friday, November 20th. First, we'll have the annual waffle breakfast. We'll serve those yummy Belgian waffles from 8:15 – 9:15 a.m. Watch for your invitation to come home soon with your child. Then come back in the evening for Turkey Bingo. Play to win a turkey or other great prizes. The fun starts at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m.



Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon

Students will have the opportunity to preview the book fair with their classroom on Tuesday, November 10th or Wednesday, November 11th during the school day.



Parents will have the opportunity to shop at the book fair with their family on Thursday, November 12th during the Monarch Fair from 6-8:00 p.m.

For students and parents unable to attend the Monarch and Book Fair they will have the opportunity to purchase books Thursday, November 12th during the school day and on Friday, November 13th in the morning.

Addition to the October Lunch Menu:

Monday, October 26

French Toast Sticks
Tri-Tators



Weaver Lake Breakfast Menu

Breakfast is served daily at Weaver Lake from 9:10—9:30 a.m. Cost for breakfast is \$1.20. Students who qualify for free or reduced meal plans can have a free breakfast. Cereal is provided everyday—as an alternate to the main breakfast entrée. Menu is subject to change due to availability of products. Here is the weekly menu for breakfast:



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cereal Yogurt String Cheese Milk	Cinnamon Tastries Cereal Choice Milk	Cook's Choice Day	*Breakfast Pizza Cereal Choice Milk	Apple Zings Cereal Choice Milk

*Breakfast Pizza is made with a pork product.

Independent School District 279 does not discriminate on the basis of disability. If you need auxiliary aids or services in order to participate in or attend a district activity, please call your local school district through Minnesota Relay Service (TTY/TDD) 1-800-627-3529 at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance. (two-week advance notice preferred).

6th Grade Band News

In addition to their regular music class in school, all 6th graders have the opportunity to join the school band. Band is open to all 6th graders who have an interest in learning how to play a band instrument.

During the first week of school, all students in 6th grade attended a demonstration performance in which the different instruments of the band were introduced and played. The purpose of the demo was for all students to learn more about the wind and percussion instruments that make up the 6th grade band. It was also intended to help interested students better decide which instrument they would like to play this year.

At the conclusion of the demonstration, students were given a chance to ask questions about the different instruments and were all given a letter to bring home to parents concerning this opportunity for their child. Students and parents that decided that they were interested in band were then asked to return the registration form and attend an informational meeting.

After students returned the registration material for 6th grade band, a conference was held with each student to select an instrument. **Band lessons began on Thursday, October 8th.** Band meets once per week during the school day. Students have lessons in small groups of like instruments. After a couple of months the band starts to meet as a school band. Later in the year we will be combining the band students from several elementary schools to perform an evening concert.

If you have a child in the 6th grade that would like to be a part of the band and for some reason you missed the information that came home earlier, please contact Mrs. Ruohoniemi at school ASAP. Students must be involved in band in 6th grade in order to take band in 7th grade.

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Free Child and Teen Checkups

Preventive health care includes living a healthy lifestyle and having physical examinations, laboratory tests, and immunizations.

The Child and Teen Checkups program in Hennepin County is a health benefit for all children, teens, and young adults under age 21 who are covered by Medical Assistance or Minnesota Care. The no-cost exams are provided at the children's own medical and dental clinics.

The Hennepin County Child and Teen Checkups program can assist with finding medical and dental clinics; make clinic appointments; and arrange transportation or interpreter services. The program wants to help families break down any barriers that prevent children from receiving the health care they deserve.

If your child is uninsured, contact the Child and Teen Checkups program in Hennepin County at 612-348-5131 to get connected to community health services. Español: 612-348-9994 or 612-348-6383; Hmong: 612-348-5606 or 612-348-0174. If your child is privately

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Osseo Area Source of Information and Support

Information and Support Group for Parents of Children with ADHD, ADD, LD, EBD, ODD, OCD, anxiety, autism, depression, and other learning and behavior differences.

Weaver Lake Elementary School-Media Center
15900 Weaver Lake Road, Maple Grove (763) 420-3337

Tuesdays 7:00 -9:00 p.m.

Meet at 6:30 p.m. prior to our meeting, for a time of support and sharing with other parents. Share your concerns, or just listen. Get the support of others who have struggled and found solutions. This part of Caroor meeting is facilitated by Sue Sullivan, experienced teacher and parent.

11/10/09- Promoting Resiliency in Children and Teens with special needs- Our speaker will be sharing her passion for promoting health and wellness in students of all ages. She will give us ways to teach children self-care skills that can empower them to more effectively deal with a variety of mind and body challenges. **Rebecca Kajander BSN, MPH, CPNP**, a Certified Pediatric Nurse specializes in using an integrative approach to help children and adolescents deal with medical, health and emotional issues. She is the author of Living with ADHD; A Guide for Coping with Attention Deficit Disorder, and co-author with Timothy Culbert, MD of Be the Boss of your Stress, Be the Boss of Your Pain, and Be the Boss of Your Sleep.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming

OASIS dates: Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9, April 13 and May 11

Questions: Contact: Michele Vance (651-631-3219) michelevance@hotmail.com; or Sue Sullivan (763-494-3240) sullivans@district279.org; Michelle Spuier spuierm@district279.org

October 2009 Gifted Education News

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Needs Based Classes (NBC) Information

Week(s) of:

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| October 5-8 | NBC #1, session 1 |
| • October 12-14 | NBC #1, session 2 |
| • October 19-23 | NBC #1, session 3 |
| • October 26-30 | NBC #1, session 4 |

Acronyms

GE	Gifted Education
NBC	Needs-Based Classes
CBS	Cluster-Based Service

Collaboration in the Classroom (CBS) Information

October 2 - October 30 Ongoing GE collaboration with classroom teachers

During collaborative sessions, the GE teacher goes into classrooms to assist students in recognizing their Multiple Intelligences and/or their Learning Styles; the GE teacher also collaborates with classroom teachers in planning for differentiated instruction.

NBC #1

Grades 4-6: Affective

During these class sessions, students will learn about the brain, test taking strategies, creativity and psychology.

Changes in Gifted Education Programming

The district website, GE flyers, building newsletter, and the Parent Informational meeting have kept many of you informed of the changes that are being implemented during the 2009-2010 school year. These include:

- Needs Based Classes (pull-out) have replaced ExCEL classes
- More services in the regular classroom are provided by the Gifted Education teacher
- Continental Math League is no longer an instructional class offered by GE programs
- GE services now include Kindergarten and 1st grade at other elementary sites

Fall conferences

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Informational Parent Meeting at Weaver Lake Elementary on September 10th. I am available to meet with parents during the scheduled conference times for Weaver Lake, stop by room 28. I look forward to seeing you at fall conferences.

Information for sixth graders

Regarding junior high classes for next year's seventh graders:

- **The first trimester grades earned by sixth graders are a critical factor in determining placement in seventh grade classes.**
- RIT scores from the NWEA/MAP assessment will be another data point in determining appropriate instructional placement in grade seven.

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