



# KNIGHTLINE NEWSLETTER

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## ISD #2071

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### EDUCATING FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD

By: Tom Farrell

from the superintendent

**Transitioning** While we are enjoying seasonably high temperatures in the 50s and 60s as we transition into the Spring season, it wasn't too long ago when we experienced one of the most severe winters since the 1990's. During the eight week period between January 18 until February 25, we experienced ten cancelled school days and had only one full week during that time. In addition to the ten cancelled school days we also had five late starts and one early dismissal. The district made up student contact days on March 15th & 18th as well as extended three spring late start days to full days in an effort to regain some of the lost student instruction time. The legislature approved the 'Snow Day Relief Act' and it was signed into law by the Governor on Monday, April 1. The Snow Day Relief Act allows us to reduce the make up days that were previously approved on April 19 and 22. Using those Relief days means that the School District will be recommending implementation of E-Learning days next year. This winter will go down as an anomaly and will hopefully go back to a normal winter in future years.



**tip 411** Newly installed this year is the School District Tip411 app that is available for anyone to access which allows individuals to submit an anonymous tip related to safety, bullying or other concerns. School officials can follow up with the individual while still remaining anonymous.

mous. The Tip411 has been a useful tool that allows people to submit their concern and then allows the school staff to address the issue in a timely manner before a situation becomes worse. The link to access the Tip411 App can be found on the District website on the top bar. There are three options to submit a tip.

**Option 1:** Text 847411. Type in the word ISD2071 enter a space then type your tip and hit send. When the text message is sent to LCWM, the tipster's cell phone number is completed anonymously.

**Option 2:** Search the App store for Tip411 ISD2071.

**Option 3:** Send an online tip from the website anonymously.

**Educating for Tomorrow's World** The Skilled Workforce Presentation took place in the Secondary Cafetorium on Monday, March 4. The initial date, January 28, was postponed due to a snow storm. Ten local businesses/services helped to sponsor the presentation and were available to talk with people about their businesses, products, or their services. Cardinal Manufacturing, a student run business from Eleva Strum High School located near Eau Claire Wisconsin; Minnesota DEED program; the Hutchinson Tiger Path Director; and the Hutchinson Economic Development Director presented during the event. The next steps planned for the Skilled workforce is to continue to work with, and collaborate with, our Industry partners to provide pathways for students to post High School and Career



Area businesses sponsored the event and were available for networking with attendees.

opportunities. We were pleased with the response for the event and the future opportunities available. If you have questions regarding the event or future events, please feel free to contact me.

**Relax** I'd like to wish each of you a relaxing and safe summer break and look forward to seeing you back next Fall! 🍂

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### CHILD CARE UPDATE



The Little Lakers Early Learning Center is a non-profit community based effort to provide for the growing need for childcare within the Lake Crystal Area. It has been in the planning stages for the past year and is moving forward for the center to open in January 2020.

If you have questions or would like to know how you can partner with the Little Lakers Early Learning Center, please contact Linda Leiding.

They are looking forward to partnering with the school, in-home providers, local businesses, and the LCARC. More information will be coming, please stay tuned for further updates! 🍂

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### DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

**950**  
**RESIDENT AND**  
**NON RESIDENT**  
**STUDENTS**  
**ENROLLED AT**  
**LCWM**

**+34**  
**STUDENTS**  
**FROM**  
**2017-18**  
**SCHOOL YEAR**



# INSIDE LC

## school news

### LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

elementary

By: Principal Dan Beert

What a winter it has been! We missed a total of 11 school days, and I would like to start this article by thanking all the parents for working hard with your students to keep them reading and learning. We have had such a successful year as a school! All of our successes could not have happened without students, parents and staff working together. Our preschool/elementary school continue to have increased enrollment and our building is almost to capacity. Thank you for all of your hard work, patience, and perseverance.

Currently, our students and staff are finishing MCA and NWEA testing. These tests measure academic growth, show us areas of strength and help staff plan and prepare for next year. Results will be shared with parents at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year. We look forward to seeing our data and working hard to improve and grow even more next year.



Students visiting Meshke Farms

The elementary school students and staff would like to thank the Meshke family and their volunteers for opening up their sheep farm to our students and staff. Students spent time at the farm observing sheep and their lambs, learning about the different ways people use sheep and how farmers raise them. The field trip was made pos-

sible through a Fuel Up to Play 60 grant that Physical Education Teacher, Mrs. Graupman, wrote and was awarded (Thank you Mrs. Graupman).

LCWM will hold its fourth annual Environmental Learning Day on Friday, May 3rd where volunteers will do presentations on a variety of topics. A huge thank you to Gina Cooper who spends a lot of time, energy and resources to make this day possible for students.

Our PTO is again doing the Race for Education, with most of this year's funds going towards playground/recess equipment. A huge thanks to all who support the PTO projects/fundraisers as it allows for many programs and activities that would not be possible without their support and the hard work of our PTO parents and staff. If you would like to volunteer to help or would like to still make a donation, please contact the office at 726.2320.

In May we have many grade-level field trips and outdoor learning activities. Some of them include: Rec Center Swimming Lessons (volunteers needed....if interested contact the elementary school office); Mornings with Mom - May 10th; The Race for Education - May 17th; Elementary Track meet - May 24th; and the PBIS Fun Day - May 29.

As we end the year, I would like to share several opportunities for students that are offered through the school this summer. July 22nd - August 1st we will be having S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Camp. This camp is open to students going into 5th grade through 8th grade. Look for flyers on Peachjar (the district website has a direct link or call the Community Ed. Office). We are also offering summer school to students who qualify. Your child's classroom teacher will notify you if your child qualifies. If



Students and staff during the "do you want to build a snowman" event.



you have questions, please contact your child's teacher. Finally, the school will be offering free breakfast and lunch to all children (birth-12th grade). Parents can purchase a meal at a significantly reduced rate. For more information please call the district office at 726.2323.

Once again, I want to thank the parents and community for working together and all your support. The LCWM community is truly a remarkable place to raise children.

Our mission, EDUCATING FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD by LEARNING and GROWING TOGETHER, is truly possible because of your support. I wish you a spring and summer filled with many positive memories with family and friends. 🛡️



Students helped plant vegetables for the community garden

### FINISH STRONG

By: Principal Mike Thofson

Spring is the time of year to look forward to after the cold and dark of winter. The 20 foot snow piles that surrounded the school are almost gone and are now just hunks of black ice. Baseball, Softball and Track are practicing outdoors and the ground has firmed up enough for hosting events and having outdoor recess. It is also a time to look back over the year and see how far we have come and what we have overcome.

At the start of the year we welcomed 13 new teachers, many of whom were first year teachers. Sadly, we also lost a cherished student and a treasured teacher, which greatly impacted our students and staff. As in true LCWM form, we supported each other, allowing time to grieve this loss and encouraged one another to carry on. There were also several individual tragedies that we all pulled together for and worked through. All along the way, students and staff showed true grit and resilience, compassion and perseverance. We took our setbacks and rose to the challenges, demonstrating with each one more strength than before. In my 23 years at LCWM, this year stands out to me as one in which I am most proud of our students, parents, and staff in!

Spring means testing and due to the challenging winter weather, testing dates were revised to provide more classroom instruction before testing. NWEA tests will be taken after the MCAs this year. Secondary MCA reading tests will be given April 15-18, MCA math tests will be given April 23-26, and the MCA science tests will be given May 8-10. NWEA reading will be May 1 & 2, while the NWEA math will be given May 16 & 17.

This spring there are a number of field trips being planned which will give our students out of the classroom educational experiences. Please look for this information and permission slips to come home with your student in the next few weeks.

Registration has been completed and now the process of creating the master schedule for teachers and students begins. Once completed, the students will receive their 2019-20 schedules. Please remind students that any schedule changes must be done through the course change process. This process and paperwork can be found on the Guidance/Counseling webpage.

With a positive attitude and a feeling of satisfaction, we will finish this year strong and look back upon the year with a sense of pride and accomplishment. 🛡️



2019 New Inductees



Coach G and Tyler after their basketball shootout



Wrestling Team earns Gold Award



FFA Students at SDSU Contests

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Last Day of School  
May 31, 2019

Graduation  
June 2, 2019

Last Teacher Day  
June 3, 2019

Camp MidKnights  
August 12-15, 2019

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!



Students took a break from finals to tape Mr. Thofson to the wall.

Summer programs will be beginning soon including an updated Strength and Conditioning summer program for this year!

Watch for details on the Community Ed website, Facebook page, and Peachjar!



secondary





For class descriptions, locations, dates, fees, and other information, please visit the district website under the Community Ed tab.

## DAYS AND KNIGHTS!

By: Kim Kleven, ECFE/Pre-K Coordinator

There is always so much going on around our school. As many of you know I sit at my desk often until later at night. I watch many of you dropping off and picking up from one event to the next. For those of you that do not have a child that is of school age yet you would be so amazed at how much goes on at our school! I am sure most people think about the usual events such as sports practices and after school classes. I bet you didn't know that sometimes there are teachers setting up an ECFE classroom so a baby can practice grabbing for an object or setting up "toilet plunger painting" so children can enjoy a messy art night! A parent educator might be prepping for parents to come in and have a discussion about "What to do when my kids won't stop fighting!" or "I am



so stressed out trying to have a job, raise a family, and live a life that I don't know what to do!" It might be that 10 of our amazing Child Care Providers are coming in for a free training about "Positive Environments for Children" or we are prepping for our Story Teller to go out into those Child Care homes and provide a story time to that program. These are all things that happen in the Early Childhood Family Education programming world! Our "Knights" and Monday mornings are spent helping families through joys and struggles and setting up environments for children to explore and play in.



During the days we have our district's Little Knights Preschool program. Every year we see this program grow and grow! This year brought 119 3-5 year old students into our building to attend preschool. We have 4 busy classrooms that have morning and afternoon classrooms full of fun, joy, and sometimes a bit of frustration as our youngest Knights learn how to navigate following directions, sharing, being a friend, and just even being apart from a parent. We have just wrapped up our 12th annual Jungle Boogie fundraiser! A great time was had by all. This events revenue is used to cover scholarships for preschool tuition. We have many families that want their child to have the opportunity to attend preschool but the cost is difficult to cover due to circumstances. Because this is such an amazing and caring community we have been able to make sure that no child goes without the opportunity to attend our program if they want to! This means that those 119 students will all walk confidently into this school as a kindergartner and feel like "I got this!"



Here are some of the events that our staff at Little Knights Preschool and ECFE have planned and implemented this past year:

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Library Story Hour at the LC Library | Training for Wellcome Manor Staff                                                               |
| Fall Festival                        | Open House Events                                                                               |
| Holiday Creations                    | Home Visiting                                                                                   |
| Just Toddling Around Classes         | LCWM District Baby Shower                                                                       |
| Explore and More Classes             | Early Childhood Screening                                                                       |
| Playful Learning Classes             | Jungle Boogie                                                                                   |
| Messy Art Night                      | Camp MidKnights                                                                                 |
| Child Care Trainings                 | Story Teller - Staff go out to district Child Care homes and provide a literacy rich experience |

So our Days and "Knights" are pretty filled up. Filled up with spending many moments with the wonderful families and people of this school district, filled up with planning fun events, but mostly filled up with spending time with our youngest "littles" and getting to start this journey of "Knighthood" with them! 🛡️



Messy Art Night



LCWM District Baby Shower

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## congratulations

to school board member, Kent Thiesse, for being recognized at this year's MSBA convention for serving on the LCWM Board for 30 years. Thank you for your service, Kent!

Congratulations to the entire LCWM Board for also receiving the District Board of Distinction Award at this year's convention!



### DID YOU KNOW...

- ...the secondary school's address is a tribute to the 1st graduating class in the new building? June 2007 = 607 Knights Lane
- ...LCWM students start the seedlings for the community garden each year? Third grade students are pictured on the cover
- ...the flags in the secondary cafetorium represent all of the countries LCWM has hosted foreign exchange students from?

### Greetings from LCWM Community Ed!

We have had a fun-filled 2018-2019 season carrying on some great traditions within our programs and trying some new ones, with awesome participation from our LCWM community.

#### Here are some highlights:

##### Embracing the Arts and Enrichment:

- We were very pleased this year to offer lessons from four piano instructors and two guitar instructors, all of them filling up quickly with students.
- Children's Theater during 2 hr. late starts saw 25 students participating. Although cut short because of snow days, we hope to pick it right back up fall 2019 and anticipate a spring play in 2020!
- Art Classes consistently held 10-20 students-painting, crafting, and creating almost every week!
- Family Planetarium Night in Mankato had a sold-out Lake Crystal crowd!
- We enjoyed a Connect-4 Tournament and Book Club at the elementary this spring and the Daddy-Daughter Dance saw 300 and Mother-Son Shamrock saw 250 in participation!
- Spotlight Dance continued to shine throughout the year, adding tumbling and skills to their repertoire.

##### Youth Sports:

Football, VB, Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball, and Soccer saw hard work from out youth, lots of volunteer hours from dedicated parents, and fun had by all! This spring we have added 7-8th soccer to the roster and are excited to watch it grow.

##### Adult Classes:

Welding filled every class to the max for each session, Defensive Drivers continued to take advantage to takes breaks by participating in classes throughout the year, and Adult VB League continues to grow!

##### BIG IDEAS Grant:

We received the BIG IDEAS Grant for \$5,000 to start implementing classes in the trades. Look this fall for possible courses in carpentry, small appliance repair, plumbing, and more! We are so grateful and excited about this partnership and opportunity.

##### Areas we hope to grow?

Teen and Family! We would love to hear from you about activities or classes you would like to see offered through LCWM Community Ed. We are here for you! 🛡️

#### Community Ed. Director:

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Mother Son ShamROCK



Connect Four Tournament



Daddy Daughter Dance

All incoming kindergarten students are encouraged to attend this FREE "jump start" week before they begin kindergarten at LCWM!



## Camp MidKnights

LCWM Schools and The Greater Mankato Area United Way will be offering

Camp MidKnights, a summer camp for students who are going into Kindergarten at LCWM this fall.

All incoming Kindergarten students will be encouraged to attend this **no cost** "jump start" week to their year here at LCWM!

**Monday, August 12th - Thursday, August 15th, 2019 8:30-2:30**

Camp will be led by Little Knights Preschool and LCWM Elementary staff. Camp activities will include a variety of really fun inside and outside experiences which will help reinforce independence, socialization, self help skills, creative play, language, cognitive skills, math and reading skills, direction following and physical development aligned with the kindergarten curriculum. We will follow a kindergarten daily schedule. We will practice going through the lunch line, putting in our lunch numbers, going to specials, and learn our Noble Knight expectations! Lunch will be provided. Students will be divided up into the rooms they are assigned to for the year and will meet in their classroom that they will be in. They will be able to familiarize themselves with the building and staff that are here. Bussing will be available at no cost for those that need it and **are in a pick up radius for the bus company.**

THERE IS **NO COST** FOR THIS PROGRAM AND IS TARGETED TO **ALL INCOMING KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS.**

Information will be mailed out to all currently enrolled kindergarten students. 🛡️

**For more information or to register, call Kim at 726-2320 or email at kkleven@isd2071.k12.mn.us**



health update

By: Nurse Jess

Spring/Summer Tips: Remember to wear sunscreen, drink lots of water, be active and enjoy the outdoors. If you have an allergy to bees/wasps - keep your epipen with you and notify others with you about your allergy.

If you have a concern about your child that you think the Health Office should know about, or could help with please do not hesitate to contact me. Phone numbers: Secondary 726-2110 ext. 1270, Elementary 726-2320 ext 5106. My email is [jthormodsgard@isd2071.k12.mn.us](mailto:jthormodsgard@isd2071.k12.mn.us). We are glad to troubleshoot, discuss, research or help in any way we can. You can also let the teachers know and ask them to let us know if there is a concern. You can email Nurse Jess in the summer with questions or concerns and I will usually answer within the week. I encourage you to do that so that I am aware before the start of school, especially if this is a new diagnosis for your child.

I encourage you to check out the LCWM website – under Programs and Services - Health Services Tab. This is updated with required forms for Medications/ Procedures, required immunizations needed, health plan forms, screenings offered at school, when to keep your child home and many other helpful links about asthma, concussions, head lice and so forth. I have tried to update it to fit the needs of our students and families in this school district. It takes a village to raise a child!!!! So let us help you with yours in any way we so they can be a healthy and productive learner.

- 1) Immunization Requirements:
- Immunization requirements for incoming Kindergarteners:
- 3 Hepatitis B
  - 5 DTaP/Td(5<sup>th</sup> shot not needed if 4<sup>th</sup> was after age 4, final dose after age 4)
  - 4 Polio (4<sup>th</sup> Polio not needed if 3<sup>rd</sup> after age 4, final dose after age 4)
  - 2 MMR
  - 2 Varicella (chicken pox)-exemption from Dr. if child had chickenpox.

- Immunization requirements for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders:
- 3 Hepatitis B
  - 3 DTaP/Td
  - Tdap Booster
  - 3 Polio
  - 2 MMR
  - 1 Meningococcal (meningitis) – booster shot needed at 16
  - 2 Varicella (chicken pox)
  - HPV and Influenza are highly recommended but not required

A doctor will need to sign an exemption waiver form if your child has had the chickenpox or for medically exempt immunizations. If you are a conscientious exemptor from Immunizations you will need to have the form signed in front of a notary. \*\*\*New Exemption forms need to be done for Kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade\*\*\*



RESPECT:

Honoring the uniqueness of myself and others in thought and action.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Taking ownership for our individual and collective actions and decisions.

LEADERSHIP:

Influencing others to achieve a shared goal.

INTEGRITY:

Doing the right thing - even when no one is watching.

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For further information on immunizations go to this link: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/kids.html#forms>

2) Medications/Procedures at School

- For medications (prescribed) or procedures to be given or performed at school, the school nurse must have:
- Signed orders by a health care provider showing the full prescription information/procedure directions with parent and Doctor signatures is called **CONSENT FORM FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION/PROCEDURE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**
  - Medications should be dropped off and picked up by parent
  - \*Not Student\* Medications not picked up by the week after school is out will be disposed of by the Nurse
  - Students may self-carry inhalers and epi-pens with Doctor, parent and school nurse permission. **Must** have a signed permission order form.

For Over-the-counter medications we need the Consent Form filled out at the bottom by the parent.

- Students in 9-12 may self carry OTC medications with parental and school nurse consent. **Must** have a signed permission order form.

3) Dietary Accommodations at School

Marla Brown, Kathy Barnett, Nurse Jess

If your child has a specific food allergy or food accommodation needed here at school our kitchen staff are capable to provide meals with the necessary accommodations at the Elementary and Secondary Schools. Please inform us as soon as possible in advance so we can prepare for this.

Please see the District School Nurse - Jessica Thormodsgard or the Food Services Managers-Marla Brown (District and Secondary) and Kathy Barnett (Elementary) before the start of school or as soon as you know you will be requesting this. If you are a new student please let us know as soon as possible. All forms are located under: **Programs and Services – Special Dietary Accommodations**

- Requirements to receive an accommodated meal or milk substitution:
- Special Diet Statement - filled out initially and only one time by MD (unless the diet changes)
  - Doctor Order - filled out with specific instructions of the food allergy or accommodation - annual renewal
  - Health/Emergency Care Plan - on file in the health office-annual renewal

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technology

New and exciting things are happening in the District Technology Department! Teachers and students in Grades K-12 will continue using technology on a 1 to 1 basis using iPads and Chromebooks; thanks, in part, to the Technology Levy.

Staff and Students continue to use a Management System called Schoology. If you have not registered or need information on how to gain access to your student's account, please visit the "For Parents" section on the website in the Resources menu!

The Infinite Campus portal and apps have been updated with a new look and we hope that you find them useful. As a reminder, using the portal will allow you to see grades, assignments, attendance and discipline incidents.

Online registration will be active again this summer for the upcoming school year. This will be the third year and we hope that it has helped you and saved you time.

As you know, Technology is always changing! At LCWM we are proud that we stay on top of the trends! If you have questions regarding technology, contact the District Technology Director, Jacob Quade.

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transportation

During the summer, bus routes and times will be reviewed and adjusted as necessary. Your assistance in providing correct primary and alternate pick-up and drop-off locations will help in the process. This is especially important if you have had a change of address since August 2017.

The goal is to place all bus routes and times on the portal for easy access by mid-August, in time for the new school year.

Champlin Bus Service:  
507-726-2832



events calendar

Keep an eye on the R Schools calendar on the website for the most up-to-date information on all school activities and sporting events!

From your desktop, you can find it by clicking on the calendar icon on the right side of the screen. From mobile, click View Full Site. In the menu, click the plus sign by "Popular Links" then click "Event Calendar". Please contact the district office if you have any questions at 507-726-2323!



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LCWM School Board and AcaDec Team  
Members at the MSBA Conference

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In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy and MN 363A.13, the Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to youth groups. ISD 2071 is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 5:30 pm in the Secondary Media Center the third Monday of every month unless noted otherwise on the District Calendar.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Linda Leiding, Chair	Jill Antony
Tony Jacobs, Vice-Chair	Kelly Hoef
Kent Thiesse, Clerk	Ryan Jones
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