

# KNIGHTLINE NEWSLETTER

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ISD #2071



## CHILD CARE UPDATE



The Board of Directors for Little Lakers has been working hard behind the scenes. We have taken possession of the Crystal Valley Building. The contractor and sub-contractors have done walk-throughs in preparation for remodel. The board is also in the process of interviewing applicants for the Director position.

We received very generous donations of toys from Doug Nelson and Annie Legg and are currently accepting additional donations of toys. Little Lakers was also fortunate to be chosen as a recipient of a \$10,000 grant from Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. In addition to the grant, the center has been approved for a \$35,000 forgivable loan through Blue Earth County.

We are looking for donors to help us purchase some larger items such as playground equipment, curriculum, and remodel costs. 🛡️

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## EDUCATING FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD

By: Tom Farrell

from the superintendent

**COVID-19** A few letters and numbers that will not be easily forgotten, and unfortunately, aren't behind us quite yet. COVID-19 forced our education system into a new way of delivering content to our students, requiring everyone to adapt to a new way of living for the last two and a half months of school. Our teaching staff worked quickly to change their lessons to work in an online platform, our tech services staff worked quickly to ensure students had devices and connectivity to be able to access lessons, office staff and paraprofessionals worked quickly to ensure all of our students had what they needed, and our food service staff worked quickly to plan healthy, grab-and-go lunches without missing a beat.

I want to express my appreciation to our parents and guardians who have been working diligently with children on distance learning while continuing to balance all of your other day-to-day tasks at home or work. We understand this isn't an easy task. So many of you have transformed spaces in your home to accommodate this new way of learning, worked with your students on more homework than normal, and quickly learned new ways of working together.

Our staff rose to the occasion and transformed lessons, teaching methods, meal prep and delivery, student check-ins, special education services, and hands-on classes, among many other things. I am proud of the work they have put in to make sure our students are the most successful they can be during this time with no face-to-face interaction.

As we look ahead, we will wait for guidance from the Minnesota Department of Education on what things will look like into the summer months and

into next fall. We are hopeful things will return to normal, but will continue to communicate with you through our website and Infinite Campus Messenger.

**Educating for Tomorrow's World** One class in particular looked quite different this year by beginning second semester at a rented space for large engine and tractor repair. There were up to three tractors on site where students had hands-on instruction from Ms. Johnson as well as an industry expert at a shop that was previously used for just that, tractor repair. This has not been done at LCWM before and we are looking forward to more partnerships like this in the future. We are excited about this opportunity and hope to host an event showcasing student work and programs that are being offered through our Career/Tech. Ed. programs during the 2020-21 school year. As workforce needs evolve, LCWM works to offer competitive courses to our students to best prepare them for Tomorrow's World.

**Together** We are appreciative of all of our communities who work together and make each other stronger. It has been very rewarding and encouraging to see how many people have pulled together during hard times to help each other. We are #StrongerTogether, thanks to all of you.

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

**Superintendent:**  
Tom Farrell  
[tfarrell@isd2071.k12.mn.us](mailto:tfarrell@isd2071.k12.mn.us)  
507-726-2323



## thank you

to everyone who generously donates to the LCWM School District! We appreciate your dedicated support that greatly enhances the educational experience of our students. Your donation is tax deductible. If you don't receive a receipt or letter from the district for your tax preparer, please contact Karissa in the school district office at 507-726-2323 x 1050. 🛡️



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## DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

962

RESIDENT AND  
NON RESIDENT  
STUDENTS

ENROLLED AT  
LCWM

12

STUDENTS  
OVER 2018-19  
SCHOOL YEAR  
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# INSIDE LCW

## school news

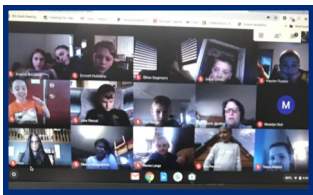
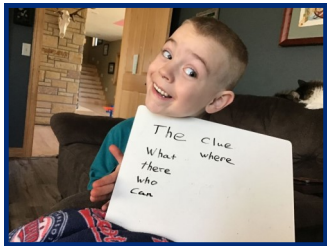
### LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

elementary

By: Principal Dan Beert

#### Elementary Distance Learning

We have about two weeks of distance learning left this year and LCWM Elementary staff would like to thank our parents/guardians for all that you have done to support the school and your children over this trying time. We hope that you have felt supported during the past couple of months and look forward to finishing the year strong. Please let us know if you need any support by calling the office at 507.726.2320.



#### Knightline News (re-thought)

Students and staff have found a new way to send out the Knightline news. All news recordings are done by students and staff from their homes. This is a great way to keep the students involved, and they really enjoy it. News segments include the weather, fun facts, jokes, and workout demonstrations. A different

department is highlighted each week. Stay tuned, as the best is yet to come!

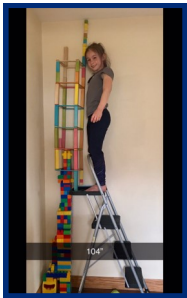


#### Golden Apple Award for School

The LCWM Elementary School was presented with the Golden Apple Award from KEYC TV. The tv station decided to give the entire school the award because of the teamwork, diligence, and success they have exhibited throughout this pandemic/distance learning. This is the first time they have recognized an entire school for this award.

#### End of School Year Parade

LCWM Elementary will have an end-of-the-year parade on Thursday, May 21st from 6-7 pm. Families are encouraged to drive through the elementary school parking lot with their children as teachers and all other school staff will line the sidewalks in the parking lot and on Oakland Street (where the buses usually park). We are excited to be able to provide some closure to the school year for students and let them see their teachers one last time before the summer break.

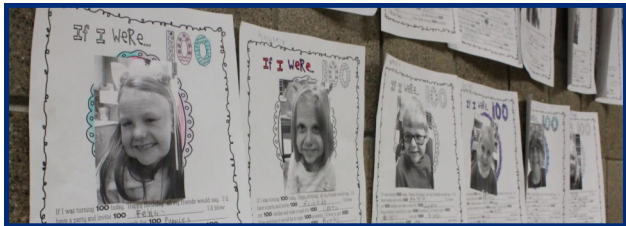


Teacher appreciation week yard signs; Mrs. Orde, Ms. Johnson, and Mys. Pluym



#### Minnesota AmeriCorps Grant

Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial Elementary School has been awarded three full-time Minnesota AmeriCorps Emergency Response members. These individuals will provide distance learning opportunities to high-risk elementary students showing signs of dyslexia or related reading challenges. This initiative will run from June 8th to August 15th, and provide support to our students that are most at risk of falling behind due to COVID-19 school closings and are most likely to benefit from continued reading instruction over the summer months. Students will work one-on-one with Emergency Response members over video-chat and engage in multi-sensory, explicit, and systematic reading instruction. This opportunity is made possible through ServeMinnesota, and does not require a site fee to be contributed from the district.



### FINISH STRONG

By: Principal Mike Thofson

This spring has found that our community has come together for students like nothing that I have seen before. We are getting positive messages from people all over about how LCWM is in the news and we can see that we are really helping our kids. That is a reflection on how everyone is working together.

**Teamwork** As students and teachers are literally all over the country during the Stay at Home Distance Learning the school is using technology and communication to reach out to students and families. Teachers are creating and delivering lessons, the paraprofessionals are following up with students, special education and general education students, student services team members are working with students and families to make sure that learning continues. This model requires a lot of patience and talking about how best to reach every student wherever they are at physically and mentally.

**Engagement** Engaging students and families in education is very important during Distance Learning. LCWM is using a variety of methods to work with families to deliver education to their homes. Examples of different methods include: Internet, Hotspots, Flash Drives, Mail, email, Schoology, Google Meet and Google Hangout. The variety helps each family to receive the materials for learning in the best manner for each. There are places in our school district that don't have cell phone reception or Internet Providers; this challenge has pushed us to think about how each child can learn.

**Contacts** There are several ways in which students and parents can contact the teachers and

the school. Teachers are using Google Voice phone numbers, cell phone, email, and text to receive messages from students. Paraprofessionals are also reaching out and can be contacted for assistance. The counselors and school nurse are meeting with students over the phone or through video conversations in Google Meet and Google Hangouts. If you have questions please reach out or call the school office.

**Activities** School activities will look very different from what LCWM's traditions have been. We are working very hard to make sure students have the experiences that make LCWM memorable and engaging with the community that surrounds them. Field trips in classes may be virtual or move to different classes in the future so they can still be experienced. The 7th grade WOW Zone trip has been cancelled and the money set aside from the class will be used toward their Valleyfair trip next year. We are still working on the possibility of some type of fall Valleyfair trip for the current 8th grade.

As of the time of this writing we still don't know a lot of information for Prom or Graduation. The school is planning multiple scenarios depending on state guidelines to let these events proceed. These two events are huge in the life of a student and the community. We don't want to cancel them so we are trying to be creative and make sure they can happen.



Summer programs will begin soon including Strength and Conditioning program from MCHC again this year!

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

Project 4 Teens

secondary

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Last Day of School  
May 29, 2020

Graduation  
May 31, 2020 (Tent.)

Last Teacher Day  
June 1, 2020

Camp MidKnights  
August 10-13, 2020

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!







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

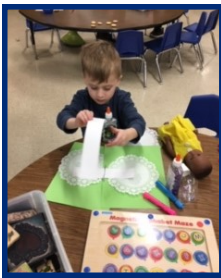
It is always an interesting time of year when parents need to think ahead to the fall and sign their child up for preschool. It seems hard to believe when you look at your two year old who will be three by September 1st that they are “ready” for preschool. We know many parents are concerned about developmental milestones, especially potty training! Our staff is here to work with you and your child!

If you are at all wondering about how things look at preschool for our three year olds please contact us so we can talk through those questions! We still have space available for our 2020-2021 school year. Contact Kim Kleven, Early Childhood Coordinator at [kkleven@isd2071.k12.mn.us](mailto:kkleven@isd2071.k12.mn.us)

Applications can be downloaded from the website, under the community ed. tab > Little Knights Preschool or stop in to the LCWM Elementary School.

Please watch for our fall mailings for our Early Childhood Family Education classes for parents with children ages 0-5! We hope to connect with you and your child and start to connect and create relationships with our environment, staff, and resources here at school. 🛡️

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## congratulations Class of 2020



### LCWM Seniors:

You've missed out on the tail end of your senior year. The best months of the year and also the months that seem to take the longest to pass. Not for your parents, but it seems that way for you. It may feel like the world is against you for handing you such a tough hand in this "game" of life, but really, this is a moment in your life you will remember forever.

You'll remember the time you spent at home with your family-good and bad. You'll remember the time you spent playing video games with your friends from a distance. You'll remember the stress and tension that was felt at the dinner table because of your parents' daily circumstances. You'll remember having to help little brothers and sisters with homework and being home with them during the day. You'll remember that you didn't get your senior prom when you thought you would and had so many unknowns with your graduation ceremony.

You'll remember getting messages from your teachers to describe how much they care. You'll remember the #BeTheLightMN campaign that took over football stadiums across the U.S. You'll remember the way you spoke to and got to "hang out" with your friends, mostly virtually and online. Memories were still made, just differently than you may have hoped.

These days have been challenging, but who else will be able to say they were born the year of 9/11 and they graduated the year of a global pandemic? No one.

This isn't the end for you; this is just the start!! Life will throw lots of curveballs in your future, some you see coming, some not. Take what you've experienced during this time, and learn from it. Look at those you respect around you and take a mental note on what they've done to weather this storm. Walk away from these high school days and remember the good times, learn from the hard times, and look forward to the times that are yet to come. It's okay to not be okay, but don't stay there. Take this opportunity to recognize how resilient you've been during this time of constant change with so many unknowns, and take those skills with you as you head into the next phase of your life. These times will help you develop skills you never knew you had to be able to bounce back stronger with other challenges you face in this life.

You have missed out on the tail end of your senior year, but now you have the rest of your life in front of you. Go after it! 🛡️



### DID YOU KNOW...

- ...the school works with the Backpack Food Program and LCWM Staff members raised money and participated in the Climb2FeedKids event in January?
- ...kitchen staff from both buildings packed approximately 700 meals every day during distance learning?
- ...some of our local business owners Dan Buss, Pete Penkert, Jackie Graham and Ron Montgomery are LCWM grads?

## community ed

First, I want to tell you how proud I am to be a part of such a devoted community of people. Change is hard, and to go through it with grace, selflessness, tenacity and hope, as you are doing, shows strength of community and a great love of your neighbors. For this, I am proud to be a resident of Lake Crystal and an employee at LCWM Schools. The way you support one another, build each other up, and stay positive through such a trying time is admirable.

As we face what's next, and the current unknown, we have chosen to hold off on printing our guide and setting dates for our programs. Our key goal is to maintain the trust and confidence families have in our programming, while continuing to find ways to meet your needs. We know that our programs are a big part of your summer enrichment activities, especially for our youth. Today we are still holding out hope of finding a way to participate. We are preparing projections on how we could adjust our strategies to ensure safe and enriching opportunities. We will be updating this digital program guide and our contents as we learn more about the direction of the state of Minnesota, so check back often for updates!

Lastly, thank you. Thank you for your patience as we at Community Ed. patiently await for direction and the ability to plan programs for you. Whether this is "back to normal" or a "new normal", we are hopeful we can come up with strategies to meet your needs. We are thankful to our parents, students, teachers, administration, neighbors, and mostly all the many community members working on the front lines-from hospitals, to childcare, to nursing homes, to grocery stores, and any more-for all of your courage, compassion, and tireless work serving others. Thank you.

Please, reach out. We know this is a struggle for many and if there is anything this community has shown, it is that people and small businesses here show up for each other. If you can think of a way we can be a beacon for you, please let us know.

Stay tuned for new information and programs as we are able! 🛡️

Take care and be well,

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Community Ed. Director  
[ahanson@isd2071.k12.mn.us](mailto:ahanson@isd2071.k12.mn.us)  
507-726-2673



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 is tentatively scheduled!

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

**Monday, August 10th - Thursday, August 13th, 2020 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 726-6646 or email at [kkleven@isd2071.k12.mn.us](mailto:kkleven@isd2071.k12.mn.us)



# health update

By: Nurse Jess

**Finish strong and stay healthy.**  
Enjoy the summer and see you all in the fall. Please parents and students, do not hesitate to reach out to me over the summer. If you have questions about your child or their medical conditions, I'd rather be aware and planning in advance. Email is the best way at [jthormodsgard@isd2071.k12.mn.us](mailto:jthormodsgard@isd2071.k12.mn.us).

- Tips for Warm Weather**
- Stay hydrated and remember to drink water frequently
  - Remind your child to wear a helmet when Biking, Rollerblading or on a Scooter
  - Remember to put on Sunscreen
  - Stay active and enjoy the outdoors
  - Always check for Ticks after being outside - they can be quite small early in the season
  - The BEES are out. Please make sure if your child has a severe bee allergy, that you have an epi pen at home. Remember to bring it with you when you leave the house too.

**Medication pick up**  
If you still have medications in the health office, please connect with Nurse Jess at [jthormodsgard@isd2071.k12.mn.us](mailto:jthormodsgard@isd2071.k12.mn.us) and we can make a plan to get those to you somehow. Thank you

**Required Immunizations**  
7th grade next year:  
(your child already should have these from Kindergarten shots):  
3 Doses Hep B                      3 Doses DTaP  
3 Doses Polio                      2 Doses MMR  
2 Doses Varicella

Shots to get **BEFORE** the start of 7th Grade:  
Tdap Booster                      First Dose Meningococcal

Required Immunizations for Kindergarteners:  
3 doses Hep B                      4 doses Polio  
2 Doses MMR                      2 Doses Varicella  
5 doses DTaP (5th shot not needed if 3rd was after age 4)

Required Immunization for Incoming Seniors:  
2nd Shot of Meningococcal

If you are entering one of those grades or new to our district and you are a conscientious objector to immunizations, you are required to fill out a CO form and have it signed by a notary and turned into the health office. This can be found on our health services webpage, under programs and services > health services > immunizations

If, due to COVID, you are unable to get your updated immunizations - please let me know and we can work through that. Many clinics will be willing to still set up these appointments as shots are required for school.

Remember if you need more information about COVID19 throughout the summer to check out the school webpage or MDH webpage.

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# technology

New and exciting changes are happening in the District Technology Department!  
Teachers and students in Grades K-12 have ventured into new territory! After a few challenges the first week, distance learning is in full swing and everyone is starting to get comfortable. Thankfully Schoology and SeeSaw capabilities have expanded to handle the high usage demand across the nation.

A big thank you goes out to all staff and families for working through distance learning. It has been a huge change and learning curve for everyone! We worked closely with the families who did not have internet access when distance learning began and either connected them to Consolidated Communications or purchased a mobile hotspot for use during this time. We are fortunate that overall, the majority of our students are able to access their work online.

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 under resources!

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, discipline incidents and also make online payments.

Our fourth year of online registration will be active again this summer for the 2020-2021 school year. Completing this promptly ensures all of your information is up to date and your students will be all ready to go in the fall!

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, at 507-726-2323 or [jquade@isd2071.k12.mn.us](mailto:jquade@isd2071.k12.mn.us).



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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 2019.

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



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Principal: Mike Thofson

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ECFE/Pre-K Coordinator: Kim Kleven

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:**  
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Principal: Dan Beert

**ATHLETICS:**  
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Athletic Director: Doug Burns

# events calendar

Keep an eye on the events 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!



**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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YOUR DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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# 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 Hoeft
Kent Thiesse, Clerk	Ryan Jones
Erin Berle, Treasurer	



LCWM School Board and AcaDec Team Members at the MSBA Conference

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