Maple Lake Schools to participate in We Day

by David Hansen, MLHS Principal
Kris Harlan, MLE Principal
Nichole Rengel, MLHS Social Worker
Lisa Weninger, MLE Social Worker

Maple Lake Schools will be participating this year in their first We Day experience. Social workers, Nichole Rengel from the high school, and Lisa Weninger from the elementary school, have registered our schools to participate in We Act, which is a free educational program. By registering, the schools have made a commitment to take on one local and one global action during the school year.

Nichole and Lisa shared how quickly they realized that our school community is strong in the area of local projects as we celebrated the completion of our first year of Backpack Buddies which connected over 30 families with a weekly backpack filled with supplemental food items for the weekend.

In addition we have hosted numerous successful food drives, coordinated our first ever Pennies for Patients donation, linked school-aged students to local mentors with a two-year commitment, and the list goes on and on.

At Maple Lake Schools, we strive to build community and create a chain reaction of kindness into the culture of our school.

Both the high school and elementary teachers have been trained and implement the principles of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports into our buildings.

Additionally, our students and staff have embraced the lessons learned in the Rachel’s Challenge presentation that occurred at our school in 2012. These experiences have helped define the positive and caring culture in our buildings.

The recently enacted Safe and Supportive Schools Act states: Bullying means intimidating, threatening, abusing, or harming conduct that is objectively offensive and: (1) there is an actual or perceived imbalance of power between the student engaging in prohibited conduct and the target of the behavior and the consequences, or privileges.

According to this new legislation, districts must establish research-based developmentally appropriate best practices that include preventive and remedial measures.

One of the recommended practices to put in place is PBIS. For Maple Lake Schools, things will not drastically change. We have several initiatives in place to proactively address issues on our school campus. Parents and guardians are always encouraged to communicate with their children at home each day. Please contact the school if your child reports bullying that has occurred at school.

We Day brings young people together to celebrate in their local and global communities and to inspire sharing the passion of world leaders and entertainers to be instruments of change in their communities. We are hoping this initiative will be the inspiration to keeping the change reaction of kindness and supportive culture nourished in our buildings.

During an interview with a We Day coordinator, Nichole and Lisa learned there are numerous global project ideas. First off, our Maple Lake student leaders will be encouraged to identify what they are truly passionate about as a school. These students will then draft a plan of action along with selecting one of eight countries to donate to as they partner with the We Day program.

Some of the most popular global ideas were, “We Bake for Change,” “We are Silent” and “We Create Change.” Ultimately, our school community will be offered opportunities to help us collect dollars to share with the country of our choice so that we may increase education opportunities for children overseas while, at the same time, raise awareness amongst each and every one of us who were fortunate enough to be provided a free education. It is remarkable to think of how one small town like Maple Lake can make a local and global impact.

Schools receive curriculum-based resources, campaign materials, as well as year-round personal support from one of the Free the Children’s educational programming coordinators. Free the Children was developed in 2007 and was founded on the understanding that awakening the spirit of volunteerism in young people, anything is possible!

We Act equips young people to take action on issues they care about. In September, students in both buildings will have a presentation by speakers from Free the Children. The presentation shares the heartwarming story of how two 12-year-old kids generated the ideas and started the program.

Following the presentation, a group of student leaders will meet with the speakers for a training. This group of students will also attend We Day on November 12, 2014, at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

The We Day opportunity jumped out at Nichole and Lisa as an extension of the Rachel’s Challenge message we heard a couple years ago which led us to including others, using kind words and being nice.

Let’s take on this challenge so that we can provide service to others at a local and global level and end the 2014-15 school year with open hands and full hearts! To learn more about We Day, go to: www.weday.com
To the Community . . .

It has been a busy summer in the school offices as we prepare to welcome our students and staff back for another exciting school year.

Who’s New?
We have a number of new employees joining us for the 2014-15 school year.
• Justin Roob – High School Math and Strategies For Learning Teacher
• Abby Klumb – Elementary Music Teacher and Band Director
• Luann Grant - Cafeteria Employee
• Beth Olson – High School Art Teacher
• Bobbi Klimek – High School Secretary
• Jane Hudek – District Office Clerk/Food Service Clerical Aide
• Sherry Hanson – Food Service Director
• Jennifer Korolewski – School Psychologist

Communication
Our school district will continue to use the SchoolReach public notification system this year. This technology allows us to send voice messages, e-mails and text messages to parents’ phones.

A few new things that will be in place this year include:
• Jennifer Korolewski – School Media Specialist
• Sherry Hanson – Food Service
• Bobbi Klimek – High School Secretary
• Jane Hudek – District Office Clerk/Food Service Clerical Aide
• Sherry Hanson – Food Service Director
• Jennifer Korolewski – School Psychologist

Open House
Students, parents and community members are encouraged to attend our 2014 Open House on Wednesday, August 27. Our Elementary School, Irish Kickoff will run from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and our High School Open House will run from 5 to 7 p.m. This will be an opportunity to learn more about our schools, meet teachers, locate classrooms and lockers, and catch up with classmates. We hope to see everybody there, as we get ready for another exciting school year.

School Board
Three people have filed for the three seats that will be filled through the November 4 election. Running for the three vacancies are incumbents Rick Thomas and Shelly Liljaquist and newcomer Joe Mavencamp.

Class of 2015 Facts
Graduation is Friday, May 29, 2014.
Senior Pictures: The deadline for getting senior photos taken by the school staff is October 1. The deadline for an optional baby ad in the yearbook is November 3. Please do not forget!
Senior class group photo will be taken at the beginning of the school year in September and again during the spring. Schedule will be announced at that time.
Homecoming activities are scheduled for the week of September 23.
Diplomas: New certificate for diplomas will be needed in October. Forms will be distributed to all seniors.

Test scores from the spring 2014 testing session will be made public August 26. Individual scores will be mailed to parents once they become available from the Minnesota Department of Education.

With changes in legislation, testing will now focus on Career and College Readiness.

Students will continue to take required tests in reading, math, and science, but will also participate in a battery of ACT assessments. ACT’s Explore, Plan, and Prepare assessments are the Career and College Assessments that will be administered statewide as part of the Minnesota Assessments. As more information is made available on these assessments, it will be shared with our stakeholders.

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Watch for additional testing information provided throughout the course of the school year.
**Bulletin Board**

### August

- **Aug. 26-28** *Teacher Workshop Days*  
  - **Nov. 3** Senior Baby Picture/Ad for Yearbook Due-$30

- **Aug. 27** Elementary Irish Kickoff 4-6:30p.m.  
  - **Nov. 7** Fourth Grade Bingo Night  
  - **Nov. 11** "Late Start"

### September

- **Sept. 1** Labor Day - No School  
  - **Nov. 13-Dec. 1** Choice Fundraiser

- **Sept. 2** Classes Begin

- **Sept. 9** "Late Start"

- **Sept. 11** Kindergarten Parent Night 6-6:45 p.m.

- **Sept. 11** High School Picture Day: Zahler Photography  
  - **Nov. 27-28** "Thanksgiving Vacation"

### October

- **Oct. 1** Senior Pictures Due for Yearbook

- **Oct. 8-15** Book Fair

- **Oct. 9** Picture Retake Day

- **Oct. 13** MLHS Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences

- **Oct. 14** "Late Start"

- **Oct. 14** National Hot Lunch Day – MLHS

### November

- **Nov. 3** Senior Baby Picture/Ad for Yearbook Due-$30

### December

- **Dec. 1** Seventh-Grade Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.

- **Dec. 4** Grades 1-3 Holiday Concert

- **Dec. 9** "Late Start"

- **Dec. 12** Christmas break

### January

- **Jan. 5** Classes Resume

- **Jan. 13** "Late Start"

- **Jan. 16** *President's Day End of Second Quarter – MLHS

- **Jan. 19** *Teacher Workshop Day

- **Jan. 22** Elementary Battle of the Books Grade 2-3

- **Jan. 23** Elementary Battle of the Books Grades 4-6

- **Jan. 28** MLHS Wellness Wednesday

- **Jan. 29** MLH Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences

### Programs for Children with Disabilities

Parents of public and non-public school students and other persons interested in the services available to children with disabilities in the Maple Lake School District are encouraged to contact Child Study Coordinator Lindsey Pellaton.

The Maple Lake School District serves students who are eligible for special instruction services if they are between the ages of birth and 21 years, have not graduated from high school, and have a significant disability in one or more areas identified by the State of Minnesota and the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Any person aware of a child who appears to be in need of special services should contact their local school principal to complete a referral. If an educational evaluation is determined to be necessary from the referral, the parent(s) will be notified and informed throughout the process of determining the student’s needs, eligibility for service, and the type of special instruction and services that may be provided.

For further information, please contact Lindsey Pellaton, Child Study Coordinator, Maple Lake Public Schools, P.O. Box 820, Maple Lake, MN 55358 (320-963-3024) or Janell Bullard, Director of Special Education, Meeker & Wright Special Education Cooperative, 801 8th Ave. S., Howard Lake, MN 55349 (320-543-4606).

### School Funding Based on Free/Reduced Lunch Count

Part of the funding for school districts is calculated using the number of students who qualify for free and reduced-price school meals. This is based on the school district receiving completed Application for Educational Benefits forms from families who qualify for free and reduced-price meals. The school district can only access these dollars if families who qualify for the free/reduced lunch program apply.

Please take time to complete the application form even if your children do not intend to eat school lunches.

The Application for Educational Benefits form was mailed to the families of all students in August. If you did not receive one or are new to the district, please request an application by calling 963-3171 or print a copy from our website (www.maplelake.k12.mn.us).

All completed application forms are confidential and should be returned to the food service director as early as possible. Remember, students who qualified for free or reduced-price lunches last year, are required to re-apply each school year. This information is only accessible to the food service director and the district office staff.

### Independent School District # 881 Maple Lake Board of Education

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School News & Notes

**Visitor Access to schools**

Visitors are required to enter the school through doors A, D or E during school hours.

Interior doors at each of these entrances will be locked, requiring visitors to be "buzzed" into an office to sign in before proceeding to their destination.

Anyone entering through the main entrance of the elementary school (door A) may access the office by turning immediately to his/her left.

Those visiting the high school may access the high school office by going through door E (on the west side of the high school) and turning right prior to the third set of doors.

The district and community education offices are accessible through door D on the west side of the high school.

**Pesticide Notification**

Minnesota statutes require schools to inform parents and guardians if they apply certain pesticides on school property. Specific information is available in the student/parent handbooks.

**School Closings and Delays**

Notices of school delays or closings due to weather conditions or other emergencies will be broadcast over WCCO (channel 4 and 830 AM), KSTP (channel 5), KMSP (channel 9) KARE (channel 11), KRWC Radio (1360 AM), Leighton Broadcasting Radio Stations (98.9 FM, 99.9 FM, 104.7 FM and 1450 AM) and at http://www.maplelake.k12.mn.us/.

Parents will also be contacted via the School Reach notification system, which sends voice messages, emails and text messages if the school day is cancelled or altered.

**E-Funds for Schools**

Lunch account payments and driver education fees may be paid online.

The E-Funds for Schools program is an online service allowing you to make payments into school lunch accounts or toward driver education fees to the school district by using either an EFT payment (electronic fund transfer via checking accounts) or a credit card.

Lunch account balances can also be checked at www.maplelake.k12.mn.us. Click the Lunch Program Links on the home page and click on E-Funds or Lunch Account Information.

**Breakfast & Lunch Prices**

Breakfast and lunch are served each school day for students, staff and visitors at the following prices:

- **Elementary Student Lunch** $2.25
- **Elementary Student Breakfast** $1.40
- **Adult Breakfasts** $1.95
- **Reduced-Price Breakfast** Free
- **Extra Milk** $0.40
- **Kindergarten Breakfast** Free
- **Extra Milk** $0.40
- **Kindergarten Breakfast** Free
- **Reduced-Price Lunch** Free
- **Second Student Lunch** $3.45
- **Adult Lunch** $3.45

Beginning this school year, students who qualify for reduced-price meals will receive free lunch, as well as free breakfast.

All kindergarten students also qualify for free breakfast beginning this school year.

**No School**

**Staff Development Day**
The Chatham Climbers “Showcase Success” in the Schoolseum.

A Schoolseum display salutes the School of Excellence.

by Ginger O’Laughlin
Senior Connections Coordinator

As we prepare ourselves for this school year we anticipate continued success for Maple Lake Senior Connections and District #881. You are encouraged to enjoy the student writing programs that the Maple Lake Messenger and Senior Connections offer. The often lighthearted essays reveal class activities and student viewpoints. You will find it has also been a great avenue to commend family members and friends.

Make sure you pick up a Messenger and head for the Pencil Pride and Teen Spotlight columns to read all about it.

As always, you can count on our veterans being recognized at the annual Veterans’ Day programs held in the High School auditorium. The music instructors pull out top-notch talent from students, and the speakers enlighten the audience with their first-hand experiences.

Keep in mind that we always welcome your input on who to invite as speakers.

Along with the Veterans’ program, teachers assign the students to write for the National Patriots’ Pen Scholarship contest that Senior Connections is proud to chair along with the VFW Auxiliary. The admiration students describe for veterans being recognized at the annual Veterans’ Day programs held in the High School auditorium.

Senior Connections offers a terrific opportunity for organizations, individuals, and teachers to promote opportunities, talents, and success by way of large display cases in the Schoolseum.

During this school session, any youth group, teacher (classroom) and all community members are invited to design and hang their own showcase while grabbing the chance at winning $100.00. We challenge you to join in our second Showcasing Success contest and find out if you are the top display chosen by the next open house 2015.

We wish to thank Maple Lake District School #881, the Initiative Foundation, Maple Lake Lions, VFW, American Legion, Maple Messenger, Wal-Mart, Wright-Hennepin, and other civic-minded individuals who have contributed to our efforts and fulfilling our mission, “To enhance the quality of life in Maple Lake by connecting senior citizens and youth volunteering, socializing, and interacting in a variety of circumstances.”

For information as to how to become involved with Maple Lake Senior Connections, please contact me at 763-301-4717 or gingero@charter.net.

“Showcasing Success Contest”
Guaranteed free advertising & a chance to win $100.00 or $50.00 (2nd prize)
Design and promote your organization.
Sponsored by:
Maple Lake Senior Connections
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 volunteers to drive football fans from the lot to the field.

by Celeste Dahlstrom
Community Care Coordinator

The 2014-2015 school year is just around the corner. It is hard to believe the summer that took forever to get here is coming to a close. Let’s keep our fingers crossed that Mother Nature will be a little kinder to us in the new school year.

Congratulations to our “Outstanding Volunteers” for the 2013-2014 school year. They are Sara Hagen, Kelly Pribyl, Sean Nies and Jean Skomoroh. A big shout-out to these valuable volunteers: their presence at Maple Lake Elementary has made a difference and we sincerely appreciate you.

Each year holds new opportunities for parents, family and community members to get involved in the volunteer world at Maple Lake Schools. We encourage you to give it a try. We can fill a niche that will give you warm memories that will last a lifetime. Some areas of volunteering include: classroom volunteers, foster grand parenting, MCA hall monitors, football game help, Connecting Links mentors, Career Day speakers, box top clippers, Santa’s Secret Shop and Book Fair workers. These are just a few of the opportunities. Please feel free to call or email if you have questions or a desire to be a part of this wonderful environment.

Mark your Calendars:
Volunteer Orientation is set for Tuesday, September 16, from 6 to 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Media Center. Please note that if you plan to volunteer and need to update your paperwork, we encourage you to attend this evening training. We ask that volunteers renew every three years, but if you are unsure of when that is, give us a call. Renewal postcards will be sent out in the beginning of September. If you know that you have updated within the timeframe, please disregard the invitation.

We are looking forward to the new year and can’t wait to see your smiling, caring faces fill our hallways. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

For information on volunteering opportunities in Maple Lake Public Schools, please call or e-mail Celeste Dahlstrom, Program Coordinator, at (320) 963-6600 or Dahlstromc@maple-lake.k12.mn.us.

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Kidville Coordinator

Kidville, Maple Lake’s school age childcare center, provides a safe, stimulating environment for school-age children before and after school from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please consider our before- and after-school programs as you begin thinking about the upcoming school year. Our before-school Kidville program runs from 6:30 to 8 a.m. Breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. or you may purchase a healthy alternative meal. Our after-school Kidville program runs from 3 to 6 p.m. An afternoon snack is provided and kids may attend community education activities after school. Students may also ride the bus from St. Tim’s to Kidville. Please contact us with questions regarding our schedule.

Kidville is located on the northwest corner of Maple Lake Elementary School. You may view our webpage at http://yourclasspage.com/3209633024 and click on Kidville, or call (320) 963-6415 for more information.

Facility Use Policy

Maple Lake Independent School District #881 operates under the principle that the public schools are owned and operated by and for school district residents, especially school-age children.

The schools are an integral part of our community. The School Board welcomes and encourages public use of school facilities.

Facility Reservation Forms for non-school activities and organizations must be submitted and approved at least five working days prior to the requested date of use.

Please call Jane Goetz at 963-5991 if your group would like to schedule school facilities usage. The Facility Use Application can be found on our website at www.maplelake.k12.mn.us. A copy of this form must be submitted to secure the requested time and space and help us avoid double bookings of facilities.

Please be aware that non-profit groups are charged for personnel, clean-up and supervision costs.

Commercial, business and private organizations and non-profit groups from outside our school district are charged a rental fee and for personnel, clean-up and supervision.

The mission of Maple Lake Public Schools is to create an exceptional place to learn and work, emphasizing educational opportunities that promote academic achievement, life-long learning, and productive citizenship in our society.

Would you be interested in making a difference in a student’s life? Or, do you know of students who would benefit from having mentors in their life?

Connecting Links is a program which provides a mentoring opportunity between an adult volunteer and an identified student in need.

The relationship is intended to nurture the academic, social, and/or emotional aspects of these students, resulting in a positive environment in both the home and school in which they live and learn.

Mentors are encouraged to meet weekly with their student. These meetings can be at school or something planned outside of school with parent permission.

Applications can range from playing games, making projects, and working on assignments to going somewhere fun or learning something new.

If you want to learn more about becoming a mentor, or know of a student who would benefit, please call or e-mail Celeste Dahlstrom, Program Coordinator at (320) 963-6600 or Dahlstromc@maplelake.k12.mn.us.
Irish PATHS

by Paula Schmidt
Irish PATHS President

Irish PATHS is looking forward to the 2014-2015 school year. This year will be our second year hosting the He-man Volleyball and Powder Puff Football games. We have some exciting new ideas and can’t wait to see the kids in action. Keep watching for more information, especially if you are the parent of a junior or senior. We are also going to be working with the student council on a super fun event coming in February.

Traffic and parking guidelines

Automobile drivers in the school district’s south parking lot are asked to help with the traffic flow by being aware of the traffic patterns.

The elementary student drop-off area is separate from the bus drop-off area. Signs are posted in the lot to help separate from the bus drop-off and loading traffic patterns. If you give a little of your time please contact me at schmidttextor@aol.com or 763-878-1343.

For the safety of the students, no automobiles exiting the parking lot to the area.

This will be something for the entire family to come out and enjoy, with more information to follow.

PATHS is an organization geared toward helping to make the high school experience all it can be. If you have an idea or suggestion how we can help, please contact me. We are also looking for parents to help out with meat raffles, or to join our organization. If you would like to give a little of your time please contact me at schmidttextor@aol.com or 763-878-1343.

Visitor parking and handicapped accessible parking are available in the lot, park parallel to drop students off, and any time buses are present.

A student drop-off zone is also available on the west side of the high school. Buses will drop students off in front of the high school in the morning and park parallel to drop students off, and return to County Road 8 via George Street. Signs are posted in the lot to help separate from the bus drop-off and loading traffic patterns. For the safety of the students, no automobile traffic will be permitted in this area from 7:45-8:15 a.m. and 2:45-3:15 p.m. or any time buses are present.

Visit www.centralmnconference.org.

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Post Prom

by Paula Schmidt
Post Prom President

The 2014-2015 school year will be one of many changes for Post Prom. We have said goodbye to some volunteers that have put a lot of time into helping to make the Post Prom party such a success.

The kids will be excited to hear that we will be doing different games and events so that things will be new and exciting this year.

We will be constantly striving to make it a better event, but we can’t do it without your support.

Parents hope to bake for our Post Prom dinners, attend the Post Prom dinners and help with meat raffles each month. Please contact me and volunteer to do some of these things. Stop by our table during Open House and get more detailed information. You can be contacted at 763-878-8811.

Club 881: The best investment you can make

Thanks to all who contributed to Club 881 last year! Club 881 is a community effort providing MLHS grads with a boost toward post-secondary education by adding small donations to create annual scholarships.

Last year’s scholarship winners were Michael Bakker, Sierra Basten, Rayne Coughlin, Zachary Krutzig, Tabitha Johnson, Mary Katzberg, Thaddeus Latzg, Nicholas Paumen, Jason Pompe, Derek Reellen, and Tyler Schmitz. We are proud of them and the Maple Lake Community for making these scholarships possible. Please consider giving this year and every year, any amount helps. With your help, we can continue to give Maple Lake graduates a good start on a bright future.

Central Minnesota Conference Website: Maple Lake High School’s athletic teams are members of the Central Minnesota Conference. Athletic team schedules may be located on the CMC website at www.centralmnconference.org.
Regardless of how limited your time might be, there are ways you can help Maple Lake and our schools.

Become a Volunteer!

Name(s)__________________________________________
Names and grades of children_________________________
_________________________________________________
Address__________________________________________
Phone_____________________Work Ph._______________
Cell Ph.____________________E-mail_________________
Occupation(s)______________________________________
Hobbies and Interests_______________________________
_________________________________________________

Check the areas below that interest you:

Read with students:  
- Storybook Reader
- Classroom reader
- Working from home (phone calling, cutting, typing, soup labels, etc.)
- Calling committee for school events
- Assist in classrooms
- Greeter (elementary)
- Assist with clerical duties
- Tutoring
- Boxtop Clipping
- Woodworking (benches, etc.)
- Laminating in the elementary
- Assist with high school or elementary picture day
- Assist with hearing and vision screenings
- Assist with school plays or concerts (costumes or set construction)
- Assist with outside projects (repair, maintenance, etc.)
- Help with elementary events (circle the events that interest you): Santa’s Secret Shop, Storybook Reader, Halloween Carnival, Book Fair, Reading Fun Night, Bingo Fun Night, MCA Hall Monitors, Dances, National Hot Lunch Day
- Help with high school events (circle the events that interest you): Dances, Plays, Spring Rec. Day, Homecoming, Snocoming, Career Day, Post Prom Party
- Band
- Work on floats for St. Patrick’s or Homecoming Parade
- Help with after-school boys and girls junior varsity/freshman football and basketball by operating the scoreboard or working on the chain gang, taking tickets, coaching
- Help at varsity football games, help supervise, announce, operate scoreboard
- Participate in the elementary parent/teacher group, Partners In Education
- Assist at the high school concessions stand
- Chaperone at college fair visits
- Share occupational expertise or hobbies with students in classroom activities
- Work with Campbell’s Soup labels
- Participate on the Community Education Advisory Board
- Teach afterschool enrichment classes
- Book room helper
- Connecting Links mentor

Preferred time for volunteering:  
- Mornings
- Afternoons
- Evenings
- Weekly
- Anytime

Whether you can contribute 1 hour or 100 hours this year, we can put your time to good use for the benefit of our school and community!

Please drop off at school or mail to Community Care at Maple Lake Schools, Box 820, Maple Lake, MN 55358.
2014-2015 Fine Arts Schedule

Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 13-15 School Fall Play at 7:01 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 18 National Honor Society Program at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 20 Fall Sr. High Jazz/Jr. High Band Concert at 7 p.m. in the MLHS Auditorium
Monday, Dec. 1 Seventh-Grade Choir Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the MLHS Auditorium
Thursday, Dec. 4 Grades 1-3 Holiday Program at 6:30 p.m. in the MLHS Gym
Monday, Dec. 8 Eighth-Grade Choir Concert at 7:00 p.m. in the MLHS Auditorium
Monday, Dec. 15 Sr. High Choir Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the MLHS Auditorium
Tuesday, Dec. 16 Fifth- and Sixth-Grade Band Concert at 7:00 in the MLHS Auditorium
Friday, February 6 Local Instrumental Solo & Ensembles at 5:00 pm
Thursday, February 12 Fifth Grade Musical at 7:00 p.m. in the MLHS Gym
Monday, February 23 District 17 Instrumental Solo & Ensembles @ Annandale
Monday, March 2 Pops Concert at 6:30 p.m. in the MLHS Gym
Wednesday, March 4 District 17 Vocal Large Group Contest @ Rockford
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Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 Duluth Jazz Trip

Wednesday, March 11 District 17 Instrumental Large Group @ Watertown 9 am–3 pm
Monday, March 16 District 17 Vocal Solo & Ensembles in HL-W-W
Thursday, March 19 CMC Speech @ Kimball at 4:00 pm
Thursday, April 16 Sixth-Grade Musical at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 18 Prom at 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 5 Seventh-Grade Choir Concert at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 7 Eighth-Grade Choir Concert at 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 11 Fourth Grade Program at 6:30 pm
Monday, May 18 Sr. High Choir Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the MLHS Auditorium
Tuesday, May 19 Jr. High and Fifth- and Sixth-Grade Band Concert at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20 Sr. High Band Concert at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 27 Senior Awards Night at 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 29 Commencement at 8 p.m. in the MLHS Gym

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Our youngest learners can attend an interactive class with a parent/guardian or join us for some fun one-time classes, while our older students can gain independence in our preschool classes designed for 3- and 4-year-olds.

No matter the age group, we believe in play as a way to learn, so we provide activities that are hands-on, stimulating, and age-appropriate. We focus on readiness skills in all areas of development including social/emotional, cognitive, self-help, fine motor and large motor in order to prepare children for kindergarten and beyond.

Our staff truly cares about the success and happiness of each child, and we cannot wait to meet our newest group of learners!

If you haven’t had time to sign up, there are still a few spots available. Please contact the Annandale/Maple Lake Community Education office at (320) 274-3058 with questions or to start the registration process.

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