Welcome to La ola del lago
Spanish Immersion

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome!

At La ola del lago, all stakeholders of our school community are deeply committed to creating meaningful learning experiences for our most important asset – our students!

We are dedicated to providing each child a safe and nurturing environment that fosters creativity, multilingualism, innovation and a multi-cultural world view. Our overarching goal is that all students, families, employees and community members - everyone who walks through our doors - feel an overwhelming sense of belonging.

Nuestros Maestros (Our Teachers)

Contact and Tours
For more information about La ola del lago, or to schedule a tour, visit www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us and click on “Our Schools.”

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Volunteer
The La ola del lago Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) assists with planning, promotion and support of all Edgewood programs. Their primary goal is to serve as an advocate of the La ola del lago community, representing what is best for children, families, programs and the community. Learn more here: ewac.weebly.com.

Before and After-School Child Care
Child care is available through Kids’ Company throughout the school year and summer months. Call 952.226.0090 to register.

Green Ribbon District
La ola del lago is proud to be part of a United States Department of Education National Green Ribbon School District.

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What Does a Typical Day Look Like?
The immersion classroom is similar to traditional elementary curriculum, except all classroom instruction is in the Spanish language. In the classroom, the homeroom teacher speaks the Spanish language the entire time using expressive tones, exaggerated gestures, facial expressions and many visual aids.

La ola del lago actively participates in the Amity International Intern Program. Our Amity interns are native speakers who have an educational background from their home country and assist with immersion instructional support.

To draw students into using the language, teachers often use songs, useful phrases, chants and rhymes and carefully structure the day with familiar routines.

All kindergarten students begin their day with a free breakfast. Students can participate in the school lunch program or bring their own lunch. The school day is 9:20 a.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Curriculum
Our teachers cover the same curriculum and hold the same high standards for success as in our traditional elementary program. Students also participate in field trips, music, physical education, art and technology/media. Our teachers differentiate instruction through a blend of individual, small group and whole-group instruction.

How Will My Child Learn English?
Research consistently finds that the immersion experience actually enhances first language development. The concepts, strategies, and skills in reading are transferable across languages. Vocabulary and grammar are only two components of learning to read.

During the primary years, students’ English development may lag temporarily in reading, word knowledge and spelling when instruction is occurring in Spanish. However, research consistently finds that by fifth grade this discrepancy disappears and immersion students perform as well - and in many instances better - than monolingual peers.

E-STEM
La ola del lago is part of an E-STEM school district. E-STEM stands for Environmental Education, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

E-STEM is an interdisciplinary approach to instruction and learning focused on inquiry and real world problem-solving in the 21st Century, applying hands-on science, technology, engineering and mathematical practices with projects and field experiences related to the environment.

The English translation of La ola del lago is “wave of the lake,” symbolizing the natural resources of our community and the district’s commitment to Environmental Education.

Technology
We believe technology is a tool that can be used to improve learning, instruction, communication and student achievement. Our goal is to teach students the 21st century skills needed to prepare learners to reach their full potential in an ever-changing world.

Some of the technology tools we use daily include iPads, SMART Boards and computers.

How Can I Help My Child Learn if I Don’t Speak Spanish?
Parents should be willing to strongly support the program and transmit their enthusiasm to their children, yet families do not need to speak or be fluent in Spanish at home.

Parents should embrace the philosophy of immersion education, encourage children to persevere during challenging times and learn to take risks in speaking, reading, and writing a second language.

Parents need to maintain an active role in their child’s education by providing experiences that enrich the English language skills and enhance their cognitive and affective developmental growth. They are encouraged to read to their children daily in English and engage them in activities to extend what they are learning in class.

We ask that parents make a long-term commitment to the program by keeping their child enrolled through fifth grade.

Transportation
Resident students receive transportation for La ola del lago Spanish immersion. Families who open enroll into the district must provide their own transportation to school or request an assigned bus stop location.

Enroll
Registration begins in January for incoming kindergarten students. La ola del lago is tuition free. Call 952.226.0903 to inquire about potential openings during the school year or to schedule a tour.