



PRIOR LAKE-SAVAGE AREA SCHOOLS



New elementary school designs taking shape

A team of staff, parents and community members have been working hard researching and providing input to create exciting learning spaces for the new elementary school and now those ideas are taking shape.

The K-5 school will be built in the Big Sky Estates development in Savage and will include classroom and learning common areas throughout the building to provide flexible and personalized learning opportunities. Students will also have access to outdoor learning spaces to enhance hands-on learning opportunities. The school will open in 2020. To view more design renderings, click [here](#).

The School Board continues to study naming options for the new building. More than 100 name ideas were submitted by staff and community members. For the athletic fields, the Board has approved the name William G. Pearson, Jr. Athletic Fields in honor of the previous owner of Prior Lake Aggregates who passed away August, 2017. The Board will make a final decision on a name for the new elementary school no later than March.

K-5 attendance boundaries to change in 2020-21

In preparation for the opening of our new elementary school in Savage in 2020, PLSAS will be changing K-5 attendance boundaries for all of our elementary schools.

New elementary attendance boundaries will help ensure we have adequate instructional and co-curricular space throughout our district for our growing student population.

The process will include feedback from an Input Team, comprised of parents and staff, to study options for School Board consideration and action. A public information session will be held March 18 (time and location to be determined). The final options will be forwarded to the School Board in April. The new boundaries will take effect with the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

More details regarding the process will be communicated via email and the PLSAS website.

Board approves Strategic Plan adjustments

Thanks to input from more than 125 school and community members, the School Board approved adjustments to the most important document in Prior Lake-Savage Area

Schools: our Strategic Plan.

Students, parents, staff and community members worked to describe the experiences they would like to have in our schools in the coming years. These descriptions were ultimately used to make adjustments to our district goals.

The following Strategic Directions are goals that guide educational programs, services and applied resources that will be implemented July 1, 2019:

1. Increase measurable student learning and reduce achievement gaps as we provide equitable student opportunities through personalized learning and student engagement.
2. Continue fiscal accountability through operational excellence and the alignment of human, financial and physical resources to district goals.
3. Expand innovation to improve the learner experience.
4. Integrate E-STEM focus across the district.
5. Provide a safe, secure, and supportive environment that nurtures the social and emotional well-being of all learners.
6. Engage students, parents, families and community to strengthen a culture of respect and inclusion.

In the meantime, we will continue to make progress on our current strategic directions so that all learners can reach their full potential as contributing and productive members of our ever-changing global community.

PLSAS earns Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting

PLSAS has again earned the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting award from the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International.

According to ASBO, Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools earned the Certificate after providing a high-quality Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year end 2018. According to ASBO, this award represents a significant achievement and reflects our commitment to transparency and high-quality financial reporting. Attainment of the Certificate signifies that the district has met the level of excellence required by ASBO, and is a testament to the integrity and technical competence of the PLSAS business staff.



Prior Lake High School Percussion Ensemble selected to perform at statewide conference

The Prior Lake High School (PLHS) Percussion Ensemble was selected to perform at the Minnesota Music Educators Association Midwinter Clinic at the Minneapolis Convention Center on February 14.

The Ensemble was chosen through an audition to perform at this statewide event that brings music educators together for professional development. The Percussion Ensemble, instructed by Justin Schramm and Keith Koehlmoos, is the first PLHS group to be a featured performer at a state-level music conference in over 15 years.

Prior Lake Rotary's **10th Annual lakefront music fest**
 Celebrating 10 Years of Music, Friendship, and Community



Tickets on sale now for Lakefront Music Fest

Lakefront Music Fest is July 12-13 at Lakefront Park in Prior Lake. Steve Miller Band headlines July 12 and Brad Paisley is the headliner July 13. Two nights of music for \$60! Tickets purchased from the Laker Athletic Booster Club, Patrons of the Arts & Activities and all elementary and early childhood parent volunteer groups benefit students in PLSAS. Buy tickets online [here](#).



Circle of Friends Preschool Registration

Do you have a 3 or 4 year old who's ready for preschool? Circle of Friends Preschool is accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year! Registration can be completed [online](#). We serve all learners in an inclusive, caring environment. Using a child-centered approach, teachers support all learners to feel safe, cared for and encouraged. This empowers learners to challenge themselves and take appropriate risks to deepen their learning. Children learn through play, and exit ready for K!

Want to learn more about our program? Come to our Tour & Talk March 13th at 10 a.m. at Edgewood School. Visit our preschool [web page](#).

Register for Spring ECFE classes

There are a variety of Early Childhood Family Education classes available for

Kids' Company 2019
2020
BEFORE + AFTER SCHOOL CARE
& SUMMER PROGRAM

REGISTRATION
 Registration opens March 4th - Guarantee your spot by April 15th
 For more information or to register, visit www.priorlakesavagece.com

Kids' Company registration for Summer 2019 and the 2019-20 school year opens online March 4th.

care givers and children 0-5 years of age. Get out of the snow and cold and enjoy some quality time with your youngest learners. ECFE programs begin to build the family-school relationship, create opportunities to build your network of support and start your littlest learners on a positive educational journey. Register [online](#) today!



Middle School Drama presents: Mary Poppins, Jr.

Performance times are:

Feb. 14, 3:00 pm

Feb. 15, 4:00 & 7:00 pm

Feb. 16, 1:00 pm

Twin Oaks Middle School

Purchase tickets [here](#). Make sure to purchase your tickets early. Past Middle School drama productions have sold out.

ROCK DANCE

AGES 5-12 WITH ADULT

FRIDAY, MARCH 22
6:30-8:30PM
PRIOR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
\$39/PAIR
\$15/ADD'T PERSON

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Community Education – Summer Youth Camps

Registration is Now Open!

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Career and Job Fair
Any Age, Any Wage!

Tuesday, March 26
5-7 pm
Prior Lake High School

2019

Meet your future employers and learn from the experts.

