Welcome to Kindergarten!
Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools
2020-21 School Year
Class of 2033
OUR FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE

OUR MISSION
Our mission is to educate all learners to reach their full potential as contributing and productive members of our ever-changing global community.

CORE VALUES
What drives our words and actions

Partnership: Collaboration of resources and talents to achieve high mutual goals for the benefit of all

Innovation: Creative problem solving connecting creativity with usefulness

Respect: Valuing ourselves, each other and our world across all differences

Wise Stewardship: Developing and effectively using our knowledge, human, financial, physical and environmental resources

Accountability: Holding ourselves and each other accountable for our actions and words

Strive for Excellence: Committing to continuous learning and improvement

VISION
A compelling educational picture of what we intend to create

Sustainable environmental focus recognized at the state and national levels

Challenging, diverse and personalized learning

A culture of excellence fostering a love of learning and appreciation of the arts and activities

Safe and respectful schools

A district of stakeholder partnerships

Technology enhancing instruction, communication and administration

Innovative and flexible staffing through wise financial stewardship

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS
Goals that guide educational programs, services and applied resources

Increase measurable student learning and reduce achievement gaps as we provide equitable student opportunities through personalized learning and student engagement

Continue fiscal accountability through operational excellence and the alignment of human, financial and physical resources to district goals

Expand innovation to improve the learner experience

Integrate E-STEM focus across the district

Provide a safe, secure and supportive environment that nurtures the social and emotional well-being of all learners

Engage students, parents, families and community to strengthen a culture of respect and inclusion

July 2019
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New K-5 attendance boundaries 2020/21
To find your boundary school, visit:
www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us/map-20-21
Two options

- Full-Day Kindergarten
- Full-Day Kindergarten Spanish Immersion
  - La ola del lago at Grainwood
Full-Day Kindergarten

- Offered in PLSAS since 2006
- Students attend their boundary school
  (note: new K-5 attendance boundaries in 2020/21)
- Transportation is provided (K-5 buses)
- Free breakfast for all kindergarten students
- Lunch program is available
- Start times vary by building
- Before and after-school childcare is available
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Why choose immersion for your child?

- Immersion students:
  - achieve at high levels in all academic content areas
  - demonstrate flexibility in thinking and enhanced sensitivity to verbal and nonverbal cues
  - communicate with people he or she would otherwise not have a chance to know
  - have an increase in job opportunities in many careers where they can contribute to the global economy
  - are able to travel and experience other cultures more meaningfully
Award-winning environmental education

E-STEM
Environmental Education - Science, Technology, Engineering, Math

Our schools are the first district-wide E-STEM schools in the state of Minnesota
Technology
Responsive Classroom

Social-emotional and academic learning combine to encourage and empower children

The outcomes:
- increases social skills and academic achievement
- creates positive classroom climate
- expands learner investment and independence
- lessens disruptive behavior

Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy and Self-Control
We welcome parent volunteers

- **P.T.C.**
  (Parents, Teachers & Children)
- **D.O.G.S.**
  (Dads of Great Students)

- Partners in education
- Fundraising
- School events
- Promote school spirit
Before and after-school childcare: Kids’ Company

www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us
Kelly Vossen, Kids’ Company Coordinator
952-226-0092
kvossen@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us
PLSAS elementary school start/end times will have slight changes beginning in the 2020-21 school year as we open the new Hamilton Ridge Elementary. All middle school and high school start/end times will remain the same.

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Resident families are those who reside within the district boundaries of Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools
In-District Transfers

We will begin accepting In-District Transfer forms on January 16, 2020, when online enrollment opens. Forms will be available on our website.

For resident families, in-district transfer requests will be granted for (families must still complete an IDT form):

● SAGE
● La ola del lago
● Special Education Center-Based Programs

All other In-District Transfer (IDT) requests will be reviewed and considered based on building capacity as well as balanced building and district class sizes. Forms must be turned in by April 1, 2020.
Open Enrollment is offered in schools throughout Minnesota and is designed to give parents a choice in seeking the public school that best fits the needs and interests of the individual.

In PLSAS, Open Enrollment applies only to families who do not reside within the district boundaries of our school district.
Open Enrollment (OE)

- Under OE, families are requesting enrollment into the district, not a site within the district.
- OE forms are to be filled out listing 3 school options (no options are guaranteed).
- OE students will be assigned a school based on building capacity as well as balanced building and district class sizes.
- OE for Early Childhood Special Education remains open.
Open Enrollment Timeline

Pending School Board action in December, new open enrollment applications will be selected using a lottery system.

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<td>December 2, 2019</td>
<td>The district will begin accepting Open Enrollment applications for the 2020-21 school year. Forms will be available on our website.</td>
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<td>January 22, 2020</td>
<td>Deadline to turn in kindergarten open enrollment form for lottery</td>
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<td>January 23, 2020</td>
<td>Kindergarten lottery, if needed</td>
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Online Enrollment Opens Jan. 16, 2020

● Beginning **January 16**, visit the district’s enrollment page to begin the student registration process.

● Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to enroll their child online between **January 16-31, 2020**.

● To help prepare for online enrollment, please have your child’s most recent immunization record ready to upload, along with your student’s birth certificate or passport.

● Enrollment will only be available online or by visiting the District Services Center, 4540 Tower Street SE, Prior Lake between 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday.

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Have you scheduled your Early Childhood Screening?

Call: 952-226-0975

Edgewood School

Discover more about your student’s development and learning, such as:

- Thinking, language and communication skills
- Social and emotional development
- Large and small muscle coordination
- Height and weight
- Vision and hearing
- Immunization status
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Questions?