



Building Connections

School Board approves Redtail Ridge and WestWood boundary changes for 2018/19

On March 26, the School Board approved 2018/19 boundary changes for Redtail Ridge and WestWood elementary schools. Approximately 60 Redtail Ridge students and approximately 16 WestWood students will attend Glendale Elementary in the fall of 2018.

This decision was made to help ease crowding at Redtail Ridge and WestWood and make enrollment more equitable across the grade levels.

A process to determine comprehensive elementary boundary changes will be made prior to the opening of the new elementary school and will include stakeholder involvement.

For the March 26 School Board meeting minutes, click [here](#).

Jayne Anderson joins Child Nutrition Services team

Jayne Anderson is the new Child Nutrition Services Assistant Director. Jayme is a graduate of Prior Lake High School and also studied at the University of St. Thomas. She earned her Master's degree in Public Health Nutrition from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. She has worked in both non-profit and business environments, and recently was a consultant for Dakota County and assisted several school districts in managing their nutrition and physical activity grants. Welcome Jayme!



PLHS students read self-authored books to elementary students

Environmental Science students from Prior Lake High School (PLHS) visited fifth graders at Glendale Elementary to share children's books they wrote and illustrated, about endangered species.

Prior to their visit, the high school students visited the Minnesota Zoo for a behind-the-scenes tour where they learned about different endangered species. They chose an animal to research and compiled their findings into a children's book with illustrations or photographs.

At Glendale, PLHS students each read their book to a group of fifth graders who took notes and asked questions. The fifth graders' task was to find out five facts about the endangered

species presented.

The books were gifted to Glendale, so students can continue to read and learn about endangered species while remembering their special visit from the high school students.



Shark Tank simulation pushes middle school students to dream bigger

Students at Hidden Oaks and Twin Oaks Middle Schools participated in Shark Tank-style presentations as a part of their math curriculum. Students were assigned a group and tasked with thinking of a new invention or product and creating a basic business model for it.

Each group pitched their product to a panel of “sharks,” which are adult volunteers from the middle schools and the district. The students ask sharks to invest a specified amount of money; whatever it would take to make their product a success. The sharks listen to the pitch, ask questions and decide whether they will invest, counter-offer or decline the pitch, similar to the TV series.

Of course, the products and the money being invested are hypothetical, but the students must do the math to come up with a number that would make sense in the real world and some groups even created prototypes.

Students also created a business model including plans for advertising and marketing their products.



E-STEM: PLHS students learn how to make syrup

The arrival of spring brings a special environmental learning opportunity to students at Prior Lake High School (PLHS). Several weeks ago, students began tapping sugar maple trees on the PLHS campus, with the help of Science Teacher, Sam Steinberg and District Naturalist, Sue Mohn.

They collected the sap once a day from about 15 trees on the PLHS campus. On March 28, the processing began. The sap collected was cooked down on an evaporator built by Industrial Technology Teacher, Joe Deutsch.

Classes were invited outside to see the evaporation process and hike to the tapped trees, learning about sap, maple syrup and even about Native American tradition.

Elementary students throughout Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools also learned about sap harvesting—several trees at elementary schools throughout the district were recently tapped as well.



LEF Gratitude Greetings Honor Staff

This spring, the Laker Educational Foundation (LEF) is offering two ways to say "Thank you" to teachers and staff.



For every tax-deductible donation of \$20 made to the LEF, your chosen staff member(s) will receive a personalized Gratitude Greeting or Teacher Tribute, and a \$10 gift card to Charlie's on Prior.

The Teacher Tributes are the perfect way for 2018 seniors to thank the special teachers who have touched them deeply and changed the course of their lives. It's the best time to give them the recognition, honor and respect they deserve.

To donate, visit the LEF [website](#).

Lakefront Music Fest announces country night headliners

Prior Lake Rotary's [Lakefront Music Fest](#) has announced this year's headliners! On stage Friday, July 13 will be headliner Young the Giant with opening acts The Revivalists and COIN.



On stage Saturday, July 14 will be Hunter Hayes and Gretchen Wilson, along with country duo, Thompson Square and local favorite Chris Hawkey.



Lakefront Music Fest is July 13-14 at Lakefront Park in Prior Lake. Two great nights of music for only \$40! 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.



Enrichment classes happen all year round in Prior Lake-Savage. This month try making your own Kitchen Herb Pot or Learn American Sign Language. Explore all of our



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Online Registration Opens March 1

Monday to Thursday
Session 1: June 11 to 21
Session 2: June 25 to 28 and
July 2 to 6 (Not July 4)
Session 3: July 9 to 19
Session 4: July 23 to August 2



Summer Swim Lessons
2018 Schedule

Register at www.priorlakesavagece.com

experiences and start creating connections in your community. **Read More**

If you are unsure of what level to register your child, please review the Guidelines for Choosing the Right Lesson for your Child to help you.

Learn More



Courageous Conversations

There comes a time in every relationship (professional and personal) when things don't go smoothly; when the going gets tough and what used to work, no longer does. Challenging situations happen at work with the boss, co-workers and customers. Difficulties rise up at home with our children, spouse and parents. It is in those tough moments, when we don't see eye to eye, that we are called to courageously speak what's on our mind and share what's on our hearts. In this interactive workshop, you will learn 3 steps to prepare for a healthy courageous conversation and the 5 steps to take during a courageous conversation. Come prepared to enhance your relationships. You will engage in role plays and large group discussion. You will also have the opportunity for individual time to process and share with your table. Your questions and group discussion are highly encouraged. **BOSA CEU's available.**



Thursday, April 12
10 am to 2 pm
\$49
Presented by Lisa Bobyak

Registration deadline: April 1.
McCull Pond ELC Aspen Room,
13550 Dakota Ave S, Savage



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**Circle of Friends Preschool 2018-2019
School year**

Have you signed your 3 or 4 year old up for preschool for this fall? There's still time! Registration began in January but we still have some class openings. Visit our [preschool webpage](#) for information about what Circle of Friends Preschool has to offer! Call to discuss class availability: 952-226-0956.

**ECFE - Early Childhood Family
Education**

Summer Classes - July and August

View all of the fun summer ECFE classes available for infants through 5 years old on our [ECFE webpage](#). Online registration begins April 10th @ 8 a.m. One of our new classes for summer is [I'm a Kindergartner this Fall](#). It's a fun class for 4-5 year olds who will be attending K for the 2018-2019 school year. This is for children only and will meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9-1.