



# PRIOR LAKE-SAVAGE AREA SCHOOLS

## See what's happening at WestWood and Edgewood

Construction is well underway at WestWood Elementary and Edgewood School! You can now watch a short video to learn about their building projects.

Thanks to voter approval, all schools in our district have or will be receiving additions or renovations due to growing student enrollment. PLSAS will also be constructing a new Bridges Area Learning Center that will open on the Twin Oaks Middle School site in 2019, and a new elementary school will be constructed in the Big Sky Estates development, to open in 2020. Click [here](#) for more information about construction projects and to view design plans.



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## PLSAS Receives Clean Audit Report

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools has again been issued a clean audit report from independent audit firm of CliftonLarsonAllen, which is the highest opinion an auditor can issue for school districts.

Audits are done to ensure districts' compliance with state and federal requirements, internal and administrative controls and accuracy of financial and student data, documents, statements and reports used in the calculating of state and federal aid and grant payments.

The audit was presented and unanimously approved at the School Board's October 8 meeting. Click [here](#) for more details.

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## Lakers in the News



Congratulations to Jim Dellwo, Director of Operations, Transportation, Health & Safety, on receiving the Honorary Paul Harris Fellow award from the Prior Lake Rotary Club. For several years, Jim has donated his time to organize the transportation of more than 15,000 Lakefront Music Fest concert goers.



Congratulations to Maureen Mullen, Assistant Director of Operations, Transportation, Health & Safety, on being named the 2018 Facilities Management Professional of the Year by the Minnesota Educational Facility Management Professional Association.

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### Prior Lake Rotary donates more than \$40,000 to support students

The Prior Lake Rotary Club presented a check for more than \$40,000 to the Laker Activities Booster Club (LABC), Patrons of the Arts and Activities (PAA), and elementary Parents and Teachers for Children (PTC) organizations during the October 8 School Board meeting.

The funds represented a portion of the money raised from the 2018 Lakefront Music Fest held last summer in Prior Lake. LABC, PAA and PTCs supported the Fest by selling admission tickets and providing hundreds of volunteer hours.



## Lakers at Vikings' TCO Performance Center

The Lakers had an opportunity to play at the Vikings' TCO Performance Center in Eagan where they took on the Lakeville North Panthers. Although we didn't bring home a win, it was a great night full of Laker Pride!

Congratulations to John Wabbe, Twin Oaks Middle School Global Studies teacher and PLHS football coach, who was honored at the game and named the Minnesota Vikings/Country Financial Spotlight Teacher of the Week!

The Vikings also surprised PLHS math teacher, Dan Beier, with two tickets to the Super Bowl in Atlanta after he won a QB Challenge.



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## School Board Scholars

Congratulations to our 415 PLHS Board Scholars! To be a School Board Scholar, a PLHS student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or higher. Click [here](#) to view the student list.

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## National Unity Day

October 24th was National Unity Day, a day when schools come together, wearing orange, to promote kindness and acceptance in our school community and nation. Students and staff across many PLSAS schools wore orange and participated in activities to support fellow students and to discourage bullying. Twin Oaks and Hidden Oaks Middle Schools created an orange chain showcasing what makes each student unique and also wrote messages of kindness in chalk on the sidewalks, posters as well as on notes to give to other students.



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## Watch the School Board candidate forum - recorded October 11

Eleven candidates are running for four, four-year terms on the PLSAS School Board. Candidates are (in alphabetical order): Jonathan Drewes, Andrew Ganfield, Jason Kwiat, Sarah Rippke Lloyd, Ajay Mandal, Michael Nelson, Michael Peterson, Mark Pexa, Stacey Ruelle, Enrique Velazquez and Josh Welch.

The candidates were invited to participate in a forum that was held on October 11 at Prior Lake City Hall and sponsored by the Prior Lake Chamber of Commerce. During the forum, the moderator asked questions that were submitted by the public in advance of the event. The forum was recorded and is available for viewing [here](#).

Election Day is on November 6, 2018. For absentee voting and other Election information, click [here](#).

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### Please join us for the Strategic Plan Review

You are invited to our strategic planning meeting as we review the most important document in Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools: Our Framework for the Future that defines our mission, core values, vision and strategic directions.

Strategic Plan Review  
Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018  
5-9 p.m. PLHS commons  
Light dinner is included

Please RSVP by October 29: [mwalz@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us](mailto:mwalz@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us)



## Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools

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A LIGHT DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED  
RSVP BY OCTOBER 29: [MWALZ@PRIORLAKE-SAVAGE.K12.MN.US](mailto:mwalz@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us)

THURSDAY  
NOV. 1, 2018  
5:00-9:00 P.M.

PRIOR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS  
7575 150TH STREET WEST, SAVAGE

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**Community Education**  
Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools

**Early Childhood Programs**  
*Programming for infants to 5 years*

**New Winter Spring Youth Catalogs  
and Winter Adult Catalogs are going  
live soon!**

### **Circle of Friends Preschool**

Are you looking for a preschool program for your child? In order to grow and reach their full potential, young children need a rich, stable, and safe world, with affectionate and supportive grown-ups, and lots of opportunities for play and discovery. A quality early education program delivers just that, which is exactly what we do at Circle of Friends Preschool! Space is available for 4-year-olds at Circle of Friends Preschool for the 2018-2019 school year. [See our website](#) more information.

### **Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Classes**

ECFE is offering some more great classes for guardians and young children! View the [2018-2019 ECFE course catalog](#) to see which class you'd like to join! [See our website](#) for more information about ECFE.

### **Community Halloween Party**

**Sat, Oct. 27 2:30-5 pm**

#### **Twin Oaks Middle School**

Enjoy games, prizes, inflatables, treats, individual and family costume contests a haunted house and more!

\$5/person ages 1-12 (Infants and Adults free) Supervision required for children ages 9 and under

Register for January to May youth classes beginning November 13<sup>th</sup>. Register for adult classes, taking place January to April, beginning November 15.  
[www.priorlakesavagece.com](http://www.priorlakesavagece.com).

### **Hour of Code (Gr. K-5 w/Adult) – FREE Sat, Dec. 8 9-10:30 am**

#### **Prior Lake High School**

Celebrate Computer Science Education Week with a free Family Code Night! Hour of Code is an opportunity for every student to try computer science for one hour. Now is your chance to participate in similar coding activities with your child in an environment that encourages problem solving, innovation and collaboration. Join us! All students must attend with at least one adult. Please register, if you are able, to help us estimate attendance. Walk-ins are welcome, as space permits.

### **Do you know a Struggling Reader?**

**Tue, Dec. 11 6:30-8 pm**

#### **Prior Lake High School**

John Alexander, Executive Director of Groves Academy, will share information on helping the struggling reader and what the latest research reveals about dyslexia and language-based learning difficulties. He will define dyslexia and examine key variables for instruction including the type, intensity, frequency and duration of intervention.