May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week  and  Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week
May 6  Elementary Art Show & Book Fair @ WW 6 PM
May 7  PTC Meeting 6:30 PM
May 8  National School Nurse Day
May 9  Choir Concert 7 PM
May 13  Redtail Ridge Twins Night @ Target Field 6:40 PM
May 15  Incoming Kindergarten Experience
May 20  5th Grade Middle School Tour
May 21  Davanni’s Fundraiser Night  4-8 PM in Savage
May 27  Memorial Day, No School
May 30  5th Grade Graduation 1:30 PM
May 31  Kindergarten Graduation 2 PM
June 4  PTC Meeting 6:30 PM
June 6  Last Day of School, Early Release of 12:50 PM

Happy Spring!

We have started to get glimpses of spring outside and reminders why we live here in Minnesota. Inside of our school, it definitely feels like spring! Our students are getting bigger, taking on more responsibilities, and learning so much. As we go from classroom to classroom, we can definitely see signs that kids are ready to move up to the next grade level. We are so proud of our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students who have been putting great effort into their MCA testing. This is a lot of work, but impacts our school and their learning quite a bit. We appreciate all of the parent support as our students go through this important assessment time of year!

In the middle of April, we had a special endeavor that captures the spirit of our Redtail Ridge Community. Two third grade students, and Honorary Super Heroes, Finn and Piper championed a service learning project to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through a Pennies for Patients Drive. Our RR super Heroes, met with each grade level to teach about blood cancer and encourage students to get in the spirit of awareness and if possible donate spare change. To get in the spirit we had 5 dress up days with great participation as we “Teamed up to Shutout Cancer.” In the end, our school earned $7,877.86 to donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We also learned a lot about empathy as we looked at the effects cancer can have on people and families. You can continue to donate to Finn and Piper’s favorite cause and learn even more at this site if you wish: https://www.lls.org/minnesota

Thank you all for making this school and this community the absolute best!

Dear Redtail Ridge Families,

It is with mixed emotions that I am sharing with you this message. I have been a Laker for 16 years and recently accepted a position as a Principal at Oak Crest Elementary in Belle Plaine. It has been a dream of mine to be a Principal and I am fortunate to get this opportunity because all that I have learned here in Prior Lake – Savage Area Schools. I will continue to be a member of this community, but will greatly miss my daily interactions with students, staff, and families. Redtail Ridge is an incredible school because of the incredible people and I am thankful for my time here. Please know that I will always be a Laker and that I am so proud of all that your students have accomplished. Thank you for your support as I embark on this new journey!

Ben Tressel
Dean of Students
This year Teacher Appreciation Week will be the week of May 6th-10th. We thank our teachers for their dedication to the education and success of District 719 students! Please take this opportunity to let your student’s teachers know how appreciated and invaluable they are!

June 6th, the last student day of school, is a 3 hour early release day. Students will be dismissed @ 12:50 p.m. A bag lunch will be served to students on that day.

Many times parents like to make the last day of school special for their children. Celebrating the completing of the school year is a terrific idea. We have a few requests as you plan your events. We find it difficult to make sure each child finds his/her way to the buses in all the excitement. If you are planning an event with a group of students, please arrange to pick up the students at their homes. We request that all students follow their normal routine home as usual on this busy day. We want to make sure that children get home safely. Keeping the number of students being picked up by parents to a minimum on this day helps us. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Yetzer at 226-8000.

Thank you for your assistance.

Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week

Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week is May 6-10. Please make sure to let them know how much their dedication and hard work mean to us as they prepare and serve the many breakfasts and lunches here at Redtail Ridge!

The last day for students to check out library books this school year is May 17th. All library books will be due by May 24th. Thank you for your help!

Redtail Ridge will be hosting a short BOGO fair this spring! This fair is in conjunction with a special visit to our school by John Schu, Scholastic’s Ambassador of School Libraries. Mr. Schu will be talking to our 2nd and 3rd graders.

Our fair will run May 8-9. It will be open 8:30-9:30am both days and from 4:00-7:00pm the evening of May 9 (leading up to the choir concert at 7:00).

There will also be a spring BOGO fair at Westwood on Monday, May 6. This fair is in conjunction with the spring art show. Hours are 5:30-7:30.

Please make checks payable to “Prior Lake National Honor Society”.

The Prior Lake High School National Honors Society will be hosting a Parent’s Night Out at Prior Lake High School on Friday, May 3rd from 6 PM to 10 PM. Parent’s Night Out is open to children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Pre-registered, your first child’s care will cost $20 and each additional child’s care will cost $15. Pre-registration is due to your child’s school by Monday, May 1st. If you miss the pre-registration date, you can sign up at the door. The price will be increased to $25 for the first child and $20 for each additional child. Activities include crafts and games and healthy snacks will be provided. Please make checks payable to “Prior Lake National Honor Society”.

Please join us for the Choir Concert on Thursday, May 9th @ 7:00 PM in the Gym

On Monday, May 20th, fifth graders will be going by bus over to the middle schools for a short tour of the buildings they will be attending in 6th grade. This gives them a chance to walk through, talk to a counselor, and get a tour from current students. Our students will have an opportunity to ask questions of student tour guides and an adult at the middle school.
End of Year Medication Pick-up

Medications including rescue medications (Inhalers, Epi-Pens, etc.) cannot be sent home with elementary students. We recommend leaving rescue medication at school until dismissal of the last day. Please pick up all medications no later than June 6th (by dismissal time at 12:50). The District is unable to store medication over the summer; medication remaining in the health office will be properly disposed of after the last day of school. Please call your school’s Health Office if you wish to make other arrangements prior to this.

Spring has finally arrived…we hope! With the warmer weather and the brighter sun, we would like to send a reminder that students should come to school with sunscreen on. The school does not provide sunscreen and teachers are unable to apply sunscreen. Help your child safely enjoy the sun.

We would appreciate any clothing donations, so please consider us as you are doing your closet clean outs! We are always in high need of pants and underwear in sizes 5/6 & 7/8. Please remember to launder and return any clothes that your child borrows from the

**SPRING TESTING SCHEDULE**

5th Grade Science Testing window dates are March 18th through May 10th. Teachers will inform you as to when their classrooms will be testing.

Please arrange appointments so your student is present for testing on these dates. THANK YOU!

MN State Assessments Parent/Guardian Opt Out Form

Minnesota values its educational system and the professionalism of its educators. Minnesota educators created the academic standards which are rigorous and prepare our students for career and college. The statewide assessments are how we as a state measure that curriculum and daily instruction in our schools are being aligned to the academics standards, ensuring all students are being provided an equitable education. Statewide assessment results are just one tool to monitor that we are providing our children with the education that will ensure a strong workforce and knowledgeable citizens (from the Minnesota Department of Education).

Please click below to read more information about statewide testing and access the parent/guardian opt out form. This form must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the main office of your child’s school.

Parent/Guardian Guide and Refusal for Student Participation in Statewide Testing

**Davanni Pizza Fundraiser**

The next Davanni’s FUNdraiser in Savage is on Tuesday, May 21st between 4-8 PM. 20% of your order will be donated back to our school. Thank you for your support!
April - C.A.R.E.S. Student of the Month

The following students were identified by their classroom teacher as the C.A.R.E.S. student of the month during the month of April:

Brennett Cauley  Eli Buchholtz  Malakhai Bouta  Logan Miller  Asya Krauchanka
Ayden Onega  Hazel Koshire  Micah Frye  Coltin Ulrich  Sophia Newman
Savannah Heitkamp  Haylee Kalal  Jack Evanson  Chase Lykken  Benji Willrett
Breccan Skattery  Blayze Benson  Polyna Silko  Mason Velazquez  Dawn Kopp-Spear
Charles Kelsey  Ellie Jensen  Olivia Hickey  Daphne Coronado-Jaime  Addison Trice
John Duncan  Carter Hamilton  Massimo Civitillo  Michael Alvig  Noah Beaudry

School Supplies

We will be offering the prepackaged school supplies for the 2019-20 school year through School Tool Box. Online ordering will begin in mid-May and your packages will be delivered right to your home. Please see the informational flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will be 5 on or before September 1, 2019, and have not registered for Kindergarten, please contact the District office at 952-226-0043.

If your student has not had a preschool screening, please contact ECFE at 952-226-0975.

Duck Race

Prior Lake High School’s National Honor Society is holding the Third Annual Duck Race to raise money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

- Come on Saturday May 25th or Saturday June 1st from 10am-2pm at Hidden Valley Park.
- Race a duck in water!
- Play carnival games for prizes!

To learn more about the duck race, visit our website: nhsduckrace.weebly.com. See you at the Duck Race!

SPAN is the Synergy/SAGE Parent Action Network. We are also known as the Prior Lake-Savage Chapter of the MN Council for the Gifted and Talented (MCGT). Our mission is to support and advocate for academically advanced students, their parents, and their educators. We are in the process of planning for next year. Please let us know if you have topics you would like to see discussed at meetings. Please also let us know if you would like to learn more about becoming part of our Board; we are in need of leadership as several of our Board members have children who will be graduating. Email us at span.priorlake@gmail.com. See more about us on our website www.mcgt.net/priorlake

Keep Collecting!

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

The Boxtops are found on General Mills products. Please collect and send these boxtops to Redtail Ridge.

MILK MOOLA & Land O’Lakes discontinued
The Milk Moola Program had been discontinued. We will no longer be collecting Milk Moola.

TYSON PROJECT A+ LABELS

Raise funds for your school quickly and easily. Simply collect labels from participating Tyson® products from your grocer freezer’s section and give them to your school. The labels can be redeemed for cash to be spent however and wherever your school needs it.

PTC MEETINGS

May 7th & June 4th @ 6:30 PM
In Media Center
Community Education
Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools
www.priorlakesavagece.com
952-226-0080

May 2019
Community Education offers fun and learning for all ages and abilities! We hope you find something you will enjoy...keep learning!

Classes for Youth!
EV3 Robotic Engineering (Gr. 3-8)
Basketball (Ages 4-9)
Volleyball (Gr. 1-6)
Track & Field (Gr. K-4)
Mini Hawks (Ages 3-6)
Girl Power (Entering Gr. 6-8)
Kid-Tastic Art (Gr. K-5)
Mother/Child Date Night (Ages 5-12 w/Adult)

Spring and Summer Registration is open!
Mountina Bike "Ninja" Riding Fun (Ages 8-11)
Multi Sports (Ages 6-12)
Let's Fly with the Wright Brothers (Ages 7-11)
Be Awesome (Ages 8-12)
STEM Squad: Loco-motion (Ages 5-8)
Clay Creations (Ages 10-13)
Summer Theatre Workshop (Ages 9-15)
Aladdin Musical Theater Camp (Ages 4-8)
Art-Trepreneur (Ages 8-15)
Camp Code (Ages 9-12)
Searching for Madame Curie (Ages 7-11)
Kitchen Boot Camp (Ages 10-14)
Kids’ Market Creation (Ages 8-12)
Coding & Engineering Camp (Ages 5-11)
Fortnite Dance Camp (Ages 7-12)
My First Camp (Ages 3.5-5)
and more!

Classes for Adults!
Baby Massage (NB-6 mos w/Adult)
The Basics of Preserving Your Produce
How to Cut the Cable Cord
Dance Lessons (Dad/Daughter or Mom/Son), The Wedding Dance,
Night Club Two Step
Green Smoothies & Healthy Snacks
12 New Chicken Dishes
Choosing the Right Contractor for Your Project
Prepare Your Home to Sell
Kitchen Harb Garden
Instant Guitar for Busy People, Basic Sailing
Made Easy
Overcome Your Carbohydrate Cravings
Intro to Yoga and more!

Summer Swim Lessons

Summer 2019 Session Dates:
Session1: Mon-Thu, June 10-20
Session 2: Mon-Thu, June 24-July 3 (No class July 4 & 5)
Session 3: Mon-Thu, July 8 to 18
Session 4: July 22 to August 1

Lessons are held at Hidden Oaks Middle School
Group Lessons: $64    Private Lessons: $99
Lessons available for Ages 6 months to 17 years

Find all of our classes and events online at www.priorlakesavagece.com
Kids' Company  Summer 2019

JUNE 12 - AUGUST 21  (closed July 4,5)
6:30am-6:00pm

$39/DAY
INCLUDES ALL FIELD TRIP FEES, MORNING & AFTERNOON SNACK

LOCATIONS
Glendale
Jeffers Pond (full)
Redtail Ridge
ALL SITES PRE-K - 5TH GRADE

REGISTRATION
Registration opens March 4th - Guarantee your spot by April 15th
For more information or to register, visit www.priorlakesavagece.com
Kids' Company 2019-2020

BEFORE + AFTER SCHOOL CARE
6:30am-school start & school end-6:00pm

THREE FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE OPTIONS
SESSIONS INCLUDE SNACK

LOCATED IN ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE

REGISTRATION
Registration opens March 4th
For more information or to register, visit www.priorlakesavagece.com
Dear Parents,
We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell prepackaged school supplies for the next school year through School Tool Box™. Place your order online and it will be DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS. You will have the option to CUSTOMIZE your order by adding or removing items from the teacher-approved list. Already have a ruler or scissors? Remove them. Need an additional box of crayons for home or supplies for a sibling? Add them. It’s that simple! Order today!

Each box sold = one child fed.
Every School Tool Box sold will provide one meal to a starving child through Feed My Starving Children. When we say “Help is here”, we mean it.

School Name:
Redtail Ridge Elementary
Savage, MN

Ordering Available:
Beginning May 15th

Allow 10 days for processing.

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| 3rd Grade N-Z   | $46.93  | (Borchart)
| 3rd Grade A-M   | $52.86  | (Hough, Kalina, Kodada, Simon)
| 3rd Grade N-Z   | $53.83  | (Hough, Kalina, Kodada, Simon)
| 4th Grade       | $42.08  |
| 5th Grade       | $42.13  |

schooltoolbox.com
Prior Lake Mountain Bike Team

Informational Meetings

Co-Ed for Grades 6 - 12
Fall of 2019

Thursday, May 16th @ 7:00 p.m.
Prior Lake High School Lecture Hall
Rm. 270

Monday, May 20th @ 7:00 p.m.
Twin Oaks Middle School Media Center
Rm. 708

Attend either session regardless of grade!

For more information: https://www.plhsactivities.org/page/show/550813-mountain-biking