



Important Dates

December 21-January 1

No school grades E-12, Winter Break

January 8

School Board organizational meeting, 6:30 p.m.

School Board regular meeting, 7 p.m. District Services Center

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PLSAS Construction Update

Thanks to voter approval of Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools' (PLSAS) two school funding requests, PLSAS is now in the process of moving from concept proposals into a design phase along with construction timelines for our new building additions, new elementary school and new Bridges Area Learning Center.



Building Planning Underway

On December 11, the School Board received a construction phasing plan for district projects that will continue through 2020. Throughout the planning and design phases, there will be many opportunities for stakeholder input. For a detailed chart that includes design, bid and occupancy timelines, click [here](#).

Staff meetings are underway to plan for additions or renovations to Five Hawks, (using existing funding sources), Jeffers Pond and Redtail Ridge elementary schools completed in time for the 2018/19 school year.

PLSAS is expecting to break ground on a new elementary school in the Big Sky development in Savage in late spring of 2019, after Prior Lake Aggregates has completed that area. The new elementary school will then open in the fall of 2020.

At the secondary level, design, bidding and construction phases for school projects include 2018 for classroom additions, and kitchen/cafeteria expansion to Prior Lake High School, and additions/remodeling at the middle schools and the construction of Bridges Area Learning Center which are slated to open in fall of 2019. Other high school construction projects include secure front entrance and gyms will open in fall of 2020. Remodeling and additions made to Grainwood, WestWood and Edgewood in time for the 2019/20 school year.

Short-Term Planning

To help ease crowding at the elementary level until the new school opens, the district is implementing the following short-term space solutions over the next two years while being as least disruptive as possible to students and families:

- Construction of two additional classrooms each at Redtail Ridge and Jeffers Pond in the 2018/19 school year.
- Continue to limit open enrollment for the 2018/19 school year up to 75 students in kindergarten and up to 1% of new students in grades 1-12.

In addition, the district is considering implementing the following additional short-

solutions:

- Use existing, non-traditional spaces for classrooms in elementary schools computer labs and staff lounges.
- Lease space in the community for pre-kindergarten programs that are cur neighborhood schools.
- Maintain La ola del lago Spanish Immersion at Edgewood School for the 1 while also utilizing space at neighboring WestWood Elementary for 4th an immersion sections.
- The School Board is expected to discuss potential elementary attendance adjustments for the 2018-19 school year at upcoming board meetings in J February (a process to determine comprehensive elementary boundary cl made prior to the opening of the new elementary school and will include s involvement).
- Class size average adjustments.

Stay Informed

The district has created a dedicated web page to keep staff and residents up-to-planning and construction process so that all stakeholders can see their investm for students. Please check back frequently for updates, [here](#).

2018/19 Calendar Approved

At its December 11 meeting, the School Board approved the calendar for the 2018/19 school year (click [here](#)). A month-to-month calendar for 2018/19 will be created this summer.



Welcome to Kindergarten!

**Kindergarten Information Session:
January 4, 7-8 p.m.**

Grainwood Elementary
5061 Minnesota Street SE
Prior Lake

**District wide Kindergarten Registration:
January 18 at 6:30 p.m.**

Edgewood School and all elementary schools
Kindergarten enrollment packets will be mailed in January.

- All parents of incoming 2018/19 kindergarten students are welcome to attend
- Learn about our traditional kindergarten program and our La ola del lago Spanish immersion option
- Get curriculum and enrollment information

Optimist Club Recognizes Local Youth

The Prior Lake-Savage Optimist Club recently recognized 28 students as part of Optimist Internationals Youth Apprecia

Students were nominated and selected by teachers, principals and advisors for demonstrating sincere devotion to the v through their service to fellow students, their schools, community, city and the world.

They were recognized for their willingness to take on projects, go "above and beyond" in helping and supporting others

and kindness in their actions to help peers and willingness to volunteer for causes to help others in need.



Distinguished Service Award

Congratulations to Russ Reetz, Activities Director, for receiving the Minnesota State High School League Distinguished Service Award!

The award is designed to recognize and reward those individuals who go above and beyond in service to their association, along with their leadership and long-term service.



National Business Honor Society

Forty-two students were recognized at the National Business Honor Society (NBHS) Induction Ceremony on November 20.

Seventeen seniors and twenty-five juniors met the requirements of an overall GPA of 3.0, completion of at least three business classes with 3.5 GPA, and demonstration of service, leadership, and character.

The Prior Lake chapter is the only one in the state of Minnesota and one of only 160 nationwide. The purpose of NBHS is to:

- promote and recognize academic achievement in business education at Prior Lake High School;
- foster and recognize leadership skills and character development;
- help members grow ethically and socially by promoting and encouraging an interest in business; and
- encourage member involvement in service learning initiatives



Playschool openings for ages 3 to 5

The Family and Consumer Science Department at Prior Lake High School (PLHS) has openings in Playschool, a program for ages 3 to 5, hosted by students in the Child Development class and overseen by their teachers.

Collaborative learning

The high school students will apply what they learn by planning themed activities each day using music, art, storytelling, flannel board stories, snacks and much more; and the preschool students will learn as they play.

How it works

Parents drop off their child at the east entrance of PLHS where students will greet families and escort the children to the high school, where all students will be supervised by a licensed teacher. Parents are welcome to stay for a cup of coffee at the House Cafe in the PLHS cafeteria or leave for a quick errand and meet back at the entrance at the scheduled pick up time.

Parents are asked to register for the program by contacting PLHS Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher, Mary Kay L. Lien at mlien@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us. Preschool children do not have to attend every day.

Winter Session 2018

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:15 to 11 a.m.

Wednesdays: 10 to 11:45 a.m.

Dates: January 2-5, January 8-12, January 16-19 & January 22-23

Spring Session 2018

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:15 to 11 a.m.

Wednesdays: 10 to 11:45 a.m.

Dates: March 7-9, March 19-23, March 26-30 & April 2 and 3

Prior Lake High School is located at 7575 150th West, Savage. For more information, please contact Mary Kay Lien: mlsavage.k12.mn.us

Laker Pride

During the Laker Pride portion of the December 11 board meeting, several Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools (PLSAS) elementary teachers were highlighted for their work with a job-embedded professional development program called Workshop LIVE. Teachers invited other PLSAS elementary teachers into their classrooms to observe and learn from their writing workshops.



New Youth After School classes will start again in January. Register now to guarantee your spot.

NEW! Adult Robotics League

January 9 & 23, 7-9 p.m.

February 24, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. tournament

Prior Lake High School Commons

Design, build, program and compete in a replay of the Middle School robotics competition. The PLHS robotics team, KII provide the robotics kits, mentoring and host the end-of-the-session tournament. Teams of 4 adults will compete in rounds against other teams for points. Highest scoring teams will select an alliance team and compete in the playoffs. Participate as an individual. [Register](#)

Ski and Snowboard Trips at Buck Hill

Grades 5-8

Mondays starting December 18

Registration closes December 15

Beat the winter blues with one of our adult exercises

No membership required.

Classes start in January. More info [here](#).



Circle of Friends Preschool Information for the 2018-2019 school year

As we plan for the 2018-2019 school year and preschool programming, our intention is to have registration open February 1st. We encourage you to keep an eye on our [Circle of Friends Preschool webpage](#) over the next month for information regarding the 2018-2019 school year. As plans are finalized, we will post information about class options, visitation and tour dates, as well as the registration timeline.

In the meantime, join us for Peek Into Preschool, January 8, 6:30-7:15 p.m. You and your preschooler are invited to visit Circle of Friends Preschool classrooms during our Peek into Preschool event at Edgewood School. During this time, you will have an opportunity to learn about our program options and spend time with our licensed preschool teachers. No need to register.

Sincerely,

Kristi Mussman
Director of Communications
Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools

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Be sure to check out the [Laker Network](#) page on our website for easy access to all of our social media sites including: [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). Click [here](#) to get all the latest news on the social media channel of your choice.



Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

Winter ECFE classes begin the week of January 8th. I winter classes that still have availability: [Oh Baby](#), [Far Connections](#), [1 Fun, Play & Learn](#), [2, 3 Look at Me](#) and Register soon!

Watch your mailboxes for our new ECFE catalog for s will be mailed the week of December 18th. Spring clas opens January 4th at 8 a.m. If you would like to be ad list, please contact our ECFE office at 952-226-0952.



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