**A Note From Mrs. Zwolenski**

Dear WestWood Families,

Thank you for attending Parent-Teacher Conferences. We appreciated your flexibility with the altered schedule due to the April snow day. It was good to see so many of you here!

I also want to extend a big thank you to the PTC and all the volunteers who provided meals for the teachers on April 16 and April 18. The food was appreciated and delicious.

On May 7, we will have our district-wide PTC meeting at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Redtail Ridge. Please consider attending, as we will have Dr. Teri Staloch and the principals speak to the entire group and then each school will have their own individual meeting.

Have a wonderful spring!

~Karen

**Twins Game Day 2019—WestWood Elementary**

The Westwood PTC is selling tickets to the Twins game against the Chicago White Sox on **Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 1:10pm**. The cost of the ticket is only $15 (regularly $25) for a ticket in the home plate view section of Target Field.

Sunday is Kids Day! Kids Meals are half price at just $4! Before the game, kids 14 and younger can receive free autographs from a Twins player and postgame kids can run the bases. Buy your tickets at: [https://wwtwins2019.eventbrite.com](https://wwtwins2019.eventbrite.com)

There are a limited amount of tickets, so buy your tickets soon. Registration will close on April 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Adrienne Kelsey at adrienne.kelse@gmail.com.

**Moving this Summer?**

If you know your family may be moving this summer, please let the WestWood office know. We continually update our enrollment numbers to plan for the upcoming school year.

**In-District Transfers & Open Enrollment**

If your child(ren) are attending WestWood as an In-district Transfer or Open Enrolled Student and they have paperwork on file, new paperwork is **not necessary for the 2019-20 school year**. Please call Kirsten Schoeller, Head Secretary, with questions at 952.226.0404.
**MCA Testing Has Started**

WestWood third, fourth and fifth grade students are taking the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA III) tests.

All MCA testing for Reading, Math and Science are completed online in our computer lab or on Chrome Books. **The testing window is April 8 - May 10.**

A detailed MCA classroom schedule has been posted on the WestWood Webpage. Teachers have also been communicating scheduled testing days for students. Please mark your calendar with your students’ testing days when they are made available, so doctor/dental appointments and vacations can be scheduled around testing.

**MCA Security Tip Line**

Maintaining the integrity of tests and test items is of great importance to the Minnesota Department of Education. Improper or unethical behavior by students or educators undermines the validity of test score interpretation. Please report suspected incidents of cheating or piracy of test items using the Minnesota Statewide Test Security Tip Line.

**WestWood Students Participate in MAP Testing/Measure of Academic Progress**

Students in grades 2-5 will have scheduled times in the computer lab to complete Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests. **Spring testing takes place April 29 - May 23.**

MAP tests are aligned to Minnesota’s academic standards. The MAP test is an individualized computer adaptive test in which questions are generated based on the student’s previous response.

Scores are reported in RIT scores (short for Rausch Unit). The RIT score is an equal-interval scale which can measure growth in learning.

The MAP brochure, available on the WestWood webpage, shows the average RIT scores across the nation for students at different grade levels.

**Kids’ Company Registration**

Kids’ Company registration for Summer 2019 and the 2019-20 school year is available online. If you have questions call 952-226-0090 or visit: [www.priorlakesavage.k12.mn.us/community/kids-company](http://www.priorlakesavage.k12.mn.us/community/kids-company).

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**Track and Field Days**

Grades 1-4 will have their Track & Field Day on Wednesday, June 5 at the Twin Oaks Middle School track.

Fifth grade students will participate in a District Wide Track & Field event on May 24 at the Prior Lake High School track. There is not a rain date for this event.

WestWood Kindergarten Fun Day will be on Friday, May 17 in the afternoon. There is not a rain date for this event.

Volunteers are needed for grades 1-4 Track and Field Day for recording scores, retrieving equipment, measuring, etc. Volunteers are also needed for the Kindergarten Fun Day. Please watch for a volunteer form to come home with your student in early May.

**SPAN to Meet in 2019-20**

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](http://www.mcgt.net/priorlake).

**Student Placement Forms Due May 1**

Student Placement forms are now available in the office for parents wishing to give further input into the classroom placement of their child(ren) for the 2019-20 school year. Please fill the form out completely and return to the school office by May 1. Most parents leave classroom placement decisions up to the judgment of their child’s teachers and principal who know them best in the school setting. Under certain circumstances, it may be advantageous to offer input. When giving this input, it is important to refer to particular teacher characteristics (i.e. firm, gentle), specific educational interest areas (hands on learner, loves theater), or other special concerns, but not specific teacher names.
School Supplies
We will be offering the prepackaged school supplies through School Tool Box for the 2019-20 school year. It will be online ordering only and all supplies will be delivered to your home! Watch for information to be sent home in early May.

Lost and Found
Thank you to the PTC members who came in over several days to manage our Lost and Found. Items were displayed at all conferences. All remaining items have been bagged and will be picked up by a prior lake resident who launders and distributes them to area shelters, reaching the most needy people in Prior Lake and the surrounding communities.

Choir Concert
The WestWood Spring Choir Concert is on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the WestWood Gym. A dress rehearsal will take place on Thursday, May 9 at 2:45 p.m. for WestWood students and for family members who may not be able to attend the evening performance.

Kindergarten Celebration
A Kindergarten Celebration will be held on Monday, June 5 at 2:30 pm in the Kindergarten Classrooms. Parents, grandparents and friends of our kindergartners are invited to attend this milestone event. Kindergartners’ last day of school is Thursday, June 6 (12:50 p.m. early release), the same as the rest of the school.

Final Library Book
Check-Out and Return
Final book checkout for students will be May 13-May 17.

Final book return is May 20-24
Please look around at home and return WestWood Library books to the Media Center. A note will be sent home indicating the price of each book not returned before the end of the school year.
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:
Session 1: 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