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Dear Families,



Welcome back to school! I hope your child or children enjoyed their spring break. It was a nice week to recharge and get ready for the whirlwind that the end of the year can bring. The month of April is focused on testing for students in Grades 3, 4, and 5. I have no doubt that our motivated Wilshire Park students will show what they know on the state testing. Both students and teachers have been working hard to prepare for the test. Please help your child eat and sleep well this month so their brain can work effectively for long periods of thinking!

A few weeks ago I was sitting next to a Wilshire Park family at a community event. This parent started telling me about all the cool iPad applications she had downloaded to help her son prepare for the tests. I asked her for a list of what her son liked. These applications are available for the iPad and iPod. If you have these devices you may want to check these out: Third grade (or fourth or fifth) math testing prep, third grade (or fourth or fifth) vocabulary prep, math card pro, math wars, and motion math. The primary students may also enjoy: Bookworm and flash racer. Unfortunately, these are not free downloads but just a few dollars per application. If you know of others, please let me know and I can spread the word.

Finally, we are making plans to have some staff move to different grade levels to teach next year as well as hire some new staff for our staff members who are retiring or taking leaves of absence. Here are the changes:

Ms. Trisha Smyth will move to kindergarten, Ms. Carrie Nord will move to grade 2-3 looping, and Ms. Erin Whisler will move to grade 1. We will have two openings at grade 4, one opening for grade 2-3 looping, one opening for classroom reduction grade 2-3, and one opening for .5 kindergarten. We recently hired two teachers for our special education department for next year.

I hope the sunshine stays around for awhile. Thanks for all you do to support your children at Wilshire Park!

Sincerely,
Kari Page, Principal
kpage@stanthony.k12.mn.us

**Last Day of After-School
Panda Club/Tutoring was
Thursday, April 7th!**

What Are Our Students Learning?



From Dean of Students, Mrs. Crotteau:

Thank you to everyone who participated in Panda Club, our afterschool tutoring program. We are grateful to all the teachers and other volunteers who helped make this program a success. Thanks, too, for all of the parent support and to our awesome students who came and worked diligently every Tuesday and Thursday. You have made great progress! You are ready for the upcoming MCAs!

Here are a few helpful tips to keep in mind as we prepare for the MCA tests for grades 3, 4 and 5:

- ◆ **Do talk to your child about testing.** It's helpful for children to understand why schools give tests and to know the different kinds of tests they will take.
- ◆ **Do encourage your child.** Praise her for the things that she does well. If your child feels good about herself, she will do her best on a test. Children who are afraid of failing are more likely to become anxious when taking tests and more likely to make mistakes.
- ◆ **Do make sure that your child attends school regularly.** Remember, tests reflect children's overall achievement. The more effort and energy your child puts into learning, the more likely it is that he will do well on tests.
- ◆ **Do provide a quiet, comfortable place for studying at home and make sure that your child is well rested on school days and especially on the day of a test.** Children who are tired are less able to pay attention in class or to handle the demands of a test.
- ◆ **Do provide books and magazines for your child to read at home.** By reading new materials, a child will learn new words that might appear on a test. Ask your child's teacher for lists of books for outside reading or get suggestions from your local library. **Don't get upset because of a single test score.** Many things can influence how your child does on a test. He might not have felt well on test day or he might have been too nervous to concentrate. He might have had an argument with a friend before the test or might have been late to school because the school bus got caught in traffic. Remember, one test is simply one test.
- ◆ **Do help your child avoid test anxiety.** It's good for your child to be concerned about taking a test. It's not good for her to develop "test anxiety." Test anxiety is worrying too much about doing well on a test. Students with test anxiety can worry about success in school and about their future success. They can become very self-critical and lose confidence in their abilities. Instead of feeling challenged by the prospect of success, they become afraid of failure. If your child worries too much about taking tests, you can help to reduce the anxiety by encouraging the child to do the following things:
 - ⊕ Plan ahead. Start studying for the test well in advance. Make sure that you understand what material the test will cover. Try to make connections about what will be on the test and what you already know. Review the material more than once.
 - ⊕ Get a good night's sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast the morning of the test. This will give you the energy and focus you'll need to concentrate and do your best.
 - ⊕ When you get the test, read the directions carefully before you begin work. If you don't understand how to do something, ask the teacher to explain.
 - ⊕ Look quickly at the entire test to see what types of questions are on it (multiple choice, matching, true/false, essay). Remember to read the questions and all answer choices thoroughly before marking one.

- ✦ If you don't know the answer to a question, skip it and go on. Don't waste time worrying about one question. Mark it and return to it later to try again.

Tips taken from: U.S. Department of Education Office of Communications and Outreach, *Helping Your Child Succeed in School*, Washington, DC, 2005



As we prepare for testing, we will once again be starting our **Caught Being Quiet** program. Classes will be recognized for their effort to maintain a quiet, peaceful learning environment. A traveling class trophy will be awarded to the class who has earned the most Caught Being Quiet slips each week. Good luck!

From Music Specialist, Mrs. Smyth:

- The first graders are singing spring songs. They listened to Vivaldi's "Spring".
- In second grade the students are learning songs from Africa including "Ayelivi", "Kou ri Lengay" and "Ise Oluwa". They are playing African instruments with the music.
- The third graders are preparing for their plays. Here are the dates:
 - Wizard of Oz on Monday, April 25:
 - 9:05 a.m. - Mrs. Cartwright's class
 - 9:35 a.m. - Mrs. Behm's class
 - Mary Poppins on Thursday, April 28:
 - 9:10 a.m.- Ms. Whisler's class
 - 9:35 a.m. - Ms. Huspek's class
 - 10:00 a.m. - Mr. Nowlin's class
- Fourth graders continue working on conducting, reading music and playing their recorders. Many students are earning Recorder Olympics ribbons. Their concert will be coming up in May.
- The fifth graders are completing their songs. They will be creating a Powerpoint featuring their original music! The fifth grade choir is busy rehearsing for their concert on Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. Please save the date!

From Physical Educator, Mr. Allison:

Track and Field Day is on Friday, May 20th for all students. We are looking for adults to help out. Please see the attached sheet for information on volunteering for Track and Field Day.

Lunchtime Running Club will start each Tuesday, beginning on Tuesday, April 12 during lunchtime recess. I will be outside from 11:20 a.m.-12:30 p.m. If your student wants to participate, they may come see me at the table at recess.

- If students run one mile they get a plastic foot that goes on their shoe laces
- If students run five miles they get their name on a certificate to be placed in the hallway.
- If students run ten miles they get a glow in the dark foot that goes on their shoe laces



I will keep track of the student's laps by counting dots on their hands and recording them.

From Achieve Specialist, Mrs. Boatman:

- Kindergarten: Mrs. Boatman will be working with kindergarten during the months of April and May to introduce creative/productive thinking skills of **FLUENCY**, **FLEXIBILITY**, **ORIGINALITY**, and **ELABORATION**. *Fluency* means giving lots of ideas, *flexibility* refers to many different ideas and being able to change thinking, *elaboration* is showing details and being able to make an idea grow, and *originality* is producing unique and unusual ideas. Weekly lessons will be presented and students will practice their creative thinking with a follow-up activity. Teachers will observe responses to better meet the needs of students. This program is a part of enriching the regular curriculum for kindergarten.

Wilshire Park Wins Big at Destination ImagiNation Regional Tournament!



Destination ImagiNation goes on to state! Wilshire Park shares pride with all six teams who competed at Blaine High School for the District competition. Congratulations, students, on your creativity and effort to solve a problem with original skits. Two teams earned podium recognition with a winning place. The **Super-Sonic-Smoothies** placed 2nd in the Triple Take Road Show and will advance to the state level. Managers Sara Atwood and Cheryl Lowe encouraged team members **Eva Stromgren, Madison King, Emily Sawyer, Samantha Atwood, Varsha Lowe, Ava Langums, and Clara Phillips**. Another WP winning team was

the **Mighty Marshmallows** managed by Renee Wicklund and Eileen & Matt Lundgren.

Congratulations to **Rosalie Lundgren, Tori Wicklund, Emma Gerges, Salina Teklay, Emma Friend, Helena Huseonica and Olivia Huseonica**. DI STATE COMPETITION: Saturday, April 16 at Champlin Park High School. GO WILSHIRE PARK!

Destination Imagination remains a strong Wilshire Park Creativity Program for 4th and 5th graders thanks to parent managers, without whose help we would not exist. This year we would like to recognize: Steph Ash, Jeanmarie Sales, Mark Maile, Jennifer Salzwedel, Renee Wicklund, Matt/Eileen Lundgren, Sara Atwood, Cheryl Lowe, Greg Mitchell, Ginny Crowson, Kathy Klemm, Jan Campbell and Tasha McFarland. Your time and energy helps students take to the stage to solve those unusual creative-thinking problems. DI is a springboard for middle school and high school activities. Thank you from Wilshire Park and the ACHIEVE Program for your leadership with these young people!

From Band Instructor, Mr. Ravndal:

As we turn the calendar to April, 5th Grade Band has not one but two remaining performances:

- Thursday, April 7th: Small Ensembles Night
- Thursday, May 19th: Spring Concert

Both begin at 7 p.m. in the WP Gym. Students should be dressing up for both of these exciting nights.

Working for the past 2-3 weeks on these small ensembles has given the 5th graders a great introduction

into small-group playing. Individual accountability factors in just as importantly but in a different way than in Full Band. Students have been learning how integral they are when they're one of only a couple people on a part -- or the only one! -- and there are only 2-3 parts going on. Not that mastery is anywhere close, but students have also gained an introduction into intonation, which we don't normally get to until well into middle school.

Beginning April 11th, the normal lesson schedule resumes and we'll have nearly 6 more weeks until our spring concert. Well over 60 students have made Full Band and many more are getting very close.

As the weather changes, sometimes your students will need a bit more support and direction to continue their regular practice routine. Keep up that wonderful support, parents! You can be as vital to this process and your child's success as anyone.

Thank You!



- Several Wilshire Park parents or relatives work for Wells Fargo or Ameriprise Financial and donate to the school through a payroll deduction plan. Several checks recently arrived along with the matching donations from their employers. We appreciate your support.
- Two community members recently designated Wilshire Park as a recipient of Residential Mortgage Group's Refer a Friend Program. Each loan closing with RMG, listing Wilshire Park as a recipient, resulted in \$100 being sent to

Wilshire Park. Thank you to Nicole and James Hall, Max's parents, for designating Wilshire Park to receive a donation.

Events

Super Saturday Sensations:

A Partnership Between Bethel University and Wilshire Park

April 9th from 9:00-12:30 p.m. (Note time change from flyer)

Wilshire Park works cooperatively with Bethel University Education Department to provide their students with a teaching experience, while our students benefit from their creativity and enthusiasm. Super Saturday will take place on Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Students in grades K-5 have an opportunity to participate in "Let's Be Creative." The session will include activities from creative sciences, physical play, music, dance and drama. The morning's activities include three blocks of time creating through various mediums and a short time for a gross motor activity. The drama group will visit the St. Anthony Health Care Center for a portion of their time. A snack will be provided during the morning for all students and volunteer parents.

A confirmation notice which includes your child's classroom location will be sent home on Friday, April 8th.

Fifth Grade Class Photo on Tuesday, April 12:

The 5th grade class picture is scheduled to be taken next Tuesday afternoon, April 12th. They will also be taking pictures of the individual classes. Order forms with the information have been sent home with each fifth grade student. Any questions, please contact Denise Seim at dandeniseim@comcast.net

MCA-II Testing for Grades 3, 4, 5: April 12-13, April 19-20 and April 25-29

The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA-II) are being administered to students in grades 3, 4, 5. The math portion of the test is on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12 & 13. The reading portion is the following week on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 19 & 20. Fifth graders will be taking the science portion of the test Monday-Friday, April 25-29. **It is very important that students are in school on testing days.**

Upcoming Testing Dates

MAP testing will take place for grades 2-5 during the month of May.

K-Kids Welcome 4th Graders to Meetings: Wednesdays: April 13th, April 27th, and May 11th at 7:50 a.m.

K-Kids have had another event-filled year of fundraising and community projects. We made cat toys for the Humane Society, sorted and counted “Boxtops for Education”, made care packages for the bus drivers and packaged meals for Feed My Starving Children. We also did treat bags for all the Wilshire Park staff and the Pennies for Patients fundraiser that produced over almost \$3,000. Thanks for your tremendous generosity! Our year ends with the invitation to fourth graders to become familiar with the group by coming to the last few meetings of the year.

Fourth graders, we are looking for you if you want to help serve the community and have fun! Join us for our next meetings on Wednesday; April 13, April 27, and May 11 to see if you would be interested in being a K-Kid in fifth grade. Fourth graders can join by completing a registration form given out at these meetings and giving it to Ms. Nelson before the end of the school year. If you are interested in running for office, you will need to attend both of the meetings in April. Elections will take place on April 27th and you will run in that position for the 2011-2012 school year. If you are interested in joining K-Kids but are not able to come to the meetings, please see Ms. Nelson for a form and to learn about the club.

The 4th and 5th graders will be working together on May baskets for the residents of Chandler Place. These will be filled with treats and delivered to Chandler by the K-Kids at the May 11 meeting. Our final meeting will be on Wednesday May 25th after school (for 5th graders only). At that time we will honor our outgoing 5th graders.

Treats and juice are served at all meetings. Treats begin at 7:50 a.m. and meetings start at 8:00 a.m. two Wednesdays each month in the cafeteria. Hope to see you all there! Please contact Ms. Nelson with any questions about K-Kids.

Ms. Anna Nelson, annanelson@stanthony.k12.mn.us

Ms. Jenny Arnfelt, jarnfelt@stanthony.k12.mn.us

K-Kids Advisors

Kindergarten Warm-up

Thursday, April 14th OR Tuesday, April 19th

4:00-5:15 p.m.

(Arrive at 3:45 p.m. to provide Proof of District Residency forms)

We welcome our incoming kindergartners and their parents and guardians to Kindergarten Warm-up. Invitations and registration materials will be mailed out soon. We are expecting about 90 kindergarten students to spend time in the kindergarten classrooms while their parents learn all about Wilshire Park through a PowerPoint presentation. Staff members will be available to answer questions about the learning environment, immunizations, busing, special education and before- and after-school child care. There will be two sections of half-day kindergarten in the morning and one section of half-day afternoon kindergarten. There will be two sections of all-day kindergarten in 2011-12, which are tuition-based and filled to capacity. For more information, please call the school office at 612.706.1200.

Attention All Volunteers: Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, May 13th from 1:00-3:30 p.m.

It's once again time, to begin planning for this year's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon! That must mean Spring is on the way! The most important thing I need you to do, is to mark your calendars with this year's date and time: FRIDAY, MAY 13th, 2011 from 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Because each hour that you volunteer your time to Wilshire Park is priceless to us, I don't want to miss one person's gift of time. So if you have helped our staff and students in any way during this school year, but haven't signed and logged those hours yet, please call me ASAP to let me know. This could be anything from working on projects at home, to chaperoning field trips, to helping out during class parties, Super Saturday Sensations or Art Adventure - I don't want to miss sending you an invitation.

Please call me at 612.706.1267, and leave me your name and the approximate number of hours worked. Then watch for your invitation to be arriving in your child's backpack soon!

Jolene Hodson, Volunteer Coordinator

Summer Academy

The North Suburban Summer Academy for High Potential Students is a unique, intensive and exciting program designed to address the special needs of the high potential student. It is sponsored through the cooperative efforts of thirteen north suburban area districts. Summer Academy courses are specifically designed for high potential students. The following qualifications describe the Summer Academy student:

- enjoyment of intense study and challenge
- successful group interaction
- willingness to become involved
- self-discipline
- high degree of motivation
- emotional maturity
- desire and drive to complete projects

The Academy will be at the Columbia Heights High School from Tuesday, June 14-Thursday, June 30. The tuition for Summer Academy 2011 is \$390.00.

Summer Academy Invitations were distributed to qualifying students the first week in March. All registration is now online and these invitations guide you through the process.

The first grade program offered through Summer Academy is called ***Impressions and Patterns***. Because it is fast-paced and emphasizes higher level thinking skills, it is intended for very advanced and motivated students. Teachers will recommend students they believe are qualified for this specialized program.

Wilshire Park Contact: Susan Boatman, ACHIEVE Program: 612.706.1251 or sboatman@stanthony.k12.mn.us

Announcements

Classroom Placements for 2011-12

Teachers are beginning to work on making student placements for classes next year. If you would like to provide input on your child's placement for next year, you may request a **Student Placement form from the school office**. This is an opportunity to give your child's teacher feedback about the environment that would suit your child best. Requests for a specific teacher will not be considered. **Forms are due in the school office no later than Thursday, April 21st**. You will be notified in mid-August of your child's classroom assignment for the 2011-12 school year.

Are You Planning to Move?

If your child will not be attending Wilshire Park School next year, (or in the case of fifth graders, St. Anthony Middle School), please let us know. It is helpful for our planning and as we order materials. We will prepare your child's records to forward on to his or her new school. Thanks for your help!

Kindergarten Registration for 2011-12 School Year



Do you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2011 and live in the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District? Please e-mail cridge@stanthony.k12.mn.us or call the school office at 612.706.1200 to be added to our kindergarten mailing list for the 2011-12 school year. Kindergarten Warm-up will take place on Thursday, April 14 or Tuesday, April 19 at Wilshire Park.

Looking for Substitutes

We are looking for additional substitutes who would be willing to work as needed in the lunchroom and playground and/or as a special education paraprofessional.

- Lunchroom/Playground Supervision: usual hours would be from 11:10-1:30 p.m. as needed. Training provided.

- Special Education Para Substitutes: working one-on-one or with small groups of students. Training provided.

Please visit the Human Resources link on the district website to complete an application: www.stanthony.k12.mn.us and click on “Elementary School Teaching.” Please notify the Wilshire Park office once you have completed the application so that a short interview can be scheduled.

From the Nurse

Please Dress for Playground Conditions

Happy Spring! Warmer weather is (slowly) on its way and while the season transitions please remember that the playground will be wet and muddy for the next several weeks. You might consider sending an extra pair of socks and pants in your child’s backpack in case they get too wet during recess. We have a limited supply of these items available in the nurse’s office. Be alert to the temperature as well, sometimes it will be very cool and others unseasonably warm. These are the days that students wear a jacket to school in the morning, but forget to bring it home again as it has warmed up so much throughout the day.

Also with the warmer weather I expect to see more students suffering with seasonal allergies. If your child has allergies it may be time to start their allergy medication. Check with your child’s doctor for recommendations. Symptoms of seasonal allergies include: itchy, watery eyes, runny nose, nasal congestion, sneezing, and coughing. Please feel free to call the Health Office if you have any questions or concerns. 612-706-1205.

Lori Watzl-King, RN LSN
Wilshire Park Nurse’s Office
612-706-1205 or lwatzl-king@stanthony.k12.mn.us

Take Note!

Doctor’s Note Required to Stay in From Recess

Children are expected to participate in regular school activities including physical education and recess. If your child has an injury or a temporary health concern, a note from your child's doctor is required for your child to stay in from recess.

ALL Visitors Must Sign In at the Office

We would like to remind you that when you come to Wilshire Park, you must sign in. This is to provide safety and security for our building. If you are dropping something off that your child has forgotten, the office staff will be happy to take the item in the office. The office staff will either deliver the item or e-mail your child’s teacher and let them know there is an item waiting in the office. We try to ensure uninterrupted academic time for your child. Thank you for your help.

Money Sent to School with Your Child

When sending money to school with your child, please mark the check or envelope clearly with your child's first and LAST name, teacher's name and why the money is being sent (lunch money, field trip, book order, All Day Kdgn. tuition, etc.). If paying on your child's lunch account, please include your child's Lunch PIN number.

If Your Child is Absent or will be arriving late. . .

Please call the attendance line at 612.706.1204. Please call before 9:05 a.m. (Afternoon kindergarten, please call before 12:50 p.m.) You may leave a message 24 hours a day.

After School Child Care

Please remember to notify your child care provider if your child is ill or you pick up your child from school. Sometimes we receive calls from St. Anthony Community Center, Nativity, etc. after school looking for children. Save all of us some anxious moments! We want to know that our children are safe.

Bus Stops

Please be aware that if a bus stop goes unused for a period of 10 days, that stop may be inactivated by our bus company, Minnesota Central Transportation. Please contact our Transportation Director, Todd Niklaus at tniklaus@stanthony.k12.mn.us or 612.706.1117 if you need assistance with your child's bus route.

Flyers

Non-school-related flyers are not sent home with students but will be made available to parents in the school office. Parents may also call the school office to request that a flyer be sent home. **Flyers currently available in the school office:**

- **Piano Lessons** by Michelle Carpenter, a Wilshire Park mom: Individualized instruction – ½ hour lessons in my St. Anthony home. 20 years experience working with children of all abilities. Please e-mail: michellec@email.com or phone: 612.788.4679.
- **Classical Music Academy:** New students are invited for the 2010-11 school year. Private violin and piano lessons available. www.classicalmusicacademy.org or 763.291.7523. Non-profit music educator located at Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Ave NE, St. Anthony, MN 55418.
- **Children's Handbell** group is seeking new members. Faith United Methodist Church invites 2nd-5th grade kids to join a handbell choir. This fun experience is free and provides kids with a fun way to engage in music in a unique way. Faith UMC has had a children's handbell choir for many years, and most of the kids go on to play Bells in the adult choir and at their schools. Practices are Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:15 p.m. at Faith UMC (2708 33rd Ave NE, St. Anthony). The handbell choir performs 3-4 times a year. Please contact Janet Schafer with questions at 651-639-1683 or Janabelles@aol.com.
- Information about Isotonix powdered vitamins is available in the office.

Patriots Marching Band Garage Sale: April 9th and 10th

The 2011 Patriots Marching Band Garage Sale is moving to the lower gym at St. Anthony High School (3303 33rd Ave. NE, St. Anthony)!

- Donations of acceptable merchandise will be taken April 6th and 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Large item donation pickup can be scheduled by calling Mary at 763-785-4721.
- The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 9th and 9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, April 10th (bag day).

Please support your marching band friends by donating and shopping!

Family Appreciation and Summer Programs Open House on Wednesday, April 13th

St. Anthony Community Services and the Early Childhood Advisory Council are hosting a family appreciation and summer programs open house on Wednesday, April 13th from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the St. Anthony Community Center, 3301 Silver Lake Road. Families will receive a 5% discount on most registrations taken during the event. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided.

Tours of St. Anthony Village High School/St. Anthony Middle School on Wednesday, April 14

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District is hosting small group tours of the middle/high school building on Wednesday, April 14th from 1:00-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-8:00 p.m. Community residents are invited on a tour of the renovated building to see the new cafeteria, elevator, updated auditorium, science classrooms, computer lab, and pool locker rooms. Please call 612-706-1166 to schedule a reservation for a small, personalized tour.

St. Anthony Village High School Presents: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* April 15 - 17

St. Anthony Village High School students will be performing *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a feast of midsummer madness, mischievous fairies, mismatched lovers and merry merchants colliding hilariously in one of Shakespeare's most popular plays. Performances will be held Friday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 17th at 2:00 p.m. in the O.D. Tingum Auditorium at St. Anthony Village High School, 3303 33rd Avenue. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and seniors.



Calendar: Looking Ahead!

- **Saturday, April 9:**
 - 9:00-12:30: Super Saturday Sensations at Wilshire Park (pre-registration required – call the school office for a registration form).
- **Tuesday, April 12:**
 - MCA-III Math Testing for Grades 3, 4, 5
 - 9:30-11:30 a.m. – AM Kdgn. field trip to Mpls. Institute of Art
 - 10:45-12:45 a.m.- Grade 2 (Ms. Arnfelt’s and Mrs. Haugerud’s classes) field trip to Mpls. Institute of Art
 - 1:30-2:30 p.m. – 5th Grade Class Photo - MPR
- **Wednesday, April 13:**
 - MCA-III Math Testing for Grades 3, 4, 5
 - 7:50 a.m. – K-Kids Meeting – Cafeteria (4th graders welcome to attend)
 - 9:30-11:30 a.m. – Grade 1 field trip (Ms. Cooper’s and Mrs. Tischer’s/Jarmulowicz’s classes) to Mpls. Institute of Art
 - 1:00-3:00 p.m. – All Day Kdgn. field trip to Mpls. Institute of Art
- **Thursday, April 14:**
 - 10:45-12:45 p.m. - Grade 4 field trip (Mrs. Huninghake’s and Mrs. Kopesky’s classes) to Mpls. Institute of Art
 - 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Grade 3 field trip (Ms. Huspek’s and Mr. Nowlin’s classes) to Mpls. Institute of Art
 - 4:00-5:15 p.m. – Kindergarten Warmup – Cafeteria (Parents may arrive at 3:45 p.m. to provide proof of residency forms).
- **Friday, April 15:**
 - 9:30-11:30 a.m. – Grade 1 field trip (Mrs. Burba’s, Mrs. Johnson’s and Mrs. Kessler’s classes) to Mpls. Institute of Art
 - 1:00-3:00 p.m. – PM Kdgn. and Grade 3 (Ms. Whisler’s class) field trip to Mpls. Institute of Art
- **Tuesday, April 19:**
 - MCA-II Reading Testing for Grades 3, 4, 5
 - 4:00-5:15 p.m. – Kindergarten Warmup – Cafeteria (Parents may arrive at 3:45 p.m. to provide proof of residency forms).
 - 7:00 p.m. – School Board Meeting – High School Media Center
- **Wednesday, April 20:**
 - MCA-II Reading Testing for Grades 3, 4, 5
- **Thursday, April 21:**
 - 9:30-11:30 a.m. – Grade 2 field trip (Mrs. Beall’s and Mrs. Wyatt’s classes) to Mpls. Institute of Art
 - 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Grade 3 field trip (Mrs. Behm’s and Mrs. Cartwright’s classes) to Mpls. Institute of Art Center
- **Friday, April 22:**
 - **No School – All buildings closed**

