



Chisago Lakes

SCHOOL DISTRICT 2144

Welcome Back!

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Open House Schedules:

Primary School:

M/W, Ms. Tollberg & 1/2 Day Kindergarten - Wed., Sept. 1, 9:00 - 10:30 am
 T/TH & Mrs. Krenz Kindergarten - Wed., Sept. 1, 11:30 - 1:00 pm
 Grades 1-3 - Wed., Sept. 1, 4-6 pm

Lakeside Elementary:

Grades 3-5 - Wed., Sept. 1, 4-6 pm

Taylor's Falls Elementary:

M/W Kindergarten - Wed., Sept. 1, 9:00 - 10:30 am
 T/TH Kindergarten - Wed. Sept. 1, 11:30 - 1:00 pm
 Grades 1-5 - Wed., Sept. 1, 4-6 pm

Middle School:

Grades 6-8 - Mon., Aug. 30, 2-8 pm

High School:

9th Grade Orientation Program - Tues., Aug. 31, 6:00-6:30 pm
 CLHS Open House - Tues., Aug. 31, 6:30-8:00 pm



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Letter from the Superintendent:



On behalf of the Board of Education and our entire school staff, I would like to welcome our students back to school for the 2010 – 2011

school year. I hope you enjoyed a restful summer break and that students are returning to school prepared to do their best and challenge themselves to achieve their academic goals.

In a few short weeks our staff will again meet our 3,400 students, some working with kindergarten students who are finding their way in school for the very first time and learning to read and count, and other staff who will be working with our soon to graduate class of 2011. All of these staff members and those in grades in between have developed the expertise to work with their individual grade levels and job responsibilities, and are all eager to return to the job that we feel is one of the most critical for our community... preparing young people to become educated and responsible citizens.

As staff members, we are proud and thankful to work in our community schools; schools that provide community education for preschoolers through senior



citizens; schools that provide not only the best in academics, but fine arts, athletics, activities and other avenues for our students and community members to learn and grow. We want our schools to be community schools and “community centers” that serve all of our residents. I encourage everyone in our school community to investigate the many opportunities for year-round learning that are provided through the school district and take advantage of those opportunities. There really is something for everyone to participate in.

I am pleased to announce that our recently released Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment scores (MCA’s) again place the district well above the state average in mathematics and reading competency and are some of the best scores in our region. That, matched with an over 95% high school graduation rate, clearly demonstrates the district’s commitment to making certain that students achieve academically in safe schools. While most school districts in Minnesota have been forced to make budget reductions due to the economic condition of the state, Chisago Lakes School District has been able to maintain academic excellence while also dealing with these trying financial times.

In discussing the state of Minnesota’s financial condition and lack of financial support for schools, it is not surprising that many area schools will be asking local voters to approve operating referenda this November. As of this writing, Forest Lake, North Branch and Rush City school

districts have all indicated the need to request additional support from their communities this fall in the form of an operating referendum.

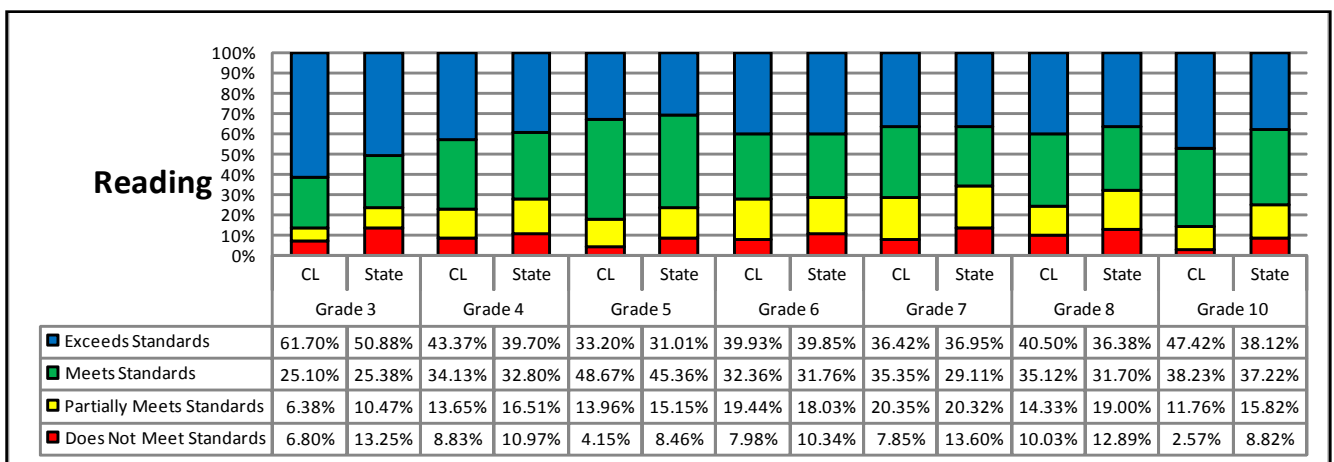
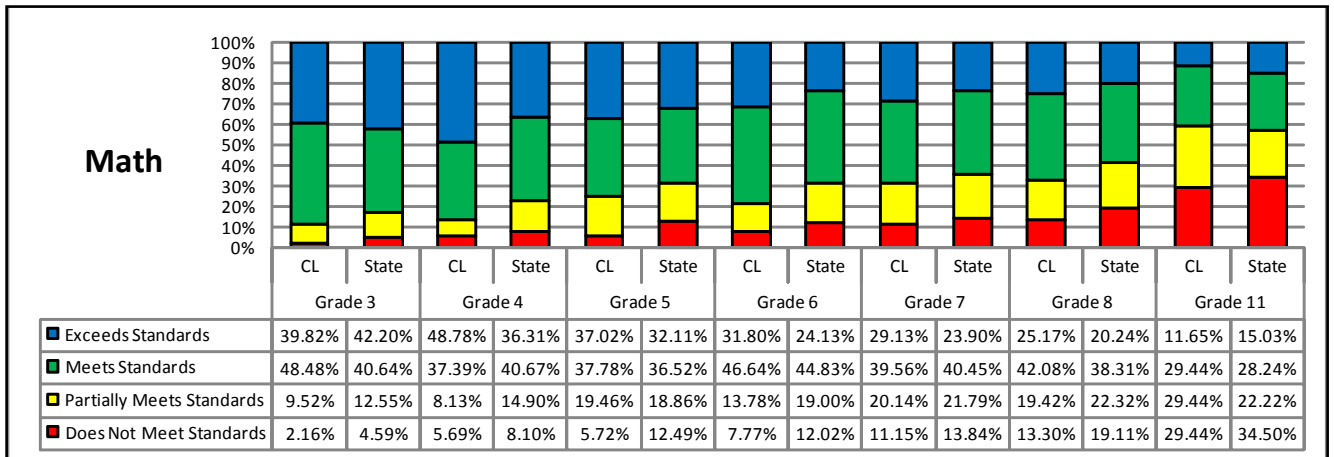
Chisago Lakes residents will also be asked to approve two referendum questions this fall. The first question extends an expiring, ten-year old levy due to go off the tax rolls next year, in the amount of \$400.96. The second question asks for additional dollars, in the amount of \$290.00, to help reduce the need to cut budgets in the future. More information on this election will be coming out over the next two months.

The start of the new school year is an exciting time... a time to recommit to academic goals, to develop new and productive habits and routines, and a great time to make new friends. I hope our students take advantage of every opportunity afforded them and that they meet with great success.



Best wishes for a great school year. Please contact me, either by phone at 651-213-2096, or via email at mmcloughlin@chisagolakes.k12.mn.us, if I may be of assistance in any way, and thanks again for your continued support of Chisago Lakes Area Schools.

2009-2010 MCA-II Test Results



Parent Notification of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Status

The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires that all schools in the nation make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) toward achieving the goal of all students being proficient in reading and math. As you may be aware, Chisago Lakes Schools has been designated as a district in stage 2.1 in need of improvement due to not making AYP for 3 years. Chisago Lakes School District did not make adequate yearly progress in the sub group of Special Education for Reading and Math.

Not making AYP for a district is determined by aggregating the results of academic achievement measures in reading/ language arts and mathematics, student participation rates in these assessments, graduation rates, and for elementary and middle schools, the attendance rates. Many times tested subgroups are not large enough to meet the minimum group size at an individual school level. However, when all of the data is compiled into one report at the district level the number will, in many cases, reach or surpass the minimum group size at the district level, and thus, possibly identify the district as not making adequate yearly progress even though no individual building in the district has been identified.

A district improvement team will be analyzing all available assessment information to pinpoint strengths and challenges that will be addressed through professional development and a review of the curriculum.

We encourage you to be involved in improving the quality of education at our school district by participating on the district improvement team, talking with your child's teacher about how you can support your child's education or contacting the school district for more information. Please contact Kathy Baker, Director of Curriculum and Communications at 651-213-2005 or kbaker@chisagolakes.k12.mn.us to volunteer for the improvement team or for more information.

From Small Playground Injuries

The Chisago Lakes School Health Services team, comprised of nurses and health assistants, works together to provide for the health care needs of all Chisago Lakes students, to protect and promote optimal student health, and to eliminate or minimize any barriers to learning.

At each of our school sites the Licensed School Nurses (LSN/RN) assisted by the Health Assistants (HA) provide the following services for our students and staff:

Licensed School Nurse	Health Assistant
Develop and supervise a system of first aid, illness management, emergency care and school health policy.	Provide immediate first aid, comfort, and care to students who are injured or become ill during the school day.
Provide and plan the direct services for chronically ill or medically fragile students needing health care procedures during the school day.	Administer medications under the direction of the LSN per the request of the parent and with physician authorization.
Serve as a resource to staff, students, and families regarding health concerns and health education.	Assist with school health screenings and documentation to computerized health record.
Assess health status and develop health care plans for students with health conditions.	Monitor for student immunization compliance, process and document to computerized record.
Coordinate the prevention and control of communicable disease in the school setting.	Assist with monitoring and providing information regarding communicable diseases.
Plan and provide for student health screenings and follow up with referrals.	Assist with student and employee accident reporting.
Are licensed in public health and school nursing.	CPR, AED, and First Aid certified annually.

Research shows 11-14% of school-aged children have chronic health conditions. When asked what school based health care has meant for her daughter Britnay at Chisago Lakes High School, Kimberly Grant said, “It has been wonderful. They have been very accommodating when she has had pick lines or IV’s, and administering her daily medication. This has allowed her to be in school rather than home for weeks or months when she needs nursing care.”



to Serious Medical Conditions

School Nurses: Laura Gustafson, Jane Jacobson, Tricia Jennissen



Health Aides:
Liz Noren, Deb Willem, Sheryl Grote,
Lesley Wennen, Cathy Bentfield

Please notify the school nurse or health office if changes occur in your child's health status during the school year. The school nurse assigned to your son or daughter's school can interpret these changes for school personnel, and will help to implement any modifications in the school program necessary to meet the needs of your child. She is available for consultation by phone and appointment to address any of your questions or concerns. Please contact the nurse at your son or daughter's school.

Kai Kerkow's father Nathan said, "I can't say enough wonderful things, especially about Deb at the Primary School. She is there for him more than once every day; testing his blood sugar, helping to calculate carbohydrates and administering insulin. We open enroll here and appreciate the care he gets."



Information on voluntary student medical coverage through Sentry Life Insurance Company is available on the district's website - www.chisagolakes.k12.mn.us - on the home page under "Accident Insurance (Student-Voluntary)".

Does your child have health insurance?

If not, help may be available.

The 2008 Health and Human Services Omnibus Finance bill included a provision that requires school districts to notify all children and families of available health care coverage through Minnesota Health Care Programs, otherwise known as MinnesotaCare.

Minnesota Health Care Programs have free and low-cost health insurance for children and families who qualify. (Medical Assistance has no monthly premium. MinnesotaCare has a monthly premium based on household income.)

Your child may qualify if your household income is within certain guidelines.

Income is one factor for qualifying. Other rules and limits apply. For more information, call your county office or visit www.dhs.state.mn.us/healthcare.

To get a Minnesota Health Care Programs application:

- Print one from the Internet: www.dhs.state.mn.us/healthcare
- Call Chisago County at 651-213-5202



Volunteers Help Install New Primary School Playground



Over 300 Primary School Students will be enjoying the new Primary School playground, which was installed in the northeast corner of the school grounds by volunteers earlier this summer. Generous donations from First State Bank of Wyoming, Lakes Area Federal Credit Union, Chisago City Fire Department, Bluhm Construction, Peterson Companies, Prefer Ready Mix, Chisago Lakes Rotary, Primary School Staff, Chisago Lakes Parent-Teacher-Organization, along with many area businesses and residents helped make this venture possible. Some of the school district's Health & Safety dollars were used for pea rock and wood fiber. This new playground will be enjoyed by many children and families for years to come.

Chisago Lakes Area Schools 2010-2011 School Calendar

July, 2010

M	T	W	T	F
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August, 2010

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30	31			

September, 2010

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October, 2010

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November, 2010

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29	30			

December, 2010

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January, 2011

M	T	W	T	F
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31				

February, 2011

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March, 2011

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April, 2011

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May, 2011

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June, 2011

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- Aug 30 - Sept 2.....Staff Development
- Sept 6Labor Day
- Sept 7First Day of School
- Oct 5.....HS P/T Conference
- Oct 15.....No School - Kind. only
- Oct 18-20.....K-5 P/T Conferences
- Oct 20.....No School Elem only
- Oct 21-22.....MEA
- Oct 28 & Nov 1MS P/T Conferences
- Nov 8No School - Staff Development
- Nov 24-26Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 9HS P/T Conferences
- Dec 23-31Winter Holiday
- Jan 17.....No School - MLK Day
- Jan 24.....No School - Staff Development
- Feb 18No School - Staff Development
- Feb 21No School - President's Day
- Feb 24HS P/T Conferences
- Mar 7-11Spring Break
- Mar 22, 24 & 25.....K-5 P/T Conferences
- Mar 24Early Dismissal Elem only
- Mar 25No School Elem only
- Mar 24 & 28.....MS P/T Conferences
- Apr 4.....No School - Staff Development
- Apr 22.....No School - Good Friday
- May 5.....HS P/T Conferences
- May 27.....Early Dismissal Elem only
- May 30.....Memorial Day
- June 3.....Graduation
- June 9.....Last Day of School
- June 10.....Staff Development



- No School
- No School for Some Students
- Staff Development/No School

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION UPDATE

DATE: August 2010
TO: All Employees & Residents of Chisago Lakes Area Schools
FROM: Tim Burton, Asbestos Program Manager/Dir. of Buildings and Grounds
SUBJECT: Status of Asbestos in School Buildings

As a result of the federal law AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act), all primary and secondary schools were required to develop and implement a plan for managing all building materials which contain asbestos. Included in the Act is the requirement to notify all parents, guardians and staff members as well as organizations representing them of activities and events occurring annually.

Asbestos has been used in many building materials due to outstanding insulating and strengthening properties. When it is undisturbed or intact, it poses little hazard to human health. It is only when damage has or may occur that the quality of the school's management program becomes an issue.

In 1988, all buildings (including portable and support buildings) owned, leased or under the control of the Chisago Lakes School District were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors, with building material samples analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspections, the Chisago Lakes School District prepared and the State approved a comprehensive management plan for administering the asbestos located within its buildings safely and responsibly.

Chisago Lakes school buildings where asbestos-containing materials were originally found were the Primary School, Lakeside School, Taylors Falls Elementary School, Middle School, Senior High School, and Bus Garage. Please consult the Management Plan located at each building for details.

In July of 2009, approximately 3,411 square feet of asbestos containing floor tile and mastic was removed from rooms 114 and 115 at Taylors Falls Elementary and rooms 206, 213, 214, and a small hallway section in front of the elevator on the lower level at the Middle School. All of these rooms now have a poured epoxy floor with the exception of the hall area which has VCT. Also during this project, two asbestos insulation elbows were removed in mechanical room #4 at the Middle School. In March of 2010, approximately 900 square feet of asbestos containing floor tile and mastic was removed from room 113 at the Primary School. This room now has a poured epoxy floor. In June of 2010, approximately 2,796 square feet of asbestos containing floor tile and/or mastic was removed from rooms 118, 204, 205, and 209 at the Middle School. These floors now have a poured epoxy floor. In June of 2010, approximately 5,473 square feet of asbestos containing floor tile and/or mastic was removed from rooms 158, 159, 114, 107, 126, and the media center at the Primary School. All of these floors now have a poured epoxy floor with the exception of the media center and room 126 which now have new carpeting. In June of 2010, approximately 2,110 square feet of asbestos containing floor tile and mastic was removed from rooms 117, 113, and 127 at Taylors Falls Elementary. A poured epoxy floor was installed in rooms 117 and 113 and room 127 was left bare concrete. Also during this project, one asbestos insulation elbow was removed from a pipe in room 127.

Federal law requires a periodic walk-through (called "periodic surveillance") every six months of each area containing asbestos. This process is carried out in the Chisago Lakes Schools during January and July each year. Also, the law requires that all buildings be re-inspected three years after a management plan is in effect. This process is carried out in the Chisago Lakes School District. The asbestos projects completed in the school district have been accomplished by working with Resource Training and Solutions, P. O. Box 1576, St. Cloud, MN 56302 and through contracts with certified outside vendors.

Short-term contractors (outside contractors; i.e. telephone repair workers, electricians, etc.) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the Director of Buildings & Grounds before commencing work and be given this information. All outside contractors must receive written proof that they have been notified.

Each school has an individual Asbestos Management Plan for that building which contains a list of the location(s), type(s) of asbestos-bearing materials found in that school building and a description and time table for the abatement of each. The school district master Asbestos Management Plan, which includes information about asbestos-containing materials in all district buildings is available for public review at the District Office, 13750 Lake Blvd., Lindstrom, MN 55045. Copies are available at 25 cents per page. Questions related to the plan should be directed to Tim Burton, designated Asbestos Program Manager at (651) 213-2009.

Chisago Lakes School District is in full compliance with AHERA. It is the policy of Chisago Lakes School District to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff members. This shall be accomplished by strict enforcement of the policies regarding asbestos by the Asbestos Program Manager and school officials.

Pesticide Notice

A Minnesota state law is in effect that requires schools to inform parents-guardians of school students if certain pesticides are applied on school property. Specifically, this law requires schools that apply these pesticides to maintain an estimated schedule of pesticide applications and to make the schedule available to parents-guardians of students for review or copying at each school office. Spraying for pesticides during the 2010-2011 school year will be: Oct. 22 2010; one of the days within the dates of Dec. 27-31, 2010; one of the days within the dates of March 7-11, 2011; and one of the days within the dates of June 13-17, 2011.

State law also requires that you be told that the long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood. If you would like to be notified prior to pesticide applications made on days other than those specified in the schedule above (excluding emergency applications), please complete and return the attached form. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact: Denise Maitrejean at (651) 213-2007.

Request for Pesticide Notification re: Chisago Lakes Schools

I understand that the school has an estimated schedule of pesticide applications for review and copying at the school office (see dates above). Should a pesticide application be scheduled on a day different from the day(s) specified in the original schedule, I would like to be notified. I understand that the school may ask me for reimbursement for the costs of notification.

This notification is valid for the 2010-2011 school year only.

I would prefer to be notified by (circle): US Mail E-Mail

Please print neatly:

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____
(include city and zip code)

Phone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Return to: Attn: D. Maitrejean, District Office, Chisago Lakes Schools,
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