



Chisago Lakes

SCHOOL DISTRICT 2144

State MCA II Test & Other Data Help School Board & Staff Determine 2008-2009 Academic Focus

For many years the Chisago Lakes School District has placed special focus on the area of reading, as we consider it to be the “Gateway Skill” to all other learning. This has led the way to many of our current practices and our continued success in reading. **We have been consistently out-performing the state in reading – at all grade levels.** This year is no exception. In fact, 91% of our third grade students were proficient on the reading MCA II compared to 79% of students across the state. Fifty-seven percent of those students exceeded the state standards in reading.

While we continue to out-perform other areas of the state in math, much work needs to be done in math to ensure our high school students can perform well on the state tests. The MCA II data shows that our students, like most students across the state, are not performing as well when they move into the later grades. Minnesota has raised the bar on the Math MCA II test. To receive a satisfactory score, students need to have completed the equivalent of Algebra, Geometry, and at least half of an Algebra II course in high school. MCA II exams are only one indicator of a student’s and school’s success.

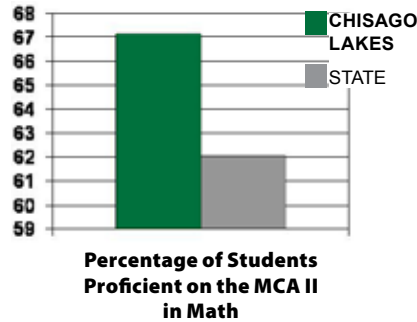
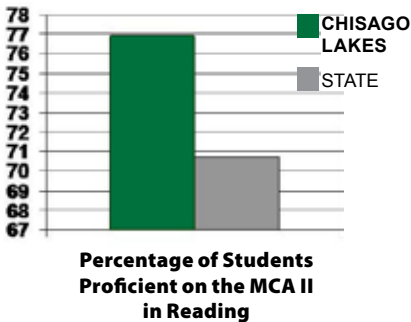
Our ACT scores and college placement scores continue to indicate high levels of performance by our students.

The school board met on June 24th for its annual goal setting meeting. As a part of this meeting, several pieces of math data were reviewed. It was decided that special emphasis will be given to math over the next few years.

Some of our plans for next steps include:

1. More strategic review of math data & regular math data meetings at all levels
2. New Core Math Programs for all K-12 math students beginning Fall 2009
3. Better & more frequent math data collection for monitoring student progress
4. Investigating techniques to reach all math learners

***See detailed math information on pages 4 and 5.*



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Welcome Back To School - Fall 2008



On behalf of the Board of Education, the principals and administrators, and the entire school staff, I would like to extend a sincere welcome to all of our students and their families. I believe this will be a great school year with continued gains in student achievement and academic excellence.

We have assembled a great teaching and support staff and also have had many wonderful new updates to our facilities, so I am certain we will be able to start the year off right. We have been making preparations throughout the summer to ensure that the buildings are in top shape. Supplies and materials have been ordered, and the new staff members hired and ready to go. While some construction projects are still wrapping up, we are on schedule and are anticipating positive improvements.

The Board of Education met this past June to discuss planning and goal setting for the coming school year and identified several areas to be examined. They officially endorsed the formation of a

School Endowment Fund under the umbrella of the newly formed Chisago Lakes Area Endowment Fund. The new School Endowment Fund will eventually award grant dollars to requesting school groups in the areas of academics, arts, activities and athletics. These grants will support opportunities that are not able to be funded through the district general fund. We hope to keep the information flowing out to the school community as this fund grows. The Endowment Fund will also provide a vehicle for donations or memorials to be made in honor of community members.

Some additional Board goals that were discussed speak to a review of mathematics instruction, reviewing scheduling scenarios at our secondary schools, and investigating ways of providing an easy transition back to the Chisago Lakes Middle and High Schools for students who have benefited from an elementary Spanish Immersion experience at a neighboring immersion charter school.

Our teachers will be participating in a new training program known as Q-Comp, or as we call it locally ATPPS (Alternative Teacher Professional Pay System.) It was initiated by Governor Pawlenty and designed to promote new classroom teaching strategies and data driven decision making. We are hopeful that this program will allow teachers to take a fresh look at

how we are educating students and afford them a forum to discuss with each other any possible ways to improve. We are also committed to using data in our academic goal setting and in reviewing results for evidence of the intended improvements.

In closing, we at Chisago Lakes Schools are aware that there are many quality options available to families in educating students in our area. We happen to believe that our programs and staff are among the very best available. We are also always interested in community feedback as to how your schools are performing or in determining areas where we may be able to improve as a district. Please feel free to contact myself or any of the building administrators with questions or concerns that you may have at the start of the school year. Working together we will be able to accomplish great things in our school community this year.

Thanks to everyone in our area, businesses and municipalities, and to our entire school community for your continued support of Chisago Lakes Schools. We aim to be good stewards of the resources that are made available to us and are committed to educating each young person to her or his full potential. We also ask for your continued assistance in this endeavor.

Best Wishes for a great school year!

Superintendent McLoughlin

Fabric is laid over 2' of sand on the turf playing field. Flat drain tile is installed on top of the fabric & covered with 6" of granite



A wider sidewalk is poured outside lower level at the Middle School



West track area



East Track Area



New front entry sidewalk is complete at the High School.

Construction Updates

Construction projects around the district are going smoothly. All projects are being completed within the established time-lines. To keep you updated, the school district has created a special link on our website for current updates and photos of all construction projects.

To access up-to-date information, go to <http://www.chisago-lakes.k12.mn.us/b&g.htm>

You can also contact our Director of Buildings and Grounds, Tim Burton @ 651-213-2009 or, Director of Business Services, Heide Miller @ 651-213-2010 with further questions.



1st rows of exterior brick are laid at new Taylors Falls addition



Overview of new Taylors Falls addition

What Would You Like to Know About the Chisago Lakes School District?

Do you have questions about programs or policies in the district? Would you like to know more about a particular curriculum? Are there things happening in the district that you would like to hear about? If so, please let us know about your questions or ideas for future articles.

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Director of Curriculum & Communications
13750 Lake Blvd.
Lindstrom, MN 55045

Topic or Question of Interest: _____

Idea for Future Newsletter Article: _____

Chisago Lakes Makes Changes to K-12 Math



Minnesota is at the forefront among states requiring more rigorous math preparation for its students. The new standards align with college and work readiness expectations. According to the Minnesota Department of Education website, the goal of the newly implemented change is to *ensure that students finish their K-12 education with the knowledge and skills needed to meet the demands of successful participation in higher education and the workforce.*

Numbers rule the Universe.
~Pythagoras

Beginning with the incoming 6th grade (class of 2015):

- ❖ Algebra will be taught at the 8th grade level and will no longer be considered a class eligible for High School math credit per state statute.
- ❖ Students will continue to be expected to take a minimum of 3 credits of math for graduation
- ❖ All students will be required to take Algebra II, Geometry, and a course covering Problems and Statistics (Like an Algebra III Course) for a diploma

New Course Sequence for Middle School – High School:

6th Grade – Course 1

7th Grade – Pre-Algebra

8th Grade – Algebra

***Beginning Fall 2009**

9th Grade – Algebra II

10th Grade – Geometry

11th Grade – Problems & Statistics

12th Grade – Elective Options

A copy of the state's current math standards can be found on our district website www.chisagolakes.k12.mn.us – under the district office – curriculum drop down.

Chisago Lakes Responds:

Teachers in our district have spent the last year getting ready for these new requirements. Several things have been happening:

- A K-12 Math committee was formed
- Math Research Articles were read & discussed
- State Standards for each grade level were reviewed
- District Math Data was evaluated
- Teachers were surveyed
- Parents were surveyed
- Several Math Curriculum options were reviewed & piloted

New Math Program Selected:

Goals for a new math curriculum were selected:

- ✓ Aligned well K-12
- ✓ Aligned to State Standards
- ✓ Parent Friendly
- ✓ Teacher Friendly
- ✓ Integrated with Technology
- ✓ Company Supported

We are proud to announce that we have chosen new math programs for our students. All students in K-12 will begin using new math materials when school begins this fall. In grades 4-12, students will be able to access their textbooks and worksheets in an electronic format from home or anywhere they have use of a computer.

Program to Meet New State Requirements

Students in K-8 will be using the Saxon Math Program. Teachers report the following strengths of this program:

1. Concepts are taught in a direct – step-by-step approach
2. Well sequenced- builds on previously mastered concepts
3. Concepts are taught to mastery and automaticity
4. Parent Friendly Program
5. Basic Facts incorporated in daily lessons!
6. Continuous review of all concepts
7. Technology components are included
8. Allows for better transition between early grades and high school course work
9. Builds student confidence
10. Meets state standards and expectations

No employment can be managed without arithmetic, no mechanical invention without geometry.
~Benjamin Franklin



High School Students in 9-12 Math Sequence will be using the McDougal-Littell Series. Some of the strengths of this program include:

1. Aligned well to State Testing Requirements
2. Excellent Integration of Technology
3. Frequent Assessment designed to inform instruction
4. Uses real life problem solving examples
5. Great Company Support with Local Rep

I advise my students to listen carefully the moment they decide to take no more mathematics courses. They might be able to hear the sound of closing doors.
~James Caballero



Advanced and Elective Math Courses at the High School will include:

- Functions, Statistics, & Trigonometry
- Statistics
- College Algebra
- College Trigonometry
- College Calculus

***A new College affiliation was chosen – Southwest State – in an effort to better streamline the application process for students - making college-in-the-schools credit more accessible to a broader base of students.*



Chisago Lakes District Gets State Approval for 2008-2009 Q-Comp Program



On May 21, State Education Commissioner, Alice Seagren, visited Chisago Lakes School District to congratulate staff and present a check for implementation of the newly approved Q-Comp Program - also known as the Alternative Teacher Performance Pay System.

Q-Comp was proposed by Governor Tim Pawlenty and was enacted by the Legislature in July 2005. It is a voluntary program that allows local districts and teachers to design and collectively bargain a plan that includes Career Ladder/Advancement Options, Job-embedded Professional Development, Teacher Observation, Performance Pay, and an Alternative Salary Schedule.

As an approved school district, Chisago Lakes will receive \$190 per student in state funding for the program. Currently, 39 other Minnesota school districts and 21 charter schools have been approved for Q Comp and have received funding.

Upon approval, teachers in the district began work on the plan immediately. An oversight committee has been formed. Fourteen teachers from across the district have agreed to take the lead as learning community and peer coaching facilitators. The staff at each building will receive training at the opening August workshops on teacher observation and learning communities.

Teachers will choose instructional teams and participate in regular learning community meetings to review and discuss data tied to their student achievement goals. They will also be going into other classrooms to complete peer observations with the goal of improving instructional practice.

We look forward to this new, exciting challenge with the hopes of enhancing professional practice, increasing staff communication, and ultimately improving student success.

Chisago Lakes Area Schools 2008 Open House Schedule

High School
9th Grade Orientation
Thursday, August 21
2:00-8:00 pm

Middle School
Grades 6-8
Monday, August 25
2:00 – 8:00 pm

Elementary Schools
AM Kindergarten
Wednesday, August 27
9:00 – 10:30 am

PM Kindergarten
Wednesday, August 27
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Grades 1-5
Wednesday, August 27
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Busing Update:

**School begins on
Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008!**

Bus cards with individual student bus information will be mailed out by Friday, August 15, 2008. The school district is eliminating one route, so some routes may have changed. Please check your card for changes. If you feel there is an error, or if you are new to the school district, please call Hunt's Transportation Services at (651)213-2020 as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, August 22nd. The bus garage will not be accepting any changes or additions to bus routes after this date!

Bus stop location and the time printed on the card can change prior to the start of school, and throughout the year as students move into the district.

Transportation personnel will be available at the Middle School Open House on Monday, August 25, and the Elementary Open Houses on Wednesday, August 27th to answer questions and facilitate necessary changes.



****Kindergarten bus schedules will be distributed at the Kindergarten Open House that will be held on Wednesday, August 27th.**

Kindergarten parents should receive an invitation to Open House. If you did not receive an invitation, or are new to our district, please contact the Primary School 213-2200 or Taylors Falls 213-2100.

Students do not need their bus cards to get on the bus, but should know their bus letter so they know which bus to board for the ride home. All students should only have one bus assignment in the a.m. and one bus assignment in the p.m. For example, a student can be picked up at home and taken to daycare after school.

Your home address should be visible for the bus driver to spot. Usually during the first week of school, the elementary buses will be running late on the afternoon route home. If your child's bus is more than 20 minutes late in arriving during that first week of school, please call Hunts

Transportation Services at 213-2020 or Heide Miller at 651-213-2010 or 612-991-5832.

- Elementary buses will load first at Lakeside at 3:25 p.m. The buses will travel to Primary School to load students at 3:35 p.m.
- Taylors Falls buses begin loading at 3:30 p.m.
- Middle School buses begin loading at 2:14.
- High School buses begin loading at 2:20.



*Thank you for your
cooperation and patience
during the start of
another school year.*

Chisago Lakes Community Foundation and Chisago Lakes Endowment Fund

Planning for the Future – Your Swedish ancestors would say this makes sense

Donating back to your community or school - everyone has done it at one time or another. It seems there is always a fundraiser for a worthy cause.

This summer the St. Croix Valley Foundation assisted Chisago Lakes Community volunteers to establish two endowment foundations to benefit our area – one for the Chisago Lakes area to include Center City, Chisago City, Lindstrom, Shafer and Taylors Falls and one for the Chisago Lakes Schools. Now your donations can be tax deductible and will last forever, as only the interest will be spent each year to benefit the community or the schools.

St Croix Valley Community Foundation

The St. Croix Valley Community Foundation was established in 1996 to provide an umbrella organization for endowment funds for the St. Croix Valley, including Polk, St. Croix, and Pierce Counties in Western Wisconsin and Chisago and Washington Counties in Minnesota. It is run by a board of directors comprised of community leaders and has assets of over \$19,000,000. It has given away over \$2,500,000 in 2008 in the St. Croix Valley to support charitable and civic needs.

Chisago Lakes Community Foundation

The Chisago Lakes Community Foundation was started in June 2008 to establish a permanent endowed fund that will provide resources into the future that will enhance life in the Chisago Lakes Area. In the future, the interest from these endowed funds will benefit education, the arts, music, health, civic needs, human services and the

environment. As these funds grow through charitable giving, the proceeds will enhance the quality of life in our area. Currently Stillwater, Hudson, Dresser, New Richmond, River Falls, Amery, Baldwin and Prescott have established very successful community foundations. The St. Croix Valley Community Foundation handles all of the investments and supports the various plans. The initial donation of \$5000 from the Chisago Lakes Rotary established our fund.

If you are interested in helping the local foundation, contact Jim McCarvill at (651)257-8939.

Chisago Lakes School Endowment Fund

The Chisago Lakes Schools have wanted to start an endowment fund for many years. This summer the opportunity became apparent when school representatives were invited to learn about the community foundation. The Chisago Lakes Athletic Fund (501c3) was approached to donate the start up funds of \$5000. This

New Hires

FAIRVIEW

Day Tx Prog Instructor Joyce Marienfeld

HIGHSCHOOL

Industrial Technology Scott Frischmon
Industrial Technology Ryan Dewey
EBD Teacher Carrie McCarthy
Counselor/Dean Canyon A. Schultz
DCD Instructor Jamie Chapman
Science Instructor Sara Gibbs
English Instructor Amy Ness
Math Instructor Lindsey Wilson

MIDDLE SCHOOL

8th Grade Comm. Kathy Zwonitzer
7th Grade Math Vanessa Denardo
Vocal Music Instructor Jacquie Udem

LAKESIDE

3rd Grade Molly Jones
4th Grade Elizabeth LaVoie
1/2 time PE Teacher Cindy Gorski

LAKESIDE/PRIMARY SCHOOL

Art Instructor Kristi Eckert

PRIMARY SCHOOL

1st Grade Julie Johnson
2nd Grade Megan Rognrud
3rd Grade Sarah Krosschell
DCD Instructor Mickelle Pohlman
Kindergarten Instructor Emily Prall

TAYLORS FALLS

3rd Grade Lisa Thul
Kindergarten Teacher Cheryl Moberg

PATHWAY TO CHANGE

Spec Ed Inst. (EBD) Trena Noble
Program Director Laura Seifert-Hertling

is the interest earned from the stadium improvement donations. The board of the athletic fund agreed that this would be a great way to let those donations benefit students far beyond the stadium seating. If you are interested in serving on the board of the Chisago Lakes School Endowment Fund, contact Supt. Michael McLoughlin at (651)213-2096.

“Buy a Seat” Update - Stadium Improvement Project

In 2003 a group of parents met to discuss how to improve our 30 year old football/soccer facility. The list of needs included: moving the 50 yard light pole obstruction, improving the practice field, expanding much needed seating, adding handicapped access for fans and updating the sound system and scoreboard. This would require some serious fundraising.

The group started with letters to businesses and individuals asking for donations. The initial push raised over \$35,000 to move the light pole, get a used but improved sound system and put some new topsoil on the practice field.

Expanding the seating required establishing a non-profit corporation. Once we were able to make all donations tax-

deductible, the “Buy A Seat” campaign went out to raise \$160,000. Many remember the decorated chairs all over town. Generous donations by hundreds of individuals and businesses raised an additional \$34,700. It became apparent to the board of the non-profit Chisago Lakes Athletic Fund that this was an ambitious challenge. At the same time, the Chisago Lakes Schools were coming up with critical facility improvement needs. The 30 year old track and stadium were in need of updating and replacement, along with roofs, windows, pavement projects and more. In November 2007, voters of Chisago Lakes approved a bond referendum to make needed repairs, replace portable classrooms in Taylors Falls with six permanent class-

rooms, improve and add fields on the high school campus and purchase a piece of property for a future school.

The stadium improvement money raised by donations will be donated to the school in August. This money will allow the home seating at the stadium to increase from 1600 to 2000. That donated money has been earning interest since 2005. The Chisago Lakes Athletic Fund has agreed to donate the interest earned (about \$5000) to start the Chisago Lakes School Endowment Fund. (see article)

Chisago Lakes Stadium Improvement Committee thanks all of the donors and volunteers who believed in this project and the voters and taxpayers who made the new facility a reality in Chisago Lakes.

Citizen Input Needed:

The Chisago Lakes School District will continue to host a curriculum advisory committee for the purpose of having public input on curriculum decisions and various educational grants. This committee is made up of people who come with a variety of background skills and knowledge.

The group will meet for an hour approximately **three evenings per year** – dependent on the schedules of the individuals involved. **Our first meeting is set for Tuesday, October 14th.**

If you are interested in participating on such a committee, please email or mail your request to:

Director of Curriculum and Communications
13750 Lake Blvd.
Lindstrom, MN 55045

mikemcloughlin@chisagolakes.k12.mn.us

I am interested in being on the Chisago Lakes School District Curriculum Advisory Committee.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Swimming Lessons Schedule

Session 1

Sept. 22-Nov. 17, 2008
(no class Nov. 3)
Monday evening classes

Registration dates

in district
mail in start: Sept. 2
walk in start: Sept. 5
out/district
mail in start: Sept. 8
walk in start: Sept. 12

Classes offered	Fee
5:50pm classes	
Tadpole 1	\$21
Squirts 1	\$42
Squirts 2	\$42
6:30pm classes	
Squirts 3	\$42
Squirts 4	\$42
Beginner 1	\$42
Beginner 2	\$42

Full refund deadline: Sept. 15
1/2 refund deadline: Sept. 29

Session 2

Sept. 24 - Nov. 19, 2008
(no class Oct. 15)
Wednesday evening classes

Registration dates

in district
mail in start: Sept. 2
walk in start: Sept. 5
out/district
mail in start: Sept. 8
walk in start: Sept. 12

Classes offered	Fee
5:50pm classes	
Tadpole 2	\$42
Tadpole 3	\$42
Squirts 1	\$42
6:30pm classes	
Squirts 4	\$42
Beginner 1	\$42
Adv. Beg. 1	\$42

Full refund deadline: Sept. 17
1/2 refund deadline: Oct. 1

Session 3

Oct. 4 - Dec. 6, 2008
(no class Oct. 18 & Nov. 28)
Saturday morning classes

Registration dates

in district
mail in start: Sept. 2
walk in start: Sept. 5
out/district
mail in start: Sept. 8
walk in start: Sept. 12

Classes offered	Fee
10:05 am classes	
Squirts 2	\$42
Squirts 3	\$42
Adv. Beg. 1	\$42
Adv. Beg. 2	\$42
10:50 am classes	
Tadpole 3	\$42
Squirts 1	\$42
Squirt 4	\$42
Beginner 1	\$42
Beginner 2	\$42

Full refund deadline: Sept. 26
1/2 refund deadline: Oct 10

LESSON AGE GROUPING
Tadpoles (3 yr. old w/out parent)
Squirts (4-5 yr. old w/out parent)
Youth (6 yrs & older)
age as of the first day of class

*Tadpole level classes, all squirt level classes, Beginner 1 & 2 classes are 30 minutes in length
Adv. Beg. 1, 2, 3, Level 4, 5, & 6 classes are 40 minutes in length*

Class, session, time changes will be treated the same as refunds. When registering for a swim lesson, you are reserving a class spot and taking away from another. Requests in writing and deadline dates will apply for any lesson change requests.

Walk-in registrations

Friday and Saturday evenings 7:15 - 8:15p.m. and Sunday afternoons 3:15-4:45p.m. at the HS swim pool office
**No walk in registrations will be taken October 3, 17, 18, 19*

Session 4

Nov. 24 - Dec. 22, 08
(no class Nov. 26)
Monday & Wednesday evening classes

Registration dates

in district
mail in start: Sept. 2
walk in start: Sept. 5
out/district
mail in start: Sept. 8
walk in start: Sept. 12

Classes offered	Fee
5:50pm classes	
Squirts 3	\$42
Squirts 4	\$42
Beginner 1	\$42
Beginner 2	\$42
6:30pm classes	
Adv. Beg. 1	\$42
Adv. Beg. 2	\$42
Adv. Beg. 3	\$42
Level 4	\$42
Level 5	\$42

Full refund deadline: Nov. 17
1/2 refund deadline: Dec. 1

Winter swim lesson information available after Dec. 1

* On the school district web site www.chisagolakes.k12.mn.us

* On the Aquatic Information Line (651) 213-2585

* Flyers available at HS pool, the Family Center & Community Education office

Registration Information

- Registrations may be mail-in or walk-in only—no phone registrations accepted.
- District #2144 registrations accepted prior to any out of district students.
- Mail-in and walk-in registrations are accepted until a class begins, or is full.
- The information line and web site are updated regularly for class availability.
- Payment must be included with registration—checks and cash only (no credit cards).
- On the mail-in registration ‘start date’, registrations will be randomly opened and students placed by lottery into classes.
- Mail- in registrations for district residents begins prior to non district residents.
- Mail-in begins prior to walk-in registration, so class selection may be limited during the walk-in registration times.
- Please indicate your first, second, and third choices on the registration form.
- Be sure to register for the proper level.
- We will accept up to five registrations from one individual and only one registration per student.
- All class placement confirmations will be mailed. If classes are filled when your registration is processed, the full fee will be refunded.

Chisago Swim Pool

Swim Lesson Mail-in registration form

One registration form per child.

Please duplicate registration form as needed.

Additional forms on the web site.

Child’s Name _____

Birthdate _____ Age _____

Special Needs? _____

Parent Name _____

Phone (H) _____ Phone (alt) _____

Mailing Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

FIRST CHOICE

SECOND CHOICE

Session dates _____ Session dates _____

Class name _____ Class name _____

Class time _____ Class time _____

THIRD CHOICE

Session dates _____

Class name _____

Class time _____

**Return form & payment to:
Chisago Lakes Aquatics
29400 Olinda Trail
Lindstrom, MN 55045**

To be complete, registrations must include the fee.

Tadpole 1 fee is \$21, all other class fees are \$42

*New to our lessons?
Haven’t been in our lessons
for more than a year?*

Join us for a free 15 minute
evaluation of your child’s
swimming ability

Friday August 29
Friday September 5
Saturday September 6

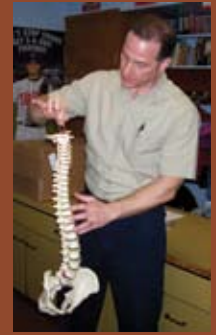
5:00-6:30 p.m.

****Appointment required****
Please call the aquatic
manager at 213-2604
to schedule

Community Volunteers Needed for District Enrichment Programs - Weekly or Just One Day!



Volunteers are needed for our Enrichment Programs across the district. We are looking for folks who are interested in facilitating weekly book discussions for our high achieving students. This is a regular commitment of 1-2 hours per week.



We are also looking for parents and community members who are interested in sharing their talents, interests, skills or occupations with students on a one or two time only basis. This is a short-term commitment - approximately 2-3 hours one or two times - you can choose the age group of the students you would like to present to.



Other ways to get involved in our enrichment programs include; working as a special hostess for an enrichment speaker, science experiments with small groups of high achieving students on a short-term basis, math games, etc.



Please contact Katie Kimlinger at 213-2014 if you are interested in these unique volunteer opportunities.

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 below:

FAMILY SIZE	MONTHLY INCOME	YEARLY INCOME
2	\$3,209	\$38,508
3	\$4,034	\$48,408
4	\$4,859	\$58,308
5	\$5,684	\$68,208

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/health-care. The limits above are valid until June 30, 2009.



To get a Minnesota Health Care Programs application:

- Print one from the Internet:
www.dhs.state.mn.us/healthcare
- Call (877) KIDS-NOW toll free
- Call Chisago County at
651-213-5640 OR 1-888-234-1246

Chisago Lakes Parent Teacher Organization - CLPTO



Welcome to a new and exciting upcoming year with the CLPTO! We are looking forward to a fun filled school year with Family Fun Nights, the Craft Fair, Santa's Secret Workshop, and the Spring Carnival to name a few.

Being that the PTO is a parent run organization, we understand time commitments and the value of your time. Job responsibilities, the demands of the kids, Soccer, Football, Cheerleading, Scouting, Church groups, school activities, dance lessons and that's just on Mondays! But as parents we also know that when we are involved in our children's school and education, our children have higher grades and standardized test scores, improved behavior at home and school, and better social skills and adaptation to school.

So we want to make becoming involved easy and with no strings attached. We also want becoming involved to fit into your schedule. Each

of the many parents that are associated with Chisago Lakes Primary and Lakeside Elementary bring to the school a multitude of skills and abilities. Tapping into those talents at various times throughout the school year can be of great benefit to our schools and our kids. There are a variety of small ways that you can become involved. Just drop us an email at CLPTOVOL@yahoo.com or take a look at our website at www.chisago-lakes.k12.mn.us/schools/primary/CLPTO.htm and tell us what you would be interested in doing. Parent involvement is a powerful tool. Spread the word!

Dates for CLPTO meetings:

Tuesday, August 12
Monday, September 8
Tuesday, October 7
Tuesday, November 11
Tuesday, December 9
Tuesday, January 13
Tuesday, February 10
Tuesday, March 17
Tuesday, April 14
Tuesday, May 12

Taylor's Falls Parents for Education

The Taylor's Falls Parents For Education meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Taylor's Falls Elementary media center. The group's mission is to complement the educational goals of the school through fundraisers, incentives, teacher appreciation activities and organizing school volunteers. Our goal is to support all monetary requests from teachers and staff, so money raised during the school year is spent that same year.

Meetings are very informal, welcoming all interested parents and teachers to attend and become a voting member of the group. The first meeting of the fall will be Monday, August 18th at 7 p.m. --we hope you join us!

Dates for Taylor's Falls Parents for Education meetings:

Monday, August 18
Monday, September 15
Monday, October 20
Monday, November 17
Monday, December 15
Monday, January 12
Monday, February 16
Monday, March 23
Monday, April 20
Monday, May 18

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Minnesota Education Credit and Subtraction Notice

Parents can get a tax credit or subtraction for costs for your children's schooling or related items. These cover children in kindergarten through high school. The maximum credit is \$1,000 per child. You can use costs like: tutors, academic books and materials, fees paid to others for transportation, music lessons, after school programs, and academic summer camps. You can also use costs for computer hardware or educational software (\$200.00 limit). Private school tuition is a subtraction only. To get the credit, fill out Form M-1ED. To use the subtraction, do the worksheet on the back of Form M-1. **Remember to save your receipts.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION UPDATE

DATE: August 2008
TO: All Employees & Residents of Chisago Lakes Area Schools
FROM: Tim Burton, Asbestos Program Manager, Director 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 and the Senior High School. The High School is now asbestos free. Please consult the Management Plan located at each building for details.

In August, 2007, an asbestos insulated pipe was slightly damaged during the removal of a heating coil in the gym at Lakeside Elementary. The damaged insulation was abated and the area was cleaned. During June, 2008, approximately four square feet of 9x9 asbestos containing floor tiles and mastic were removed from room #116 at Taylors Falls Elementary. This was discovered with the removal of cabinetry during the construction tie in of the new addition. The area was abated and cleaned.

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 contracts; 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 Maintenance Supervisor 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 2008-2009 school year will be: October 16, 2008; one of the days within the dates of December 26-31, 2008; one of the days within the dates of March 9-13, 2009; and one of the days within the dates of June 8-12, 2009.

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 form below. 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 2008-2009 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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