


# Turtle Tales

THE NEWSLETTER OF TURTLE LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL No. 13, 08-09

## CALENDAR

April 6-April 10

### Monday, April 6

7:50 a.m. 5th Grade Orchestra  
8:00-10:00 a.m.-Student Council (5th Grade)  
to Ralph Reeder  
9:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.-Grade 2 (**Halvorsen,  
Sentz**) Field Trip,  
 Underwater Adventures

### Tuesday, April 7

7:45 a.m. African Music Ensemble  
7:50 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra  
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—All Grade 3 Field Trip,  
Minnesota History Center  
9:15 a.m. PTA Executive Board Meeting  
10:45 a.m. Grade 4 (**Leiser**) Meals on  
Wheels  
3:25 p.m. Community Education Spanish  
Classes

### Wednesday, April 8

7:45 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band  
7:45 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir

### Thursday, April 9

7:45 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir  
Special Ed to Como Park

### Friday, April 10

Teacher Workday, No School



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"A person's true character is revealed by what he or she does when no one is watching."*

## Principal Perspectives by Craig Sundberg

We will be looking at the three-fourths point in this 2008-2009 school year shortly. The year has proven to be successful in so many ways thus far. I ran across the following "reminders" that I know could pertain to all of us as parents. You may wish to cut them out and keep them handy as they are great validations. Have a great rest of this school year.

You thought you were happily smiling at your child as you sit in a hard stadium seat, uncomfortable bleacher or packed auditorium, **but your child looked at your face and saw approval and joy in what it was they were doing.**

You thought that you were just patting them on the back or on the head, or just ruffling their hair, **but your child cherished the warm loving touch and their heart was brightened.**

You thought you were reading a bedtime story with all the funny and scary voices, **but your child enjoyed the fact you read every word even though they had heard them a hundred times before.**

You thought you were letting your child help paint their room, even though they got paint on the floor and made more work than necessary, **but they knew you were working together as a family and felt a sense of accomplishment as a family.**

You thought you were singing silly songs or counting cows on a long, boring trip, **but your child learned that it was fun being together no matter where you were.**

You thought you were spending a few minutes by throwing a ball in the backyard, or baking some cookies, **but your child, who realized that your time was precious, knew you were investing it in them.**

You thought that you asked your child's opinion that wasn't too important, **but your child thought you asked because their opinions and thoughts were important.**

You thought the tears in your eyes, quickly brushed away, went unnoticed when your child accomplished an important goal in their life, **but your child knew that they were deeply embedded in your heart and you sensed their accomplishment.**

(Principal Perspectives continued on next page)

## THEME OF THE WEEK

### Set a Good Example and Do What Is Right

- When you do what is right, you set a positive example for others.
- If others are being disrespectful, take 3 B4 4: Stop, Make a Healthy Choice, Follow Through on a Positive Plan, or Get Help and Tell Someone.
- The more courage you show in setting a good example, the more others will respect and trust you.

# CALENDAR

April 13-April 17



**Monday, April 13**

7:50 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra  
Star Lab, LMC

**Tuesday, April 14**

**MCA Testing-Reading**

7:45 a.m. African Music Ensemble

7:50 a.m. 4th Grade Orchestra  
Star Lab, LMC

3:25 p.m. Community Education  
Spanish Classes-Last Class



**Wednesday, April 15**

**MCA Testing-Reading**

7:45 a.m. 5th Grade Band

7:45 a.m. 4th Grade Choir  
Star Lab, LMC

**Thursday, April 16**

7:45 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir

9:00 a.m. Chippewa Orchestra  
Concert, Gym

Star Lab, LMC  
Special Ed to Courage Center



**Friday, April 17**

7:45 a.m. Chess Club, Turtle Hall

7:50-8:30 a.m. Student Council, Staff  
Lounge

Star Lab, LMC



## THEME OF THE WEEK

### Be a Generous and Unselfish Person

- Know that the surest way to be happy is to make others happy.
- You are an important link in the chain of generosity. Generosity is passed on from person to person and has the ability to impact people in many ways.
- Be a person who speaks of others in a positive way and who supports others in their efforts.

## Principal Perspectives continued...

You thought that the refrigerator was as good of a place for hanging all the art work and “well done” papers that came home from school, **but your child felt important when they came home from school each day with something to show you and tack up on their personal hall of fame.**

You thought you gave your child some simple chore or job to do and told them, “Well done” with a smile when they did it, **but your child learned responsibility and began to realize they could tackle even tougher tasks.**

You thought you were helping a troubled restless child get some sleep by fixing a cup of hot cocoa, **but your child felt that you were opening your heart around a kitchen table and magically making all the problems seem a lot smaller.**

You thought you were just giving them a quick hug at a special moment or “just because”, **but your child carried it with them for a long time, because what he heard you say was, “I’m so proud of you and I love you.”**

You thought you were just giving them a little kiss on the cheek to tell them goodbye as they left for school, **but they felt warmed and loved because they knew there would be another one waiting for her when they got home.**

## Student Council News

### Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who donated books during our Book Fair Book Drive. The Third Grade Student Council members will deliver these books and volunteer at Books for Africa on May 6th.



### Culver’s Night

Join us at Culver’s in Vadnais Heights, 4485 Centerville Road on either Monday, April 20th and/or Monday, April 27th from 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Culver’s will donate 10% of all sales during this time to Turtle Lake. Turtle Lake Student Council members will deliver your order to your table. Come on out for a great meal!



## Yearbook Orders

A small number of extra yearbooks have been ordered. If you did not already order a yearbook and are interested in purchasing one, please contact Marta McIntyre ([marta.mcintyre@moundviewschools.org](mailto:marta.mcintyre@moundviewschools.org) or 651.621.7716), and your name will be placed on a waiting list. You will be contacted if a yearbook is available for you.



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“A person is rich according to what they are, not according to what they have.”*

## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

### Respect, Responsibility, and the Right to Learn!

#### Turtle Lake Elementary School

1141 Lepak Court  
Shoreview, MN 55126  
Craig Sundberg, Principal  
Darin Johnson, Student Services  
Assistant

#### School Hours

School day begins at 8:50 a.m.  
Students enter building at 8:35 a.m.  
Kdgn a.m. session: 8:50-11:30 a.m.  
Kdgn p.m. session: 12:40-3:20 p.m.  
School dismisses at 3:20 p.m.  
Early release days dismiss at 11:50 a.m.

#### Office Hours

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

#### Important Phone Numbers

Office.....651-621-7700  
FAX.....651-621-7705  
Voicemail.....651-621-6100  
Attendance..... 651-621-7701

#### E-Mail

firstname.lastname@moundsvIEWSschools.org

#### District Website

www.moundsvIEWSschools.org

#### Turtle Lake Website

www.moundsvIEWSschools.org/turtlelake

## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

*Turtle Tales* is published semimonthly. Past volumes are available on our school's web-site:

www.moundsvIEWSschools.org/turtlelake.  
Copy deadline for issue No. 14'08-'09

.....Monday, April 13

Publication date for issue No. 14 '08-'09

.....Friday, April 17

Items for submission may be e-mailed to Sandra.Solheim@moundsvIEWSschools.org or brought to the office.



## Volunteer Breakfast

Turtle Lake will be celebrating our "Volunteer Fiesta" breakfast on Thursday, May 7th from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. in Turtle Hall. If you have volunteered this year, you are cordially invited to attend. We hope to see you there!

## Bottle Cap Recycling Program

Brownie Troop #52631 is collecting plastic bottle caps for the "Caps off with Girl Scouts" recycling program. You can help collect the plastic caps that cannot be recycled in traditional methods, and keep them out of our landfills, oceans and rivers!



Collect your caps and bring them to the collection box by the office!

What types of caps can be recycled?

The program accepts caps that are rigid polypropylene plastic; this includes caps that twist on with a threaded neck such as caps on shampoo, water, soda, milk and other beverage bottles, flip top caps on tubes and food product bottles (such as ketchup and mayonnaise), laundry detergents and some jar lids such as peanut butter. We appreciate your efforts in keeping them clean!



## Turtle Lake Family Bike Helmet Sale!!!

Order forms for bike helmets are available online in this edition of *Turtle Tales*, and are also available in the Turtle Lake office. The cost for a helmet is \$10.00. Orders need to be placed by Thursday, April 9, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Morpew at 612-481-9786 or amy@ctknb.org

## Sharon Kjellberg Receives Peterson-Schaubach, Outstanding Leadership Award

Sharon Kjellberg, 5th grade Turtle Lake teacher, was named the recipient of this year's Peterson-Schaubach Outstanding Leadership Award at the 2009 Education Minnesota Representative Convention.

**Congratulations, Sharon!**



## WORD OF THE WEEK

# Word of the Week

## Week of April 6th: Impressive

**Definition** –admired and respected because of size or importance

**Book:** *Animals, Animals*; Poem title: “The Elephant”

**Author/Illustrator:** Eric Carle/  
Arnold Sundgaard



## Week of April 13th: Crest

**Definition** –the top or head of something

**Book:** *A Kick in the Head*; Poem title: “A Silver Trapeze”

**Author/Illustrator:**  
Paul Janeczko, editor/  
Alice Shertle, poet



## DATES TO NOTE

### Friday, April 10

No School-Teacher Work Day

### Monday, May 26

No School—Memorial Day



## Input Forms Now Available

We are getting close to the time of the year when we begin the process of determining classroom placements for fall of '09. Grade levels work very diligently toward the goal of creating balanced class lists which provide each of our students the best opportunities to learn and grow. Teachers work very hard to ensure factors such as gender, academics, behavior, social strengths and other aspects are considered in creating class lists.

I am calling upon our teachers to place students into balanced, heterogeneous classrooms. In doing so, they will also take into consideration these three “filters”; effective instructional groups; peer relationships; and, equity. Our teachers spend a great deal of time working to create optimal learning environments for all students. It is important to us that every child has a learning environment that has been carefully considered.

We appreciate your faith and trust in us. It is in that spirit that I request that you allow us to professionally create classrooms that work for all students. If you have an educational concern that we should take into consideration while we work through our process, please put those concerns in writing to me by Friday April 24th.

Student/parent input forms are now available, and may be picked up in the office. Please remember, the completion of this form is voluntary. On average, we receive 20 forms for each grade level. I have included a list of the teachers at each grade level as assigned at this time. Between now and the start of school it may be necessary for staffing changes to be made, depending on circumstances that arise.

### 2009-2010 Homeroom Teaching Staff

#### Kindergarten-6 sections

Lynette Kreidler, Full Day Kindergarten  
Wendy Voss, Full Day Kindergarten  
Marsha Andrusko, ½ day AM, PM  
Beth Sabby, ½ day AM, PM

#### Second Grade-6 sections

Lucia Halvorsen  
Terri Reis  
Jena Roberts

Katie Sentz  
Karen Stimpson  
Teacher TBD

#### Fourth Grade-6 sections

Leah Darden  
Simone Haugen/Kristi Pallansch (Job Share)  
Liz Kehrwald  
Elyse Leiser  
Jill Milow  
Teacher TBD



#### First Grade-7 sections

Kelli Ellingson  
Lynette Kinney/Jodi Nelson (Job Share)  
Deb Klugow  
Diane Mergens  
Jane Norgren  
Taimi Thomsen  
Jan Vesaas

#### Third Grade-6 sections

Janet Arrell  
Margot Brooks  
Kellie Carlisle  
Julie Lyttle  
Tracy Plum  
Jeannette Weber

#### Fifth Grade-6 sections

Marilynn Coyle  
Jamalee Desmond  
Nancy Kellermann  
Sharon Kjellberg  
Stacey Vanderport  
Teacher TBD

Ann Christensen and Linda Hagen will serve in the capacity of working with Math and Reading Intervention support.

## 2009 MV DISTRICT SPELLING BEES

Grade 3--Monday, May 4, 4:15 p.m.  
@ Pinewood LMC

Grade 4--Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 p.m.  
@ Bel Air LMC

Grade 5--Wednesday, April 29, 4:15 p.m.  
@ Bel Air LMC



## SPRING TESTING

Please note these test dates on your calendar:

### *MCA Reading Testing*

Grades 3-5      April 14 & 15

### *MCA Math Testing*

Grades 3-5      April 21 & 22

### *MCA Science*

Grade 5      May 14-22\*

\*Your child's homeroom will take the test on one of these days.

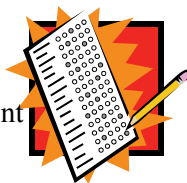
### *Map Testing*

Please watch your child's weekly communication sheet for specific testing dates.

**It is important for students to be in school on testing days.** Please avoid scheduling appointments, vacations, or other non-emergency absences on these days. Additionally, students should get plenty of sleep the night before and have a good breakfast the morning of testing.

Thank you in advance for your help, as this allows the students to do their best.

For more information, please see Spring Standardized Assessment Information in this edition of Turtle Tales.



## Info Lit Bits

Fifth graders enjoyed a satisfying ending to *Home of the Brave* (Katherine Applegate) and gave it high ratings. In the computer lab, each class has charted favorite color data using Microsoft Excel. Now, they're putting together short PowerPoint presentations to display their charts and class snapshots taken by Ms. M-K.



Fourth grade classes continue to enjoy the storytelling tridrake of *The Dragon of Lonely Island*. Students are finishing up their "Dragon" PowerPoint slide shows and having fun with slide design and transitions.

In third grade, our new read-aloud is *The Water Horse* (Dick King-Smith), which has generated interesting discussion about the Loch Ness Monster. In the lab, students are polishing their PowerPoints about author, Kate DiCamillo.

Second graders are nearing the end of *Charlotte's Web*. They, too, are using PowerPoint to create professional-looking "Barn Spider" presentations.

## Reading in the Library

Some days, an idea for writing a great book literally lies in wait in the Turtle Lake Library. It would be a book about intentional reading. We see kids reading in all different positions. Some are lying on their backs, looking up at the book. Some are curled in a corner behind a chair. Some are curled up in a soft chair. Some are upside down on a soft cushion, hair dangling on the floor. Some are on their stomachs, feet in the air. In all cases, readers are completely engaged with the books!

Besides reading books independently, students love hearing books read aloud. During the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, two books were enthusiastically received by students. *Minerva Louise and the Colorful Eggs* by Janet Morgan Stoeke was read to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes. They enjoyed the interplay of words and artwork, noting how the story's text is enhanced by the illustrations. A nonfiction book, *The Wolves Are Back*, by Jean Craighead George, was read to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. This is the story of how wolves were successfully reintroduced to Yellowstone National Park in 1995. They discussed how removing one piece from an ecosystem can have far-reaching results.

## Thank You for Donating Books

Thank you for giving copies of your favorite books to the Turtle Lake LMC (Library) in celebration of your birthday, half-birthday, or simply in celebration of a wonderful book!

Ella Erickson---Duck and Cover  
Ella Erickson---Betsy B. Little  
Zachary Ban---Mudville  
Leah Ban---Princess Bess Gets Dressed  
Kay Trapp---Rules  
Fran Buesgens---The Graveyard Book  
Victor Anderson---Lincoln and His Boys  
Max & Carianna Doyle's mom, Susan Stenfors---Hoot  
Ina Pöcher---Palace of Mirrors



## FITNESS TESTING

### FITNESS TESTING COMING SOON!

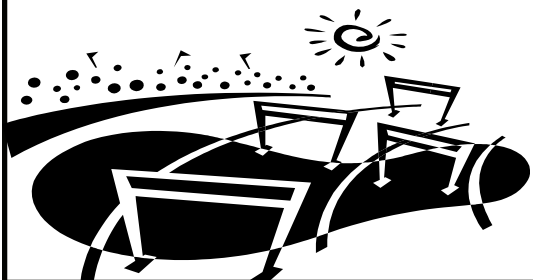
Help your child(ren) get ready for testing. When the weather permits, do some family fitness outside or a few minutes inside during short breaks. Testing will begin in late April and early May. Testing includes: long distance run, push-ups, sit-ups, flexibility and shuttle run.



## TRACK TEAM

### AFTER SCHOOL TRACK STARTING SOON!

The Turtle Lake Track Team, comprised of interested fourth and fifth grade students, will begin their season in early May. The season, which lasts five weeks, includes after school practices or meets with other District schools, three days a week. Practices will start after school and go until 4:30 p.m., while track meets, a few of which will be off-site, may run a little later. More information will be coming out later this month. For specific questions, contact Mr. Koller or Mrs. Leiser.



## Art Update from Mrs. Nara

### Art News from Mrs. Nara, March 2009

Congratulations to students whose art was selected for the “Celebrate Success” event at Snail Lake Education Center on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Jamie Darling, Ellen Maguire, JT Nelson, and Sarah Hilpisch contributed to a display of art from all over the district. Congratulations also go to Katia Rosenflanz whose landscape drawing was selected by the judges at artsonia.com to be part of a slideshow about Minnesota. This slideshow will be shown to art teachers from all over the country at the National Art Educators Association conference in Minneapolis later in April. Artsonia.com chose one picture from each participating school for this slideshow.

Fifth grade created bowls for the “Empty Bowls” project, and voted on which organization will receive the money raised at this district-wide event. Results of the vote will be announced at the soup supper on April 27<sup>th</sup>. You can also check out the District Art Show while you are there.

In the hallways here at Turtle Lake there are displays of student art by artists in the following classes:

Mrs. Vesaas’ class created the Still Life collages that are near door 4.

Mrs. Schwanz’s class created the landscapes that are near the gym.

Mrs. Reis’s class created the portraits that are between the gym and lunchroom.

Miss Halvorsen’s class created Matisse-style collages.

Ms. Roberts’ class created the landscapes that are near door 4.

Mrs. Sents’ class created the landscapes that are near the gym.

Mrs. Christensen’s class created the landscapes that are between the gym and lunchroom.

Mrs. Lyttle’s class created the tree pictures that are in specialist hallway.

Ms. Weber’s class created the tree pictures that are near the gym.

Various 5<sup>th</sup> grade students created the radial designs and “Empty Bowls” posters that are hanging throughout the school.

Fifth graders are starting their portrait unit soon and will need to bring a photo to use as a reference. A note is going home with more details.

Fourth grade is finishing the Pop art unit with printmaking and will start perspective drawing soon.

Third grade is starting the Kandinsky can unit. They are exploring how the elements of art and the elements of music can fit together.

Second graders should be able to tell you about Henri Rousseau and Henri Matisse. The website we looked at was part of [nga.gov/kids](http://nga.gov/kids).

First grade has finished the portrait, landscape and still life units. Now we will move on to learning about weaving and ceramics.



## SCIENCE FAIR- A SUCCESS



Thank you to our volunteers, participants, teachers, Turtle Lake staff, parents, and everyone who attended the Science Fair on March 30th and 31st.

Thanks to everyone involved, the Science Fair was a wonderful learning experience!



Mr. Johnson and Bjorn E. showing his dog food survey exhibit.



Kim M. showing her "Sugar Glass" exhibit.



## SWEATPANTS NEEDED IN HEALTH OFFICE

The health office is requesting sweatpants in all children's sizes for the spring. With the snow melting, many students are coming in from recess with wet pants and in need of a replacement pair. Thank you in advance for your donations. If you have questions, call the health office at 651-621-7704.

## Linder's Gift Certificates

Student Council is sponsoring a fundraising program with Linder's Garden Center and Flower Marts. In addition to earning 15% from the plants and flowers sold to Turtle Lake customers on **May 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th**, the Student Council is also selling Linder's gift certificates. Turtle Lake will receive 15% of the proceeds from all gift certificates sold. Gift certificates would make a great Mother's Day gift!

Here is how it works:

- \*\* Gift certificates will be pre-sold in denominations of \$10, \$25, or \$50.
- \*\* There is no expiration date, and the gift certificates can be used at any Linder's Garden Center or any of the 40+ Flower Marts.
- \*\* Student Council members will be taking orders for gift certificates through April 30<sup>th</sup> using the form below.

Contact Marta McIntyre at (651) 639-6217 or [marta.mcintyre@moundsviewschools.org](mailto:marta.mcintyre@moundsviewschools.org) with any questions.

This is a fantastic way to earn money for Turtle Lake and to get your spring flowers and plants.

### Linder's Gift Certificate Order Form

Number of Gift Certificates Ordered:

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TURTLE LAKE .

*To ensure delivery for Mother's Day, orders must be received by April 30<sup>th</sup>.*

*For all other orders, the deadline is May 8th.*

## ATTENTION ALL FOURTH GRADE PARENTS

All 4th grade students will meet in the cafeteria on Wednesday, April 8th at 2:30 p.m. for a beginning band presentation/demonstration on band instruments and the summer band program. Each student will be given a beginning band interest sheet that should be returned by April 15th to Mr. Ankrum.

On Friday, April 17th, representatives from Schmitt Music will set up three trial stations (Brass, Flute/Percussion, Sax/Clarinet) in the band room. Interested students will be able to try two different instruments and fill out a band interest indicator on what they would like to play. Students will be given a follow-up letter on their choice and then should register for beginning band at an evening band display.



## CHALKBOARD CAPERS COLORING CONTEST

### Chalkboard Capers Coloring Contest Winners!

Congratulations to the following Turtle Lake students who placed in the district wide coloring contest.

Kindergarten	2nd Place	Willow H.
Grade 2	1st Place	Grace W.
Grade 4	3rd Place	Joey R.



## Help Turtle Lake Kids Get SMART!

Has your son or daughter come home talking about a SMART Board or Airliner Tablet? Did you stop by Mr. Plum's classroom during the Carnival to see one in action? The staff and students at Turtle Lake have been very excited about the arrival of this technology in our school! Funding from the school district is limited, so if you would like to help expedite the rollout of these systems throughout our school, the PTA will be collecting donations through the end of the year. Please make checks payable to Turtle Lake PTA and make sure to write SMART on the memo line so we know where to direct the funds. Your contributions are tax deductible, and you can help all of our students get SMART!!

Wondering what SMART technology is? It uses interactive white boards and tablets to provide teachers and students with the following benefits, to name a few:

- **Multi-Modal Instruction Capabilities:** The interactive whiteboard technology uses visual, auditory, kinesthetic and tactile learning opportunities to accommodate a wide variety of student learning styles, including those with special needs.
- **Interactive Teaching Opportunities:** Teachers will be able to use computer-based and digital resources while maintaining dynamic interaction with the entire class, and without isolating students to individual computer screens. The technology promotes an increased level of student interaction in both teacher-directed and group-based activities.
- **Improved Student Learning:** Interactive whiteboard technology has been proven in recent studies to increase student engagement and on-task behaviors, improve learner motivation and increase students' ability to retain information...all of which can lead to improved learning and test scores.
- **Enhanced Visual Capabilities:** Type on the screen is large, lighted and colored for easy viewing from any point in the classroom, with the ability to magnify any part of the screen at any time. It will also provide the opportunity to show classroom computer images on the large screen in this clear format, as well as cable, DVD, VHS and the intra-school channel.

If you have questions about the implementation and use of SMART technology at Turtle Lake, please contact Craig Sundberg at 651-621-7703 for more information.

### PTA NEWS-Help Wanted

The PTA would like to develop its own Web page as a way to keep parents informed about everything the PTA is doing. In order to do this, we need a Web page designer. We were hoping to go "on-line" during the 2009-2010 school year. Anyone with this wonderful talent who would be interested in volunteering their time could contact: Jenni Bruess 651-780-4615 /[sjbrues@comcast.net](mailto:sjbrues@comcast.net), or Lisa Norlinger 651-633-5564 /[lnorlinger@mac.com](mailto:lnorlinger@mac.com)

The PTA does an audit on its books every year. For the 2009-2010 school year, we only have one auditor set up, and they do not do taxes. If there is a person with a finance/CPA background who is willing to volunteer their time, please contact Jenni Bruess 651-780-4615, or Lisa Norlinger 651-633-5564.

# Summer Orchestra is Coming Soon!!!

## To Students in Grade 3:

Students who have finished grade 3 may learn to play a string instrument this summer. Orchestra is great fun and builds skills for a lifetime of enjoying music! Save June 22-July 23 on your family's calendar.

Lessons are held Monday through Thursday for one hour each day in the morning between 7 AM and noon at Chippewa, Highview and Pinewood Schools. Late afternoon/early evening lessons will take place between 3 and 8 PM at Chippewa and Edgewood Schools. Our final concert is scheduled for July 22. We also take a field trip near the end of summer classes. Aides help with make up work if a student must miss class for camp or family vacation.

Beginners may register for lessons and arrange to rent a violin or cello anytime between 5:00 and 6:30 PM at one of the following orchestra displays:

May 12, Tuesday, at Turtle Lake Elementary, Turtle Hall

May 13, Wednesday, at Edgewood Middle School, North Gym

May 14, Thursday, at Island Lake Elementary School, West Gym

Beginner classes are filled at the displays on a first come basis. More detailed information about orchestra will be sent home with all third graders in May.

## To Students in Grades 4 and 5:

Students who are already enrolled in orchestra may obtain a summer registration form for SUMMER STRINGS from their orchestra teacher. Summer lessons are a great way to keep skills strong and grow leadership in one's playing.

Summer Orchestra dates are June 22-July 23. We will have an outdoor concert on July 22 and field trip near the end of summer lessons. Lessons are held Monday through Thursday for one hour each day in the morning between 7 AM and noon. Late afternoon/early evening lessons will be offered between 4 and 8 PM.

Questions? Contact the orchestra teacher in your school or Connie Aiken at 651 621-6453 or <[connie.aiken@moundsviewschools.org](mailto:connie.aiken@moundsviewschools.org)>.

**Make a great sound - join SUMMER ORCHESTRA!!**

# **BAND NEWS IS GOOD NEWS!**

## **SUMMER BAND DATES: JUNE 22 TO JULY 23**

**Classes offered for 4th or 5th grade beginners  
and current 5th grade band members**

When you begin to make your summer vacation plans, please keep in mind the summer band program offered for students going into 5th or 6th grade. For students who are currently playing in 5th grade band, **SUMMER BAND** is a full band rehearsal from 11:00-12:00 or 4:00-5:00 twice per week with an outdoor concert for parents the evening of the last day. The school band teacher will be sending home registration forms with band members in early May. They should be completed and returned to school. On-line registration will also be available.

## **ATTENTION 4TH GRADE PARENTS**

Starting the summer after 4th or 5th grade, your child can begin participating in an activity that continues through 12th grade and into adult life - **THE SCHOOL BAND**.

The summer beginning band instruction program consists of a 45-minute group lesson, Monday through Thursday, for five weeks starting Monday, June 22 through Thursday, July 23. The summer session concludes with an outdoor concert for parents the evening of the last day. Instruction will be offered at several district schools during the summer for all basic band instruments: Trombone, Baritone, Clarinet, Trumpet, French Horn, Flute, Saxophone and Percussion. Morning, afternoon and evening times are available for each instrument. If at all possible, **STUDENTS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN BAND IN 5TH GRADE SHOULD START BEGINNING INSTRUCTION THE SUMMER BEFORE**. When you begin to make your summer plans, please keep in mind the importance of starting band instruction during our summer program.

The school band teacher will be sending information home with your child in April. **Specific information about summer band class times and locations will not be available until then.**

**Registration for beginning instruction will take place at four evening Band Displays** at which reputable music instrument dealers will also be present to provide instrument rentals for you. You should attend only one of the Band Displays anytime **between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.** Band Display dates are:

**Monday, April 27 at Highview Middle School**  
**Tuesday, April 28 at Edgewood Middle School**  
**Tuesday, May 5 at Turtle Lake Elementary School**  
**Thursday, May 7 at Island Lake Elementary School**

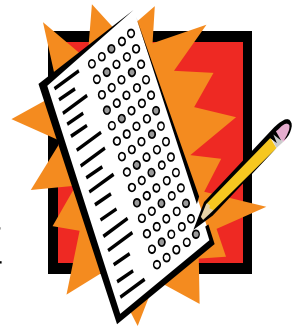
Please choose a date convenient for you and mark your calendar for summer band registration!

## **A WORD OF CAUTION:**

There has been a recent outbreak in instrument sales from non-music vendors (department store catalogs, discount membership warehouses, on-line purchases and private party sales). These instruments are often inexpensive and poorly constructed. These instruments generally require frequent repairs that cannot be corrected and we encourage you to stay clear of these options. Reputable music dealers are the best resource for renting or purchasing a band instrument. Please see your school band director if you have questions about purchasing an instrument.

# Spring Standardized Assessment Information

by Darin Johnson, Student Services Assistant, and Cheryl Wallin, Instructional Strategies Facilitator



In this week's edition of Turtle Tales, we will take a moment to preview the various assessments taking place in the next few months. As always, if you have any questions, or would like more information on these tests, please feel free to contact Darin Johnson at 651-621-7720 or Cheryl Wallin at 651-621-7711.

**Kindergarten** - Students will be taking the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Test for Primary Students. This computerized assessment will be administered on four separate days (two 30-40 minute reading sessions and two 30-40 minute math sessions) the week of May 18th. Kindergarten students took a test similar to this in the fall. Please check your child's communication sheet for specific testing dates.

**First Grade** - Students will be taking the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Test for Primary Students. This computerized assessment will be administered on four separate days (two 30-40 minute reading sessions and two 30-40 minute math sessions) from April 13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Please check your child's communication sheet for specific testing dates.

**Second Grade** - Students will be taking the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Test. This multiple-choice, computerized assessment will be administered on two separate days (one 60-90 minute reading session and one 60-90 minute math session) from April 13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Second grade students have taken this test during the fall and winter testing sessions and are familiar with the format of these assessments. Please check your child's communication sheet for specific testing dates.

**Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade** - Students will be taking the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Test. This multiple-choice, computerized assessment will be administered on two separate days (one 60-90 minute reading session and one 60-90 minute math session) from April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please check your child's communication sheet or planner for specific testing dates.

Third, fourth, and fifth grade students will also be taking the MCA II (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments, Series 2) Tests. There are four reading sessions and four math sessions to this test, all of which use the traditional paper and pencil format. Reading sessions 1 and 2 (each lasting approximately 60-90 minutes) will be administered on **Tuesday, April 14**. Reading sessions 3 and 4 (each lasting approximately 60-90 minutes) will be administered on **Wednesday, April 15**. Additionally, math sessions 1 and 2 (each lasting approximately 60-90 minutes) will be administered on **Tuesday, April 21** and math sessions 3 and 4 (each lasting approximately 60-90 minutes) will be administered on **Wednesday, April 22**. Grade level teachers will determine individual testing times on these four days.

All fifth grade students will also be taking the MCA II Science Assessment. This computerized test, which takes approximately 60-90 minutes, will be given May 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. The format of this test is highly interactive and includes open-ended response questions. Fifth graders will be exposed to practice questions in preparation for this assessment. Please check your child's planner for specific testing dates.

**We appreciate your cooperation in getting your child to school on time each day for testing. Many of the sessions are scheduled for the beginning of the day when children are most alert and do their best thinking. Please avoid scheduling appointments on testing days. If a child has to make up a test session, it will not be done in the regular classroom with the instructional group.**

# \$10.00 Turtle Lake Family Bike Helmet Sale!!!

## How to Order:

**Measure the head** - proper fit is **VERY** important. Measure 1" above the eyebrows, keeping the tape parallel to the floor. Pick the size based on the sizes on the order form for each helmet.



**Select your sizes and colors.** Samples are available in the school office (for hygiene purposes, do not try them on.) If in doubt on the size order the larger size.

**Complete the worksheet** Helmets are vented for comfort and come with an extra set of pads and most have a dial retention system for snug fit (except for the extreme helmets which has adjustable straps and pads). All helmets meet National CPSC testing standards. This is special bulk order and some graphics may change depending on supply. Please note: we will not be able to take returns or exchanges.

**Cash or check payment made payable to "Turtle Lake PTA" MUST accompany the order** Send order the form and payment to the school office (or child's teacher) **no later than Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** Helmets should be delivered in time for pick-up on April 27 & 28th. If you are unable to pick them up at time we will send them home with your child on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Turtle Lake PTA is not responsible for lost or stolen helmets that are sent home with the child/ren.

Helmets will also be in the office for viewing after April 23.

You can also be fitted and order at the Book Fair on Thursday, March 26.

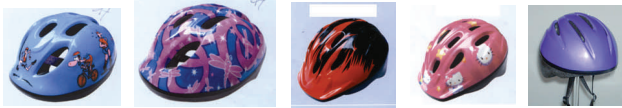
Questions contact: Amy Morphew 612-481-9786 or [amy@ctknb.org](mailto:amy@ctknb.org)

If you are not able to purchase a helmet, speak to your child's teacher or the above contact person about a scholarship.

You can go to the school's website to see color versions of the helmets at: <http://www.moundviewschools.org/turtlelake/>

# Turtle Lake \$10 Bike Helmet ORDER FORM (two pages)

Toddler



Has a dial retention system for a snug fit

For child 1 year – approx. 3 years old (Note: Children under one should not ride in a bike carrier or a behind the bike cart due to the jarring that can occur to their brains.)	Toddler up to 21 inches “
Blue- cartoon figure graphics	
Pink/blue – Dragon fly	
Red/black flame	
Pink- Hello Kitty	
Yellow- Solid	
Blue- Solid	
Purple – Solid	
<b>Total</b>	____@10/ea



Model GU10

Has a dial retention system for a snug fit

Youth to Adult

Color	Small up to 22”	Med 21 -23”	Large 23-24 “
Black			
Blue			
Yellow			
Red			
White			
<b>Total</b>	____@ 10/ea	____@ \$10/ea	____@ 10/ea



Model GV10B

Youth to Adult

Has a dial retention system for a snug fit

Color	Small/Med (up to 23”)	Large/X-large (22- 24.75”)
Blue/silver		
Red/Silver		
Silver		
<b>Total</b>	____@ \$10/ea	____@ \$10/ea



Model GU503

Come with an extra pad and adjustable straps

Extreme Helmet (skating, rollerblading, and biking)

Youth to Adult

Color	Small (up to 20.25”)	Med (19-21.5” )	Lg (20-22.75”)	XL (up to 24.75”)
Silver				
Flat Blue				
Flat Black				
<b>Total</b>	____@10/ea	____@ \$10/ea	____@\$10/ea	____@ \$10/ea

# Turtle Lake \$10 Bike Helmet ORDER FORM (two pages)

1 order form per family is preferred

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's teacher's name \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Helmets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10/ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Order \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:---

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up our order on April 27 or 28 from 8:00 -9:00 am

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up our order on April 27 or 28 from 3:00-4:00 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send our order home with the child listed above on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Make Checks Payable to: "Turtle Lake PTA"

Return forms with Cash or check payment to school no later than  
**Thursday, April 9, 2009**

Questions Contact: Amy Morpew 612-481-9786 or amy@ctknb.org

All Helmets meet CPCS Standards:

### **CPSC (Consumer Product Safety Commission).**

This is the Governments Standard that all bicycle helmets must meet. This standards, studies and regulations are available online at <http://www.cpsc.gov/>.

**Order is due April 10<sup>th</sup>**