

Turtle Tales

THE NEWSLETTER OF TURTLE LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL No. 14, 08-09

CALENDAR

April 20-April 24

Monday, April 20

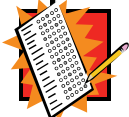
Star Lab (Gr. 1-5)
 7:50 a.m. 5th Grade Orchestra
 9:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Grade 2 Field Trip,
 (Roberts/Stimpson) Underwater
 Adventures
 7:00 p.m. PTA Meeting, Turtle Hall
 5:00-7:30 p.m. Culver's Night,
 Vadnais Heights



Tuesday, April 21

MCA Testing-Math Gr. 3-5

Star Lab (Gr. 1-5)
 7:45 a.m. African Music Ensemble
 7:50 a.m. 4th Grade Orchestra



Wednesday, April 22

MCA Testing-Math, Gr. 3-5

Administrative

Professionals' Day!

Star Lab (Gr. 1-5)
 7:45 a.m. 5th Grade Band
 7:45 a.m. 4th Grade Choir
 2:15 p.m. Lion's Club to pass out
 dictionaries to 3rd Grade Students



Thursday, April 23

Take Your Child to Work Day! See article in this Turtle Tales

Star Lab (Gr. 1-5)
 7:45 a.m. 5th Grade Choir
 Special Ed-Bowling
 10:15 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.-Pacer Puppet Show,
 Kindergarten, TH

Friday, April 24

Star Lab (Gr. 1-5)
 7:45 a.m. Chess Club, TH
 7:50 a.m. Student Council, Rm 400
 8:00-10:30 a.m. Grade 4 & 5 Orchestras to
 Island Lake for Concert
 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Grade 2 Art Assembly, TH



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"A person is rich according to what they are, not according to what they have."

Principal Perspectives by Craig Sundberg

If you have read anything about our nation's public schools over the course of the past twenty years, or so, you may have picked up on a well documented theme of "decline in the effectiveness" of our public school system. Where once the U. S. led the world in high school graduation rates, we're now considered below average among developed nations. Is it really as hopeless as it seems? No! I strongly feel that here in Minnesota and even more so, here in our Mounds View School District we are working hard to exceed expectations and succeeding in our attempts to provide every student with a quality education. All of us tend to reap the rewards from exceptional schools. The education of young people affects everything from the economy to our national security. I firmly believe that the active involvement by our parents and community at large contributes greatly to the success at our school. While we continue to be busy with end of the school year '09, we are also preparing for fall of '09 as well. Much planning takes place to ensure a quality start to the school year and that planning begins now. We want to take the necessary steps to make certain that our school remains a "quality" school with "quality" programming. Necessary planning and preparation for next year begins now. As we think about our planning, I leave you with seven characteristics of what I feel makes a quality school.

- High expectations for every one of our students
- Parent and community support
- A rigorous curriculum and fair assessments
- Necessary resources to help our students achieve
- Safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments
- Qualified and caring teachers/staff in every classroom
- Opportunities for students to participate and excel in programs outside the typical school day

I'm sure there are more ingredients than these seven, but certainly these stand out for me. Thanks for all you do as parents to partner with us here at Turtle Lake. We appreciate every one of you.

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.

CALENDAR

April 27-May 1

Monday, April 27

Star Lab (Gr. 1-4)
 7:50 a.m. 5th Grade Orchestra
 9:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Underwater Adventures
 Grade 2, (Sheppard & Christensen)
 5:00-7:30 p.m. Culvers Night,
 Vadnais Heights



Tuesday, April 28

Star Lab (Gr. 1-4)
 7:45 a.m. African Music Ensemble
 7:50 a.m. 4th Grade Orchestra
 2:15 & 7:00 p.m. Spring Orchestra
 Concerts, Turtle Lake
 and Island Lake
 Orchestras perform at Turtle Lake



Wednesday, April 29

Star Lab (Kindergarten)
 7:45 a.m. 5th Grade Band
 7:45 a.m. 4th Grade Choir

Thursday, April 30

7:45 a.m. 5th Grade Choir
 Special Ed to Courage Center

Friday, May 1

7:45 a.m. Chess Club, Turtle Hall
 7:50-8:30 a.m. Student Council, Staff Lounge
 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Field Trip, 4th Grade
 to Youth Performance
 Center

*****Laurentian Registration Deadline
 Forms available in the office.**



HELP WANTED



PTA is looking for someone to organize the Box Tops for Education Program/Recycling Program.

This is an ongoing program that raises money directly for Turtle Lake. For more information, please contact Lisa Mattson at lamattson@msn.com / 651.482.1652 or Jenni Bruess sjbrues@comcast.net / 651.780.4615

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Allow your friends to make mistakes, and give yourself the same freedom."

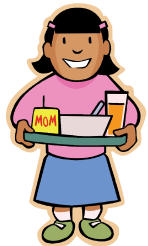


2009-2010 School Year Bus Information

Registration – The district office will be mailing bus registration information the first week of May. Registration forms are due June 12th. The bus fee for students living less than two miles from school will be \$225 per student, if paid before June 12th with a family cap of \$500 per year. If paid after June 12th, the fee is \$250 per student with a family cap of \$575. New families registering after June 12th will still be charged the \$225 fee per student. If paying by check, you may send the registration either to the district office or school. If paying by cash, Visa, or MasterCard, you must go in person to the Snail Lake Education Center at 350 Hwy 96 W, Shoreview.

Lunch Account Reminder

Beginning May 15th students must have enough money in their accounts to cover their lunch each day. After May 18th, students will not be allowed to have a negative balance. If there is not enough money in your child's account, they will receive a peanut butter sandwich and milk. We will be taking deposits through the end of the school year. If you have any questions, please call 651-621-7709.



Author and Speaker, Barbara Coloroso to Visit



Mounds View Public School's Early Childhood Family Education announces a return visit by author and speaker Barbara Coloroso. She will share ideas from her book **Just Because It's Not Wrong Doesn't Make It Right** on Saturday, April 18 from 10 am to noon at Mounds View High School. Ms. Coloroso will describe ways parents can nurture their children's ethical lives, from preschool onward. She will use everyday situations to explain how parents can guide their children to find and develop their own inner moral code, learn to make ethical decisions and take just action, and resolve ethical dilemmas in seven steps. There is no charge for the morning's talk. Books will be available for sale. Call the ECFE office at 651-621-7420 with questions.

THEME OF THE WEEK

Ask for Forgiveness and Forgive Others

- If you have made a mistake and owe another person an apology, do what is right and say, "I'm sorry. Please forgive me."
- If someone offends you, forgive him/her and do not blame him/her or hold a grudge.
- You will be happier and more positive if you forgive and forget.

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.....651-636-3656 ext. 3199

E-Mail

firstname.lastname@moundsvIEWSchools.org

District Website

www.moundsvIEWSchools.org

Turtle Lake Website

www.moundsvIEWSchools.org/turtlelake

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Turtle Tales is published semimonthly. Past volumes are available on our school's website:

www.moundsvIEWSchools.org/turtlelake.

Copy deadline for issue No. 15'08-'09

.....Monday, April 27

Publication date for issue No. 15 '08-'09

.....Friday, May 1

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



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mounds View Public Schools

Student Council News

Culver's Night



Join us at Culver's in Vadnais Heights, 4485 Centerville Road on Monday, April 20th and/or 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. The Student Council members will deliver your order to your table. Come on out for a great meal!

Penny Pincher's and Kidz Klozet Collection

Are you doing spring cleaning and ready to get rid of stuff? You can bring it to Turtle Lake on Friday, May 15th. Student Council will help collect household items for Penny Pinchers Thrift Store and for Kidz Klozet. Penny Pinchers is a division of Northwest Youth and Family Services that provides youth employment training to students in the Mounds View School District. Kidz Klozet is a new store started by two Turtle Lake Parents to provide free clothing to children.



On May 15th bring your items from 8am until 12pm to the fire station parking lot across from Turtle Lake. Student Council members will help you load your items into the donation truck. Here are a few suggested items; children's toys, dishes, clothes and furniture. Penny Pinchers cannot accept mattresses, computers or televisions. Thank you for your participation!

Ralph Reeder Food Shelf

The fifth grade student council members visited the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf on Monday, April 6th. The students and parent volunteers put together Easter food bags, and sorted and put away items. Each month student council members lead the Turtle Lake food drives for Ralph Reeder Food Shelf.



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!



Attention Fourth Grade Students

All 4th grade students met 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 was given a beginning band interest sheet that should have been 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.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Word of the
Week

Week of April 20th: Plummeted



Definition –fell or plunged straight down

Book: *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*

Author/Illustrator: Mordicai Gerstein

Week of April 27th: Bask

Definition –to lie or sit in warmth or enjoyment

Book: *Olivia*

Author/Illustrator: Ian Falconer



“TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK” DAY

Take your Child to Work Day will be on Thursday, April 23. For those who choose to participate in this event on Thursday, April 23rd, please be aware that the district has established the following policy:

- The school must receive advance notice at least one day prior to April 23rd to be considered an excused absence.
- Notice given the day of or after will be considered an unexcused absence. Teachers will not be expected to provide homework assignments. Students will be expected to do makeup work. Thank you.



Donated Library Books-Thank You!

Shoreview Historical Society---Shoreview Reflections
Ella Erickson---Looking for Miza
---Curious George Plants a Tree
---Lady Liberty

Here’s Looking at Them!

Students in grades 2-5 have begun exploring portraits and photographs in preparation for creating one of themselves! During library time, Mrs. Reimer read aloud and discussed several self-portraits from the book *Here’s Looking at Me: How Artists See Themselves* by Bob Raczka. The students also talked about the portrait of Paul Revere painted by John Singleton Copley in 1768. In information literacy with Mrs. Middleton-Koller, students discussed the Lansdowne portrait of George Washington, painted in 1796 by Gilbert Stuart. They also explored the details of the portrait with a wonderful website created by the Smithsonian Institute. Families who want to visit it at home should go to <http://www.georgewashington.si.edu/kids/portrait.html>. Finally, students will use their own Lifetouch portrait as a starting point for the portraits they create electronically with the ArtRage program.

Other portraits on display in the library include Alexander Gardner’s photograph of Abraham Lincoln, taken in 1865, John Singer Sargent’s *Portrait of a Boy*, painted in 1890 in oil on canvas, Dorothea Lange’s *Migrant Mother* photograph, taken in 1936, and Norman Rockwell’s painting for *The Saturday Evening Post*, created in 1942 and titled *Freedom of Speech*. All the artwork is part of the **Picturing America** curriculum, designed by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Turtle Lake School was one of the recipients of this curriculum package as part of the NEH *We the People* grant in 2008.



Turtle Lake Orchestra will present "Movies' Greatest Hits" Concert



The Turtle Lake 4th and 5th grade orchestras, made up of violin and cello students, are excited to perform music from their favorite movies. This semester, orchestra students have learned that music they play makes movies come alive with emotion and excitement. The audience will see characters from the movies *Shrek*, *Harry Potter*, *Star Wars*, and *Pirates of the Caribbean* to name a few.

This concert will be performed for students at Turtle Lake on Tuesday, April 28 at 2:15 PM. The evening concert for families will be at Turtle Lake on Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 PM.

The Turtle Lake 4th and 5th grade orchestra students will share their gift of music on Monday, May 4 at Island Lake School at 9:10 AM.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The fourth grade spelling bee winner is Ethan Gin (Pallansch/Haugen). The alternates are Tiffany Li (Milow) and Sarah Graham (Darden). The district bee for 4th grade is May 14th.



2009 MV DISTRICT SPELLING BEES

Grade 3--Tuesday, May 13, 4:15 p.m. @ Bel Air LMC

Grade 4--Wednesday, May 14, 4:15 p.m. @ Island Lake LMC

Grade 5--Wednesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m. @ Island Lake LMC

SPRING TESTING

Please note these test dates on your calendar:

MCA Math Testing

Grades 3-5 April 21, 22

NWEA MAP Testing

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

MCA Science

Grade 5 May 14-22*

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

MCA Make-up Days: May 1, 8, 15 & 22

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.

Art News from Mrs. Nara, April 2009

Congratulations to students whose art was selected for the District 621 Art Show! Jenna Lewis, Sophia Hickel, Noah Aronson, Alaina Manley, Baran Cinbis, Rachel Schoneman, Claire Schooley, Jane Hagen, Kayla Collins, Isaac Jauch, Jared Klein, and Evan Mattson created art that was chosen by Mrs. Nara to represent Turtle Lake at this event.

Everyone is invited to attend the opening of the District 621 Art Show on April 27 at Irondale High School. While you are there, you can also attend the "Empty Bowls" soup supper and ceramics sale from 5-7p.m. The money will be donated to a hunger relief organization. About 100 of the ceramic bowls were made by Turtle Lake 5th graders.

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

Mrs. Vesaas's class created the Still Life collages that are near door 4. Miss Halvorsen's class created Matisse-style collages that are near the gym.

Ms. Arrell's class created the tree pictures that are in the hallway between the gym and the 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.

Mrs. Leiser's class created the "Pop Art" prints that are in the hallway between the gym and the lunchroom.

Various 5th grade students created the radial designs and "Empty Bowls" posters that are hanging throughout the school.

Fifth graders are learning about facial proportions and drawing portraits. They looked at the work of Leonardo DaVinci.

Fourth grade is learning about how artists create the illusion of depth. They are drawing using one-point perspective.

Third graders are exploring how the elements of art and the elements of music can fit together. They are creating their "Kandinsky cans" after viewing the work of Wassily Kandinsky.

Second graders should be able to tell you how Henri Matisse used organic shapes. The next unit is about how artists sometimes use symbols.

First graders are learning how many cultures decorate everyday objects. We looked at examples of Native American art and created weavings and clay pots.



Missing Bowl

A parent, who brought a serving bowl to the March conference dinner, has lost her bowl. The bowl has great sentimental value. The bowl is a light yellow pottery bowl with a pink and/or blue stripe(s) at the top. If you have seen this bowl, please contact the Turtle Lake office. Thank you!

CHALKBOARD CAPERS

Thank you to all of the Chalkboard Capers Stars for their hard work and enthusiasm they put into this year's 25th Anniversary Show. It is because of our stars that we had such a great turn out for the shows. We appreciate everything they did to help with the production.



SCHOOLS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Since launching the Schools for Energy Efficiency® (SEE) program in July, our school has reduced energy use by 39 percent and has avoided \$37,060 in energy costs.

Our school has served as a major contributor to the District's overall energy savings of 13 percent and has helped Mounds View Public Schools avoid more than \$200,000 in energy costs. These savings are a direct result of the many efforts made by building operators, school staff and students to reduce the amount of non-renewable energy being used at our site and throughout the District.

For more information, including a break down of first and second quarter savings District-wide, please visit StaffNet: <http://staffnet.moundsviewschools.org/staffnet/index.asp> (username: StaffNet password:mv621). Thanks for helping to make the SEE program successful. Keep up the good work!



ATTENTION ALL 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS

It's time to strap on those running shoes! THE ELEMENTARY TRACK PROGRAM IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

Track and field has always been a popular co-curricular activity for 4th and 5th grade students throughout the district. We have a terrific month-long program that focuses on the basics of track and field, while having a whole lot of fun!

Practice information will be distributed on the first day of practice. The first practice at Turtle Lake will be on Monday, May 4. Students will also participate in meets against other elementary schools in the district. Fourth grade meets will be held on May 12, 14, and 27. Fifth grade meets will be held on May 12, 14, 27 and June 2.

We understand this is a very busy time of year for many families and that track participants may not be able to attend every practice or meet.

The price for the program is \$50.00 for 4th graders and \$55.00 for 5th graders. Scholarships are available.

Fourth and fifth graders who are interested in joining the team should either ask their teacher or Mrs. Leiser for a registration packet. Don't miss out on the fun!

Math Olympiad

Congratulations to our fourth and fifth grade math Olympians! All students on the math Olympiad teams worked very hard at difficult problems!

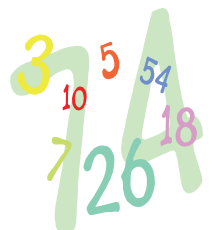
The team leader on Mrs. Hunt's 4th grade team is Ethan Gin, The team leader on Mrs. Bell's 4th grade team is Emma Tsai. The team leader on Mrs. Desmond's 5th grade team is Bella Haake. The team lead on Mrs. Hunt's 5th grade morning team is Andrew Bjorklund. The team lead in Mrs. Hunt's afternoon team is Sam Rush.

Gold Pin awards go to Brandon Duffy, Grant Delaune, Sean Fennig, Evan Mattson, Sam Rush, and Howard Simms. These students scored in the top 2% of all participating students in Math Olympiad—that's over 100,000 students nationwide!

Silver Pin awards go to fifth grade students, Andrew Bjorklund, David Czaia, Mary Fennig, Frankie Floeder, Bella Haake, Kevin Li, Joanna Liu, Philip Meyers, Connor Nelson, Tommy Oswood, John Reim, Salmaan Saiyed, Kevin Shen, Steven Skwarek, Furquan Syed, Rose Thompson, and Jake Weightman. A Silver Pin award also went to fourth Grade student, Emma Tsai. These students scored in the top 10% of all students participating nationwide.

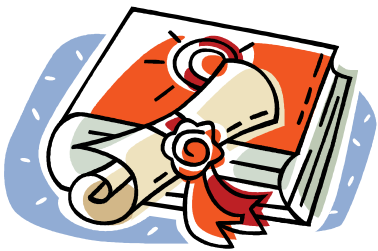
Out of all schools participating in grades 4, 5 and 6 (that's over 10,000 schools nationwide) Mrs. Hunt's 4th grade team placed in the top 20% for 4th grade teams. And Mrs. Hunt's 5th grade team placed in the top 10% of ALL teams in grades 4, 5 and 6!

Congratulations to all mathletes who worked hard this year!

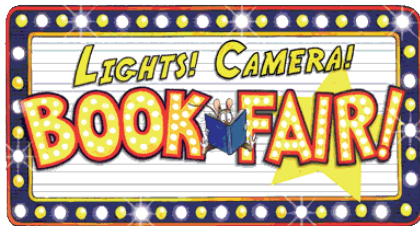


TURTLE LAKE YEARBOOKS

Our Turtle Lake 2008-2009 yearbooks "Creating Memories" will be distributed to our students on Friday, May 29. A very special thank you to Emily Schwieters, Jennifer Engstrom and Liv Rosin for all of their work in creating our 2008-2009 yearbook. Thank you!



BOOKFAIR



Thanks for putting books and reading center stage!

We would like to extend rave reviews to all of our STAR volunteers, teachers, parents and kids for making this spring's Book Fair so fun AND successful! We sold \$17,000 in books and were able to raise approximately \$4,100 in cash, books and resources for the Turtle Lake LMC. All of your time, effort and teamwork were greatly appreciated.

Get ready to experience next fall's Book Fair – coming to Turtle Hall in November 2009.

Book Fair Committee:

Lisa Norlinger, Karen Munson, Diane Kuehn, Susan Laske, Jenni Bruess, Ruth Kauls, Quita Bertelsen, Chris Wahlin, Kim Sacay, Michelle Hoemann & Julie Lebahn

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 30th using the form below.

Contact Marta McIntyre at (651) 621-7716 or marta.mcintyre@moundsviewschools.org with any questions.

This is a fantastic way to earn money for Turtle Lake and 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 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

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

For all other orders the deadline is May 8th.

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. Mr. Ankrum sent home registration forms with band members last week. They should be completed and returned to school. On-line registration is also 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 Clean-Out Collection!

Have you been doing some spring cleaning and are ready to get rid of stuff?

Good news! Turtle Lake is collecting for two local organizations on Friday, May 15th from 8 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Bring your items to the fire station parking lot across from Turtle Lake School, where student council members will help you load your items into the donation truck.

Here's what to bring:

Household items for Penny Pinchers. Penny Pinchers Thrift Store is a division of Northwest Youth and Family Services that provides youth employment training to students in the Mounds View School District. Here are a few suggested items; toys, dishes, furniture. Penny Pinchers cannot accept mattresses, computers or televisions.

Kids clothing for Kidz Klozet. Kidz Klozet is a new store started by two Turtle Lake parents to provide FREE clothing to children. We respectfully ask that all items be new or gently used, clean and in good repair. If we would not wear an item, we do not expect our guests to do so either. Questions? Please contact *Kelly Carlson* at jkclod@aol.com or 612-202-1761 or *Cyndi Klum* at cyndiklum@yahoo.com or 612-730-1968.

Summer Volunteers Needed

To work at Kids Klozet on Thursdays during the summer months.

Hours are 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Check out www.kidzklozetmn.org for more details or contact Kelly or Cyndi.

Thank You!

