



EAST LAKE NEWSLETTER

JANUARY, 2021

“Every child matters. Every voice counts.”

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PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT - JANUARY 12

TOPIC: “DISTRICT 196 DIGITAL EXPECTATIONS”

Our next Parent Information Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held via Zoom. The link will be sent out again on Tuesday, January 12.

Here is the link to the meeting...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81159575035?pwd=cFU0akRxceno0WkIEVWRjS0p2Z3RPZz09>

We will have Sandy Aronson and Jen Huling with us from the District 196 Teaching and Learning Department sharing information about Digital Expectations for our students and families. It should be a very informative meeting for families. I hope you all can attend the meeting.

Both Sandy and Jen have worked closely with all District 196 schools over the past several years helping implement the District 196 iPad initiative. They also have helped coordinate guidelines, procedures and expectations for our iPad usage throughout the K-12 experience. Mark your calendars for this very important topic.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 11

* East Lake Night at Chick-fil-A in Apple V.
~ 4:-00-8:00 p.m.

January 12

* PTO Meeting : 6:30 p.m.

January 18 - MLK Jr. Day

* NO SCHOOL

January 19-20

* NO SCHOOL - Transition Planning

January 20

* East Lake Night at Panda Express Apple V.
~ All Day

January 21 - Full Day In-Person Learning

* PreK - Grade 2 Only
* Gr. 3-5: Distance Learning

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### February 1

\* East Lake Night at Chipotle Restaurant  
~ 4:00-8:00 p.m.

### February 4 Full Day In-Person Learning

\* PreK/K & Gr. 1-5

### February 15 (President’s Day)

\* NO SCHOOL

### February 16

\* Site Council Meeting - 6:00-7:00 p.m.

### February 17

\* East Lake Night at Noodles & Co.  
~ 4:00-8:00 p.m.



## EAST LAKE NIGHT AT CHICK-FIL-A JANUARY 11 - 4:00-8:00 P.M.

7480 153RD ST. W., APPLE VALLEY

We have our next East Lake Elementary restaurant fundraiser night scheduled for Monday, January 11 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the Chick-fil-A Restaurant. The restaurant is located at 7480 153rd St. W. in Apple Valley.

Come on out and enjoy some delicious food and support East Lake Elementary.

**WE EARNED \$250.00 FROM OUR DECEMBER CHICK-FIL-A EVENT!**

## EAST LAKE STUDENT CHARITY DRIVE

During the week of December 14-December 18, the East Lake Student Leadership Team collected Target or Amazon gift cards to purchase needed supplies to the local 360 Communities shelter. Thank you to the many families that donated to this cause.

The following items were purchased for needy families in Dakota County. **CLEANING SUPPLIES & PERSONAL CARE:** Cleaning supplies, hand soaps, diapers size 1-6, baby wipes, hand sanitizer, face masks, Clorox bleach, toilet paper.

Thank you East Lake Lakers for your generous donations!

East Lake Student Leadership Team

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## IN-PERSON LEARNING WILL BEGIN JANUARY 21 (PREK-GRADES 2 ONLY)

District 196 students in PreK-Grades 2 will begin full day, in-person learning for five days a week starting January 21. All students in grades 3-5 will continue with their distance learning experience. On February 4, our grade 3-5 students will begin full day, in-person learning for five days a week. The schedule for Digital Academy students will not change.

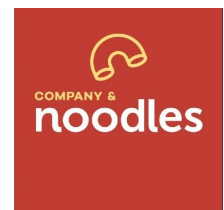
We will continue to practice safe social distancing and students and staff will be expected to wear masks throughout the day. More information will be sent out to families in January. We are excited about having some of our students back in school and we will do everything possible to make the school environment safe for our children.

Families can go to the District 196 website ([www.district196.org](http://www.district196.org)) for more detailed information.

## EAST LAKE RESTAURANT NIGHTS

We have our next set of restaurant nights scheduled for January and February. Thank you to Sara Swanson for setting up these restaurant nights for us. So enjoy a night out and support East Lake Elementary!

- ~ Monday, January 11: Chick-fil-A (Apple Valley) - 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- ~ Wednesday, January 20: Panda Express (Apple Valley) (Scheduled All Day)
- ~ Monday, February 1: Chipotle (Rosemount) 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- ~ Wednesday, February 17: Noodles & Co (Rosemount) 4:00-8:00 p.m.



## EAST LAKE PRESCHOOL NEWS



Preschool has been busy with our nature unit. We have been enjoying seeing each other on our daily zooms and have had fun getting to know the students from the other cohort. The children are great at unmuting and muting on their own and have really mastered the zoom class. We have been learning about the changes happening outside and how those changes impact animals and people. Some animals hibernate while others adapt to the cold in other ways. We dress differently during these colder days.

Since we did not have any snow to make snowmen, we used our imaginations to use what we had around the house to create snowmen. We want to thank all of the families for their support during distance learning. We could not do this without your help and we know you have a lot going on. In January, our unit will focus on being healthy. We will find out what it means to be healthy by thinking about good sleep, eating, and exercise habits as well as mask wearing, hand washing, and age appropriate distancing.

It is hard to believe that it is almost time to start the process of registration for next year's Preschool class. Early childhood is a time of great discovery! Connections Preschool gives students the opportunity to play with other children while learning important prekindergarten skills. The preschool curriculum is aligned with School District 196's K-12 learning standards. Beginning math, reading and writing skills are introduced alongside a developmentally appropriate, play based curriculum.

All teachers are fully licensed by the Minnesota Department of Education. In order to attend, children must be four years old on or before September 1, 2021 and live in District 196. District 196 Preschools are half-day programs. The Connections Preschool Catalog for 2021-2022 will be mailed to homes with 3 and 4-year old children soon. For more information or assistance in registering, call 952-388-1960 or visit [www.district196.org/ecfe](http://www.district196.org/ecfe) in January. With the shift in this school year model, dates for Preschool registration may be slightly delayed. You can check the website for the most up to date information. If you have questions regarding East Lake specifically, you may contact Kathy Adams, Connections Preschool teacher at [kathy.adams@district196.org](mailto:kathy.adams@district196.org)



**Ryan's  
snow man**

## BAND AT EAST LAKE

### **BIG NEWS for ALL 5<sup>th</sup> grade students:**

**This year only, due to Covid, if you were not able to start an instrument as a fifth grader, you can sign up for band and start as a sixth grader!**

### **SHMS BAND**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpNCmFoAKfg>

### **RMS BAND**

[https://youtu.be/HO\\_E9EMDgu8](https://youtu.be/HO_E9EMDgu8)

Dear Fifth Grade Band Parents & Students,

Believe it or not middle school is fast approaching for our fifth graders. Soon, you and your son or daughter will be signing up for middle school classes. Before you and your family register for classes I wanted to write to you about the band opportunities that await our students in the near future. Especially if you are sending your oldest child to middle school, you may find this letter helpful.

My sincere hope is that each of our fifth-grade band students takes advantage of the wonderful instrumental music programs at the District 196 middle schools.

Participation in band

Is an opportunity to continue to develop a skill on an instrument

Allows students the creative experience of making music with friends in a positive peer group

Reinforces math, reading, and organizational skills

Middle school bands do not rehearse before or after school as the elementary school usually does during a "normal" school year. Instead students have a playing class every other day during the school day. Students also have small group lessons once per cycle (about once every 8 school days).

Former students come back and tell me about the exciting music they are playing at the middle school and high school. They also really enjoy being able to play more because middle schools bands meet every other day. Also, there will be opportunities for playing field trips.

In addition to band class and lessons, students registered for band may participate in a variety of other ensembles, some of which may be:

Jazz band

Holiday band

Flute or clarinet choir

Saxophone Quartet

Brass ensemble

Percussion ensemble

Some students branch off and learn another instrument in addition to their main instrument, for example, some may learn

~ Bass guitar or keyboard for jazz band

~ Timpani, drum set, and much more (percussionists)

~ Baritone saxophone (saxophones)

~ Piccolo (flutes)

I would be happy to answer any questions for you. Please email at your convenience.

Anja Firchow

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Elementary Instrumental Music

Highland & East Lake

website: <https://sites.google.com/apps.district196.org/bandisbrainfood/home>

follow on Twitter @BandIsBrainFood

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## EAST LAKE PHYSICAL EDUCATION

### East Lake is Great!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.

Ms. Salter's classes are having fun with juggling scarves. Students are working on their hand-eye coordination and cross-brain activities while learning fundamental skills such as tossing and catching. I LOVE seeing all the pictures and videos. I am so proud of all of you!

We will be moving on to Juggling Progression 2: koosh, tennis balls, bean bags, and/or oranges in January. Practice a little every day and soon you will be doing things you never thought possible.

Coming up next will be basketball and outdoor/winter activities.

In February, we look forward to **Kids Heart Challenge** with Jumping activities. The *American Heart Association* has made a version of the event virtual if needed due to the pandemic. Check out our web page:

Friendly URL - <http://www2.heart.org/goto/eastlakehasheart> Stay tuned for more...

Stay active every day, especially as it gets colder by doing the things you love!

Ms. Salter  
Physical Education Specialist  
East Lake Elementary



## NO CHILD CARE ON JANUARY 13

This is a reminder to all families who participate in our Tier 1 Essential Workers Child Care Program. There will be no elementary tier 1 child care next week, Wednesday, January 13 due to it being a school release / professional development day.

The YMCA is offering fee-based, full day care at three district sites on January 13 – Cedar Park and Highland elementary schools in Apple Valley and Woodland Elementary in Eagan. Registration will be available by next week Monday at [https://www.ymcanorth.org/child\\_care\\_preschool/school\\_age\\_care/locations](https://www.ymcanorth.org/child_care_preschool/school_age_care/locations).

More information with families about elementary Tier 1 child care for the week of January 18 will be sent out to families as details are solidified.

**REMINDER: NO SCHOOL JANUARY 18 -- MLK DAY**

### District 196 School Board Members

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Happy Holidays East Lake Families!

I hope you are all well and staying safe. I miss seeing the students so much.



We are in the process of finishing our Soccer unit. The students have done great adapting virtually and finding space and time to participate. Thank you very much for being flexible.

In February we will be rolling out **Kids Heart Challenge**. You may gain more information from our website.

<http://www2.heart.org/goto/eastlakehasheart>

I hope you continue to stay safe and healthy as we progress into 2021.



As always please reach out with any questions or concerns!

Take care, East Lake families!

-Mr. Foster

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## Save The Date!

Our school is getting ready to kick-off **KIDS HEART CHALLENGE!** We are so excited to participate in this service-learning program from the American Heart Association that will teach your student how to care for their hearts-- physically and emotionally, while raising lifesaving donations.

East Lake Elementary and the American Heart Association will be kicking off our Kid's Heart Challenge on **Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**. Our students will learn about the work the AHA does and **challenge students** to start living a healthy lifestyle. With the help of our friends, the **HEART HEROES**, our school is going to fight Heart Disease and get rid of it **for good!**



All of the Heart Heroes have a **special message** they are teaching our students and reminding them the importance of being physically active, healthy eating and helping others. **ANY** student who takes the **CHALLENGE!** will earn a wristband to wear proudly and remind them to be healthy.

Here's how you can help:

1. Register <http://www2.heart.org/goto/eastlakehasheart> or search, "Kids Heart Challenge" in your app store.
2. Take the challenge
3. Complete Finn's Mission
4. Have fun!

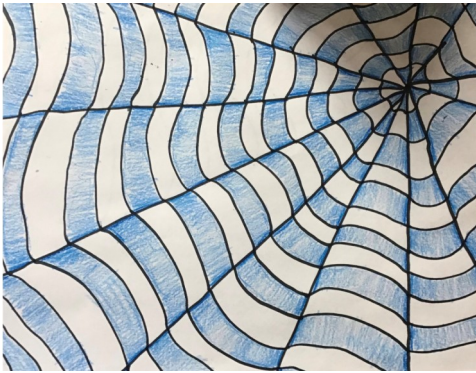
**Download the Kids Heart Challenge App Here:**



**Thank you** for joining us as we challenge each other to keep our hearts healthy and raise donations for kids with special hearts.

Mrs. Salter and Mr. Foster  
Physical Education Specialists

LAKER STUDENT ARTWORK



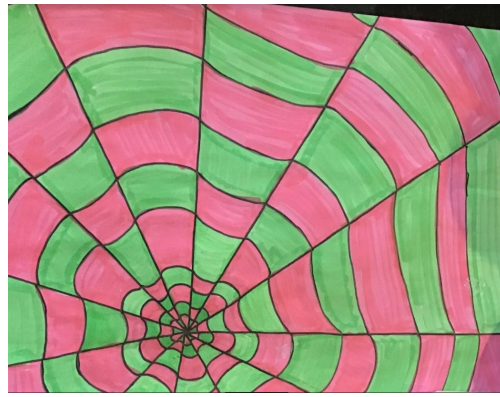
Amelia B. – 5R

East Lake Artists have been doing an amazing job staying creative during distance learning. I'm proud of students working hard and being creative with the materials they have available at home or child care settings. Way to go, Laker Artists!

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are learning about the art style, Op Art. This art style creates an optical illusion and tricks your eyes to see movement, bending or tunnels using Lines, Shapes, Colors, and Patterns on a flat surface. Keep up the good work, Artists!



Greta E. – 4H



Jocelyn M. 5R



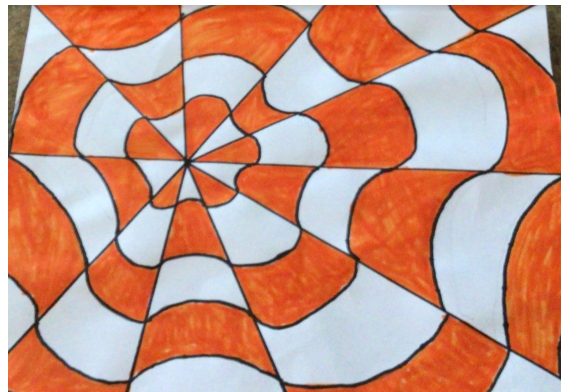
Maksim S. – 4R



Reese M – 4Sc



Seth C. – 4H



Fritz J – 4R



## COALITION TO SUPPORT GRIEVING STUDENTS PROGRAM

In the spring of 2020, East Lake Elementary was awarded a grant through the New York Life Foundation, Grieving Schools Initiative. East Lake staff attended a presentation to learn more about how to support grieving students in our East Lake community. As a group, our staff decided that a “support bag” of comfort items would be the best way to utilize this grant and make a connection with our students. These support bags are available to any East Lake student who has experienced a death in their family (pets included!).

### SUPPORT BAGS

#### How will my child receive a support bag?

Please reach out to your child’s teacher or directly to one of our social workers, Amy Toonen, [amytoonen@district196.org](mailto:amytoonen@district196.org) or Kristina Bonello, [kristina.bonello@district196.org](mailto:kristina.bonello@district196.org).

#### Support bags may include:

Book -appropriate to child’s developmental level

Stuffed Animal

Journal and cool multiple-color pen and crayons

Putty

Fidget toy

Bubble Motion toy

Backpack

\*Information for families about how to support their child

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