



OTTER LAKE NEWS



May/June 2021

Important Numbers

**Ms. Cynthia Mueller Principal-
651-653-2843**

Main Office- 651-653-2831

Attendance Line -651-653-2832

Health Office- 651-653-2846

Nurse 651-653-2845

Kitchen 651-653-2839

Extended Day- 651-653-2834

Fax 651-653-2833

Transportation 651-407-7538

**Emergency School Closing-
651-407-7540**

Upcoming Dates

5/4- PTA mtg 7pm-8pm google meet

5/4- Math MCAs 3rd-5th Grade

5/5- Math MCAs 3rd-5th Grade

5/18-PTA mtg 7pm-8pm google meet

5/20- Book Fair 3pm-8pm

5/31- Memorial Day- No School

6/4- Walk For Water

6/11- Last Day of School

New 2021/2022 Elementary School Day Hours

7:30-7:45 - student arrival

2:15-2:30 - student dismissal

**If you need to utilize Extended Day
for before or after school,
[registration](#) opened April 30th
for the 2021/2022 school year.**

COVID Decision Tree

If you have a child who is experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 please refer to the [Decision Tree](#). If you have any questions please call the school health office at 651-653-2846.

KINDERGARTEN GATHERING

We are excited to invite you to our spring Kindergarten Gathering! We have two options for families to attend the Kindergarten Gathering.

In-Person Option:

The in-person Kindergarten Gathering event will be held on Thursday, May 13th. Each student and ONE family member will sign-up for a 20 minute slot between 4:00-5:30. At the gathering event, your Kindergartner will meet a kindergarten teacher, get to see a kindergarten classroom, go on a school tour, and learn more about kindergarten!

To ensure social distancing and safety measures, only your Kindergartner and ONE family member will be able to attend the in-person option. The in-person option will be conducted in groups of up to 5 Kindergartners, 5 family members, and one staff member (total group size approximately 11).

Masks must be worn at all times.

Please self-screen at home prior to the event and stay home if any symptoms are noted.

Drive-through Option:

The drive-through Kindergarten Gathering event will take place on Thursday, May 13th from 5:40-6:00. Families will stay in their car and drive up to the Otter Lake front doors where a staff member will greet you and give you a bag of Kindergarten “goodies” to get your child excited about Kindergarten!

Sign-up

To sign-up for the In-person Option, [please click on this link](#). Only sign-up for ONE 20 minute slot.

To sign-up for the Drive-Through Option, [please click on this link](#)!

*If you have not yet registered your child for kindergarten, please do so as soon as possible.

Staffing for kindergarten is based on current enrollment. You can access enrollment information by visiting <https://www.isd624.org/enroll/enrollment> or by calling the Otter Lake office at 651-653-2831.

*If you are no longer planning on attending Otter Lake, please contact our front office at 651-653-2831 or molly.franta@isd624.org

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Walk for Water

H2O for Life offers a service-learning opportunity designed to engage, educate and inspire youth to take action to solve the global water crisis by raising awareness and funds to support implementation of water, sanitation and hygiene education projects for global partner schools.

The OLE Walk for Water will take place Friday, June 4th. More information about the events that day will be sent home as the date gets closer.

One way we are raising funds to support this cause is through the sale of H2O for Life merchandise. If you are interested in purchasing any of the items shown on the back of this paper, you may place your order using SmartSchool or complete this form.

[SmartSchool Link](#) → Click on "Submit Payment for Lunch, School Activities"

The t-shirt is listed under "Walk for Water T-shirt"

The bag is listed under "Walk for Water Backpack"

The water bottle is listed under "Walk for Water Water Bottle"

Direct donation is listed under "Walk for Water Donation"

Orders and payment are due Friday, May 7th by 4:00 p.m.. Items will be sent home prior to the June 4th event. Direct donations are also accepted and appreciated.

Thank you!



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Walk for Water

Student Name: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____

H2O for Life T-shirt - BLUE ~ \$10



Youth Size (*Small, Medium, Large*) _____ x (*quantity*) _____

Adult Size: (*Small, Medium, Large*) _____ x (*quantity*) _____

Youth Size (*Small, Medium, Large*) _____ x (*quantity*) _____

Adult Size: (*Small, Medium, Large*) _____ x (*quantity*) _____



H2O for Life String Backpack - BLUE ~ \$7

Quantity: _____



H2O for Life Water Bottle - ORANGE ~ \$8

Quantity: _____

Direct Donation

Amount: _____

Total Money Enclosed: _____

Items will be delivered prior to the June 4th Walk for Water.

Thank you for your support!



White Bear Lake Schools Did You Know?

AFFORDABLE School Linked Mental Health Services are available in your district!

All agencies serve diverse communities with face to face, online and telephone appointments.

Please talk with your School Social Worker, Counselor or Psychologist
or connect with the agencies listed directly below:



Northeast Youth and Family Services

(WBL High Schools North and South Campus and Central and Sunrise Middle Schools)

- CONTACT: 651-757-4071 (Tracy Allen, intake coordinator, NYFS WBL office). If you receive voicemail, please leave a message.

Natalis Counseling & Psychology Solutions

(Lake Aires and Matoska Elementary Schools)

- CONTACT: 651-796-3957 (Tony Vue, Natalis School Linked Coordinator (St. Paul Office). If you receive voicemail, please leave a message.



North Homes Children and Family Services

(Birch Lake, Otter, Vadnais and Lincoln Elementary Schools)

- CONTACT: Rachel Bougalis, MS LPCC 320-282-5302



Family Innovations

(Oneka and Willow Elementary Schools)

- CONTACT: 612-746-7329 (f you receive voicemail, please leave a message.
***Tell them you attend White Bear Lake Area Schools)**



School-Linked Mental Health services are for students experiencing social, emotional or behavioral problems.

If your child is covered by any health insurance plan, providers will bill the insurance company and assess the co-pay required. However, if you are uninsured, underinsured, have a high deductible or co-pay amount that you are not able to pay, grant funds can help cover these costs through the Department of Human Services, the Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative and the Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative.

Bear Care



Health and Wellness Clinic



FREE health care services to students of all ages
in the White Bear Lake Area School District

(651) 653 - 2923

[BearCare@BearCareClinic.org](mailto: BearCare@BearCareClinic.org)

Open Tuesdays and Wednesdays

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

5045 Division Ave, WBL

*Call or email to make an appointment



Services Provided

- Wellness exams
- Sports physicals
- Flu shots and other vaccines
- Acute illness care
- Rapid strep throat testing
- Ear infections, pink eye
- Rapid mono testing
- Influenza testing
- Bladder infections
- Mental health counseling
- Teen health
- Chronic Illness management

We do not bill health care insurance at this time.

Our Mission

The clinic provides accessible, affordable health care for all district students, to improve community health and educational outcomes.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

May PTA Corner

The primary purpose of the Otter Lake PTA is to enrich the experiences of all students. We accomplish this goal by providing both monetary and volunteer support to the school.

Did you know.....

At PTA meetings, there's a Teacher Report for every grade level. If your student never remembers what happened at school, this is a good opportunity to find out!

Your support and donations help enrich the lives of our students on a daily basis!

EXCITING NEWS: The spring book fair will have an In-Person EVENT! **May 20th 3pm-8pm** (alternate rain date May 25th 3pm-8pm) Online also an option:

May 17-31 Website:

www.scholastic.com/bf/wblole

Keep your eyes open for more information!

You will not want to miss this event.

Show your school spirit with SpiritWear

OLE SpiritWear is available all year long for purchase and gets shipped directly to your home. A portion of the proceeds go right back to OLE!

www.otterlakespiritwear.com

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SUPPLIES](#)

Please consider donating your TIME or TALENT to the OLE PTA! Even though volunteers are not allowed in the school building at this time, the OLE PTA has many ways for you to be involved.

Next Meeting Tuesday May 4th 7-8:15 pm

Come have a say on how the PTA supports our students. The May 4th meeting will be to approve the budget and Standing Rules Discussion and Approval

May 18: Elections - the PTA is in need of nominations for several board positions. If interested reach out [OLE PTA email](#)

The whole OLE community is invited!

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Have a question for Principal Mueller to answer live at the meeting?

[Click HERE to add your question to the agenda!](#)

ALL meetings will take place virtually via [Google Meet from 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.](#) Please note the time change! Copy and paste the link into your browser if you have trouble with the links below. <https://meet.google.com/ojj-deuv-xyb>

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