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## Welcoming Students Back

As we plan for the 2021-22 school year, we look forward to what is sure to be another memorable year. We will continue to provide options this fall to families, who can choose in-person learning for their students or opt to enroll in our Distance Learning Academy.

Our students will continue to learn in safe, nurturing and challenging environments where differentiated instruction and hands-on learning complement a focus on academic, social and personal development of each student. Additionally, our students will benefit from world language experiences and have access to college-level courses and Career Pathways opportunities.

Those who are looking for additional information and enrollment details can do so at [isd624.org/BeABear](http://isd624.org/BeABear).

### Translations:

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Community Services &  
Recreation Catalog

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## Join us for the 2021-22 school year!

### Choose from 2 options:

- Traditional in-person school
- Distance Learning Academy

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## Welcome to 2021-22!



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Those who are already enrolled for the year will soon receive from the district the 2021-22 Activities Calendar and Back to School letter, which will be mailed to student homes before the first day of school. Those publications include important district dates and information. Schools will also reach out to their building families with important details to begin the school year.

In the meantime, back to school information can be found at [isd624.org/BackToSchool](http://isd624.org/BackToSchool). Details covered on the page include 2021-22 calendars, school supply lists, details about the Skyward Online Family Update, busing information and a link to the Application for Educational Benefits.

Also included on the page are the most current fall plans regarding face coverings, bus and district transportation, quarantine information and more. The details that are included on the page are as current as possible, making note that state and federal requirements could change plans before the start of the school year.

We appreciate the partnership and support from families and community members as we work together to keep those students who choose traditional school in our buildings for in-person learning this school year.

Here's to a terrific 2021-22!

Dr. Wayne A. Kazmierczak  
Superintendent of White Bear Lake Area Schools

Find complete information at  
[isd624.org/BackToSchool](http://isd624.org/BackToSchool)

Mark Your Calendar for Coffee with Dr. K

## FREE Senior Activity Pass

More than 300 Senior community members (those age 65+) who live in the District participate in the Senior Activities Pass program and enjoy complimentary admission to school activities.

Please apply at [isd624.org/SeniorActivitiesPass](http://isd624.org/SeniorActivitiesPass) and your pass will be mailed to you. If you have questions, please contact Rachael Markuson at 651-407-7563 or [rachael.markuson@isd624.org](mailto:rachael.markuson@isd624.org).



## Coffee with Dr. K

Community members are invited to stop by throughout the 2021-22 academic year for an informal chat with White Bear Lake Area Schools Superintendent Wayne Kazmierczak over a cup of coffee or tea at the Downtown Caribou Coffee location.

There is no set agenda, so feel free to order a beverage and then find Dr. K in the meeting room to join the conversation.

Dates of the 2021-22 Coffee with Dr. K events:

- Nov. 16, 7:30-8:30 a.m.
- Feb. 10, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- May 10, 4-5 p.m.

## District-wide Hires



### **Matt Menier**

Matt Menier was chosen to serve as the Willow Elementary principal on a permanent basis after stepping into the role as an interim principal in November of 2020. Menier, who had previously served in the district as associate principal at Sunrise Park Middle School, will continue to work with our students, families and staff members on the exciting things happening at Willow.



### **Amber Walsh**

Amber Walsh, who served in an interim principal role for the Distance Learning Academy (DLA) during the 2020-21 school year, was recently confirmed as the permanent principal of the DLA. The distance learning school is an option for students again this academic year. Walsh was previously a dean at Central Middle School in the district. She also has elementary principal experiences from earlier in her career.



### **Norman Bell**

Norman Bell recently stepped into the role of associate principal for Sunrise Park Middle School. For the past two years, Bell has served as the assistant principal at L'Etoile Du Nord French Immersion School in Saint Paul. Having worked in the Saint Paul Public School District since 2010, he comes with a range of school leadership experience including service as a licensed school counselor, behavior interventionist, and cultural specialist.



### **Breanna Peloquin**

Breanna Peloquin recently stepped into the dean of students role at Central Middle School. Peloquin came to White Bear from Mounds View Public Schools, where she has served for 16 of her 17 years as an educator. She has been a middle school health and physical education teacher, a high school dean of students and most recently an administrative intern at Irondale High School.



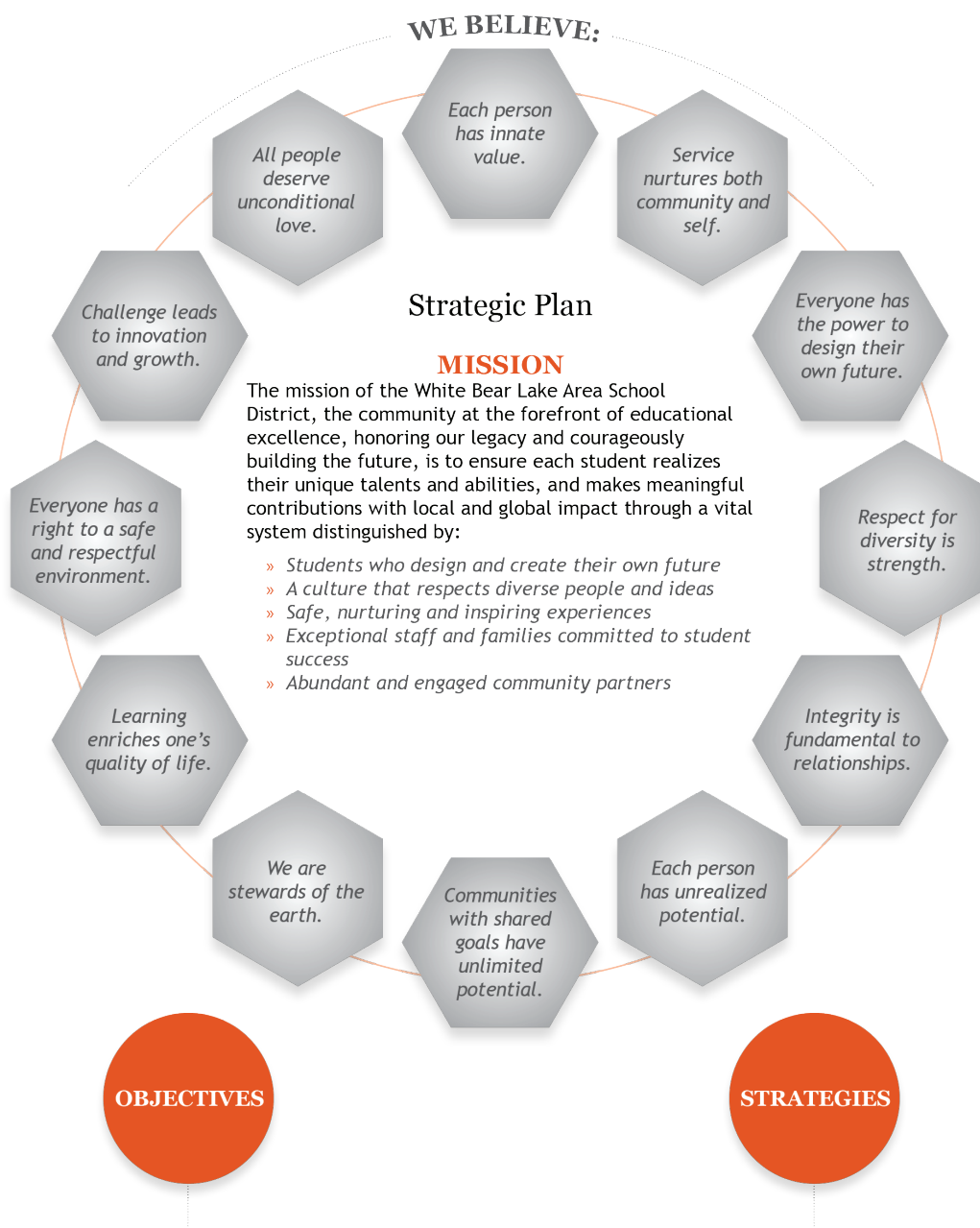
### **Ryan Clark**

Ryan Clark was recently named dean of students at Sunrise Park Middle School. Clark has worked in the White Bear Lake School District since 2014, serving as a health, physical education and DAPE teacher, innovation coach, and instructional coach. During the 20-21 school year, he filled several critical roles for Sunrise, leading professional development, course registration, and 6th grade discipline.



### **Nathaniel Beulah**

Nathaniel Beulah Jr. recently began in the district as the associate principal position at White Bear Lake Area High School - North Campus. Beulah comes to the district from Eden Prairie High School, where he served as dean of students. He was previously an ethnic studies teacher and served in a variety of roles in Minneapolis Public Schools.



Each student meaningfully contributes to community.

100% OF STUDENTS:

- feel valued.
- accomplish their personalized learning plan.
- are prepared for and implement their design for their future.
- graduate.
- creatively adapt to an ever-changing world.

WE WILL:

- ensure that each student is the primary agent in their learning.
- provide expanding access to a broad range of opportunities for all students.
- foster community engagement and partnerships.
- build organizational capacity.
- embrace all cultures with humility and respect.
- ensure learning environments enhance students' educational experience.
- engage families as partners in the education of their children.
- ensure the social and emotional growth of each student.
- imagine new concepts in learning and teaching at White Bear Lake Area High School.

Find district- and site-level plans at [isd624.org/about/strategic-planning](http://isd624.org/about/strategic-planning)

**Fall 2021 District 624 School Board**



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**GENERAL SCHOOL BOARD EMAIL ADDRESS:**  
[schoolboard@isd624.org](mailto:schoolboard@isd624.org)

**A White Bear Lake Area School Board Member election will take place on Election Day, November 2, 2021.**

**School Board Meetings**

- Aug. 23 ..... Work Session
- Sept. 13 ..... Regular Mtng
- Sept. 27 ..... Work Session
- Oct. 11 ..... Regular Mtng
- Oct. 25 ..... Work Session
- Nov. 8 ..... Regular Mtng
- Nov. 22 ..... Work Session
- Dec. 13 ..... Regular Mtng

- » All Board meetings take place in the Community Room 112 at District Center (4855 Bloom Ave).
  - Both Regular and Work Session meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
- » Agendas, Board Packets, Minutes, Highlights and Video links are posted on the District’s website as they become available.
- » Regular School Board meetings are re-broadcast on Cable Channel 20 in the local viewing area the week of a regular business meeting:
  - Wed at 2 p.m., 6 p.m. & 9 p.m.
  - Thurs at 10 a.m.

**District-wide Cultural Liaisons**



**MILES WEBB SR.**  
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**NIRVANA YANG**  
 Hmong & Asian Amer. Liaison  
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White Bear Lake Area Schools is currently in the process of filling an open Native American Liaison position.



**Requesting an Interpreter**

Families can request that a district staff member call them through the use of an interpreter who speaks the language they speak.

Information about how to make the request can be found in text and audio translations, in all languages spoken by students in the district, on the district website at [isd624.org](http://isd624.org) or at the QR code at left.





### Facilities Update

The Transportation Department recently moved into their new location in Hugo, a 12,900-square foot facility that will house transportation staff and the district's fleet. Vehicles will be maintained and managed at the new facility.

The project, which allows for expansion of the unified high school campus into the old Transportation site, was made possible by the community's support of the 2019 Bond Referendum.



Find complete information about the district's Facilities projects at [isd624.org/about/building-our-future](http://isd624.org/about/building-our-future)

## OUR MISSION



The mission of the White Bear Lake Area School District, the community at the forefront of educational excellence, honoring our legacy and courageously building the future, is to ensure each student realizes their unique talents and abilities, and makes meaningful contributions with local and global impact through a vital system distinguished by:

- Students who design and create their own future
- A culture that respects diverse people and ideas
- Safe, nurturing, and inspiring experiences
- Exceptional staff and families committed to student success
- Abundant and engaged community partners

## WE ARE HIRING!

Find Employment info at [isd624.org](http://isd624.org).



- Substitute Teachers
- Extended Day staff
- Nutrition Services staff
- Bus drivers
- Paras
- MORE!

651-407-7500  
[isd624.org](http://isd624.org)



### Equity Commitment:

*To nurture the whole student, we disrupt systemic inequities by recognizing, honoring, and embracing all cultures with humility and respect.*

#### 4-Way Equity Decision Making Protocol

- 1 How does this help to provide opportunities to students who have been marginalized within the system in the past?
- 2 How does this help to ensure equitable access for all?
- 3 How does this help to eliminate barriers based on race/ethnicity, gender, disability, age, or other protected groups?
- 4 How does this ensure that the same rigorous standards for academic performance exist for all students?


**Elementary Schools**
**Birch Lake**

1616 Birch Lake Ave, WBL  
Office: 651-653-2776  
Hours: 7:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.  
Grades served: K-5  
Jonathan Luknic, Principal

**Hugo Elementary**

14895 Francesca Ave N, Hugo  
Office: 651-653-2798  
Hours: 7:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.  
Grades served: K-1  
Brian Morris, Principal

**Lakeaires**

3963 Van Dyke St, WBL  
Office: 651-653-2809  
Hours: 7:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.  
Grades served: K-5  
Cary Krusemark, Principal

**Lincoln**

1961 Sixth St, WBL  
Office: 651-653-2820  
Hours: 7:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.  
Grades served: K-5  
Dan Schmidt, Principal

**Matoska Int'l IB World School**

2530 Spruce Place, WBL  
Office: 651-653-2847  
Hours: 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Grades served: K-5  
John Leininger, Principal

**Oneka**

4888 Heritage Pkwy North, Hugo  
Office: 651-288-1800  
Hours: 7:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.  
Grades served: 2-5  
Lori Mosser, Principal

**Otter Lake**

1401 County Rd H2, WBT  
Office: 651-653-2831  
Hours: 7:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.  
Grades served: K-5  
Cynthia Mueller, Principal

**Vadnais Heights**

3645 Centerville Rd, VH  
Office: 651-653-2858  
Hours: 7:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.  
Grades served: K-5  
Sara Svir, Principal

**Willow Lane**

3375 Willow Ave, WBL  
Office: 651-773-6170  
Hours: 7:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.  
Grades served: K-5  
Matt Menier, Principal


**Middle Schools**
**Central Middle School**

4857 Bloom Ave  
White Bear Lake, MN 55110  
Office: 651-653-2888  
Hours: 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Grades served: 6-8  
Cathryn Peterson, Principal  
Robert Brewer, Assoc. Principal  
Breanna Peloquin, Dean of Students

**Sunrise Park Middle School**

2399 Cedar Ave  
White Bear Lake, MN 55110  
Office: 651-653-2700  
Hours: 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Grades served: 6-8  
Christina Pierre, Principal  
Norman Bell, Assoc. Principal  
Ryan Clark, Dean of Students


**High School Campuses**
**WBLAHS - North Campus**

5045 Division Ave, WBL  
Hours: 8:25 a.m.-3:10 p.m.  
Grades served: 9-10  
Office: 651-653-2920  
Angela Nelson, Principal  
Dion Harriman, Assoc. Principal  
Nathaniel Beulah, Assoc. Principal  
Brian Peloquin, Activities Dir. (9-12)

**WBLAHS - South Campus**

3551 McKnight Rd, WBL  
Hours: 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Grades served: 11-12  
Office: 651-773-6200  
Don Bosch, Principal  
Matthew Young, Assoc. Principal  
Carrie Barth, Assoc. Principal  
Brian Peloquin, Activities Dir. (9-12)

**WBL Area Learning Center**

2449 Orchard Lane, WBL  
Hours: varied times  
Grades served: 9-12  
Office: 651-773-6400  
Gretchen Harriman, Principal  
*\* INSIGHT, recovery high school for students who have completed a chemical treatment program, housed at the ALC.*


**Additional Sites**
**Early Childhood Program**

For Ages 0-5  
Main Office: 651-653-3100  
Darcy Rodriguez, Early Childhood Supervisor  
Angela Drange, ECSE Supervisor

**Transition Education Center**

Ages served: 18-21  
13497 Fenway Blvd. Cir. N., Hugo  
Office: 651-773-6051  
Sara Derby, Supervisor

**Distance Learning Academy**

Office: 651-653-2741  
Amber Walsh, Principal

**Senior Program**

For ages 50+  
2484 East Cty Rd F, WBL  
Office: 651-653-3121  
Jon Anderson, Coordinator

## Send Us Your Bear Wear Pics!

We are looking for photos of little ones in their "Born to be a Bear" onesies and "I'm a Bear" shirts!

Email photos to [communications@isd624.org](mailto:communications@isd624.org) and you may find your little one(s) featured in a District publication!

Onesies are sent to families who live in the district upon the arrival of a little one, and shirts are sent to households with toddlers when they receive Screen at 3 information. Kindergartners receive shirts when their enrollment paperwork is complete.



## Early Childhood Screening - Screen at 3

Early Childhood Screening is required by the state of Minnesota for all children prior to entering kindergarten.

The best age at which to screen is age three. The White Bear Lake Area School District provides this screening at no charge.

### 3 REASONS TO SCREEN AT 3:

- Screening can ensure school success
- If health or developmental concerns are identified, educational services are available
- It is fun and provides parents/guardians with valuable information regarding child development



Register for Early Childhood Screening online at <https://whitebear.ce.eleyo.com> or 651-653-3100

Early Childhood Screening takes place at:  
Normandy Park Education Center, 2482 East County Road F, WBL



## Digital Backpack

The Community Services Department distributes electronic flyers on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Flyers include announcements from the school district, as well as local organizations that offer opportunities for youth.

Those who wish to request distribution of a flyer should email the files to Director Tim Maurer at [tim.maurer@isd624.org](mailto:tim.maurer@isd624.org).

## Important Dates

- » **AUGUST 23**  
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION  
5:30 p.m. at District Center
- » **SEPTEMBER 8**  
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (GR. 1-12+)
- » **SEPTEMBER 9**  
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (GR. K)
- » **SEPTEMBER 13**  
FIRST DAY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS
- » **SEPTEMBER 13**  
SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 p.m. at District Center
- » **SEPTEMBER 27**  
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION  
5:30 p.m. at District Center
- » **OCTOBER 4-9**  
HOMECOMING WEEK  
Oct. 8 Homecoming Football Game
- » **OCTOBER 11**  
SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 p.m. at District Center
- » **OCTOBER 25**  
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION  
5:30 p.m. at District Center
- » **NOVEMBER 2**  
ELECTION DAY  
District-related ballot items:  
- School Board Member Election
- » **NOVEMBER 8**  
SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 p.m. at District Center
- » **NOVEMBER 16**  
COFFEE WITH DR. K  
7:30-8:30 a.m. at Downtown WBL Caribou Coffee
- » **NOVEMBER 22**  
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION  
5:30 p.m. at District Center





# White Bear Lake Area Schools

Leading minds to learning, hearts to compassion,  
and lives to community service.

Serving the communities of Birchwood, Gem Lake, Hugo, Lino Lakes, Little Canada, Maplewood, North Oaks, Vadnais Heights, White Bear Lake, and White Bear Township.



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## Stay Connected

• **E-NEWSLETTER**

The Community e-Newsletter is sent out each week, with alternating text and video editions. The text editions cover student and staff successes, school and Community Education offerings, and School Board proceedings. Those who wish to be added to the Community e-Newsletter list may contact us at [communications@isd624.org](mailto:communications@isd624.org).

• **STAY SOCIAL**

Join White Bear Lake Area Schools' social media circles - Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

[www.isd624.org](http://www.isd624.org)



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