

*Class of 2038*

# KINDERGARTEN

*DECEMBER 2, 6PM*

*Information Night*



2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR





## VISION

A world-class district centered on students, driven by results

## MISSION

Inspire and empower each student to reach their full potential

## OUR PRIORITIES



### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Students receive challenging, rigorous, and relevant instruction for their unique learning needs and goals, and to develop essential skills to be successful.



### OPTIMIZE RESOURCES

Prioritize efficient and effective use of fiscal, human, and capital resources through excellence in governance, administration, and staff.



### POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Foster a welcoming, inclusive, and safe learning environment, where staff are valued, and students can fully engage in learning.



### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Develop a culture of engagement through shared responsibility, and collaboration among students, staff, families, and community partners.

## CORE BELIEFS

**Accountability:** We are transparent, take responsibility for actions and decisions, answer to our community, and uphold commitments and standards of excellence.

**Respect:** We appreciate the value, feelings, and rights of others, fostering an environment of mutual understanding and consideration.

**Unity:** We support each other, cultivating a sense of belonging, and collective strength, ensuring everyone is seen, valued, and heard as we pursue our common goals together.

**Stewardship:** We responsibly manage resources, ensuring their sustainability, and ethical use for the benefit of current and future generations.



# Two options

- Full-Day Kindergarten
- Full-Day Kindergarten Spanish Immersion
  - La ola del lago at Grainwood





# Full-Day Kindergarten

- Students attend their boundary school
- Transportation is provided (K-5 buses)
- Free breakfast and lunch
- Start times vary by building
- Before and after-school childcare is available

Curricular Areas	Full-Day Kindergarten
<b>Social Readiness &amp; Work Habits, Responsive Classroom</b>	<b>Morning meeting, rules and logical consequences, and classroom organization</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Whole-group instruction, small group guided reading sessions, including phonics instruction, along with opportunities for independent reading</b>
<b>Writing</b>	<b>Whole-group instruction, small group guided writing sessions, and independent writing</b>
<b>Math</b>	<b>Core instruction. Extension activities that provide challenge based on student ability.</b>
<b>Science &amp; E-STEM (Environmental Education - Science, Technology, Engineering &amp; Math</b>	<b>Core instruction. Extension activities that provide challenge based on student ability.</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>Core instruction</b>
<b>Specials: Music, Art, Phy Ed, Media/Technology</b>	<b>250 minutes/week</b>





# Award-winning environmental education

## E-STEM

Environmental Education-  
Science, Technology,  
Engineering, Math

Our schools are the first  
district-wide E-STEM schools  
in Minnesota





# Technology





# Responsive Classroom

Social-emotional and academic learning combine to encourage and empower children

The outcomes:

- increases social skills and academic achievement
- creates positive classroom climate
- expands learner investment and independence
- lessens disruptive behavior



**Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility,  
Empathy and Self-Control**





# We welcome parent volunteers

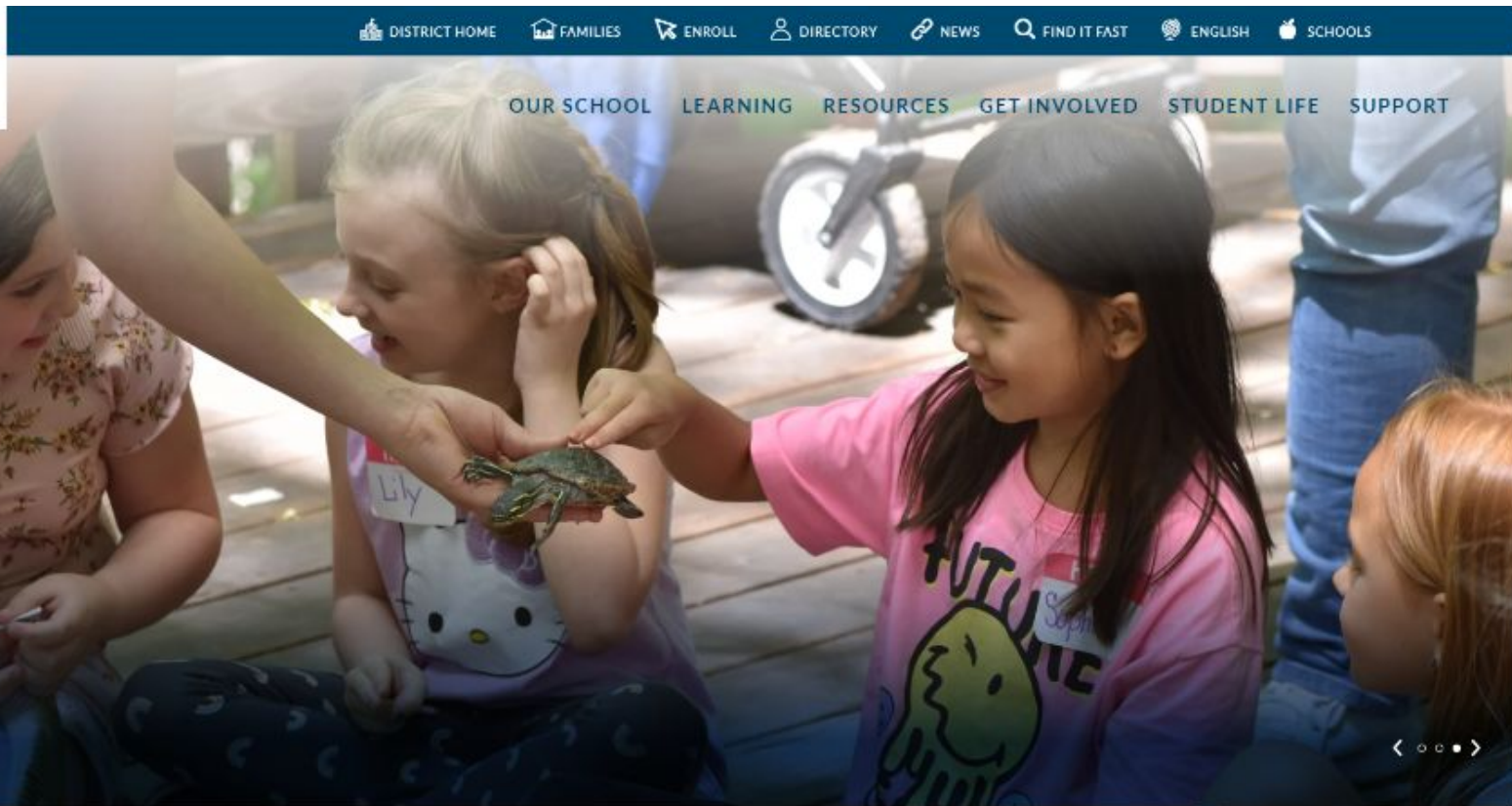


- **P.T.C.**  
(Parents, Teachers & Children)
- **D.O.G.S.**  
(Dads of Great Students)
- Partners in education
- Fundraising
- School events
- Promote school spirit



# Student Activities

plsas.org → Choose School → Student Life





# Before and after-school childcare: Kids' Company



**[www.plsas.org/KidsCo](http://www.plsas.org/KidsCo)**

Ashley Kruse, Kids' Company Coordinator  
(952) 226-0378 | [akruse@plsas.org](mailto:akruse@plsas.org)





# School start and end times

## **Five Hawks Elementary**

8:30 am-3 pm

## **Glendale Elementary**

9:20 am-3:50 pm

## **Hamilton Ridge Elementary**

9:20 am-3:50 pm

## **Jeffers Pond Elementary**

9:20 am-3:50 pm

## **La ola del lago at Grainwood**

9:20 am-3:50 pm

## **Redtail Ridge Elementary**

8:30 am-3 pm

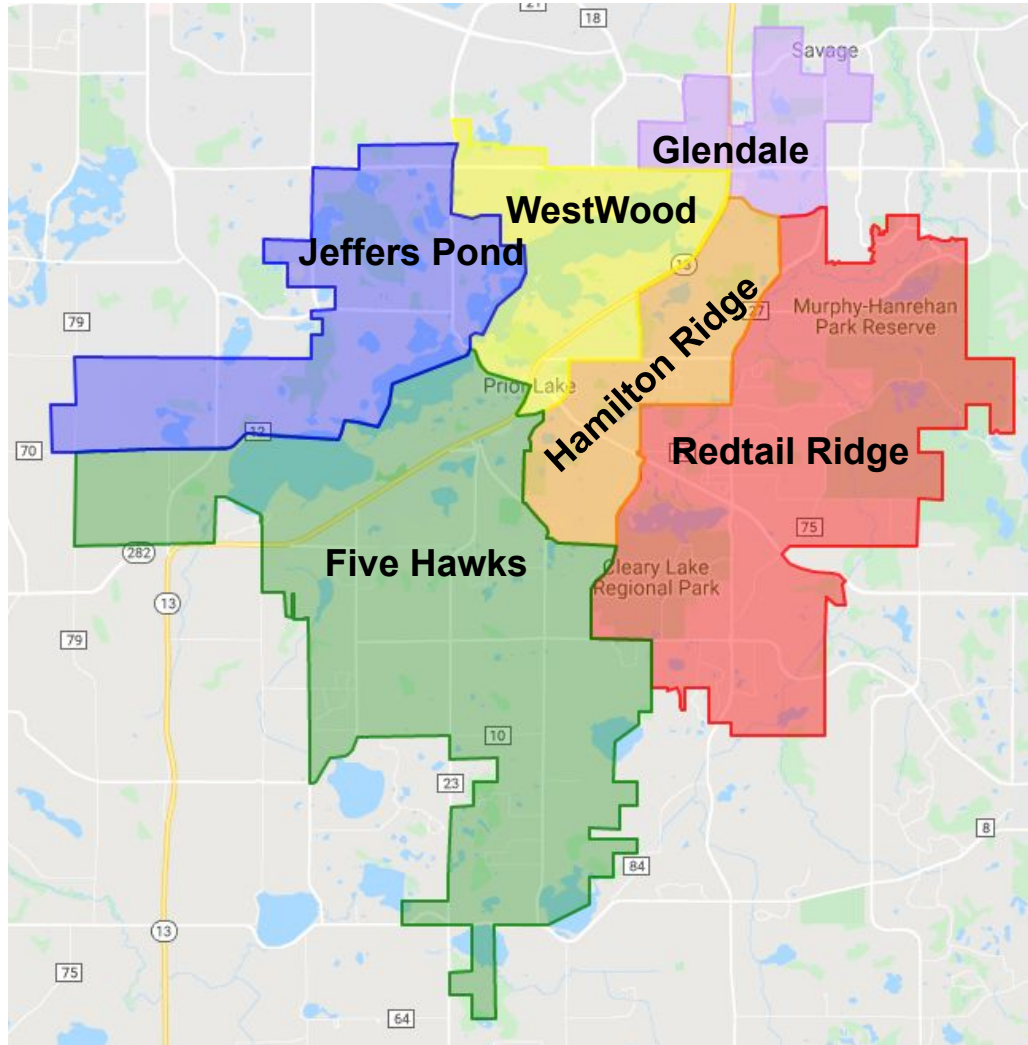
## **WestWood Elementary**

9:20 am-3:50 pm



# Resident families

Resident families are those who reside within the district boundaries of Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools. To find your boundary school, visit: [www.plsas.org/map](http://www.plsas.org/map)





# In-District Transfers (IDT)

IDT requests will be granted for siblings of students at the following programs:

(families must still complete an IDT form)

- SAGE
- Special Education Center-Based Programs

Please contact your building principal to work through the process.





# Non-Resident (Open Enrollment)

Open Enrollment is offered in schools throughout Minnesota and is designed to give parents a choice in seeking the public school that best fits the needs and interests of the individual

In PLSAS, Open Enrollment applies only to families who do not reside within the district boundaries of our school district



# Open Enrollment (OE)

- Under OE, families are requesting enrollment into the district, not a site within the district
- OE forms are to be filled out listing 3 school options (no options are guaranteed)
- OE students will be assigned a school based on building capacity as well as balanced building and district class sizes



# **Open Enrollment Timeline**

**[www.plsas.org/enroll](http://www.plsas.org/enroll)**

**The district is now accepting Open Enrollment applications for the 2025-26 school year. Forms are available on our website [www.plsas.org/enroll](http://www.plsas.org/enroll)**

**School placement will be announced to open enrollment families by March 2025.**





# Enrollment Opens Online Dec. 12, 2024

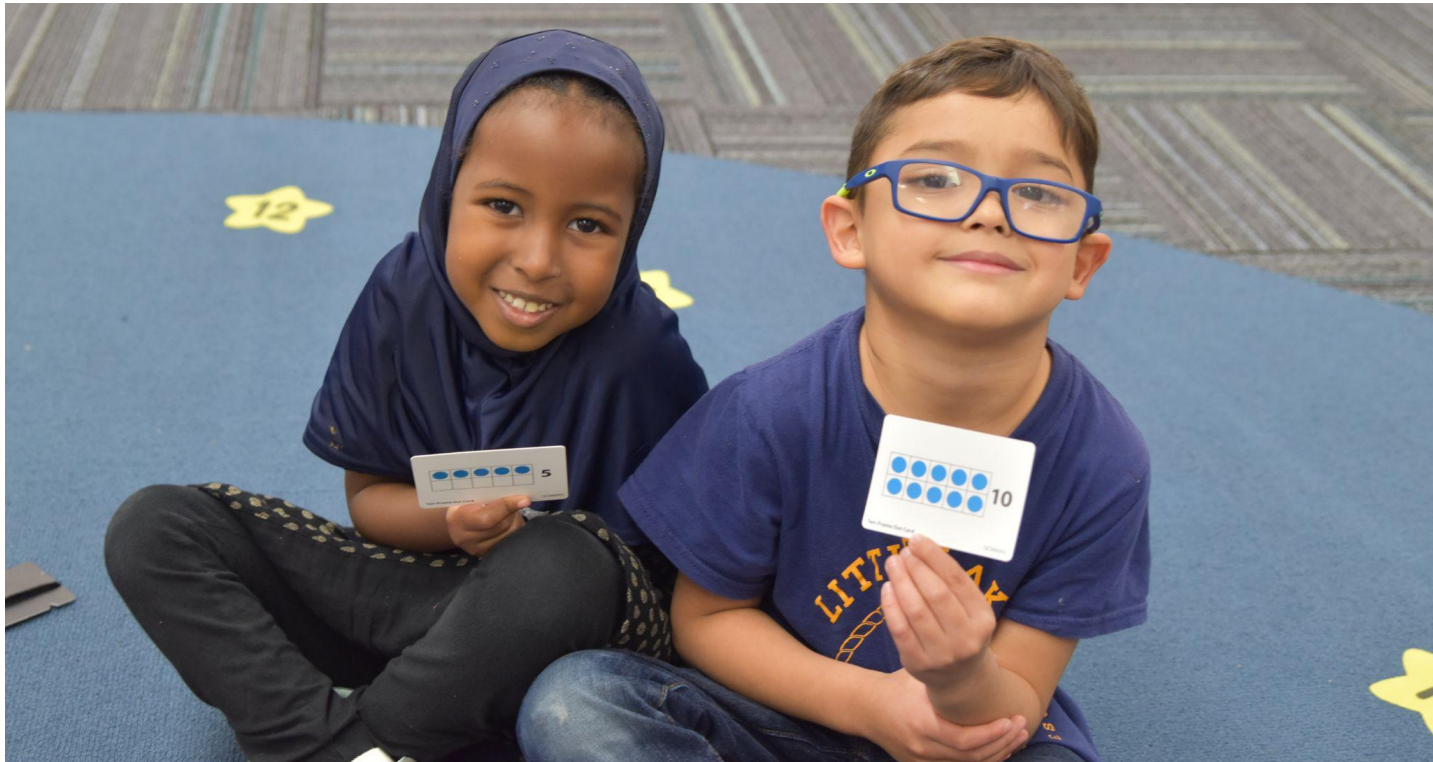
- Beginning **December 12** visit the district's enrollment page to begin the student registration process. **Note:** Please wait to enroll until December 12. Enrollments submitted prior to that date will result in having to re-submit enrollment information on December 12th.
- Families are strongly encouraged to enroll their child online between **December 12, 2024 and January 8, 2025**.
- Resident families interested in La ola del lago are encouraged to enroll by January 17. If more than 96 resident students enroll, a lottery will be held on January 24.
- Please have your child's most recent immunization record ready to upload, along with your student's birth certificate or passport.
- Enrollment will only be available online: **[www.plsas.org/enroll](http://www.plsas.org/enroll)**
  - No computer? No problem! Visit the District Services Center between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. 4540 Tower Street SE, Prior Lake. Please allow 30 minutes to complete enrollment.

**[www.plsas.org/enroll](http://www.plsas.org/enroll)**



# Early Entrance

Enrollment is for students 5-years-old by September 1. Children reaching age 5 after September 1 may meet specific criteria for early entrance into kindergarten. Visit the kindergarten enrollment website to access an Early Entrance Application at [www.plsas.org/enroll](http://www.plsas.org/enroll)





# Early Childhood Screening



**Schedule your Early Childhood Screening now**

**Call Edgewood School: (952) 226-0975 or scan the code**

Minnesota requires all children to be screened before entering public school kindergarten. The screening is most valuable soon after your child's third birthday.

Screening is FREE and includes growth, development and immunization checks. Your child will be assessed in these important areas:

- Preschool concepts
- Communication skills
- Motor skills
- Social-emotional skills

If your child has already been screened in another school district, please provide the screening report. Children do not need to be screened if they have an active IEP (Individualized Education Program).

Parents can choose to conscientiously object to screening for their child. If you object, please provide a signed statement.



# Educational Benefits

[www.plsas.org/meals](http://www.plsas.org/meals)



## Educational BENEFITS

Apply NOW  
through your  
**School Café**  
account

### Benefits In School



Field Trips



Athletics



Kids' Co.



Student Fees



Community Education



School Funding



Instrument Rentals



Device Protection Plans

### Benefits Out Of School



Some energy providers



Some internet providers



Some phone providers



Public Transportation



Theatres



Zoos



Museums



More





# Countdown to Kindergarten

## **La ola del lago at Grainwood Spanish Immersion**

**December 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

Parent Panel: hear from current La ola del lago parents, Principal Richie Kucinski and immersion teachers to get a sense of what a day-in-the-life of a Kindergarten Spanish Immersion student is like.

## **District-Wide Online Kindergarten Enrollment**

**December 12, 2024**

Parents are strongly encouraged to register their child between December 12, 2024 and January 8, 2025 to help us plan for staffing needs at each building. Visit [www.plsas.org/enroll](http://www.plsas.org/enroll) or call (952) 226-0000 to make an appointment to use a district computer.

## **Open House at Neighborhood Schools**

**May 13, 2025**

## **Great Start to Kindergarten Assessment Days**

**July 30-August 8, 2025**



Support our students • Support our classrooms

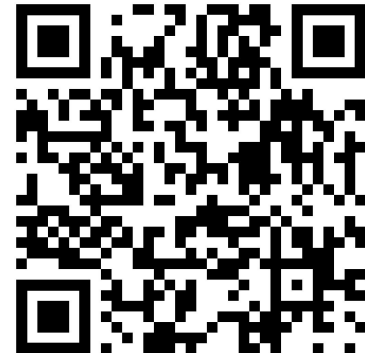


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HIRING**

FOOD SERVICES STAFF  
LUNCHROOM/NOON SUPERVISORS  
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Easy Apply at:  
[www.plsas.org/apply](http://www.plsas.org/apply)

You're **1 click** away  
from joining the  
**Laker Team**





# Questions?

## Contact your building principal



### **Five Hawks Elementary**

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### **Glendale Elementary**

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### **Hamilton Ridge Elementary**

**Sam Fredrickson**

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[sfredrickson@plsas.org](mailto:sfredrickson@plsas.org)



### **Jeffers Pond Elementary**

**Patrick Glynn**

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### **La ola del lago at Grainwood**

**Richie Kucinski**

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### **Redtail Ridge Elementary**

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### **WestWood Elementary and SAGE Academy**

**Lisa Manders**

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