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FOLLOW THE STEPS TO ENROLL FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR
Did you know? Even if you have other children attending school in
Minnetonka Schools—you must complete the steps to enroll your child in Kindergarten.
The online form is at minnetonkaschools.org/enroll.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES
Resident families: The priority deadline for resident online enrollment is January 31, 2019. What do we mean by priority? Families must make an important decision for their Kindergartener: English (all elementary schools), Chinese Immersion (Excelsior and Scenic Heights) or Spanish Immersion (Deephaven, Clear Springs, Groveland and Minnewashta). Your first choice of language and school are given priority when you register by January 31. After that date, your first-choice schools or programs may be filled.

Open-enrolled families: The state deadline for open enrollment applications is January 15, 2019. There are several steps in the approval process outlined at minnetonkaschools.org/oe-checklist. Families will be notified by February 15; at that time, they will be asked to complete the online approved open-enrollment registration.

DISTRICT OF CHOICE
Minnetonka Public Schools is among the best-performing school districts—not just in Minnesota, but across the nation. Starting in Kindergarten, our primary goal is to inspire the love of learning in children through social and emotional teaching strategies. Our curriculum balances active, playful, hands-on learning with individual, small and large group instruction designed to nurture early academic skills and promote social development. Throughout the grade levels, our innovative programs

and extensive supports help each student succeed:
• K-5 computer coding
• Personalized, child-centered education
• 1:1 iPads in grades 5-12
• Unique programs for advanced learners in elementary school: Navigator, Wings, project-based learning and accelerated math and reading
• Before- and after-school childcare in Explorers Club

ALL ARE INVITED TO INFORMATIVE ENROLLMENT EVENTS
Preschool Story Hours are parent & child events, designed to provide a positive “first look” at school. Kindergarten Info Nights are designed for adults only.

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EXPLORE MINNETONKA HIGH SCHOOL
Prospective students, join us Monday, December 3 for the “Pizza with the Principal” event at MHS. Register at http://bit.ly/PizzaDec3

Students in grades 8-11 who are considering Minnetonka High School for 2019-20 are invited to attend Pizza with the Principal on December 3 at 5 p.m. or 5:45 p.m. Prospective students will tour MHS, meet Principal Jeff Erickson and learn how to make the most of their high school experience. We’ll discuss exciting options like AP, IB, Minnetonka Research, Tonka Online and VANTAGE Advanced Professional Studies.

Message from the Superintendent
Although we have just started the 2018-19 school year, it is already time to begin making decisions about the students we will have for 2019-20 and beyond. Kindergarten is a key time for each child, and it is a critical time for the School District to begin enrolling the 2019-20 Kindergarteners. Furthermore, the District must continue enrolling students in other grades as well. The District started this year with an all-time high for any grade in the system of 936 Kindergarteners. It was also encouraging to see an increase in resident Kindergarteners. No other district in the state has its largest class be Kindergarten. It gives the District a strong base for the next 13 years, as these students go through the system.

Enrollment sustainability is critical to the District, and these strong numbers in Kindergarten provide that stability. Without sustainability, the District would need to lay off staff, eliminate important programs and close schools. There are not enough resident students any more to provide that sustainability, and accepting non-residents will still be an important part of the future in Minnetonka. Just this year, the District is receiving over $26 million in state aid for non-resident students. To give perspective to that $26 million, the District receives $24.8 million in the operating fund from local taxes. However, revenue in the future will flatten out as every school reaches its target enrollment. None of the schools will be at capacity next year, but they will be limited by the respective number of students that each school can reasonably serve.

Dr. Dennis Peterson, Superintendent
Commitment to Cost-Saving, Renewable Energy

In 2013, Minnetonka Public Schools earned the EPA Energy Star Leader Status, even though our newest building at the time was originally built in 1967. This is a rare designation; many organizations have facilities with an Energy Star rating, but very few have earned the Energy Star Leader level across the entire organization.

The following facilities receive 100% of their annual kilowatt hours from wind and solar energy through the Xcel Energy Renewable Connect Program:

- Minnetonka High School campus, including MHS, Pagel Rink 1,* Einer Anderson Field and Veterans Field
- Minnetonka Community Education Center
- District Service Center
- District Technology Center

Minnetonka Middle School East receives approximately 1,100,000 kilowatt hours of electricity from the SoCore Energy Nesvold 1 Community Solar Garden located in Watertown Township (Carver County). This is about 85% of the total kilowatt hours that the building draws annually.

After the Nokomis Energy Green Isle Community Solar Garden (Sibley County) is operational in summer 2019, Minnetonka Middle School West will receive approximately 700,000 kilowatt hours—about 65% of the annual building draw—from this solar garden.

District administrators are in discussions with other community solar garden providers so that Minnetonka’s six elementary schools can participate in projects currently under development.

The District has rebuilt all of its original boilers with modern, state-of-the-art burners and boiler interiors, and is switching to LED lights as fast as funding allows. All school parking lot lights, exterior security lights, hallway and gym lights are converted to LED, and work is ongoing in classrooms.

Minnewashta Elementary is 100% LED as of July 2017: In fiscal year 2018, Minnewashta used 19.2% less electricity than in fiscal year 2017. By January 1, all elementary schools will be converted to 100% LED with similar anticipated savings.

“We look at energy solutions as part of our daily work,” said Paul Bourgeois, Executive Director of Finance and Operations, “because it saves money over the long term in addition to being beneficial to the environment.”

* Pagel Rink 2 is owned by Minnetonka Youth Hockey Association and is on a separate meter.

Minnetonka Schools Calendar

November 2018
27...MHS Orchestra Concert, Arts Center, 7pm
29...MHS Band Concert, Arts Center, 7pm

December 2018
3...Pizza with the Principal for Prospective MHS Students, 5pm or 5:45 pm, MHS, RSVP http://bit.ly/PizzaDec3
4...Preschool Story Hour, Groveland Elementary, 9:30am
4...Preschool Story Hour, Scenic Heights Elementary, 9:30am
4...Preschool Story Hour, Clear Springs Elementary, 9:30am
4...Navigator Open House for Prospective Applicants, Excelsior Elementary, 10am
4...Who are your people...in the Community? MHS Forum, 6pm
6...MME Gr 6 Choir Concert, Cafeteria, 7pm
5...Navigator Open House for Prospective Applicants, Scenic Heights Elementary, 1pm
6...Preschool Story Hour, Excelsior Elementary, 9:30am
6...Deephaven Gr 5 Choir Concert, Deephaven Tile Gym, 7pm
7...Preschool Story Hour, Deephaven Elementary, 9am
7...Tonka Pride Winter Store, District Service Center, 3-7pm
7-8...MMW Gr 6 Theatre Performance, various times
8...Tonka Pride Winter Store, District Service Center, 8am-2pm
8-23...Holiday Musical “Sister Act,” Arts Center, various times, minnetonkatheatre.com
10...Gr 5 Choir & Orchestra Concert, Clear Springs, 7pm
10...Gr 4/5 Orchestra Concert, Excelsior Elementary, 6:30pm
10...Gr 5 Choir & Orchestra Concert, Groveland, 7pm
11...MME Gr 7 Band & Jazz Ensemble, MME Cafeteria, 7pm
11...Gr 8 Orchestra and MHS Symphony Orchestra Concert, Arts Center, 7pm
12...Coffee and Play, MCEC, 11am
12...Gr 5 Choir Concert, Excelsior Elementary, 6:30pm
17...Gr 7 Winter Choir Concert, Minnewashta Elem Gym, 6:45pm
18...Gr 8 Band/Wind Ensemble Concert, Arts Center, 7pm
18...Gr 8 Winter Choir Concert, Minnewashta Elem Gym, 8pm
18...Gr 4/5 Orchestra Concert, Minnewashta Elementary, 6:30pm
17...Gr 7 Orchestra Concert, Minnetonka Middle East, 6:30pm
17...Winter Concert, Minnetonka Middle West, 6:30pm
17-18...MHS Choir Concert, Arts Center, 7pm
17...“Tis The Season: Big Feelings, Meltdowns...” MCEC, 7pm
17...Gr 7 Orchestra Concert, Minnetonka Middle East, 7:30pm
18...Gr 5 Choir Winter Concert, Minnetonka Middle West, 6pm
18...Gr 8 Girls Choir Concert, Minnetonka Middle East, 6:15pm
18...Gr 7 Band Concert, Minnetonka Middle West, 7pm
18...Music & Lyrics Winter Concert, Groveland, 7pm
20...Gr 8 Boys Choir Concert, Minnetonka Middle East, 6:30pm
24-25...No School K-12, Winter Break, District Office Closed
26-31...No School K-12, Winter Break

January 2019
1......No School K-12, New Year’s Day, District Office Closed
2......Classes Resume
3......Kindergarten Information Night, Minnewashta, 6pm
8......Kindergarten Information Night, Groveland, 6pm
10......Kindergarten Information Night, Scenic Heights, 6pm
15......Kindergarten Information Night, Minnewashta, 6pm
10...Kindergarten Information Night, Deephaven, 6pm
10...Kindergarten Information Night, Clear Springs, 6pm
10...Kindergarten Information Night, Excelsior Elem, 6pm
10...Gr 6 & Philharmmonic Orchestra Concert, Arts Center, 7pm
14...Gr 4/5 Orchestra Concert, Scenic Heights Elementary, 7pm
15...Gr 6 Band Concert at MHS Arts Center: MME students, 6:15pm; MMW students, 7:45pm
17...Elementary Children’s Choir Concert, Arts Center, 7pm
21...No School K-12, MLK Jr. Day, District Office Closed
23...Begin 3rd Quarter, Begin 2nd Semester
24...Gr 7 Choir Concert, Minnetonka Middle East, 6:30pm
26...2019-20 Preschool Open House, MCEC, 9:30am
28-Feb...1...Paraprofessional Appreciation Week
28...Gr 5 Winter Choir Concert, Scenic Heights, 6:30pm
30...[New date] 2019-20 Minnetonka Preschool, Preschool Explorers (MPE) and Junior Explorers registration opens 7:30am Register www.minnetonka.ce.eleyo.com
30...MHS Junior Parent Program, Arts Center, 7pm
31...Kindergarten Registration Deadline