

GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD  
Thursday, April 9, 2015 6:30 PM

Boardroom / Teleconference  
1820 Xenium Ln N  
Minneapolis, MN 55441-3790

## **Agenda**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (*Action*)
2. **APPROVAL OF GENERAL MEETING AGENDA** (*Action*)
3. **OPEN FORUM** (*Information*)
4. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA** (*Action*)
  - 4.1. General Board Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2015
  - 4.2. Routine Human Resource Activities for April 9, 2015
5. **SHARE THE SUCCESS & RECOGNITION - (10 minutes)**
  - 5.1. Employee Recognition – The March 2015 “Above & Beyond” Employee
6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - (10 minutes)**
  - 6.1. Legislative Update
7. **INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT - (10 minutes)** (*Information*)
  - 7.1. What the Board Needs to Know About West Suburban Summer School
8. **BUSINESS SERVICES & LABOR RELATIONS REPORT - (30 minutes)**
  - 8.1. Financial Report - None
  - 8.2. Facilities Report
    - 8.2.1. Facilities Report on FY15 Projects (*Information*)
    - 8.2.2. South Education Center (SEC) Playfield Update (*Information*)
  - 8.3. Human Resource Report
    - 8.3.1. **Closed Session - Negotiations** (*Action*)
      - 8.3.1.1. Local 2209 Negotiations Financial Parameters Request
9. **BOARD BUSINESS - (15 minutes)** (*Information*)
  - 9.1. Policy Review & Revision
    - 9.1.1. Policy Review and Revision Progress
  - 9.2. Board Reports
    - 9.2.1. Chair Report
      - 9.2.1.1. Superintendent Evaluation Letter
    - 9.2.2. AMSD Report (Ann Bremer)
  - 9.3. District News
    - 9.3.1. School Board Planning Calendar
    - 9.3.2. April 9, 2015 Board Event Calendar
  - 9.4. Once Around the Table
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**DISTRICT 287 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Intermediate District 287**  
**March 26, 2015**  
**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Vice-Chair Carol Bomben called the regular meeting to order at 6:33 PM in the District Service Center Board Room. A quorum was declared with the following members in attendance:

286	Brooklyn Center	Jeffrey Palm
272	Eden Prairie	Carol Bomben
273	Edina	Regina Neville
276	Minnetonka	Karen Filla
279	Osseo	Dean Henke
280	Richfield	Nancy Rowley
281	Robbinsdale	Sherry Tyrrell
283	St. Louis Park	Nancy Gores
284	Wayzata	Carter Peterson

Absent: 270/Ronbeck, 278/Kunz, and 277/Bremer

Guests:

287 Administration: Sandra Lewandowski, Anne Becker, Michael Cowles, Mae Hawkins, Christina Houck, Jennifer McIntyre, Elisabeth Rogers, Jon Voss, and Wauneen Mgeni

287 Staff Members: Naomi Satoh, Rose Hobson, Michelle Axell, Donna Moe, Jennifer Nelson, Anne Runck, Emily Dobbins, Kelly Bredeken, Doug Booth, and Julia Tuorila

**2. APPROVAL OF GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

The general meeting agenda was presented for approval. *Motion by Carol Bomben, seconded by Dean Henke, to approve the meeting agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

**3. OPEN FORUM FOR COMMUNITY COMMENTS - None**

**4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda was presented for approval. The Consent Agenda included the general meeting minutes from March 12, 2015, Board Officers & Operations Policy Bucket, and routine human resource activities for March 26, 2015. *Motion by Carter Peterson, seconded by Nancy Rowley, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.*

**5. SHARE THE SUCCESS & RECOGNITIONS**

Superintendent Lewandowski announced to the Board that the March 2015 Above & Beyond employee, will attend the April 9 School Board meeting.

Sandy thanked the Board for their support and for hosting the 2015 Superintendent of the Year Celebration in her honor.

**6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - None**

**7. INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT**

Superintendent Lewandowski introduced Michelle Axell, Assistant Director of Human Resources, and Jenny Nelson, Assistant Director of Planning and Improvement. Michelle and Jenny presented to the Board on the district's progress on implementing the recent law requiring school districts to develop a teacher evaluation system. They presented to the Board a summary document, "*What the Board Needs to Know: Update on Teacher Evaluation Process*".

Tina Houck, Director of Mental Health and Partnerships introduced Kathy Utter and Linda Oberg, Social Emotional Learning Coordinators to the Board. Kathy and Linda presented to the Board and overview about the Mindfulness for Educators training.

**8. BUSINESS SERVICES & LABOR RELATIONS REPORTS**

**Financial Report**

Mae Hawkins, Director of Finance Services, presented the monthly financial report for February 2015. *Motion by Karen Filla, seconded by Regina Neville, to approve the monthly financial reports as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Facilities Report – None**

**Human Resources Report**

Michelle Axell, Assistant Director of Human Resource, presented and recommended to the Board approval of the Medical and Dental Insurance Rates for 2015-2016 school year. *Motion by Carter Peterson, seconded by Dean Henke, to approve the Medical and Dental Insurance Rates for 2015-2016 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Closed Session**

At the recommendation of Board Vice-Chair Bomben, *a motion was made by Sherry Tyrrell, seconded by Dean Henke, the school Board may hold a closed meeting to consider strategy for labor negotiations. Minn. Stat. §13D.03. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was closed to the public at 7:31 PM. *A motion was made by Carter Peterson, seconded by Dean Henke, to reopen the general meeting. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.* The general meeting reopened at 8:28 PM.

**9. BOARD BUSINESS**

**Policy Review & Revision – None**

**Chair Report**

**AMSD Report**

**Once Around the Table**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion was heard and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.*

The next general meeting will be held on April 9, 2015, at 6:30 PM in the DSC Board Room.

Submitted by  
Wauneen Mgeni  
Secretary to the Board

Signed: Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ROUTINE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITIES FOR THE INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT 287  
SCHOOL BOARD – April 2015**

**LICENSED STAFF**

**1. New Hires:**

**A. Regular**

- BRYCE MERRIMAN, School Social Worker for North Education Center, **replacement for M. Barrett-Grimsby**, effective March 16, 2015 – Step 6 Lane 5 MA – 1.0 FTE.

**B. Reinstatement of Licensure Waivers**

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**C. Temporary**

- CHARLENE MYKLEBUST, Online Licensure Instructor at the District Service Center, effective July 1, 2014 through March 23, 2015.
- SUSAN COMER BERGEN, Work Coordinator for VOS, effective March 2, 2015 through October 9, 2015.
- BRUCE MULDER, Work Coordinator for VOS, effective March 2, 2015 through October 9, 2015.
- ANN VERDEGAN, Work Coordinator for VOS, effective March 2, 2015 through October 9, 2015.

**2. Extended Leaves of Absence:**

**A. Unpaid**

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**3. Separations:**

**A. Dismissal**

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**B. Resignation**

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**C. Retirement (Regular/Disability)**

- KATHERINE ASPLIN, DCD/SP Instructor at the South Education Center, effective September 11, 2015.
- MARY FREDENBURG, Autism Instructor at the North Education Center, effective June 8, 2015.
- MARGARET OLIVER, Deaf/Hard of Hearing Instructor for Itinerant Services, effective June 30, 2015.

## **NON-LICENSED STAFF:**

### **1. New Hires:**

#### **A. Regular**

- IDOWU ANTHONY BANKOLE, Education Assistant at Edgewood Education Center, **additional position due to increased enrollment**, effective March 9, 2015 – Step 12 Lane 5 BA – .875 FTE.

#### **B. Temporary**

- GEORGIA MILLER-KAMARA, Education Assistant at Northwest Tech Center, effective April 6, 2015 through June 8, 2015 - .875 FTE.
- JENNIFER DAVIS, Education Assistant at North Education Center, effective March 25, 2015 through June 8, 2015 - .875 FTE.
- MARQUIES LAW, Education Assistant at North Education Center, effective April 6, 2015 through June 8, 2015 - .875 FTE.

#### **C. Substitutes**

- Douglas Holtz

### **2. Extended Leaves of Absence:**

#### **A. Unpaid**

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### **3. Separations:**

#### **A. Dismissal**

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#### **B. Resignation**

- JASON D. WILLIAMS, Education Assistant at North Education Center, effective March 25, 2015.

#### **C. Retirement (Regular/Disability)**

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#### **D. Other**

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Good morning:

My name is Sintia Carranza. I come from a family where school wasn't a priority. My mom worked three jobs to support us financially and was never involved in our school work. My mom didn't know about how the school system worked. Because my mom couldn't help me like I needed, my education never seemed like a priority. But I was going to be the first in my family to graduate from high school.

I was attending Richfield High School before I transferred to Intermediate District 287's, South Education Center. I got pregnant during my freshman year at Richfield. I missed about a month of school before I was able to return to school. When I came back I was treated differently. I remember it being very difficult to balance being a mother and getting my homework done on time. There was a lack of positive support at my school for me. I always found myself in the social workers office or the councilor's office. I felt excluded from the whole school. At one point, I just felt like giving up but I knew that giving up wouldn't just affect myself but my son too.

My social worker mentioned District 287 to me and I decided to give it a try, and I don't regret that decision one bit. There are few schools that offer childcare on-site and District 287 did. This was a tremendous help. The teachers were unbelievably supportive and understanding. I got that one-on-one help that I didn't get at my home high school. I felt comfortable asking questions in the small sized classrooms.

I was also able to participate in awesome programming through District 287. I got my First Responder's Certificate and my Certified Nursing Assistant license. I was a Peer Mentor and a part of Student Council and AVID. I felt involved in school and I actually enjoyed going to school. It was very family oriented and influenced me to consider pursuing a career in family therapy or something else in the Psychology field.

I graduated in 2014 and I am now attending Normandale Community College trying to finish up my generals and I will be transferring to the University of Minnesota. I am extremely thankful for all the student-centered support I got from District 287, and I think that with all the unique needs of the students at District 287 they should have the same funding as students from a regular high school. I know that there are a lot of students who are looking for that extra help and I know that they will find it at District 287, after all, we are all going to school for one reason and that is to get an education and succeed in life.











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## INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Date: April 9, 2015

To: Sandra Lewandowski, Superintendent

From: Leslie Hanson, Program Coordinator, West Suburban Summer School  
Lea Dahl, Academic Operations Principal

**Re: What the Board Needs to Know About West Suburban Summer School (WSSS)**

- WSSS was started in 1977 in Hopkins. Soon after, Dr. John Lobben and 287 employee Betty Johnson moved the organization to District 287.
- WSSS began because of some available grant dollars dedicated to Gifted Education students and summer programming. WSSS programs were originally located at Hopkins Junior High but fairly soon expanded to a second location in Maple Grove. There was originally no tuition and busing was provided.
- Today, WSSS has more than 900 students with nearly 1700 registrations, 55 teachers, 118 class choices, 53 field trips, 3 site locations and 5 weeks of programming.
- WSSS will be held this summer at Minnetonka Groveland Elementary, Osseo Oak View Elementary, and South Education Center.
- WSSS has about 85% of the classes repeated each year and 15% newly created classes.
- Leslie Hanson and Connie Fladeland lead the charge and most of the WSSS teachers are teachers from 287 districts.
- WSSS has found over time the most popular classes are science, writing, art, and anything with a field trip!
- On February 17, parents were able to preview the catalog of all the classes for summer 2015 and on February 24 at 6 am, registration opened. By noon, we had 980 registrations.
- For the future, WSSS seems to grow by 10% each year. More classes are being considered but facilities are a challenge. Parental feedback is positive and many parents continue to request and suggest additional options.

Operating WSSS is a huge team effort. Jon Voss has moved WSSS registration to the Genius platform and the option to pay electronically. Both have been very well received by parents, and increased the efficiency of District staff. Kim Kallroos has coordinated many aspects of WSSS, kept us all on time and, most wonderfully, answered endless phone calls, always with a smile. Julie Bess Gavaras formats, photographs and constructs the brochure (in your board packet.) Lisa Bednar prints all materials in the spring, which will be needed by the teachers for the summer.

## Celebrating 37 Years

# West Suburban Summer School

Enrichment Course Guide 2015 □ Grades 2-12 □ Gifted Education Services

<b>Dates:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• June 15-19, 2015</li><li>• June 22-26, 2015</li><li>• July 6-10, 2015</li><li>• July 13-17, 2015</li><li>• July 20-24, 2015</li></ul>
<b>Locations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oak View Elementary</li><li>• Groveland Elementary</li><li>• South Education Center</li></ul>
<b>All Sessions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:30 am-4:00 pm</li><li>• one week, all five days</li></ul>



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## Welcome to our 37th Summer Program

**West Suburban Summer School**, a program of Intermediate District 287's Gifted Education Services, serves gifted and talented students from member districts who are entering grades 2-12. Students from other districts are welcome to register at a higher fee.

### What makes West Suburban Summer School different?

- Instructors design classes in their area of expertise to provide high-potential students with unique experiences to challenge their abilities.
- Classes are focused on a theme that includes several disciplines such as math, science, writing, and art. Most classes are limited to sixteen students.
- Those who receive access to this brochure are either in their school district's gifted and talented program or have been accepted through the nomination process.
- Teachers prepare feedback for students, which is sent to parents, but no grades are given.
- West Suburban Summer School does not give academic credit for courses, but course information will be provided to those who wish to request credit from their home schools.
- This program is self-supporting. It is not funded by independent school districts or gifted and talented programs.

### Gifted Education Services

**Advisory Committee** is comprised of representatives from each member district and other agencies. They identify programs and services to enrich local district offerings.

Brooklyn Center	Kirstin Moldan
Eden Prairie	Sue Feigal-Hitch
Edina	Deb Richards
Hopkins	Susan Gruidl
Minnetonka	Diane Rundquist
Orono	Jane Smith
Osseo	Wendy Biallas-Odell
Richfield	Tia Clasen
Robbinsdale	Sarah Prindiville
St. Louis Park	Andrew Wilkes
Wayzata	Karla Thompson
Westonka	Michele Dunn
Westonka	Therese Frenette

### For information about West Suburban Summer School contact:

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**Intermediate District 287** is an innovative education partner to twelve West Metro school districts. For more than forty years, member districts and other professional educators have trusted District 287 to customize unique services for their most challenging students and complex business needs so that all students receive the best education possible. Learn more at [www.district287.org](http://www.district287.org).

## REGISTRATION PREPARATION

### OVERVIEW

- New students will receive a postcard from their school's gifted and talented coordinator to be eligible for registration. Please contact your G/T Coordinator or West Suburban Summer School staff if you have questions.
- Students who have attended in the past two years have an account and can register without a postcard from the school.
- All classes meet for one week, 5 days from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Students may register for more than one session. See schedules on the following pages.
- Students will need to bring a lunch and a beverage. Supervision will be provided during lunch.
- Additional class fees reflect the cost for field trips and/or special materials.

### COURSE SELECTION

- View the course catalog online or download the PDF version from the website:  
<http://www.district287.org/wsss37>
- Select a class corresponding to the grade (2-12) the student **WILL BE ENTERING** in FALL of 2015.

Instructor bios on  
pages 28-30

### SITE NOTE

Site adjustments may be made based on pending construction projects and cleaning schedules in schools. Notification will be sent to students affected by any changes, and the opportunity to withdraw without penalty will be provided. The West Suburban Summer School staff thank you for your understanding.

### WHEN YOU ARE READY TO REGISTER:

- Please visit the website at <http://www.district287.org/wsss37> and click on **REGISTRATION PROCESS**
- Instructions and links are on that page.
- If you do not have Internet access and would like the registration materials mailed to you, please contact Kim Kallroos at 763-550-7245.

### WAITING LIST

- If a course is full, you will be placed on the waiting list.
- You will not be charged for a course on the waiting list until an opening occurs and you are invited to register.
- Once invited, you will have seven days to confirm registration and send payment.

### CAR POOL LIST

If you would like your student's name and contact information to be placed on a list of other students attending the same session, you may indicate that during registration. You will gain access to this list prior to the start of the session.

- ONLY STUDENTS WHO HAVE REQUESTED CARPOOLING WILL BE ON THE LIST
- ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED CARPOOLING WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE LIST.

More Details



## T-SHIRTS (optional)

If you would like to order a T-shirt for your child, please check the size during registration. Your fee will be increased by \$10.00 for the cost of the T-shirt.

## NEXT STEPS

1. Status of registrations and payment accounts will be e-mailed to the **primary** guardian email account provided during registration.
2. A packet with maps and information will be mailed to the primary guardian's home address two weeks before the scheduled class.

## COST PER CLASS

### Member District:

\$210 Tuition  
+ Fee (see course description)  
+ \$10 (**Optional** T-shirt)  
= **Total per class**

### Non-Member District:

\$235 Tuition  
+ Fee (see course description)  
+ \$10 (**Optional** T-shirt)  
= **Total per class**

**Total payment required at time of registration**

## REFUND AND LATE REGISTRATION POLICY

- For any course registered and paid for, there is a seven day grace period to withdraw without a penalty. After seven days, \$50 will be deducted from refunded fees.
- A late fee of \$25 per class will be charged after May 21 to register for June classes and after June 15 to register for July classes.
- No refunds will be made except, for medical reasons, after:  
**Thursday, May 21 for the June Sessions**  
**Monday, June 15 for the July Sessions**

<b>Questions</b>	Leslie Hanson <a href="mailto:lahanson@district287.org">lahanson@district287.org</a> 763-550-7167	Kim Kallroos <a href="mailto:kkkallroos@district287.org">kkkallroos@district287.org</a> 763-550-7245	Connie Fladeland <a href="mailto:cefladeland@district287.org">cefladeland@district287.org</a> 763-550-7264
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## Checks and any mailed correspondence can be sent to:

Intermediate District 287  
West Suburban Summer School  
1820 Xenium Lane North  
Plymouth MN 55441  
(Checks payable to  
Intermediate District 287)



## Summer 2015 Opportunities from Home

### FERMI Off-The-Wall Math League...Goes to Summer School: Math in Your Bathrobe!

**Starts July 6, 2015**

- The all internet-based Fermi Math League has a four-week summer session that can be done at home. No car pools.
- Students encounter non-routine problems to encourage creative mathematical thought and enhance communication skills.
- Students create models for each week's solution; Gr. 7-9 may post solutions on their own personal web pages.
- Students do not have to be in a gifted program to enroll; it is perfect for neighbors/friends who like to play with math and art.



**Divisions** (individuals or teams):

Grades 1-2 (Family Math), Grades 3-4, Grades 5-6, Grades 7-9

**Details at [www.district287.org/fermi/](http://www.district287.org/fermi/)**

The fee is \$55, and payable through the Fermi registration process, not WSSS.

Questions? Contact Karen Newell at [kmnewell@district287.org](mailto:kmnewell@district287.org)



**NSO classes are available  
this summer.**

- Earn high school graduation credit at home.
- High quality online classes with fully licensed teachers.

**Details at:**

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

**Questions:**

[enrollment@district287.org](mailto:enrollment@district287.org)

### Additional Gifted Education Resources

- [www.district287.org/gifted/](http://www.district287.org/gifted/)
- [www.district287.org/fermi/](http://www.district287.org/fermi/)
- [www.hoagiesgifted.org/](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/)

- MN Council for Gifted and Talented (MCGT)  
[www.mcgt.net](http://www.mcgt.net) (952) 848-4906
- MN Department of Education for Gifted Education  
[education.state.mn.us/MDEStuSuc/GiftedEd/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/MDEStuSuc/GiftedEd/index.html)
- National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC)  
[www.nagc.org](http://www.nagc.org)

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# 2015 West Suburban Summer School Schedule

Classes are sorted by location and listed in alphabetical order

## June Classes at South Education Center

Class Number	Class Name	Dates	Times	Grade	Additional Fee
W1184	Animal Explorations	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-3	\$35.00
W1176	Arthink/Funthink	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-7	\$0.00
W1100	Computer Programming/Alice	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-7	\$0.00
W1204	Computer Programming/Quest	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	6-8	\$0.00
W1032	Explore Strategy Advanced	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	7-12	\$15.00
W1031	Explore Strategy Beginner	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	6-12	\$15.00
W1160	It's a Secret-It Really is Math	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	3-5	\$0.00
W1167	Mock Trial 3	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-8	\$30.00
W1010	Mock Trial Introductory	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-8	\$20.00
W1205	Native American Arts/Crafts: Itowa kaga	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-3	\$20.00
W1126	Photography 101	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$40.00
W1103	Puzzle Island	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	3-6	\$0.00
W1135	Shark Mania	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-9	\$100.00
W1145	Speaking Made Easy and Fun	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	7-9	\$10.00
W1189	Spin Through the Universe	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	3-5	\$40.00
W1170	Teen Cuisine	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	6-10	\$80.00
W1150	Thinking with Your Hands	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$20.00
W1191	What's Baking?	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	3-6	\$45.00
W1206	Witches, Wizards, Dragons	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-3	\$10.00
W1052	Young Writers' Workshop	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$0.00



[Instructor bios on page 28](#)

[More Classes](#)



## June Classes at Oak View Elementary

Class Number	Class Name	Dates	Times	Grades	Additional Fee
W1000	Alien Worlds	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-8	\$0.00
W1001	Art Studio/3D Art	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$30.00
W1002	Art Studio/3D Art	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-10	\$30.00
W1138	Arthink/Funthink	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-7	\$0.00
W1156	The Business of Baseball	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	6-9	\$40.00
W1195	Crafting Math	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-7	\$15.00
W1178	Creative Cartooning	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	3-4	\$0.00
W1006	Creative Minds	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-3	\$10.00
W1120	Dive Adventure	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-9	\$90.00
W1015	Ingenious Engineer!	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-6	\$40.00
W1016	Ingenious Engineer!	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-6	\$40.00
W1154	Invent and Present	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	3-6	\$20.00
W1196	Math Marvels in the Making!	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$20.00
W1197	Messy Matters	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$30.00
W1198	Mix It Up	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-5	\$15.00
W1182	Mystery Mania	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-6	\$35.00
W1012	Mysterious Millions	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-7	\$0.00
W1013	Not Quite Brain Surgery	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	6-8	\$35.00
W1180	Persuasive Writing & Debate	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-6	\$0.00
W1169	Polar Opposites	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$40.00
W1188	Ready! Set! Action	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$0.00
W1199	Recycled Art	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$0.00
W1200	Sideways Summer	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-3	\$15.00
W1201	Sideways Summer	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-3	\$15.00
W1017	Super Biology 2015	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-7	\$55.00
W1202	Super Stories	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	6-9	\$40.00
W1181	That's Fantastic!	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-7	\$10.00
W1157	Unlocking the Moli Stone	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	3-4	\$0.00
W1174	Witches, Wizards, Dragons	June 15-19	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-3	\$10.00
W1203	The Wooden Spoon	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	6-8	\$30.00
W1020	Writing to Get Published	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-10	\$0.00
W1021	Zoology In/Out 2015	June 22-26	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-7	\$55.00

## July Classes at Oak View Elementary

Class Number	Class Name	Dates	Times	Grade	Additional Fee
W3006	Advanced Alien Worlds	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	6-10	\$0.00
W3184	Advanced Art Studio	July 20-24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-10	\$30.00
W3210	Animal Explorations	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-3	\$35.00
W3068	Art Studio/3D Art	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$30.00
W3185	Artist Study	July 20-24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$30.00
W3211	Crafting Math	July 20-24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-7	\$15.00
W3212	Creative Curators	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	9-12	\$30.00
W3009	Creative Minds	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-3	\$10.00
W3186	Creative Minds	July 20-24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-3	\$10.00
W3163	Digital Photography-Amazing Images	July 20-24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-7	\$40.00
W3116	Digital Photography-First Exposure	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	3-6	\$30.00
W3138	Digital Photography-First Exposure	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	3-6	\$30.00
W3117	Discover Duct Tape	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-9	\$30.00
W3020	Explore Strategy - Advanced	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	7-12	\$15.00
W3164	Fantasy World	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-7	\$10.00
W3205	Future Problem Solving	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	6-7	\$0.00
W3131	Invent & Present	July 20-24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	3-6	\$20.00
W3167	It's a Secret—It Really is Math	July 20-24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	3-5	\$0.00
W3221	Kitchen Chemistry	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-5	\$20.00
W3214	Math Marvels in the Making	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$20.00
W3215	Math Marvels in the Making	July 20-24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$20.00
W3216	Messy Matters	July 20-24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$30.00
W3217	Mix It Up	July 20-24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-5	\$15.00
W3021	Mock Trial 3	July 20-24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-8	\$30.00
W3170	Mock Trial Introductory	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-8	\$20.00
W3022	Mysterious Millions	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-7	\$0.00
W3218	No Fear Shakespeare	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-8	\$30.00
W3161	Norse Mythology	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-9	\$0.00
W3012	Not Quite Brain Surgery	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	6-8	\$35.00
W3193	Puzzle Island	July 20-24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	3-6	\$0.00
W3194	Ready! Set! Action!	July 20-24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$0.00
W3100	Really Awesome Game Class	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-7	\$15.00
W3219	Recycled Art	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$0.00
W3023	Serious Writers' Workshop	July 20-24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	8-12	\$0.00
W3128	Shark Mania	July 20-24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-9	\$100.00
W3147	Spin Through the Universe	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	3-5	\$40.00
W3198	Super Storms and Melting Poles	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-9	\$25.00
W3132	Thinking With Your Hands	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$20.00
W3151	Ultimate Strategy Game Tournament	July 20-24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	7-12	\$15.00
W3220	Walt Disney	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	6-8	\$0.00
W3089	Write On: Produce, Polish and Publish	July 20-24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-9	\$0.00



## July Classes at Groveland Elementary

Class Number	Class Name	Dates	Times	Grade	Additional Fee
W3177	Animal Explorations	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-3	\$35.00
W3109	Camp Half Blood	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-7	\$20.00
W3084	Computer Programming/Alice	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-7	\$0.00
W3043	Creative Minds	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-3	\$10.00
W3093	Dive Adventure	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-9	\$90.00
W3187	Engineering Design	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-5	\$30.00
W3188	Fantasy World	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-7	\$10.00
W3213	Future Problem Solving	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	6-7	\$0.00
W3038	Harry Potter Hullabaloo	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-7	\$20.00
W3206	Ink, Paper, Books	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-8	\$20.00
W3178	It's a Secret - It Really is Math Part 2	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	6-8	\$25.00
W3204	Messy Matters	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$30.00
W3013	Mini Reef	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	3-7	\$135.00
W3169	Mock Trial Introductory	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	5-8	\$20.00
W3191	No Fear Shakespeare	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-8	\$30.00
W3154	Photography 101	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$40.00
W3057	Puzzle Island	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	3-6	\$0.00
W3208	So You Want to Sew	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-8	\$30.00
W3155	Speaking Made Easy and Fun	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-6	\$10.00
W3182	Super Stories	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	6-9	\$40.00
W3171	Thinking with Your Hands	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$20.00
W3183	The Twenty-First Century Young Composer	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-8	\$25.00
W3209	Who Done It	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	4-7	\$0.00
W3152	Young Architects	July 6-10	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	3-4	\$15.00
W3103	Young Writers' Workshop	July 13-17	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	2-4	\$0.00

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Advanced Alien Worlds			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 13-17	Oak View	6-10	W3006
<p>This class is for veterans of Alien Worlds. Here we'll do everything you did in Alien Worlds -- but now you have to follow the laws of physics, chemistry and biology! We'll explore websites that model the gravitational attraction of stars in galaxies and planets in orbit around suns.</p> <p>You will choose a REAL star system to populate with life from a list of known stars that have planets. You'll work some simple algebraic equations to calculate surface gravity and orbital periods as well as sketch out the evolution of your intelligent alien from its multi-cellular beginnings! We'll also work to answer some hard questions about how our own society views the alien as well as critically examine aliens in the movies and stories we read.</p> <p>But above all -- in addition to the stars -- we'll have a GREAT time!</p>			
<b>Additional Fees: None</b>			
Instructor: Guy Stewart			

Alien Worlds			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	Oak View	4-8	W1000
<p>Love aliens, space and science fiction? Getting tired of the same old aliens and watching the same movies over and over? In THIS class, based on the real sciences of astronomy, biology, physics, sociology and psychology, you'll create new worlds, make maps of your favorite planet, then populate it with everything from bacteria to an advanced alien civilization. BUT WAIT--do your aliens really need laser bomb exploding cannons of mega death alien lizard destroying blasters of doom???</p> <p>Technology is the very LAST thing you'll create -- instead, you'll bring your alien world to LIFE and give it history, language, culture, tools, houses and maybe even songs.</p>			
<b>Additional Fees: None</b>			
Instructor: Guy Stewart			

Advanced Art Studio			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 20-24	Oak View	5-10	W3184
<p><b>Prerequisite: This advanced art course is designed for students who are interested in the visual arts and have taken at least one of the following: Art Studio/3D Art, Discover Duct Tape, or an equivalent course. Please contact West Suburban Summer School staff (see page 4 for contact information) with questions of eligibility.</b></p> <p>You learned a variety of introductory media in Art Studio/3D Art and Discover the Creative World of Duct Tape and now your artistic adventure continues!</p> <p>Learn how to carve linoleum and create impressive detailed prints. Have fun mixing concrete and applying colorful pieces of glass to make a functional outdoor steppingstone.</p> <p>Continue brainstorming ideas and design and construct your very own city using colorful strips of duct tape and other art supplies to make your creation come to life!</p> <p>You will also have an opportunity to explore rock painting, make a scratch board design using a metal stylus, create impressive recycled newsprint art, paint surrealist and impressionistic compositions on canvas, use colored pencil on suede board, and much more!</p>			
<b>Additional Fees: \$30.00</b>			
Instructor: Kris Holtmeyer			



Animal Explorations			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	SEC	2-3	W1184
July 6-10	Groveland	2-3	W3177
July 13-17	Oak View	2-3	W3210
<p>Do you love animals? Ferocious lions, fluffy bunnies, gigantic whales? How about an Echidna, a Gerenuk, a Coati, or a Blobfish?</p> <p>We will spend the week researching, writing, and exploring animals and animal habitats. We will use math and reasoning skills as well as learn applicable technical skills using Microsoft PowerPoint and other programs.</p> <p>We will take a trip to the aquarium at the Mall of America where we will explore the animal life found under the waves in Minnesota and in our world's oceans.</p> <p>Our class will be packed with learning and packed with fun. I hope to see Ewe there.</p>			
<b>Additional Fees: \$35.00</b>			
Instructor: Benjamin Roub			

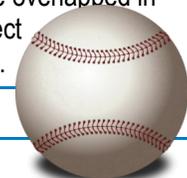


Art Studio/3D Art			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	Oak View	2-4	W1001
June 22-26	Oak View	5-10	W1002
July 6-10	Oak View	2-4	W3068
<p>Do you like being creative? Expand your artistic talents by working with a variety of mediums and learning new techniques in the world of art!</p> <p>Succeed in drawing three-dimensional objects, create beautiful landscapes with pastels, design your own advertisement, paint a colorful watercolor and then learn how to use a metal stylus and India ink to make your composition come to life! Students will also have the opportunity to mold and paint clay sculptures, experiment with copper art, work with stained-glass scratch art and compose their own masterpiece using acrylics on canvas!</p> <p>Instruction will be given at the beginning of class to allow students ample studio time to complete their projects.</p>			
<b>Additional Fees: \$30.00</b>			
Instructor: Kris Holtmeyer			

ARTHINK/FUNTHINK: Process & Skills for Invention and Innovation			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	Oak View	5-7	W1138
June 22-26	SEC	5-7	W1176
<p>Creative Problem Solving (CPS) is a non-linear process that involves the head (knowledge), heart (intuition) and hands (exploration). Arthink connects all three using hands-on methodology that applies principles of the arts for innovative thinking. Projects are designed to engage the innovator in challenge scenarios that lead them through the four step (CPS) process while applying twelve creativity tools used by artists, inventors and designers. Previous art experience is not necessary.</p> <p>List of skills: Critical Thinking, Brainstorming, Visual Thinking, Concept Sketching, Concept Modeling, Idea Journaling, Mind Mapping, Collaboration, Incubation, Springboard Research, Persistence, Practice.</p>			
<b>Additional Fees: None</b>			
Instructor: Ray Frigard			

Artist Study			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 20-24	Oak View	2-4	W3185
<p>Each day we will study a new artist and their style. We will create art that imitates their styles and also learn to add our own flair.</p> <p>Throughout this course, we will learn about different styles; use different techniques and mediums; and create realistic abstract paintings, still-life, figure art, landscape, portraiture and cartooning.</p> <p>We will learn to reflect on our artwork and celebrate on the last day with our own art gallery. Drawing and painting are learned subjects, just like any other. Come study some amazing artists and find your inner artist!</p>			
<b>Additional Fees: \$30.00</b>			
Instructor: Christina Thompson			

The Business of Baseball			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	Oak View	6-9	W1156
<p>Ever wonder what it would be like to be a baseball general manager, coach or scout?</p> <p>Students will have the opportunity to draft a fantasy team, keep track of their stats, and make roster decisions using sabermetrics. If team schedules allow, we will be attend a Twin's game or tour Target Field. Weather permitting, we will do other activities outside as well.</p> <p>In addition to learning about the statistics of baseball, we will also learn about baseball's impact on culture and society.</p> <p>Students will learn how sports and American culture have overlapped in our history. Each student will have the opportunity to select a topic to investigate and share with the rest of the group.</p>			
<b>Additional Fees: \$40.00</b>			
Instructor: Colin O'Brien			



Camp Half Blood			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 6-10	Groveland	4-7	W3109
<p>Were you struck by <u>The Lightning Thief</u> and loved the adventure in the Percy Jackson books by Rick Riordan?</p> <p>Join us at Camp Half-Blood as you settle into your cabin, play camp games, and learn new camp crafts – all Percy Jackson style!</p> <p>You'll be sent on a quest with your demigod friends but watch out for mythological creatures along the way. We will construct an edible Mount Olympus, create our own "bronze" swords and travel through the Labyrinth.</p>			
<b>Additional Fees: \$20.00</b>			
Instructor: Tami Junkermeier			



### Computer Programming with Alice (Intro Level)

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	SEC	5-7	W1100
July 6-10	Groveland	5-7	W3084

Do you enjoy playing on computers? Have you ever wondered how computer programs, like games, are made?

Learn the basics of programming using Alice (a graphic programming system designed for youth).

By the end of the class, you will have made your own simple video game and be ready to make additional games independently!



**Additional Fees: None**

Instructor: Steve Cullison

### Computer Programming with QUEST

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	SEC	6-8	W1204

Do you enjoy playing on computers?

Have you ever wondered how computer programs, like games, are made? Learn the basics of programming using Quest (a programming system designed to simplify the creation of text-based games). By the end of the class, you will have made your own simple computer game and be ready to make additional games independently!

**(Note: Students returning to this course, or with experience using Quest, will be provided with independent, more challenging, projects).**

**Additional Fees: None**

Instructor: Steve Cullison

### Creative Curators: An Introduction to Art History

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 6-10	Oak View	9-12	W3212

What draws people to art? Why do people want to create, visit, imitate or collect artworks?

How do artists communicate information about the world to an audience? Why do some artworks become famous and stand the test of time?

We will explore these and many other questions in a fun, engaging hands-on class about art history.

Students will get their hands dirty, engage in discussions with their peers, visit the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, and ultimately curate their own collection in a gallery opening to share with their peers and families at the end of the week.

Students need not consider themselves excellent artists to be in this class but must be interested in art, be willing to try new things, and think outside the box.

**Additional Fees: \$ 30.00**

Instructor: Catherine Fuller

### Crafting Math

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	Oak View	5-7	W1195
July 20-24	Oak View	5-7	W3211

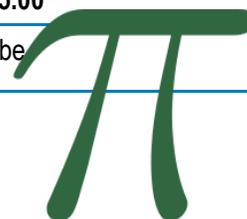
What makes art and math so great?

Find out how ancient, classical and modern artists use math in their artwork.

Study Greek sculpture, pi, symmetry, tessellations, and more while learning the concepts of math being used in famous art pieces. Walk away from this week with numerous art projects and new math concepts.

**Additional Fees: \$15.00**

Instructor: Dana Raabe



### Creative Cartooning

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	Oak View	3-4	W1178

Cartoons can be a lot more than just doodles.

New developments in "info-graphics," graphic novels, comics and web applications, can be effective means of creative problem solving and visual communication.

In this introductory class, students will enjoy brainstorming and visual problem solving, employing these techniques to design fun characters, info-graphics, 3-D model sheets, editorial illustrations, CD design and poster design and four-panel cartoons.

Activities will include: gesture drawing, character design, viewing classic cartoons, facial expressions, brainstorming, applying cartoons in CD, package and poster design, developing story ideas, designing and developing student's own comics.

Time permitting, basic animation techniques and creating an animated flip book will be included.

**Additional Fees: None**

Instructor: Harry Pulver

Creative Minds			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	Oak View	2-3	W1006
July 6-10	Oak View	2-3	W3009
July 13-17	Groveland	2-3	W3043
July 20-24	Oak View	2-3	W3186

Calling all inventors! Have you ever wanted to build a pasta tower to the moon? How would you like to create a Gumdrop Dome or Bridge? Come join us for lots of fun and adventure exercising our minds and bodies. We will exercise our minds with optical illusions, Boggles, and search for the inventor in us by creating Helicopters, Super Loopers, and Silky Smooth Finger Paint. We will create Elephant Toothpaste, crystals and a propeller flyer made out of popsicle sticks that glides on a fishing wire. In addition, we will use baking soda and vinegar to create a chemical reaction for volcano eruptions using a film canister. We will have many more fun and interesting experiments. We will exercise our bodies by running off energy playing fun outside games!

**Additional Fees: \$10.00**

Instructor: Kristiann Stotz

To register, go to [www.district287.org/wsss37](http://www.district287.org/wsss37)

Discover the Creative World of Duct Tape			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 13-17	Oak View	5-9	W3117

Duct tape was originally created by a Minnesotan, for use during World War II. But did you know that artists today construct amazing sculptures using this same duct tape formula? Join us as we explore the creative world of duct tape art!

In this class, you will have an opportunity to design and construct a wide variety of interesting, two and three-dimensional works of art. Using flexible armature wire and various other art supplies, learn how to design a sturdy foundation for your sculpture and transform it into a world-famous landmark. Design your own realistic animal and give it a unique name. Create your favorite cartoon or gaming character, and more!

Once you have constructed your base sculptures, you will learn how to cut and apply colorful strips of duct tape to your creations to make them come to life! In addition, we'll be brainstorming ideas for other types of duct tape artwork and coming up with new original ideas...the sky is the limit! Be prepared to have a great time!

**Additional Fees: \$30.00**

Instructor: Kris Holtmeyer

Digital Photography: Amazing Images			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 20-24	Oak View	4-7	W3163

**Prerequisite: Student must have previously attended the "Digital Photography: First Exposures" class.**

This class is designed to continue your lifetime quest of photography enjoyment. After a brief review of basic techniques taught in the "Digital Photography: First Exposures" class, depth of field and long exposures will be explored. You will learn how to make use of professional-like Photoshop layer mask image adjustments. "Point and shoot" cameras will be provided. Students are encouraged to bring a DSLR camera and/or tripod if available to them. Two field trips, to the Minnesota State Capitol and Como Zoo, will offer many photo opportunities. Your best photos will be included in the Advanced Images Photo Gallery. Your family and friends will be declaring, "Give me your best shot!"

**Additional Fees: \$40.00**

Instructor: John Foty



Digital Photography: First Exposures			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 6-10	Oak View	3-6	W3116
July 13-17	Oak View	3-6	W3138

Let's make your "First Exposures" in digital photography worth framing! After learning photographic techniques in point of view, composition, contrast, color, and sharpness control, you will capture visually interesting images. On field trips to the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Cowles Conservatory, and Minnehaha Falls, you will have memorable photo opportunities. With your best shots, you will use a computer and photo adjustment software or Photoshop software to create gallery quality photographs through basic image adjustments. Digital cameras and memory cards will be provided. You can invite your family and friends to the "First Exposures Photo Gallery" on the last day.

**Additional Fees: \$30.00**

Instructor: John Foty



### Dive Adventure

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	Oak View	5-9	W1120
July 6-10	Groveland	5-9	W3093

Want to go snorkeling and scuba diving? Plan on going snorkeling or scuba diving in a coral reef someday? Are you comfortable in the water? We will spend one entire day at a local dive shop's pool where we will experience the thrill of scuba diving.

In the classroom, we will explore the history, techniques and science of scuba diving. Upon completion of this class, you will be better prepared and confident to enroll in a scuba certification class. Redesigned for 2015 with more pool time!

**All participants must be at least 10-years old. All paperwork must be completed correctly in order to participate.**

**Additional Fees: \$90.00**

Instructor: Walter Johnson

### Explore Strategy Advanced

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	SEC	7-12	W1032
July 13-17	Oak View	7-12	W3020

The advanced class builds on games taught in the beginner class and the "Really Awesome Game Class."

In this advanced class, we will spend less time teaching the basics of these games and more time exploring strategies through class discussion. Students will have opportunities to learn new games and get better at the ones they already know. This class features more total time to play than the beginner classes, and tournaments involving the more advanced games. Warning: This class will make you think so hard your brain will hurt.

**Note: "The Ultimate Strategy Games Tournament" is very similar to the advanced class and might also be considered to fit your summer schedule.**

**Additional Fees: \$15.00**

Instructor: Jim Pekarek

### Engineering Design

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 13-17	Groveland	4-5	W3187

In this course students will explore the process of engineering through hands-on design activities.

Build an airplane, compete in an egg drop, and even build a marshmallow tower!

End your experience with a field trip to The Works Museum.

**Additional Fees: \$30.00**

Instructor: Suzanne Kehret

### Explore Strategy Beginner

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	SEC	6-12	W1031

What if you had an entire week of "game day" at school? Well, this is it!

When you walk into the classroom, it'll look like we went to a board game store and bought four of everything (which is basically what we've done). We've picked out a collection of the best games to challenge the minds of bright students like you. We'll teach you rules and strategies, then give you a lot of time to play and compete in tournaments for prizes.

High school and college age veterans of the class will be around to help. You won't want to leave when class is over, BUT your brain will hurt from thinking so much that you'll have to go home and rest. See you this summer. It's Game On!

**Note: This class is the same as the "Really Awesome Game Class" except that we include some longer and more complex games for older students. Former students are welcome to take this class again to learn new games and re-visit favorites. You might also consider the "Advanced" class or "The Ultimate Strategy Games Tournament" to find a match for your experience level and summer schedule.**

**Additional Fees: \$15.00**

Instructor: Jim Pekarek



### Fantasy World: Calling all Builders

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 6-10	Oak View	5-7	W3164
July 13-17	Groveland	5-7	W3188

Do you love to build things? Ever try to build an entire city or even a country? In Fantasy World we build things as small as parks to things as big as entire cities. We will explore what it takes to create cities from environmental ideas to political, social and economic ideas. Students will build several creations from Legos and clay. We will explore technology, build 3-D images using Google Sketch Up, and take part in "Box City" using cardboard boxes and our imagination. A hands-on presentation from the Plymouth Fire/Police department will also allow students to explore local government buildings. We will do journal writing, portfolio writing and persuasive writing. If you love building, being in control and designing things, this class is for you.

**Additional Fees: \$10.00**

Instructors: Bryan Bjorlin

### Future Problem Solving

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 6-10	Oak View	6-7	W3205
July 13-17	Groveland	6-7	W3213

Are you ready to solve the problems of the future? Then let's do it together using our creative minds. We will consider topics such as social media, propaganda, and humans verses robots. In Future Problem Solving, creative thinking and problem solving skills are combined with a six-step writing process to give students a foundation for excellent research and writing skills. Using the six-step process, students work in teams of four to solve the "problems of the future!" A futuristic scenario is considered as the students solve their way to an exciting solution and plan of action. The week culminates with an original skit that the students create based on their writing.

**Additional Fees: None**

Instructor: Beth Benezra

### Harry Potter Hullabaloo

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 13-17	Groveland	4-7	W3038

Jump on the Hogwarts Express at Platform 9-3/4 for a session of Harry Potter fun. This class will take us further into the magical world of Harry Potter's adventures.

We will design and create our own Tri-cup tournament, play "live" chess, send owlers and howlers to your friends and experiment with delectable concoctions in the Harry Potter cooking class. We'll explore the world of trolls and elves, visit the magical forest and lots more.



**Additional Fees: \$20.00**

Instructor: Tami Junkermeier

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### Ingenious Engineer!

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	Oak View	4-6	W1015
June 22-26	Oak View	4-6	W1016

If you like to design and build things with a variety of materials, then this class is for you.

This year's challenges include: building a three foot tower of spice drops and linguine; designing bridges on a computer like a professional engineer; designing, building, and testing a balsa wood bridge; creating a fifty foot roller coaster for marbles with helixes, loops, and corkscrews; and saving a raw egg from a twelve foot fall.

The class will finish the week of excitement with a trip to Nickelodeon Universe.

You can meet these challenges and become an Ingenious Engineer!

**Additional Fees: \$40.00**

Instructor: John Foty

### Ink, Paper and Books

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 6-10	Groveland	4-8	W3206

You love to read, write, draw and make stuff. You will be in good company in Ink, Paper and Books because we'll have time for all those passions every day. We will imagine, mess around, fold, sew, collaborate, glue, illuminate, and invent containers for words and pictures.

We will make our own ink and paper and at least ten different kinds of books. We will fill those books with poems, stories, how-to directions, illustrations, and dreams. Do join us.

**Additional Fees: \$20.00**

Instructor: Jane Copes

Invent and Present			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	Oak View	3-6	W1154
July 20-24	Oak View	3-6	W3131

Have you ever put two toys together, added something to a toy or made a toy from a recycled object?  
Well – then YOU are an inventor!  
This class is to help you focus your abilities to be flexible and to recognize that you can design an original solution to a problem.  
You will identify problems, invent solutions, and build a model.  
You will also learn how to diagram, use graphics to communicate to an audience and present your ideas at our Invention Fair the last day of class.

**Additional Fees: \$20.00**

Instructor: Mindy Peabody Hendrickson

Kitchen Chemistry			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 6-10	Oak View	4-5	W3221

In this course students will explore science topics using materials found in their own kitchens.  
Write secret messages that can only be revealed using the knowledge of chemistry. Explore the mystery behind Diet Coke and Mentos. Make your own play dough, oobleck, and slime!  
Fun take-home every day!

**Additional Fees: \$20.00**

Instructor: Suzanne Kehret



It's a Secret! It Really is Math!			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	SEC	3-5	W1160
July 20-24	Oak View	3-5	W3167

The world is made of math, and I don't mean workbooks and packets. Almost everything we do each day has a component of math.  
This class will involve physical games, art, storybook writing, music, food, remote control vehicles and sports statistics.  
All because of math!

**Additional Fees: None**

Instructor: Judy Daily



It's a Secret! It Really is Math! Part 2			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 13-17	Groveland	6-8	W3178

The world is made of math, and I don't mean workbooks, and packets. Almost everything we do each day has a component of math. This class will involve logic problems, the stock market, creating your own board game, food, finance, and sports statistics. All because of math! A field trip to a bowling alley will be included.

**Additional Fees: \$25.00**

Instructor: Judy Daily

Math Marvels in the Making			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	Oak View	2-4	W1196
July 13-17	Oak View	2-4	W3214
July 20-24	Oak View	2-4	W3215

Fractals, Fibonacci, fractions and more, OH MY! Did you know you can find these and other math marvels in nature and art? While studying the world around us, you will have opportunities to discover patterns, make measurements, and draw or photograph other math concepts in nature.  
Each day we'll play pattern games, solve math puzzles and make nature notes in journals. We will discover math around us through videos, books, and of course, time outside.  
Our week will include a visit to a nearby nature center. This work and play will serve as background information and inspiration for a daily "4-U-2- cre-8" math/art project. Mathematicians, naturalists and artists unite. No worries if one of these areas is not your strength yet.  
You may choose from very simple to complex math work and nature art creations such as Zentangle patterns, 3D constructions, tessellations, geometry pic-collages, computer art and more!

**Additional Fees: \$20.00**

Instructor: Julie Pink

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Messy Matters: The Science of Change			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	Oak View	2-4	W1197
July 13-17	Groveland	2-4	W3204
July 20-24	Oak View	2-4	W3216

Do you like messy science? In this course you will use the scientific process to learn about the different states of matter, and how YOU can change them. Mystery goop and ice cream are just two of the matter changes we will make in this course. Thursday we will visit a kitchen to see just how yummy science can be! On Friday we will showcase our learning at our Science Fair Open House.

**Additional Fees: \$30.00**

Instructor: Carla Wallace

Mix It Up			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	Oak View	4-5	W1198
July 20-24	Oak View	4-5	W3217

Do you get tired of doing the same thing? Do you like to try lots of different activities during the day? Do you like to try things that stimulate you intellectually, but also stretch you physically? If so, this class is for you. Daily activities will include strategy and cooperative games and mind benders, book discussion, cooking/baking, creating, problem solving, stretching/yoga, puzzling and writing.

**Additional Fees: \$15.00**

Instructor: Robyn Roub

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Mini-Reef Aquarium (Formerly Ocean Aquarium)			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 13-17	Groveland	3-7	W3013

Brand new for 2015. Bring home a strikingly beautiful mini-reef aquarium that adds interest and conversation to any room. Your three gallon, crystal clear, all glass desktop aquarium will be where you and your family and friends can conveniently watch tiny invertebrates creep and crawl out of "live rock" while your reef fish peacefully plays in the current. Take the "plunge" and enter the exciting world of macro invertebrates and begin or continue your study of aquarium science. You will set up your mini-reef aquarium, complete with live rock and a fish, in our classroom. The last day of class, you will bring your completed aquarium home with you. Crabs, sea stars, anemones, sea urchins, algae, snails, shrimp, clams, coral reef fish, and more will be discussed. Get your hands wet as this "hands on" class allows you to enjoy direct observation and study of your marine creatures. Expand your working knowledge of biology, chemistry, math and more! The hobby of saltwater aquarium keeping can last a lifetime! We will spend an entire day touring a group of selected marine aquarium shops in the metro area.

**Additional Fees: \$135.00**

Instructor: Walter Johnson

Mock Trial Introductory			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	SEC	5-8	W1010
July 6-10	Groveland	5-8	W3169
July 13-17	Oak View	5-8	W3170

If you are interested in experiencing the exhilaration of live courtroom drama, this is the class for you! This class has it all: individual and cooperative learning activities, historical analysis of case law, a humorous yet alarming look at recent frivolous lawsuits, and the hands-on and highly engaging activity of participating in actual court cases. Students will take on various roles such as prosecutor and defense attorney, witness, jury member, and maybe even serve as the judge, as they enhance their communication skills and their understanding of our legal system. On Wednesday, we will travel to the Hennepin County Courthouse to experience the legal system first-hand. This has been a very popular excursion the past few summers and we are excited to offer this opportunity again for our scholars. Our class will culminate with a final case, with each student taking on a legal role in the trial, and with parents and siblings serving as the jury. The final court case allows parents to see the outstanding effort and tremendous ability exhibited by all of our students.

**Additional Fees: \$20.00**

Instructors: Cory Knudtson/Sean Padden



Mock Trial 3:

**Mock Trial 3:**  
**Advanced Legal Advocacy and Trial Practice**

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	SEC	5-8	W1167
July 20-24	Oak View	5-8	W3021

This class is designed for students who like to argue, make friends, work hard, and most importantly, have fun while they learn! We will visit the Hennepin County Courthouse to observe the criminal system first hand, visit a law school to speak with professors and aspiring lawyers, and even create our own crime scene and court case. Each student will take on the role of plaintiff/prosecuting attorney, defense attorney, witness, judge, and jury in this class as they sharpen their understanding of the courts. Instructor Cory Knudtson will share his experience as a lawyer as we explore crime and punishment in past, present, and future. Students will analyze historical court cases, prepare and deliver arguments in a Supreme Court format, utilize technology to research and present arguments, and discuss strategies as they create and anticipate arguments. We will also learn more about various aspects of non-trial practice, including jury selection, introducing evidence before the trial, and interviewing witnesses. The legal system impacts nearly every aspect of our lives, and we will access and analyze precedent-setting court cases as we increase our understanding of the U.S. legal system.



**Additional Fees: \$30.00**

Instructors: Cory Knudtson/Sean Padden

To register, go to [www.district287.org/wsss37](http://www.district287.org/wsss37)

**Mystery Mania**

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	Oak View	4-6	W1182

Put on your detective hat! In this class you will use your creativity and deductive reasoning skills to explore mysterious locations, find clues and solve crimes. We will delve into the mystery genre, in hands-on ways, as it is found in books, games and movies.

Activities will include playing a part in a mystery as you discover which of your classmates has committed a crime; experiencing the effect of setting by touring the historic Wabasha Street Caves and learning about their mysterious past; reading about the great Sherlock Holmes and others like him; and of course creating your own mystery for others to solve.

You will set the stage and lay the clues in your own mystery game, short story or performance. If you prefer, you may choose to spend more time reading deeply in order to write a mystery literature review. Technology and publishing options will be available.

Whether you are an experienced super sleuth or aspiring detective, a challenge awaits!

**Additional Fees: \$35.00**

Instructor: Sarah Menk

**Mysterious Millions**

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	Oak View	5-7	W1012
July 13-17	Oak View	5-7	W3022

Technology is king in this class. Students have walked away from the class wanting to sign up again next summer because of the countless ways they can create many projects.

The course integrates math, reading, writing, art and creativity using mysteries and millions as the theme. The students will use PowerPoint, Excel spreadsheets, word processing, the Internet, digital cameras.

They will be involved in a competition to see who can win the most money in an art auction game as they explore the size of a million.

The students will also be challenged to read one million words before the class is over!

**Additional Fees:**  
**None**

Instructor:  
Steve Auer

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### Native American Arts and Crafts: Itowa Kaga

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	SEC	2-3	W1205

Do you like making crafts?

There are a wide variety of beautiful and functional items created by the North American Native culture groups. This week we will create artwork from all five major culture regions, including dreamcatchers, toys, shelters, clothing, and pottery.

Along the way we will learn legends and stories from each group as well. We will take a field trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts to view the Native American art exhibit.

**Additional Fees: \$20.00**

Instructor: Denise DuBois

### No Fear Shakespeare

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 6-10	Groveland	4-8	W3191
July 13-17	Oak View	4-8	W3218

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Probably not, because I get lost with those these, thous, and thines! Have no fear! No Fear Shakespeare is the perfect course for you! You probably already know more Shakespeare than you think; in fact you probably use at least five words every week that are credited with being added to the English language by him.

Come on a lyrical adventure through language, discover how iambic pentameter and verse work, play with tongue-twisters, and hear some un-known (yet very familiar) stories.

Students will even try their own hands at The Bard's writing style, exemplifying their fantastical mastery of Shakespeare with absolutely No Fear!

A behind-the-scenes tour of the Guthrie Theater is included with this class.

**Additional Fees: \$30.00**

Instructor: Dan Reynolds



### Norse Mythology and Creative Writing

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 13-17	Oak View	4-9	W3161

Dive into Norse Mythology and explore the Viking world of famous Norse Gods like Thor and Odin.

Learn about the Scandinavian culture behind the fantastical creatures in Norse Mythology. Like classical Greek Mythology, Norse Mythology has numerous fascinating stories, tales, and adventures. However, Norse is quite different. For example, Norse gods are not immortal. One day, these gods will face their end, Ragnarok. Join us on a journey to investigate the world of Norse Mythology. Exploring, creating, and telling myths is an electrifying experience. Norse Mythology has limitless boundaries for the creative mind.



**Additional Fees: None**

Instructor: Abbey Lantz

### Not Quite Brain Surgery

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	Oak View	6-8	W1013
July 6-10	Oak View	6-8	W3012

Code Red! Code Red! We need all surgeons to report immediately for a crash course on brains! You will have the opportunity to learn about your nervous system, diseases of the brain, create brain puzzles, and participate in heated battles of Cranium and chess.

You not only visit the Science Museum, but you will be able to create a Power-Point to show off what you have learned. To top it off, brain specimens will be available to dissect! This course is wonderful for the "brainy" student who wants to get a "head" of the others.

**Additional Fees: \$35.00**

Instructor: Steve Auer

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### Persuasive Writing and Debate

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	Oak View	5-6	W1180

Are you always arguing?  
 Do you want to learn how to prove you're right?  
 Learn and practice how to research, write persuasively, and debate against other speech and research enthusiasts. Come prepared to write, research, and debate.

**Additional Fees: None**

Instructor: Robyn Owens

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### Photography 101

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	SEC	2-4	W1126
July 6-10	Groveland	2-4	W3154



Do you find that you are interested in the world around you and want to capture these moments in one way or another?  
 If you are a student who is interested in plants, animals, and other natural occurrences, this class is for you!  
 During this week we will venture outside and capture animals and plants in all forms, using a digital camera provided for the student.

We will study different ways to use the digital camera and ways to make your shot the most effective.  
 This class is very heavy in photography, but will take some time to learn about the subjects being photographed. We will visit the Como Zoo, where we will take a class from a zoo educator, and learn about the subjects we see at the zoo.  
 Bring your creative juices, along with your excitement for nature and photography!

**Additional Fees: \$40.00**

Instructor: Jennifer Olson

### Polar Opposites! Penguins, Polar Bears and Whales

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	Oak View	2-4	W1169

Some like it cold and some like it colder! Are you interested in penguins? What about polar bears? Do you know these cold loving creatures are polar opposites? In this class you will learn about these majestic ice dwellers and discover why they are so well adapted to life in their extreme environments.  
 You will also learn about the powerful, awesome whales that are at home in both arctic regions. Get ready for some COOL learning! A trip to the Como Zoo to observe the polar bears and penguins will be included.

**Additional Fees: \$40.00**

Instructor: Denise DuBois

### Puzzle Island

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	SEC	3-6	W1103
July 6-10	Groveland	3-6	W3057
July 20-24	Oak View	3-6	W3193

Do puzzles drive you crazy?  
 This class is all about puzzles, including brain teasers; logic problems; visual, physical, word, math and science puzzles; mazes, hidden pictures, codes and ciphers, optical illusions, games and much more.  
 If you are crazy about puzzles, this class may drive you crazy. Come and join the fun!

**Additional Fees: None**

Instructor: Dana Jensen



Ready! Set! Action!			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	Oak View	2-4	W1188
July 20-24	Oak View	2-4	W3194
<p>Would you like to be a star? Join us and improve your writing skills, write your own script, design your own scenery, and act in a play!</p>			
<b>Additional Fees: None</b>			
Instructor: Julie Sotak			



Recycled Art			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	Oak View	2-4	W1199
July 13-17	Oak View	2-4	W3219
<p>Throughout this course we will learn about different styles; use different techniques and mediums; create sculptures from items such as tin foil, paper bags, and other recycled materials and produce other unique art pieces. We will learn to reflect on our artwork and the last day will be celebrated with our own art gallery.</p>			
<b>Additional Fees: None</b>			
Instructor: Christina Thompson			

Really Awesome Game Class			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 6-10	Oak View	5-7	W3100
<p>What if you had an entire week of "game day" at school? Well, this is it! When you walk into the classroom, it'll look like we went to a board game store and bought four of everything (which is basically what we've done). We've picked out a collection of the best games to challenge the minds of bright girls and boys like you. We'll teach you rules and strategies, then give you a lot of time to play and compete in tournaments for prizes.</p> <p>High school and college age veterans of this and the "Explore Strategy" classes will be around to help. You won't want to leave when class is over, BUT your brain will hurt from thinking so much that you'll have to go home and rest.</p> <p>See you this summer. It's Game On!</p> <p><b>Note: Former students are welcome to take this class again to learn new games and re-visit favorites.</b></p> <p><b>You might also consider the "Explore Strategy" classes or "The Ultimate Strategy Games Tournament" to find a match for your age range and summer schedule.</b></p>			
<b>Additional Fees: \$15.00</b>			
Instructor: Jim Pekarek			

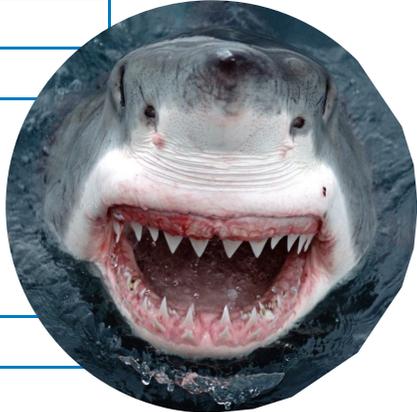
Serious Writers' Workshop			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 20-24	Oak View	8-12	W3023
<p>Do you REALLY want to write? Is getting your stuff published your PASSION? Are you so committed to becoming a published writer that you are willing to go to almost any length? Are you willing to LEARN from a published writer even when he gives you serious criticism? Can you TAKE constructive criticism without quitting or arguing every point? Maybe this class is for you, then! Mr. Stewart will work with each student in a master-apprentice relationship.</p> <p>You should be prepared to write one thousand words EACH DAY or a minimum of four to twenty (depending on the form in which you work) polished poems EACH DAY.</p> <p>Mr. Stewart will take that day's production, comment extensively overnight and then conference with each student each day at length. He will also guide students during the day, suggesting themes, techniques and readings on writing. He will NOT be teaching "how to write" in this class!</p> <p>If you don't know THAT, then take the Writing To Get Published class, where he teaches "how to write."</p>			
<b>Additional Fees: None</b>			
Instructor: Guy Stewart			

Shark Mania			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	SEC	5-9	W1135
July 20-24	Oak View	5-9	W3128

Can't get enough of sharks? Then this class is for you. Have fun learning all about sharks in this "hands on" class. You will make a key to identify the sharks of the world and view the dissection of a shark.

You will also go on a field trip to Sea Life Aquarium, where you will snorkel in the coral reef exhibit; get a behind the scenes tour of the shark exhibits; fabric paint a t-shirt with sharks; and much, much, more!

**Additional Fees: \$100.00** Instructor: Walter Johnson



Sideways Summer			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	Oak View	2-3	W1200
June 22-26	Oak View	2-3	W1201

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a kid in a school where you are served mystery mush at lunch or debate what type of tattoo to get for your birthday? How about taking dance lessons from a famous dance teacher or having your teacher and friends call you by another child's name - FOREVER??

If so, then you need to spend time with us reading "Wayside School is Falling Down." We will be intrigued by awesome vocabulary words, use our creative side to construct inventions, and bring out our adventurous side when we make our very own pickles!

Join us for fun filled days with so many activities to show just how "SIDEWAYS" school can really be!

**Additional Fees: \$15.00**

Instructors: Macy McDowell and Jenine Severson

Speaking Made Easy and Fun			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	SEC	7-9	W1145
July 6-10	Groveland	4-6	W3155

You know those people who say "um" and "you know" all the time when they speak? Don't be like them!

Be the student who stands up and delivers the answer.

From now until you finish college you will be expected to deliver presentations for grades. Come and learn how—NOW—while it is fun. Learn the skills that will help you to speak like a pro.

**Additional Fees: \$10.00**

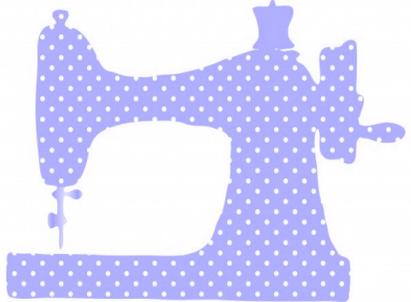
Instructor: Judy Daily

So You Want to Sew			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 13-17	Groveland	4-8	W3208

What if you couldn't just go to a store for a t-shirt, a sweater, or a backpack? Where do fibers, fabrics, and clothing come from? We can be creators of awesome fabric items rather than simply consumers. We'll learn about hand-sewing, knitting, knotting, weaving and felting. We'll invent silly stuffed creatures, make and use patterns for an item of clothing, embellish a t-shirt with paint or LED lights, and learn to use a sewing machine. We'll also enjoy a field trip to a locally-owned clothing store that offers amazing designs. You do NOT need to know how to sew to take this class, and you will go home with LOTS of new skills!

**Additional Fees: \$30.00**

Instructor: Jane Snell Copes



### A Spin Through the Universe

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	SEC	3-5	W1189
July 13-17	Oak View	3-5	W3147

This course will teach you about our solar system, space travel, and the universe beyond our own Milky Way. Learn about the special characteristics of each of the eight planets (and why Pluto doesn't count anymore). Build a scale of the whole solar system to see how far apart the planets really are. See 3-D Images taken by the Mars Rover and NASA satellites and then make your own planetary diorama based on what you've observed. Build rockets that can launch across a football field while learning about the physics of flight and rocketry. Take a virtual trip to the International Space Station and use a 3-D printer to design and build different tools and equipment to help the astronauts on board. This course promises to be out-of-this-world fun!



**Additional Fees: \$40.00**

Instructor: Nathan Edwards

### Super Storms and Melting Poles

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 6-10	Oak View	5-9	W3198

You need to be a science geek to take this class – 'cause it's TAUGHT by one! We're going to talk about HOW the atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere, and the biosphere interact to create weather and climate. Weather is NOT the same as climate and they affect us in very different ways and have very different causes and implications. We'll start with climate and gather information on the climate change debate -- so you can draw your own conclusion. Then we'll study weather. Can we REALLY predict it? What factors affect the weather? How does weather effect the survival of animals AND people? We'll visit the "Weather Permitting" exhibit at the Minnesota History Center as well. To tie things up, you can use as much data as you can find to make your OWN one-week weather prediction, do a "weather program" and put your OWN predictions out there!

**Additional Fees: \$25.00**

Instructor: Guy Stewart

### Super Biology 2015

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	Oak View	4-7	W1017

This class will offer new experiences and activities for kids who love science and nature. You will learn about the human body, go fishing, dissect an owl pellet, explore a pond, collect insects and leaves, dissect a variety of animals including sharks, and make an aquarium for a tadpole or fish. There will be three field trips: Fish Lake, Bell Museum of Natural History with Eloise Butler Flower Gardens, and Eastman Nature Center.

**Additional Fees: \$55.00**

Instructor: Bryan Olson

### Super Stories: Creating Stories Through Art

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	Oak View	6-9	W1202
July 13-17	Groveland	6-9	W3182

Do you love art? Do you love writing? Then you'll love creating graphic novels – you get to do both at the same time. This class is designed to give you some fun tools for telling your own stories through art. We will spend time coming up with great stories, drawing people, and learning how to create sequential art. By the end of the week, you'll complete a five to ten-page graphic novel with an original story that YOU created yourself!

**Additional Fees: \$40.00**

Instructor: Mary Stewart

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Teen Cuisine			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	SEC	6-10	W1170
<p>Have you ever wondered why sweet corn in July is so much better than sweet corn in January? Do you want to know if mother sauces actually have baby sauces? And are you sure you're ready to know what makes blue cheese blue? Teen Cuisine will give you those answers and more. Emily Wyse Moore will take you on a culinary journey through the concepts of seasonal foods, menu design, nutrition, international food trends and banquet service. Every class will include academic information as well as practical cooking applications. And the best part is—everything we cook must be eaten! Everyone must eat, but students in Teen Cuisine will gain the tools to eat well. A field trip to tour a grocery store will be included.</p>			
<b>Additional Fees: \$80.00</b>			
Instructor: Emily Wyse Moore			



That's Fantastic!			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	Oak View	4-7	W1181
<p>That's fantastic! Is it possible? What does it all mean? During the week we will explore these genres and possibilities. We will read about space travel, artificial intelligence, aliens, mind control, biotech, clones, future societies, and more. From <u>War of the Worlds</u> and <u>Frankenstein</u> to <u>Avatar</u> and <u>Hunger Games</u>, science fiction examines the ways in which science and technology shape our world and humankind.</p> <p>Through fantasy, we will escape into other worlds, wizardry and the monsters of <u>Eragon</u>, <u>Lord of the Rings</u>, <u>The Hobbit</u>, <u>Harry Potter</u>, <u>The Golden Compass</u> and more. While we will read and discuss much of the week, we will also explore these genres in short video clips and do our own writing and creative expression. Students will have input in to what we read this week.</p>			
<b>Additional Fees: \$10.00</b>			
Instructor: Ann Richter			



Thinking with Your Hands			
Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	SEC	2-4	W1150
July 6-10	Oak View	2-4	W3132
July 13-17	Groveland	2-4	W3171
<p>You will be making the coolest K'NEX constructions ever when you learn how your imagination works. Practice being fluent, flexible, elaborate and original thinkers, as you use K'NEX to solve problems and find solutions for a variety of challenges. Identify your creative thinking skills and then practice how to describe and present your solutions. As practiced thinkers and communicators you will also learn how to critique other designer's work, and learn how to use the compliments and comments from others to modify your work. Many of our projects will be part of a gallery theme to present to guests during Open House.</p>			
<b>Additional Fees: \$20.00</b>			
Instructor: Mindy Peabody Hendrickson			

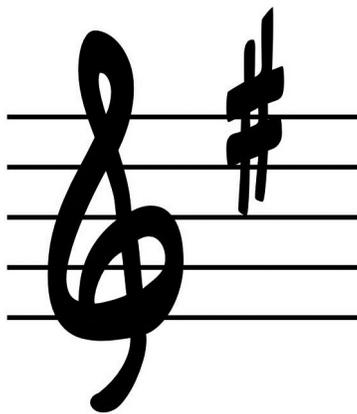
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### The Twenty-First Century Young Composer

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 6-10	Groveland	4-8	W3183

**Note: Students who were involved in the course last year are encouraged to attend again this summer as we will work on different projects.**

Cat got your tongue? Explore using music composition as a means of expression and communication! This course is designed for students with an interest in music who would like to try their hand at composing.



Students at all levels of music composition experience are invited to enroll in this course and will receive individualized coaching as they work on their compositions.

We will have lessons on a variety of topics and at a variety of levels to meet the needs of a diverse class. In addition to expanding their music composition skills, students will delve into the role of music and composers in society and will critically debate several issues that arise in the business of music. Students will collaborate to experiment with writing for different instruments and will perform each other's compositions.

The course will include a mid-week field trip to The Schubert Club museum and Backstage at The Ordway.

The week will conclude with a performance of students' original works. Students enrolled in this course should have experience singing/playing from written music and should plan to bring their instruments/voices to class each day!

**Additional Fees: \$25.00**

Instructor: Mary Beth Huttlin

### Unlocking the Moli Stone

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	Oak View	3-4	W1157

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a mathematician on an archeological dig for ancient numerical systems?

Imagine going to rural China, Egypt or Rome in the quest for the ancient Moli Stone which is similar to the Rosetta Stone. You have been requested to unravel the mysteries of numeration systems etched on this stone.

During the duration of this course you will learn in depth about place value, base systems and face systems of counting from around the world, from ancient to more modern times. You will explore the importance and use of symbols in representing different numbers.

Throughout the week you will use your knowledge of number systems to solve the mystery. By the end of the week you will form your own archeological team of mathematicians for your dig site.

Your team will quest to develop your own stone with an original numerical system to be decoded by your classmates or fellow teams of mathematicians.

**Additional Fees: None**

Instructor: Kari Govig

### The Ultimate Strategy Games Tournament

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 20-24	Oak View	7-12	W3151

The Ultimate Strategy Games Tournament is a similar class to the Explore Strategy Advanced class.

Students will be older than the beginner classes, the level of competition higher, and class discussions more sophisticated. The unique feature to this class is the week-long tournament that involves all of the class's games by placing them on a points chart, thus maximizing student choice and variety within the tournament. This class is the grand finale of the strategy games season.

**Additional Fees: \$15.00**

Instructor: Jim Pekarek

### Walt Disney: A BiEARgraphy

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 6-10	Oak View	6-8	W3220

It all started with a mouse, or did it? In this class we will look at Walt Disney, the man who started out as a paperboy and who would eventually become one of the most well-known people on the planet. In this class we will discover Walt Disney's history and his contributions to technology and pop culture through in-class projects, film analysis, and discussion about this icon whose legacy is still alive and popular today.

**Additional Fees: None**

Instructor: Philip Wiese

**What's Baking? Cookies & Breads!**

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	SEC	3-6	W1191

Whether you already enjoy the fun of baking, or are brand new to baking, this class is for you. During this week we will mix, blend, and bake a fun variety of cookies, breads and rolls. You will learn the basics of baking, how to measure ingredients, and the science behind common baking ingredients. Over the course of this week we will make and eat a variety of cookie types - drop, rolled, sandwich—as well as a variety of breads and rolls. The class is a small hands-on class where you will have the opportunity to make the recipe from start to finish; then you can continue to bake your favorite recipe from the class the rest of the year.

So, join us in a kitchen surrounded by the delicious tastes and smells of baking. Your family will be thrilled when you come home every night with freshly baked goodies for them to eat!



**Additional Fees: \$45.00**

Instructor: Jane Zins

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**The Wooden Spoon:**

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	Oak View	6-8	W1203

Have you ever wanted to run your own business? Is working hard, thinking on your feet and earning a profit your idea of a good time? Do you have a generous spirit and enjoy helping others? The Wooden Spoon project needs your entrepreneurial mindset and charitable attitude! In this course, you will gain the knowledge of what running a small business entails—including securing bank loans, product design, marketing, operation, management, and much more. Everything we do will be in preparation for an authentic experience—running Peg's Countryside Café, a local venue. The money raised at the restaurant on Thursday night will be presented in person to the staff of I.O.C.P. (Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners) on Friday. We will tour the nonprofit organization learning how they provide food, clothing, housing, childcare, and job resources to families in need. With the right knowledge and skills, motivated and intelligent individuals can truly make a difference in the world. Join this small business endeavor today and be one of them! Two field trips, with a delayed Thursday start, are included in this class.

**Additional Fees: \$ 30.00**

Instructor: Samantha Heitke

**Who Done It?  
Write Your Own Mystery Short Story**

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 13-17	Groveland	4-7	W3209

Do you love a good mystery? Have you always wanted to know how to write a mystery or meet a professional author to get the inside scoop on writing and publishing? You will do both in this workshop.

Dive into the world of mystery writing and explore this thrilling genre. You'll examine various types of mysteries – true crime, detective stories, ghosts and gothics, and suspense. You'll explore writing mysteries using prompts, exercises, puzzles, and games.

During the week, you will acquire the tools, information and skills needed to write a mystery filled with cliffhangers and intriguing characters; in fact, you will write a short mystery story of your own! And there's a bonus! You will also have a visit from a professional author!

**Additional Fees: None**

Instructors: Ann Richter

**Witches, Wizards, Dragons and Potions**

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 15-19	Oak View	2-3	W1174
June 22-26	SEC	2-3	W1206

It will be a whole week at Hogwarts with potions classes, wizard-y food and drink, magical games, and mythical creatures. You'll make wands, hats, wizard coins, bubbling vats of goo, and a nifty journal with hidden pockets. Discover the Drink of Doom, the Dragon Breath Detector, and Designer Potions.

We will allow NO spoilers, but you should have at least some interest in books 1-3 of the Harry Potter series. There will be lots of range for your imagination this week.



**Additional Fees: \$10.00**

Instructor: Jane Snell Copes

### Write On: Produce, Polish and Publish

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 20-24	Oak View	5-9	W3089

Get a gift of time to just write. Learn to PROduce with a PRO. Have your creative writing skills powered up. Find ideas to write about. Discover how to break through writer's block. Look at your writing anew. Make it better and better. Get help from a professional writer. Conference through critique sheets. Learn ways to try and get published. Leave with pieces of your writing polished and ready to publish in a package with a cover letter. Leave with a market list of a dozen names and addresses of likely markets looking for your writing. Leave with ideas and creativity and product.

**Additional Fees: None**

Instructor: Jack Kreitzer

### Young Writers' Workshop

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	SEC	2-4	W1052
July 13-17	Groveland	2-4	W3103

Do you like to write?  
Do you enjoy the magic of books and words?  
This class will be a time to imagine, create and share a wide variety of poems, stories and other types of writing. Each student will write (and illustrate) several beautiful and fun stories and also put together a book of all the wonderful poems written throughout the course.  
How would you finish this line: "The stars are like...?"

**Additional Fees: None**

Instructor: Dana Jensen

### Young Architects

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
July 6-10	Groveland	3-4	W3152

Let's build some structures and learn why they stand strong!  
In this class students will learn some history of Architecture, study famous architects, learn the basics of loads and weight distribution... and build lots of structures. Activities will include building weight-bearing structures; tall structures; sculptural architecture; and building design. Students will keep a sketchbook to take class notes, design buildings and solve architectural problems.

**Additional Fees: \$15.00**

Instructor: Harry Pulver

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### Writing to Get Published

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	Oak View	5-10	W1020

Does seeing your name and your written work in a magazine or online get you excited? Does hard work and persistence seem boring? Guy Stewart is a published writer and will show you that it takes excitement AND persistence to get published -- and sometimes even get paid! It's not easy, but it can happen to YOU! Through group work, team writing and one-on-one critiques, the class will try their hand at poetry, personal essays, non-fiction articles, fiction, scripts and flash fiction. When you're done, you'll have at least one manuscript ready to be sent to a magazine of your choice -- and then you'll send it! The class will post work to an online site called FirstTime where they can comment on each other's work and continue to network long past the end of the class.

**Additional Fees: None**

Instructor: Guy Stewart

### Zoology Inside and Out 2015

Dates	Location	Grades	Class #
June 22-26	Oak View	4-7	W1021

Zoology is the study of animals. Students will dissect frogs, salamanders and fetal pigs. Students will make a super insect collection to take home and a terrarium for a lucky cricket. Nature hikes, pond exploration, making a bat craft mascot, and learning about birds' feet, beaks and nests are some of the activities included in this class. There will be three field trips: The Raptor Center and Vet School, Como Zoo and Humane Society.

**Additional Fees: \$55.00**

Instructor: Bryan Olson



## Meet our West

### Suburban Summer School Teachers

**Steve Auer** has twenty-nine years of teaching experience with elementary students and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. He currently teaches fifth grade math, science, and health at Fernbrook Elementary in the Osseo School District.

**Beth Benezra** is the media specialist at Wayzata East Middle School. Instructing students regarding practical research strategies using critical thinking skills is a priority in the media curriculum. This background provided an effective segue to coaching Future Problem Solving (FPS) at Wayzata East for the past three years. During her successful tenure as coach, the majority of these FPS teams have advanced to the State competition.

**Bryan Bjorlin** is a Kindergarten teacher in the Mounds View Public School District who loves social studies. Making better citizens is one of his primary goals in teaching.

**Jane Snell Copes** is a writer, scientist, inventor, tinkerer and Maker of Stuff. She loves to swim, sew, grow vegetables and prairie plants, and make potions. Ms. Copes has fun with science every single day through her business called Science Outside the Box. You will love her messy, challenging, colorful, messy, artful classes. Did we say messy?

**Steve Cullison** has been a professional educator for over a decade and is licensed in social studies, several areas of special education, and school administration. He earned his Education Specialist Degree in school leadership at The University of St. Thomas last year. He has worked with gifted students, most recently coaching Knowledge Master. He is a graduate of a gifted education program and fondly remembers the associated opportunities for extra challenges and extra fun. Steve Cullison also has five years of experience working professionally in the computer industry.

**Judy Daily** has been involved in public speaking since 1989, giving presentations in Canada and Singapore on how to be a better speaker, and to corporations around the Twin Cities. She is a past winner of the nationwide Canada Day Speech Contest. Mrs. Daily has also presented workshops for students and teachers on how to have fun with math. She has taught and volunteered with elementary and middle school students both in Canada and here in Minnesota.

**Denise DuBois** is a primary grade teacher in an Exceptionally Gifted and Talented classroom in the Bloomington Schools. She has more

than twenty years of experience teaching the gifted population, and thoroughly enjoys the opportunity to offer enriched learning for high-ability students.

**Nate Edwards** received his MA in Education from Bethel University and has been teaching for almost eight years. Nate Edwards currently teaches grades three to five at Poplar Bridge Elementary School in Bloomington. He's been curious about our country,

our world and our universe for many years. One of his coolest "space" memories growing up was celebrating the 20th anniversary of the moon landing by visiting the Griffith Observatory in California. When he's not teaching, Mr. Edwards is an avid performer and children's speaker. He has visited and performed with puppets, music and illusions all across the country, as well as in Europe and Africa. He loves incorporating his talents into the classroom. You'll never quite know what to expect!

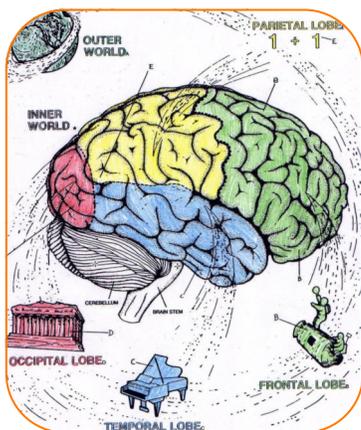
**John Foty** has a Master's Degree in Gifted/Creative/Talented Education, and more than twenty years of gifted education teaching. He recently retired from Osseo Area Schools, and is now teaching gifted students in grades K-2 in Delano. Mr. Foty remains an active member of the Minnesota Department of Education Gifted and Talented Advisory Council. He loves to incorporate creative activities into his teaching, and has been an advanced amateur digital photographer for eleven years.

**Ray Frigard** is an artist, inventor, industrial designer and author/educator. He currently is the artist in residence at Our Savior Lutheran School, has exhibited sculptures in a number of juried shows and is named on a diverse range of patents including Rollerblades, cameras, sailboats and toys. He has licensed concepts with many of the leading toy companies and has won several notable creativity awards. He has also modeled full-sized vehicles in clay for Ford, Chrysler, BMW and Polaris Industries. Frigard has sculpted numerous commercial figures including Disney, Jim Henson's Fraggles, Jim Davis's Garfield and McDonald's Happy Meal toys. He has taught creative problem solving and art for the past six years in Minneapolis area schools and community organizations. He is the author of *Arthink* and *Funthink*, two workbooks on creativity and has presented workshops at MITY, MCGT, SBC, NAEA, Search Institute and Creative Educational Foundation national conventions.

**Kate Fuller** is a teacher at Armstrong High School. She has a background in English and has been teaching for fourteen years. During the 2014-2015 school year, she coordinated the AVID and AP Programs at Armstrong High School. She has a long background in working with gifted students, teaching Pre-AP English. Ms. Fuller has had training in AP Composition and AP Literature, and has taught AP Art History for two years. She has also taught AVID for five years.

**Kari Govig** has been teaching for twenty-two years in grades 1, 3, 4 & 5. She has her Master's Degree in Gifted and Talented Studies from the University of St. Thomas. She is currently a teacher of gifted and talented third graders in Bloomington ISD. Although she likes all subjects, math is one of her favorites.

**Samantha Heitke** is the coordinator of the EXCEL Gifted and Talented Program for Rockford Area Schools and works directly with 4th-8th grade students. She truly enjoys the challenges of working with gifted kids and advocating for their academic, social and emotional needs. She has a Master's Degree and graduate certification in gifted and talented instruction. When not teaching, she enjoys cooking, garden-



ing, and doing projects around her family's hobby farm which includes cows, pigs, goats, chickens, cats, and a dog!

**Mindy Peabody Hendrickson** is a returning WSSS teacher who has been encouraging young thinkers to identify and use their creative problem-solving abilities for over fifteen years. This summer she welcomes young thinkers to learn as they build with K'NEX and solve a problem with a new invention. Ms. Hendrickson has taught thinking skills, drama, and art to students K-8 as a Gifted/Talented Resource Teacher for Minneapolis, St. Louis Park and Richfield public schools.

**Kris Holtmeyer** owns and operates Artistic Moments, a Minneapolis-based, on-site business, which provides artistic instruction to students of all ages. Ms. Holtmeyer teaches courses for the Intermediate District 287 Gifted and Talented Program, as well as the Minnesota Council for the Gifted and Talented. She also has a background working with special and regular education students. She is a board member and president of the Plymouth Arts Council and is also an advisor for MNYC (Minnesota Youth Community) helping all students learn about the visual arts.

**Mary Beth Huttlin** is a Minneapolis/St. Paul-based composer whose works have been performed throughout the Midwest. She completed her doctorate at the University of Minnesota and currently teaches music in the Minnetonka Public Schools.

**Dana Jensen** is a professional writer, teacher, and roster artist in the COMPAS Writers and Artists in the Schools Program.

**Walter Johnson** currently teaches middle school science at a charter school in Minneapolis. He has experience snorkeling and scuba diving in Hawaii, Mexico and the Florida Keys, and has been a marine aquarium enthusiast since childhood. Mr. Johnson has taught West Suburban Summer School for twenty-five years.



**Tami Junkermeier** is currently a media specialist at Minnetonka Elementary School in the Minnetonka School District. She has taught in both elementary and middle schools. She loves reading and technology, and has hosted book clubs and technology clubs for students after school.

**Suzanne Kehret** has been a professional educator for the past five years and is licensed in biology, chemistry and physics. She earned her B.S. at Iowa State University in Biology Education and her M.A. in Educational Technology at Concordia St. Paul. She works on a daily basis with gifted students in her science classroom and often provides differentiated activities for that group of students. In addition to this experience, she was a member of her own district's gifted and talented program and has very fond memories of the extra opportunities it provided.

ed. She currently works at Orono High School teaching chemistry and environmental science.

**Cory Knudtson** is an 8th grade Communications teacher at Wayzata East Middle School. He has been teaching elementary through high school students for ten years. In addition to advanced education degrees, he obtained a law degree from Hamline University with honors. When not teaching, he volunteers time to the legal community.

**Jack Kreitzer** (rumored to be the secret identity of Wordman) is a poet, educator, mentor, and catalyst. He has published six volumes of poetry, taught creativity at universities, and worked as an educational consultant focusing on youth-at-risk, "giftedness" and very special arts with people experiencing disabilities. For over twenty years, at hundreds of schools in dozens of states, Kreitzer has worked as a writing specialist and an artist-in-residence.

**Abbey Lantz** received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Gustavus Adolphus College in Communication Arts and Literature Education. During her time at Gustavus, Ms. Lantz further developed her passion for literature, especially mythology. Currently she teaches Language Arts at Rockford High School and is the head coach for the girls' soccer program. Literature, sports, and writing are her top passions and hobbies of choice. She loves falling into the world of a book or story, and also loves exploring the thrill and entertainment of sports.

**Masey McDowell** is the Gifted and Talented Coordinator/Teacher for Pinewood Elementary in Monticello, MN. She has held this position since 2009, not only working with G/T students, but also serving as a resource teacher for the nine cluster teachers in the building. She has attended several G/T workshops throughout the last six years, and is responsible for training a G/T teacher at Little Mountain Elementary. Ms. McDowell assists teachers with the proper training and information they need in order to become successful cluster teachers to G/T students.

**Sarah Menk** is a gifted education teacher in District 279. She holds a reading licensure and recently received her Master's Degree in education. Ms. Menk is passionate about reading and providing challenge for even the most voracious of readers. One of her favorite college courses was a mystery/literature course and she is excited to offer a similar opportunity to elementary students.

**Emily Wyse Moore** has worked as a personal chef since 2005, creating menus and meals for events with twenty to eighty people. She studied at LeCordon Bleu, Minneapolis St. Paul, and did a three month culinary internship at Ciao Bella in Bloomington, Minnesota. She subscribes to many culinary journals and websites, absorbing as much current information on cooking as she can. Teaching cooking classes combines her culinary passion with her career as an educator. She has worked as a band director for the Edina Public Schools, a home economics and hospitality teacher in Queensland, Australia, and is currently the culinary arts teacher at the Integrated Arts Academy in Chaska.

**Colin O'Brien** has been teaching for ten years and received his M.Ed. from St. Mary's University in 2007. For the past ten years he has worked at Minnesota New Country School in Henderson, MN as a math teacher and technology coordinator. He really enjoys project-based learning and his passions include mathematics, technology, and sports.

**Bryan Olson** taught science at Osseo Junior High for 35 years. Since retiring, he has taught at a number of places, currently at PACT Charter. He has a Master's Degree in Science Education and has taught a variety of classes at WSSS for twenty-nine years.

**Jennifer Olson** is currently an elementary teacher in the Eastern Carver County Schools. She has taught a total of twelve years in the elementary school, half in first grade and half in second grade. Ms. Olson has a Master's Degree in Environmental Education and Natural Sciences from Hamline University. She enjoys the outdoors sciences and capturing the outdoors with a camera.

**Sean Padden** is an eighth grade Health teacher as well as a sixth and seventh grade Physical Education teacher at Central Middle School in Wayzata. Besides his teaching licensures, he has a Master's in Educational Leadership and Administration as well as an Associate in Applied Science Degree in microcomputer technology.

**Jim Pekarek** teaches 7th grade history at Minnetonka Middle School East. He has been teaching the strategy games classes for over ten years. He is assisted by highly trained and motivated high school and college students who help establish an environment that is welcoming, engaging, competitive, but most of all - fun.

**Julie Pink** has worked as an educator for over three decades. She has taught primary grades, served as an instructional coach, and currently works with students in Kindergarten through sixth grade as a Gifted Education Teacher in District 279. Throughout her teaching years she has devoted a great deal of time to her personal learning. After earning her Master's Degree, she continued at Hamline University, as an adjunct professor/facilitator and Capstone Advisor for eleven years. Along with teaching, Ms. Pink has been part of numerous writing groups and committees. She especially valued the committee work related to Gifted Education. She is thrilled to be sharing with students her fascination with mathematics, her interest in nature and love of art. She looks forward to combining these passions in the class—Math Marvels in the Making!

**Harry Pulver Jr.** has attended St. Olaf, MCAD, and Pratt Manhattan School of Design. As a professional illustrator for over twenty years, his clients include The Children's Television Workshop, Scholastic Inc., and the Wall Street Journal. He has also coached for Destination Imagination, and taught at Watershed High School, The Minnesota Council for the Gifted and Talented Annual Conference and West Suburban Summer School ([www.harrypulver.com](http://www.harrypulver.com)).

**Dana Raabe** is a music teacher at Minnesota Math and Science Academy in St. Paul, but has taught almost every school subject. She is finishing her Master's Degree in Middle School Math this summer and is looking for her dream teaching position in math.



**Daniel Reynolds** has been a part of the Twin Cities theater scene since 1994. He has performed and taught with such local organizations as Minnesota Shakespeare and Company, Cromulent Shakespeare, and Homeward Bound Theatre Company. In 2009 he received his Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts from Hamline University. Currently Mr. Reynolds wears many hats at Capitol

Hill Gifted Talented Magnet School in the Saint Paul Public School District.

**Ann Richter** is a middle school teacher of language arts, social studies and communications. Before embarking on her teaching career, she worked twenty years in the financial services industry. She led the production of a school newspaper, coached Future Problem Solvers and Destination Imagination, and was a certified Junior Great Books instructor. Ms. Richter is a writer and active member of the Loft Literary Center of Minneapolis. She received her BA at the University of Minnesota and her MAEd at St. Catherine's University.



**Benjamin Roub** has seven years of experience teaching Kindergarten, first, and second grade. He has spent time teaching in Germany and the country of Bahrain in the Middle East, and is currently teaching first grade at Global Academy in Columbia Heights. He is passionate about teaching science and math and loves to explore with children as they learn and create. "I love to get kids out of their seats and moving around while they learn."

**Robyn Roub** has been teaching grades four through six for seventeen years including years at a private school in the Osseo School District. She currently teaches fifth grade at Earle Brown IB World School. She majored in elementary education as well as speech communication and has a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction.

**Jenine Severson** is a second grade teacher at Pinewood Elementary School in Monticello, MN. She has been teaching at Pinewood since 2002, primarily in second grade. Over the past four years she has enjoyed challenging herself with a new position of working with Gifted and Talented students in second grade, finding new and exciting ways to challenge G/T students in all content areas and coming up with fun and creative ways for them to work together and challenge each other. She has attended the MCGT conference and has additional training working with high achieving students. She also enjoys traveling, and her favorite place to visit is Denmark. Other interests include spending time with family and friends, camping, fishing, and cooking. She also loves to play card games, read, and do projects around the house.

**Julie Sotak** has been teaching elementary and middle school students for twenty-five years for the Westonka Public Schools. She has had many teaching experiences with gifted and talented students including Inventors Workshop, Camp Invention, drama and theater.

**Guy Stewart** Science teacher, guidance counselor and writer, Guy Stewart has been a science teacher for thirty-two years to students in grades four through twelve, and has covered everything from Astronomy to Zoology (literally!). He has taught special education science classes as well as English Language Learners and was Cooper High School's first International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program Physical Science/Honors teacher. In addition, he is a writer with publications in many magazines and online sources. His first book was published in 1998 and is still available on amazon.com. He is represented by Red Fox Literacy, and his new book will be published in summer 2015 by MuselUp Publishers. He has taught classes with West Suburban Summer School for eighteen years and worked with students at

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the Minnesota Gifted and Talented Conference and at Young Author's Conferences all over the state.

**Mary Stewart** is a freelance artist who currently works in childcare in Minneapolis. She has been part of the West Suburban family for several years as both an assistant and teacher. Graduating from Augsburg College, Ms. Stewart obtained her degree in psychology with a minor in studio arts. She has an extensive background in fine arts, graphic novels, and story-writing. She loves working with children of all ages and igniting their curiosity. She is excited to foster a passion for storytelling through art in her students.

**Kristiann Stotz** provides technology support at Wayzata Central Middle School in the Wayzata School District. This is the eleventh year this class has been offered in WSSS.

**Christina Thompson** is a first grade teacher in the Osseo School District. She has been teaching for five years. Her first three years were spent at Crest View Elementary and she is currently teaching at Fernbrook Elementary. Ms. Thompson is an art enthusiast and finds great joy instilling the love for art in her students! She has led workshops in the district and is always transforming her teaching to appropriately challenge her students.

**Carla Wallace** has six years of experience teaching second and third grade students enrolled in the Elements Program for gifted learners in Bloomington ISD #271. She is currently pursuing a certificate in Gifted and Talented Education as well as a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. Among her passions is the desire to encourage students to think flexibly and take appropriate risks as learners.

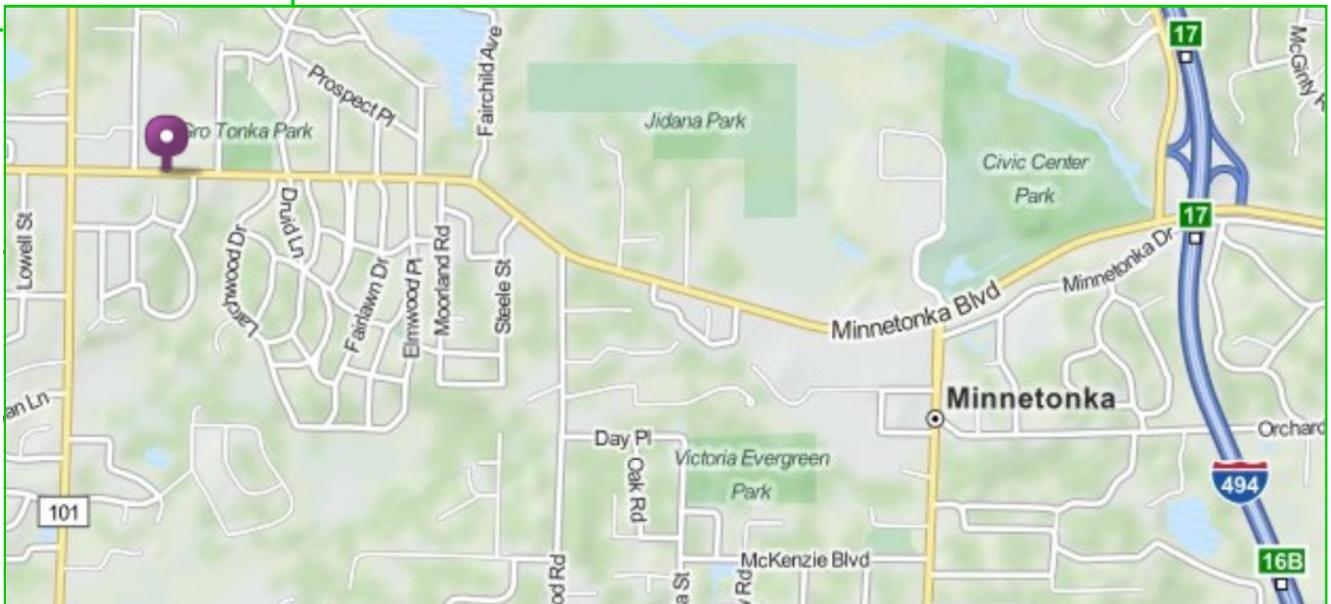


**Philip Wiese** is an educational assistant and baseball coach at Armstrong High School and self-described Disney Nut. He enjoys working with students and finding ways to help them learn.

**Jane Zins** has been baking since she was a young girl. When Ms. Zins is not baking, she works as a Media Specialist with the Minnetonka Public Schools.

### Maps to 2015 Sites

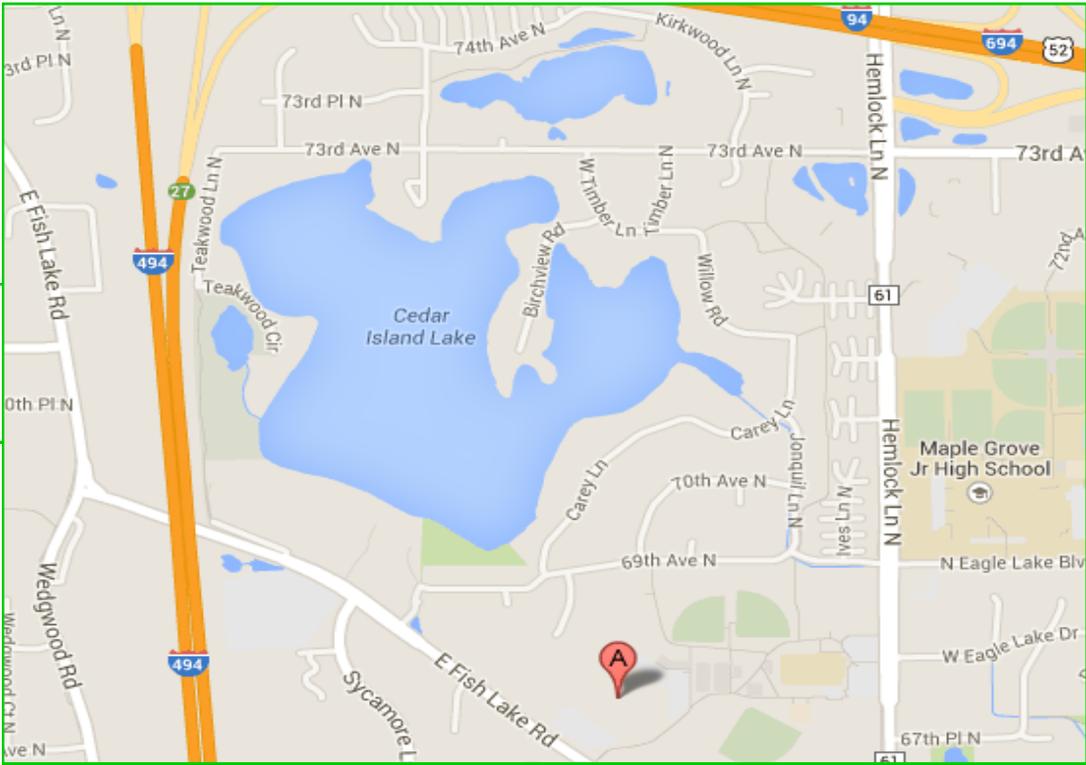
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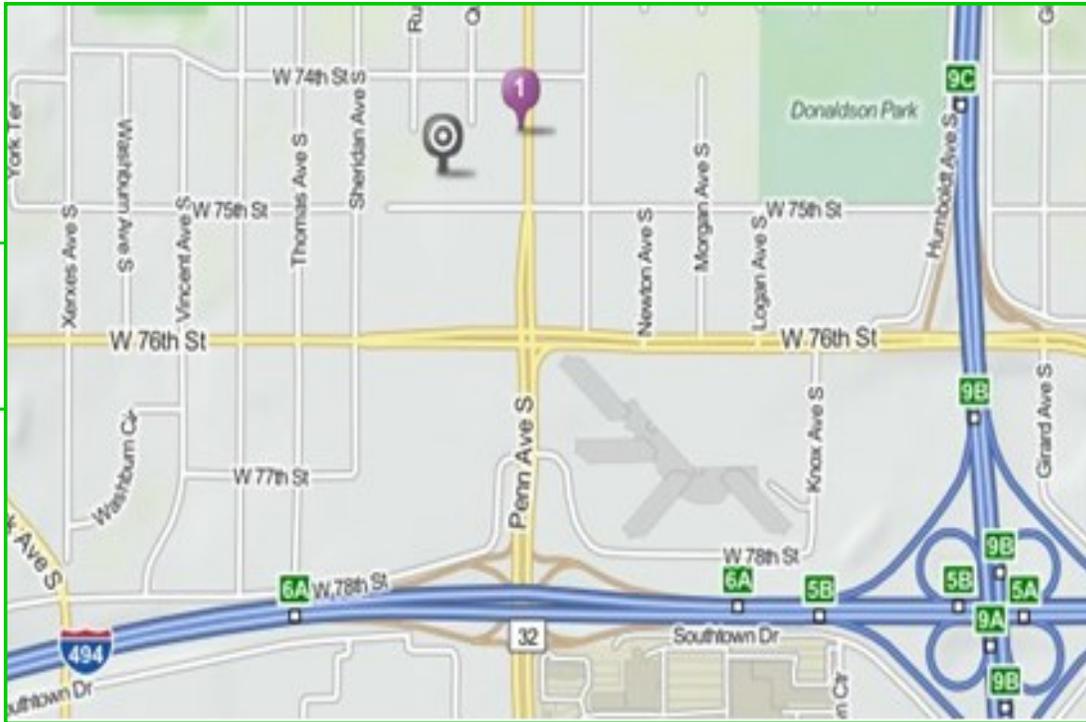
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**Maps to  
2015  
Sites**

Oak View Elementary  
6710 East Fish Lake Rd  
Maple Grove, MN 55369



South Education Center  
7450 Penn Avenue South  
Richfield, MN 55423-3621



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## INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Sandy Lewandowski, Superintendent  
**FROM:** Michael Cowles, Director of Facilities  
**DATE:** April 8, 2015  
**Re:** **South Education Center (SEC) Playfield Status Update**

### History:

- Originally, the location of Lincoln Hills Elementary School, the school was demolished after construction of the South Education Center.
- The Playfield will feature:
  - A small, U10 soccer field
  - 1/16 miles Running/Walking/Tricycle track. The track will be made up of porous asphalt that will allow water to pass through. All runoff for the Playfield will be self-contained, not adding to the storm water runoff for the watershed district.
  - Up to 24 new, irrigated garden beds that are expected to generate 3,000 pounds of vegetables to be used in our culinary program and kitchen
  - The planting of fruit trees and berry beds along the North side of the lot that will also be used in our culinary program.
  - A shed for storage of exercise equipment and garden equipment.
  - A five foot high fence around the playfield will keep balls on the playfield and kids out of the street.
  - We will be additional landscaping along Penn Avenue will improve the look of the property and significantly improve the look of the vacant lot.
  - The sidewalk along Penn Avenue will be replaced and moved about 5 feet from the street allowing for a safer walkway.
- Funding for the \$336K project will be split by both District 287 and a Hennepin Youth Sports Program matching grant
- In addition to use as a Playfield for our students, the playfield will be used in summer months by City of Richfield sports leagues. In return for use of the field, we will be entering into a Joint Powers Agreement with the City to maintain the playfield at no cost to the District.

### Plan:

- The bids were too high in our first bid process in Fall 2014 so we went back to the drawing board and modified our plan and went out for bid again this winter. This time the process was successful with the winning general contractor being New Look construction.
- We have received a preliminary schedule from New Look that has the visible portion of the work beginning in mid-May with project completion in mid-July.
- For this project, we will be utilizing our new project process which will include a project team of:
  - Architect – TSP Architects
  - General Contractor - New Look Contracting
  - Director of Facilities – Mike Cowles
  - Facilities On-Site Staff – Kurt Vredenburg
  - Principal - Jayne Tiedemann
  - 2 Teachers – Brian Wheat and Joe Steinert
- The project team will meet on a bi-weekly basis
- The new process will involve bi-weekly updates to staff including updated schedules with key dates significant to the district
- We will be creating a construction sign showing the outcome of the construction and the organizations involved. ISD #287, Hennepin County, the City of Richfield, TSP Architects, and New Look Construction
  - We are in discussions with our Vocational Staff about building the garden beds for the project.

This project has been in development for a long time but that extra time has allowed us to innovate to find greener, more efficient, and cost effective ways to get this project completed and to improve the educational experience for our students.



**INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT 287  
PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting – April 9, 2015

**AGENDA SECTION:** BOARD BUSINESS

**ITEM:** Approval of Financial Parameters for Local 2209 Negotiations

**PRESENTED BY:** Anne Becker, General Counsel/Executive Director of Labor Relations

**1. Background Information**

District administration has: reviewed the Master Contract Between Intermediate School District 287 and Education Minnesota Local 2209 for the Contract Term July 1, 2013 – July 1, 2015; compared terms and conditions of the Master Contract with those of our member districts; obtained the most recent information about spending targets for education funding by the Legislature; and, in light of this information, developed recommendations for financial parameters in contract negotiations.

**2. Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board approve financial parameters for Local 2209 contract negotiations.**

3.

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_

Second by: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ Failed \_\_\_\_

Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Policy Project:**

Updated: April 2015

Facilities (FUP) Revision Date: September 2015			Board Approved
FUP	100	<a href="#">Goals</a>	May-2012
FUP	120	<a href="#">Crisis Management</a>	Mar-2003
FUP	140	<a href="#">Student Transportation Safety</a>	May-2012
FUP	200	<a href="#">Health and Safety</a>	Aug-2014

Curriculum & Instruction (CI) Revision Date: November 2015			Board Approved
CI	100	<a href="#">Goals</a>	Mar-2012
CI	120	<a href="#">System Accountability</a>	Mar-2004
CI	140	<a href="#">Special Education Services</a>	Mar-2004

Nondiscrimination & Equal Opportunity (NEO) Revision Date: October 2016			Board Approved
NEO	100	<a href="#">Goals</a>	Nov-2008
NEO	120	<a href="#">Harassment &amp; Violence</a>	Aug-2002
NEO	140	<a href="#">Equal Opportunity</a>	Aug-2002

Employee Rights & Responsibilities (ERR) Revision Date: November 2016			Board Approved
ERR	100	<a href="#">Goals</a>	Apr-2002
ERR	120	<a href="#">Employee Responsibilities</a>	Apr-2002
ERR	180	<a href="#">Publication or Creation of Products or Content</a>	Apr-2002

Financial Planning & Operations (FPO) Revision Date: November 2016			Board Approved
FPO	100	<a href="#">Goals</a>	Sep-2011
FPO	120	<a href="#">Establishment, Adoption &amp; Modification of District Budget</a>	Feb-2004
FPO	140	<a href="#">Fund Balance</a>	Dec-2006
FPO	160	<a href="#">Gifts</a>	Jul-2001
FPO	180	<a href="#">Investments</a>	Jul-2001
FPO	200	<a href="#">Sources of Revenue</a>	Feb-2002

Data Privacy & Records (DPR) Revision Date: February 2017			Board Approved
DPR	100	<a href="#">Goals</a>	Feb-2013
DPR	120	<a href="#">Personnel Data Privacy</a>	Feb-2013
DPR	140	<a href="#">Student Data Privacy</a>	Feb-2013
DPR	160	<a href="#">Right to Access Public Data</a>	Feb-2013

Health & Medical (HM) Revision Due Date: September 2017			Board Approved
HM	100	<a href="#">Goals</a>	Oct-2010
HM	140	<a href="#">Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free Schools Policy</a>	Oct-2010
HM	160	<a href="#">Tobacco-Free Schools</a>	Aug-2002
HM	180	<a href="#">Wellness (revised February 2013)</a>	May-2006
HM	200	<a href="#">Employee Drug Testing Policy</a>	Jun-2014

Student Rights & Responsibilities (SRR) Revision Date: October 2017			Board Approved
SRR	100	<a href="#">Goals</a>	Sep-2012
SRR	120	<a href="#">Student Conduct &amp; Discipline</a>	Mar-2005
SRR	140	<a href="#">Bullying (Revised June 2014)</a>	Nov-2006
SRR	160	<a href="#">Hazing</a>	Mar-2005
SRR	180	<a href="#">Weapons</a>	Mar-2005
SRR	200	<a href="#">Peace Officers and Crisis Teams Policy</a>	May-2004

Technology & Communication (TC) Revision Date: February 2018			Board Approved
TC	100	<a href="#">Goals</a>	Feb-2012
TC	120	<a href="#">Technology Responsible Use and Safety Policy</a>	Dec-2004

District Administration & Organization (DAO) Revision Date: February 2018			Board Approved
DAO	100	<a href="#">Goals</a>	Nov-2012
DAO	120	<a href="#">Intermediate District 287 Organizational Chart</a>	Annually
DAO	140	<a href="#">Administrator Code of Ethics</a>	Nov-2012

Board Officers/Operations (BOO) Revision Date: March 2018			Board Approved
BOO	100	<a href="#">Goals</a>	Oct-2008
BOO	120	<a href="#">Board-Superintendent Relations</a>	Apr-2003
BOO	140	<a href="#">Compensation Policy</a>	Apr-2003
BOO	180	<a href="#">Out of State Travel by School Board Members</a>	Apr-2003
BOO	200	<a href="#">Policy Development, Adoption, Implementation and Review</a>	Apr-2003
BOO	220	<a href="#">Board Structure &amp; Decision-Making</a>	Apr-2003
BOO	240	<a href="#">Conflict of Interest</a>	Apr-2003
Bylaws		<a href="#">Board Bylaws</a>	

# POLICY SCHEDULE PLANNER

# 2015-2016

## Intermediate District 287

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PROJECT PHASE	SIT DATE	FIRST READ	SECOND READ
Revision: Facilities Bucket	09.2.15	09.10.15	09.24.15
Revision: Curriculum & Instruction Bucket	09.30.15	10.08.15	10.22.15

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◇ Tentative Board Meeting Dates

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# Intermediate District 287

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### INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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April 9, 2015

**RE: 2014-2015 Superintendent Evaluation Process**

Dear Board Members,

We are approaching this year's opportunity to evaluate the Superintendent, please note the upcoming important dates.

<b>Superintendent Evaluation Procedure for 2014-2015</b>	
May 14 Board Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sandy will provide the board with a hard copy of the written progress report. This information is very helpful as you complete the evaluation form. An electronic copy will also be sent out that same evening.</li></ul>
May 15-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individual board members will fill out the online superintendent evaluation form using SurveyMonkey. Each question will have a comment area for:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Commendations</li><li>2) Opportunities for Action</li></ol></li></ul>
May 25-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Board Chair or designee will compile the individual assessments into a composite appraisal with no names attached.</li></ul>
May 28 Board Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The composite appraisal, including graphs, will be given to each board member and the superintendent.</li></ul>
June 1-15 Meeting w/Superintendent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Board Chair or designee will meet with the superintendent to discuss the Board's assessment, commendations and opportunities for action in 2015-2016. The Board Chair may elect to have additional Board officers in the evaluation meeting.</li></ul>
June 25 Board Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Board Chair will provide a summary of the superintendent's evaluation during the June 25<sup>th</sup> board meeting.</li></ul>

Thanks for everyone's help in this important role of the board!

Ann Bremer  
Board Chair  
952-472-9062  
[ajbremer@district287.org](mailto:ajbremer@district287.org)

# School Board Planning Calendar January 2015 – December 2015

1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Month	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month
<b>START TIME 6:30 PM</b>	
<p><b>JANUARY 8, 2015</b> <i>Organizational Meeting</i></p> <p>Election of Board Officers Oath of Office Financial Report November FY14 Audit Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation Procedure</p>	<p><b>JANUARY 22, 2015</b></p> <p>Financial Report December FY14 Audit Uber Goal #2</p>
<p><b>FEBRUARY 12, 2015</b> Report on Uber Goal Progress Toward Improvement Plan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What the Board Needs to Know About Data Portability Project: Final Report from Work-group.</li> <li>2. What the Board Needs to Know About Diploma On-What have we learned? What the Board Needs to Know about ALC Plus-What Have We Learned</li> <li>3. Update on legislative progress on ALC Legislation</li> <li>4. What the Board Needs to Know about The Better Way</li> <li>5. What the Board Needs to Know about Grad MN Work</li> </ol> <p>Hennepin County Graduation Update Public Employees and Political Activities</p>	<p><b>FEBRUARY 26, 2015</b> Gateway Video Financial Report January FY16 Budget Assumption/Program Withdrawal Report (Mae?) FY15 Budget Revision World's Best Work Force Report New Policy -First Read? Staff Reduction ULA Resolution for upcoming year What the Board Needs to Know About ELC National Accreditation</p>
<p><b>MARCH 12, 2015</b></p> <p>ACE Study Innovation in 287 Presentation Bloomington Update</p>	<p><b>MARCH 26, 2015</b> Financial Report February FY15 Budget Reduction Realignment Proposal Program Reduction Resolution Proposed District 287 School Calendar 2015-2016 Reduction ULA for tenured staff (<i>provide names</i>) Social Emotional/Mindfulness Presentation Strategic Plan Report What the Board Needs to Know:     Update on Teacher Evaluation Process Local 2209 Negotiations Financial Parameters Request Health &amp; Dental Insurance Rates</p>
<p><b>APRIL 9, 2015</b></p> <p>What the Board Needs to Know: Update on Gifted Ed Programs Facilities Report on FY15 Projects SEC Playfield Update</p> <p>What the Board Needs to Know about changing the length of the student day</p>	
<p><b>MAY 14, 2015</b> Financial Report March Food Services Report Improvement Plan (Colleen) Summary Status Report on Board Policy &amp; Procedure What the Board Needs to Know About Data Portability Project What the Board Needs to Know About New Richfield IS Model</p>	<p><b>MAY 28, 2015</b> Areas of Literacy Focus for 2014-2015 Financial Report April Local 2209-District Tentative Agreement (TA)? Non-Renewals/Layoffs Probationary Licensed, and Non-Licensed Staff Reduction ULA Resolution</p>

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO REMEMBER:**

**\*\* Board role in setting/supporting goals  
Board TLC**

**Community use of Facilities Bucket**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Month</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Month</b>
<b>JUNE 11, 2015</b> Read 180 & Math 180 Results Superintendents Evaluation Update	<b>JUNE 25, 2015</b> 2014-2015 Budget Approval Annual Food Service Program Resolution Financial Report May Final ULA Resolution for Licensed Staff Presentation: Strategic Plan Final (Report & DVD) Written PLC Report
<b>AUGUST 27, 2015</b>  Financial Report June & July  Instructional Results Report  SNEAK PREVIEW of Legislative Platform  Superintendent Uber Goals  What Board Members Need to Know About “2014-2015 Back to School Start-Up”  What Board Members Need to Know About “2014-2015 Crisis Plans”	
<b>SEPTEMBER 10, 2015</b>  Work Session: A Better Way	<b>SEPTEMBER 24, 2015</b>  Cultural Competency Work Financial Report August Operational Results Report
<b>OCTOBER 8, 2015</b>  Student Rights & Responsibilities Policy Bucket	<b>OCTOBER 22, 2015</b>  Financial Report September What the Board Needs to Know about Emergency and Crisis Plans for 2014-2015 Work , Session: Personalizing Education
<b>NOVEMBER 12, 2015</b> <i>(Only one Board meeting this month!)</i>  Annual Food Service Program Resolution	
<b>DECEMBER 10, 2015</b> <i>(Only one Board meeting this month!)</i>  Financial Report October Legislative Platform Prior Year Finance Review	

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO REMEMBER:**

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**INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT 287**  
**March 26, 2015**  
**SCHOOL BOARD CALENDAR**

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March 2015

24	Tuesday	Local 2209 & Board Breakfast	7:00AM	DSC-316
26	Thursday	General Board Meeting	6:30PM	Board Rm

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April 2015

09	Thursday	General Board Meeting	6:30PM	Board Rm
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May 2015

14	Thursday	Retirement Celebration	4:30PM	DSC Rm 318
14	Thursday	General Board Meeting	6:30PM	Board Rm
21	Thursday	Career & Tech High School Award Ceremony	4:00PM	Eden Prairie Campus
28	Thursday	General Board Meeting	6:30PM	Board Rm

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June 2015

02	Tuesday	Gateway Graduation	11:00AM	Brklyn Park Campus
03	Wednesday	West Education Center & W-ALT Graduation	4:00PM	WEC
03	Wednesday	Focus/Invest/Vector (South & North) Graduation	12:00PM	SEC
03	Wednesday	South Education Center Alternative Graduation	6:00PM	SEC
04	Thursday	South Education Center/SUN Transition/ PHASE Graduation	12:00PM	SEC
04	Thursday	Northwest Tech Center High School Graduation	NWTC	Brklyn Park Campus
04	Thursday	VECTOR/InVEST/Venture North Transition Graduation	TBA	Brklyn Park Campus
04	Thursday	North Education Center Graduation	11:00AM	NEC
04	Thursday	North Education Center Elementary Graduation	1:00PM	NEC
04	Thursday	North Education Center Alternative Graduation	6:00PM	NEC
05	Friday	EEC Transition/Explore Graduation	TBD	TBD
05	Friday	Epsilon Graduation	1:30PM	Board Rm
25	Thursday	General Board Meeting	6:30PM	Board Rm

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August 2015

27	Thursday	General Board Meeting	6:30PM	Board Rm
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September 2015

10	Thursday	General Board Meeting	6:30PM	Board Rm
24	Thursday	General Board Meeting	6:30PM	Board Rm

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October 2015

08	Thursday	General Board Meeting	6:30PM	Board Rm
22	Thursday	General Board Meeting	6:30PM	Board Rm

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November 2015

12	Thursday	General Board Meeting	6:30PM	Board Rm
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December 2015

10	Thursday	General Board Meeting	6:30PM	Board Rm
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◆ General Board Meeting – Date Change

◆ New Event