



# OTTER LAKE NEWS



March 2021

## Important Numbers

**Ms. Cynthia Mueller Principal-**

**651-653-2843**

**Main Office- 651-653-2831**

**Attendance Line -651-653-2832**

**Health Office- 651-653-2846**

**Nurse 651-653-2845**

**Kitchen 651-653-2839**

**Extended Day- 651-653-2834**

**Fax 651-653-2833**

**Transportation 651-407-7538**

**Emergency School Closing-**

**651-407-7540**

## COVID Decision Tree

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

## Upcoming Dates

**4/2-** Teacher Work Day No School

**4/15-** PTA Meeting 7-815pm Google Meet

**4/20-** Chipotle Night 4-8pm

**4/27-28** MCA Reading Grades 3-5

**5/4-** PTA meeting 7-815pm Google Meet

**5/4-5-** MCA Math Grades 3-5

**5/15-**PTA meeting 7-815pm Google Meet

[North Homes Monthly Newsletter](#)

## Food Shelf Kid Packs

Please see the printable [kid pack enrollment form](#) for more information. These food packs will be in addition to the School districts breakfast and lunch meals that are offered on your child's distant learning day. You may also pick up enrollment forms in the main office.



# MCA

Dear White Bear In-Person Learning families,

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) annually administers statewide assessments. They are designed to provide the state, districts, and schools with a snapshot of student progress towards meeting the Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards. This spring we will be administering the MCA/MTAS assessments throughout the month of April and part of May in accordance with state and federal requirements. There is no remote option for these assessments. Students who are in-person learning will be scheduled to take the assessments as part of the regular school day. For more information on assessments including parent/guardian related assessment information, please visit our website:

<https://www.isd624.org/academics/assessments>

Third, fourth, and fifth grade Otter Lake students will be taking the reading and math MCAs on April 27, April 28, May 4, and May 5. Fifth grade students will take the science MCAs on May 11.

MDE is aware of the concerns about the impact of the pandemic on learning, and is expecting student results to look different from previous years. When the assessment is administered correctly, the scores will still represent an accurate snapshot of student learning of the grade-level content standards. The district also uses the results as an additional measure to evaluate our curriculum.

The school district will be following all applicable COVID-19 health and safety guidelines for testing. Please contact me or visit our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) to find out more about the precautions being taken. You can also find additional information, in several languages, on the [MDE website](#) about this year's test administration (from the MDE home page, select COVID-19, then in the left-hand menu, select Student Instruction COVID-19 Resources > Assessing Learning).

Please reach out to us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Mueller, Principal



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Contact Jodi Bjorkman with any questions.  
[jodi.bjorkman@gmail.com](mailto:jodi.bjorkman@gmail.com)

## 2021/22 Incoming Kindergartners

### Registration and Kindergarten Gathering

Students will have a chance to meet the kindergarten teachers and tour their schools at in-person events planned at the district's elementary buildings later this spring.

Find additional information about our Kindergarten and Elementary offerings [here](#).



# DO GOOD WITH BURRITOS



Join us at our restaurant for a fundraiser to support Otter Lake Elementary PTA. Just come in to the Chipotle at **925 County Road E E Ste 150** in Vadnais Heights on **Tuesday, April 20th** from **4:00pm** to **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Otter Lake Elementary PTA.

## NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code 72XFX3G before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



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All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

# White Bear Lake Schools Did You Know?

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

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

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



### Northeast Youth and Family Services

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

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

### Natalis Counseling & Psychology Solutions

(Lake Aires and Matoska Elementary Schools )

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



### North Homes Children and Family Services

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

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



### Family Innovations

(Oneka and Willow Elementary Schools )

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



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

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

# Bear Care



## Health and Wellness Clinic

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



(651) 653 - 2923

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

Open Tuesdays and Wednesdays

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

5045 Division Ave, WBL

\*Call or email to make an appointment

### Services Provided

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

*We do not bill health care insurance at this time.*

### Our Mission

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

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



# April PTA Corner

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

## Did you know.....

You can still participate in OLE Art at home! The March learning board is up and available for every Otter family (even our Distance Learning Academy students).

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

### **Next Meeting Tuesday April 13th 7-8:15 pm**

The whole OLE community is invited!

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

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

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

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

<https://meet.google.com/ojj-deuv-xyb>

**Chipotle Night April 20th from  
4pm-8pm**

**Show your school spirit with  
SpiritWear**

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

**Free Shipping dates: April 2-19!**

**[www.otterlakespiritwear.com](http://www.otterlakespiritwear.com)**

Watch for more information  
about the PTA Direct Donation  
drive & the next Book Fair



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

## **Open PTA Position: OLE Yearbook Advisor**

Overview of Advisor role:

- Develops a style guide and theme, manages deadlines, completes final reviews, works with Lifetouch for publishing and signs off before printing.
- Responsible for the overall yearbook plan, including design of the layout portions. The layout editor uses the layout tools provided by Lifetouch to simplify the process. This person makes thoughtful changes to improve the overall flow and appearance of the yearbook, including verifying pages for consistency and style.
- Responsible for Yearbook photography, ensuring pictures are taken and implemented. creative shots, including different angles and unique perspectives.
- Yearbook advisor develops the budget and supervises the yearbook sales campaign.

The right person would train with Heather for the '21-'22 school year. Jump on the chance now by emailing Stephanie @ [oleptawbl@gmail.com](mailto:oleptawbl@gmail.com)

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