



**ACADEMY OF WHOLE LEARNING**  
The Exceptional School for Exceptional Learners

## The BRIDGE

Friday, December 4, 2015

*We provide a personalized learning path integrating academic, social and life skills for qualifying students with autism spectrum disorder or related learning differences.*

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### Snapshot from The Nest

Academy of Whole Learning invites you to enjoy a spontaneous view of school life.



Lake Nokomis students have been working on food safety and basic cooking skills during Daily Living Skills. Students enjoyed making a dessert for Thanksgiving, pumpkin pie in a cup! We will continue to work on basic food preparation skills on Fridays. These recipes will then be published into a classroom recipe book.

### BULLETIN BOARD

Student Holiday Celebration

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### Upcoming Events & Reminders

#### Autism & Literacy Event

Thursday, December 3

Click [here](#) for more information

#### Student Holiday Celebration

Thursday, December 3

Dismissal at 11:30

#### Winter Break; No School

Monday, December 21 --

Friday, January 1

#### Winter Parent Social

Saturday, January 9

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day;  
No School**



On Friday, December 18 students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. We will have a science activity by Mad Science sponsored by the POT as well as a pizza lunch that we won from Dreambox.

## Winter Weather Gear



Please make sure that you are sending your student to school with all of his/her winter gear. Each classroom has a designated space for

these items if your student would like to keep their winter clothes at school. If you have any questions please contact your student's teacher.

## Visitors at Lunch

Parents are more than welcome to have lunch with their student(s); however, we ask that you give one business day's notice. It is important that we have time to prepare the other students that there will be a visitor in the lunchroom. If you forgot to give notice and still want to come, you and your student(s) will be able to eat in the sensory room. Please contact [Sarah Fitzgerald](#) if you have any questions.



## Teacher Blogs

Want to keep up with what your student is learning? Check out our teacher's blogs to see lessons and activities taking place inside the classroom.



[Lake Itasca](#)

[Minnehaha Falls](#)

[St. Croix River](#)

[Cedar Lake](#)

[Lake Nokomis](#)

Monday, January 18

## Mandatory Parent Meeting

Thursday, January 21; 6:30 p.m.

## Stay Connected



## Accreditation & Memberships



Minnesota Non-Public School Accrediting Association

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

We are proud to be an MNSAA Candidate.



MINNESOTA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL FORUM

Minnesota Independent School Forum

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

We are grateful for MISF and their continued support.

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## Volunteer Needed



We could use a parent volunteer to help us create a math folder for each students. This is something that would be need to be done at school. Please contact Sarah Fitzgerald if you are interested.

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## Amazon School Supplies



Academy of Whole Learning now has a published school [supply list on Amazon](#). Throughout the school year teachers are in need of more classroom supplies. This is an easy way to know of teachers needs and requests with a simple click. Don't forget to select Academy of Whole Learning as your preferred Charitable Organization.

Amazon.com will donate a percentage of your purchase to AOWL. Thank you for your support!



**National Association of Special Education Teachers**

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

We are proud to be a  
2015-2016

**School of Excellence**  
award recipient.

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**Minnesota Council of Nonprofits**

<http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org>

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**Council for Exceptional Children**

[www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org)

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**Council for Advancement and Support of Education**

<http://www.case.org>

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**Association of Fundraising Professionals**

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

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**Minnesota School Counselors Association**

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

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**Our job is to serve you! Please let us know how we can help make your AOWL experience an even better one!**

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