



ACADEMY OF WHOLE LEARNING
The Exceptional School for Exceptional Learners

The BRIDGE

Thursday, March 10, 2016

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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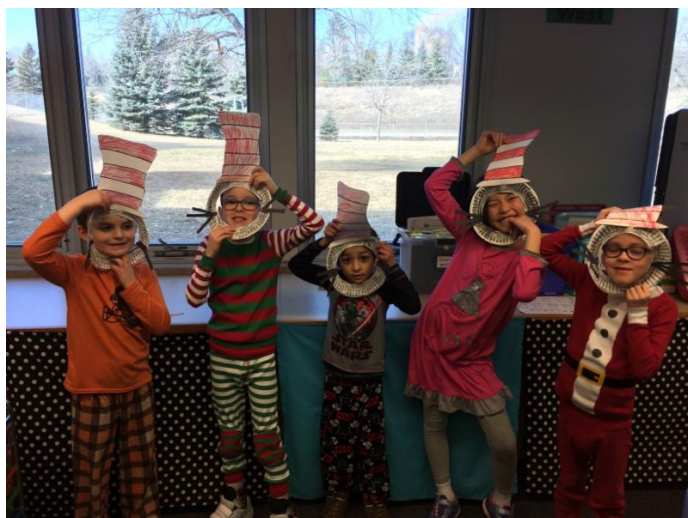
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Snapshot from The Nest

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



Last week, students in Lake Itasca celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Day on March 2. After reading *Cat in the Hat*, students created their own masks and then designed the Cat a new hat.

Quick Links

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Upcoming Events & Reminders

Polar Plunge

Saturday, March 12

Good Friday; No School

Friday, March 25

Baker Near Wilderness Day

Grades 1-3

Thursday, March 31

Baker Near Wilderness Overnight

Grades 4-12

Thursday, March 31 - Friday, April 1

Spirit Week

Academy of Whole Learning

SPIRIT WEEK

March 14 – March 18

Show your AOWL pride by participating in the follow events each day!



MONDAY *Animal Day*
Lions, Tigers, and Bears – Oh My! Dress like your favorite animal!
No live animals or masks!



TUESDAY *Character Day*
Pick your favorite book or movie character!
(No Props or weapons, no masks)

WEDNESDAY *Wacky Tacky Day*
Wearing two different shoes? Don't have clothes that match?
PERFECT! Wear your wackiest outfits to school!



THURSDAY *Hat and Class Color Day*

Wear your favorite hat (logos and text must be school appropriate) as well as clothes that match each classroom color!



FRIDAY

Itasca – Green
Minnehaha – Red
St. Croix – Orange
Cedar – Purple
Nokomis – Yellow
Non-Classroom Staff – Blue



AOWL Spirit Day/Pep Rally
Show some Owl Pride! Wear all of your AOWL gear and cheer for our Basketball teams participating in games today!

[Sprit Week Handout](#)

Working Wednesdays - Parent Volunteers Needed!



Are you looking for a way to get more involved? Teachers and staff at Academy of Whole Learning would love your help! We would like parent volunteers to sign up for Wednesdays to help with miscellaneous projects including sorting, cutting, laminating and more! Whether you can help one week a month or every other week, it is a great opportunity for you to talk to other parents while supporting the AOWL community. **Working Wednesdays** will start next week, March 16, and will take place from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. If you would like to sign up to be a volunteer, please



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](#)

Accreditation & Memberships



Minnesota Non-Public School Accrediting Association

email [Rachel Houle](mailto:Rachel.Houle).

Baker Near Wilderness

Baker Near Wildernes is coming up quick! If you haven't already, ***please return your permission slips*** to Sarah Fitzgerald. Baker Near Wilderness will take place Thursday, March 31.

Spring Session - Co-Curricular Activities Registration is NOW OPEN!



Co-curricular
Activities

Spring Session - Co -
Curricular Activities
Registration is NOW OPEN!

Offerings Include:

- Gym Club (Grades 4-12)
- Chess Club (Grades 4-12)
- Special Olympics Track & Field (Grades 4-12)
- Lego Club (Grades 1-12)

For more information about the Spring Session offerings and registration information, please visit our [co-curricular activities page](#) on our website.

Summer Academy Registration Now Open!



Register for Summer Academy @ AOWL

Summer Academy Offerings Include:

- Learning2Learn(Grades K-3)
- The Parliament (Grades 4-12)
- Sociable Skills(Grades 4-12)
- Sports Camp (Grades 4-12)

www.mnsaa.org

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INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL FORUM

**Minnesota Independent School
Forum**

www.misf.org

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**National Association of Special
Education Teachers**

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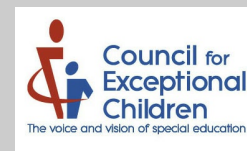
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Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

<http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org>



Council for Exceptional Children

www.cec.sped.org



**Council for Advancement and
Support of Education**

<http://www.case.org>



Association of

- Theater Camp (Grades 3-12)

For more information about our Summer Academy offerings and registration information please visit our [Summer Academy page](#) on our website.

Yearbook

Throughout the year memories are made and milestones are achieved which are captured in our yearbooks. Starting today, you can reserve your students copy for \$14

online [here](#), on our website's homepage or paying in the front office with cash or check. If you have any questions you can contact Georgette via email at georgette.briggs@aowl.org or call her directly at 952-737-6913.



You need a
yearbook!
(just sayin!...)

Polar Plunge for Special Olympics

The Polar Plunge is this weekend on **Saturday, March 12**. AOWL is the top fundraiser in the K-12 category at the Eden Prairie jump site, and we are in the top three for the whole MN state K-12 group challenge--Thank you everyone who has supported us! The plunge will begin at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday at Riley Lake Park in Eden Prairie. We hope to see you there!

Fundraising Professionals

www.aefnet.org



**Minnesota School Counselors
Association**

www.mnschoolcounselors.org



**American Counseling
Association**

<http://www.counseling.org>



Nonprofit Financial Group

<http://www.nfgmn.org>



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!

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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