



# ACADEMY OF WHOLE LEARNING

The Exceptional School for Exceptional Learners

## The BRIDGE

Thursday, March 24, 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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### Snapshot from The Nest

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



Academy of Whole Learning had another successful state basketball tournament wrapping up the 2015-2016 season.

### Quick Links

[2015-2016 School Calendar](#)

[I CAN! Tutoring Registration](#)

[Home Base Registration](#)

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### Upcoming Events & Reminders

**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

### Stay Connected

The state tournament was held March 18-20 at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. This was an opportunity for students to showcase their basketball skills and sportsmanship in a competition setting. We had three teams compete in the state tournament; Blue, Gold and Silver. Gold and Silver team had the opportunity to compete unified with partners from Breck School.

All three teams worked hard, displayed exceptional sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the tournament and the entire basketball season. Blue team finished first in their division with Gold placing fourth and Silver team second. We couldn't be more proud of each player! **Congratulations Academy of Whole Learning Owls on a great season!**

## BULLETIN BOARD

### Spring Break -- Adventure Camp



Are you wondering what to do when school is out? Come to Academy of Whole Learning Adventure

Camp! Each day your student will embark on a different adventure. Please have your [registration forms](#) returned by **Tuesday, March 29**. If you have any questions, please contact [Sarah Fitzgerald](#).

### Comprehensive Evaluations

Is your child due for a comprehensive evaluation? Good news, AOWL is now providing this service to interested families. Our psycho-educational evaluations include, cognitive testing, academic progress, adaptive, executive function, gross and fine motor, language, social-emotional, and behavioral evaluations as well as transition readiness. Contact [Rosey Glynn](#) to schedule an appointment.

### Volunteers Needed!

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 take place from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. If you would like to sign up to be a volunteer, please email



### 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**

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

*We are proud to be an Accredited School through MNSAA.*

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## Baker Near Wilderness



On Thursday, March 24, 2016, we will be going to Baker Near-Wilderness. Please see the [attached power point](#) for more information. A schedule of the day will be provided next week.

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## Feed My Starving Children



On Wednesday, April 13, 2016 we will be spending the morning volunteering at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) with our Breck mentors. FMSC was founded in 1987. It is a non-profit organization committed to feeding hungry children throughout the world. While we are volunteering at FMSC, we will hand-pack meals specially formulated for malnourished children. The meals will be sent around the world where they're used to operate orphanages, schools, clinics and feeding programs to help break the cycle of poverty. FMSC food has reached more than 70 countries in their 29 year history. We are so excited to do our part and give back to the world. Please have your [permission slips](#) returned by Tuesday, March 29, 2016. If you have any questions, contact [Sarah Fitzgerald.](#)

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



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

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



MINNESOTA  
INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL FORUM

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### Minnesota Independent School Forum

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

*We are grateful for MISF and their  
continued support.*



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### 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)

## 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 Briggs via email at [georgette.briggs@aowl.org](mailto:georgette.briggs@aowl.org) or call her directly at 952-737-6913.

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



Minnesota School Counselors  
Association

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



American Counseling  
Association

<http://www.counseling.org>



Nonprofit Financial Group

<http://www.nfgmn.org>

## Box Tops for Education



Please continue to collect Box Tops and Labels for Education!! These programs are free and easy!! Donations can be placed in the collection box located in the front office. The AOWL PTO thanks you!

**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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*applies to all areas of student concerns; including admissions, athletics, educational policies, tuition assistance, and other school-administered programs.*

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