



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

## The BRIDGE

Thursday, April 28, 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.

### Quick Links

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[Home Base Registration](#)

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### Upcoming Events & Reminders

**Minds of All Kinds Breakfast**

Thursday, May 5

**Spring Dance & Carnival**

Friday, May 27

**Memorial Day; No School**

Monday, May 30

### Stay Connected





Last week, Academy of Whole Learning put on an Earth Day Expo. The students spent the afternoon presenting their science and social studies projects to family and friends.

## BULLETIN BOARD

### 1 WEEK AWAY - Minds of All Kinds Breakfast

We are one week away from our 2016 Minds of All Kinds Breakfast. Thank you to everyone who has been working so hard on behalf of our school to invite guests to the breakfast.

**As a reminder, this is our primary fundraiser for the school.** In order to make this event a success we strongly rely on our families to invite, invite, invite. ***It is not too late to continue inviting people.***

Please spend some time thinking of grandparents, extended family members, co-workers, neighbors, doctors, therapists, friends, etc. that you could reach out to this weekend and invite. We need your support!



### 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.*

## Register with Smart Tuition



**SMART TUITION**  
Financial Solutions for Schools and Parents™

### Have you registered with Smart Tuition for 2016-2017?

Parents of returning students: if you haven't already done so,

**now is the time to register with Smart Tuition**, the new school

payment system for 2016-2017. You will use Smart Tuition for your tuition payments and also for convenient payment of other school fees such as after school clubs, field trip costs, home base, yearbook, spirit wear and other fees that arise throughout the school year. You may make payments by check, automatic bank withdrawals or by credit/debit card. Even if you're paying your tuition in full and not using a monthly payment plan, we encourage you to register with Smart Tuition for the convenience of other school payments.

**The deadline to complete online enrollment with Smart Tuition is Sunday, May 1. Families who have not yet enrolled by this date will be contacted by AOWL's Business Office.**

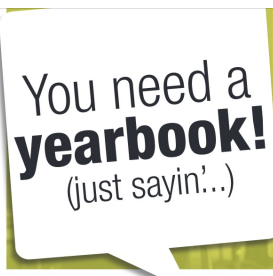
**Enroll in Smart Tuition at:** [www.enrollwithsmart.com](http://www.enrollwithsmart.com)

**Our school code is: 13312**

If you have questions, please contact Carly Rasmussen in the AOWL Business office. [952-737-6900](tel:952-737-6900) or [carly.rasmussen@aowl.org](mailto:carly.rasmussen@aowl.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.



The deadline for placing yearbook orders is **Monday, May 2**.

## Spring Dance & Carnival



MINNESOTA  
INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL FORUM

### Minnesota Independent School Forum

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

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



### National Association of Special Education Teachers

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

*We are proud to be a  
2015-2016*

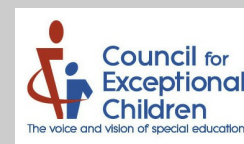
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*award recipient.*



### Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

<http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org>



### Council for Exceptional Children

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



### Council for Advancement and Support of Education

<http://www.case.org>



### Association of Fundraising Professionals

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



On Friday, May 27, 2016 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. the PTO invites AOWL students and their families to the end of the year Spring Dance and Carnival. This event is open to students, parents and siblings to celebrate the 2015-2016 school year. Activities at the carnival include a dance

party, inflatable Bounce House and Slide, Plinko, popcorn and other fun carnival games. Students will also have the opportunity to throw a pie in a staff members face! For \$5, students will have the chance to throw 2 pies at a staff member of their choice. All proceeds raised will go to PTO to support school-wide events in the future.



**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>

## Parent Support Group



The next parent support group will be held on Friday, April 29 at 1:30 p.m.. Please contact [Rosey Glynn](#) for more information.

## Summer Academy



Although we specialize in educating students with autism spectrum disorder or related learning differences our Summer Academy is open to all students who are entering Kindergarten through grade 12.

## 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 \(Grades 4-12\)](#)
- [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.

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## 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!

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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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| <a href="#">Wyayn Rasmussen</a> - Head of School         |   |

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*Academy of Whole Learning values each student's gifts as an individual, regardless of age, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or genetic information. Academy of Whole Learning is unable to meet the needs of students with emotional or behavioral issues that may negatively impact the learning environment. This policy applies to all areas of student concerns; including admissions, athletics, educational policies, tuition assistance, and other school-administered programs.*