



ACADEMY OF WHOLE LEARNING

The Exceptional School for Exceptional Learners

The BRIDGE

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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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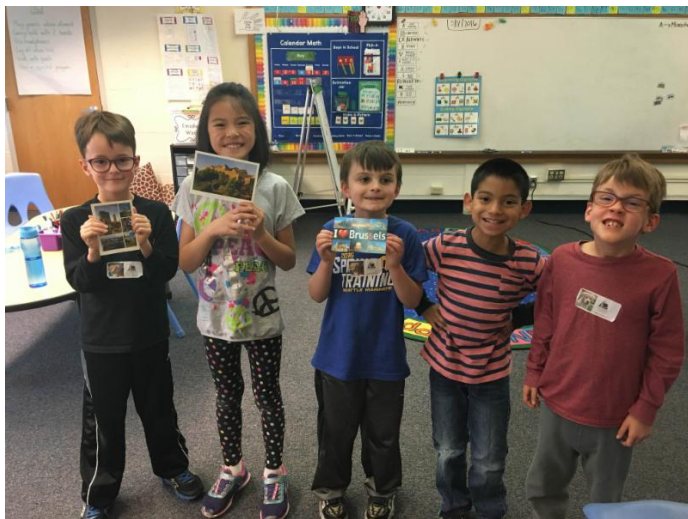
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Snapshot from The Nest

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



Lake Itasca sent out Flat Stanley's a few months ago and have been receiving correspondence from students around the world who have taken their Stanley's on adventures. Here, students show some of the post cards they received from Brussels, Ireland and Switzerland.

Lake Itasca was able to host Stanley's from Brazil and Poland and take pictures of them around Minnesota. This unit helped them learn about countries and students around the world.

Quick Links

[2015-2016 School Calendar](#)

[I CAN! Tutoring Registration](#)

[Home Base Registration](#)

[Co-Curricular Spring Session Registration](#)



Upcoming Events & Reminders

Spring Dance & Carnival
Friday, May 27

Memorial Day; No School
Monday, May 30

Ceremony of Completion & Spring Showcase
Wednesday, June 1

Last Day of School
Tuesday, June 2

*****Please see the detailed list of end of the school year important dates and information under***

End of the Year -- Important Dates!

Wednesday, May 11: 9:45-1:45 Diary of a Wimpy Kid Play (Minnehaha, St. Croix, Cedar and Nokomis classrooms)- the students will be going to the play and having lunch there. Please remember to have your child bring a sack lunch!

Friday, May 13: 9:00-2:00 Farm Trip (Itasca students only)- Itasca will take a trip to the farm!

Friday, May 20: 1:00-2:45-AOWL Track and Field Day- all students will be doing activities in the field down the hill. Parents are welcome to come and watch!

Monday, May 23 - Friday, May 27-AOWL Safety Week-the students will be learning about important safety topics in their afternoon classes. You can ask your child more about it! Some of the topics include: medical safety, sun/outdoor safety, poison, traffic/personal safety, and bike safety.

Friday, May 27: 6:30-8:30-PTO Sponsored Spring Carnival- there will be games and activities for the students. Your child must be brought with an adult.

Tuesday, May 31: 9:00-2:30-Flint Hills Children's Festival- the students will be watching an interactive performance and having lunch in the park. Your child will need a sack lunch!

Wednesday, June 1: 6:30-8:30 pm-Ceremony of Completion and Spring Showcase-Parents will be invited to come see our end of the year classroom performances.

Thursday, June 2: 9:00-11:15- Last Day of School, Skyzone Trampoline Park-Parents are welcome to meet us there. The students will be jumping from 9:00-11:00. Parents will take their child home at 11:15.

Pizza Party!

Stay Connected



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

We are having a whole school pizza party for lunch on **Friday, May 27** to celebrate student accomplishments! *We are aware of student's food restrictions and will follow them*

PIZZA PARTY



carefully. Choices offered will be cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, gluten free pepperoni pizza and gluten and dairy free pepperoni pizza. The school will provide the pizza. Please send drinks and any desired snacks.

Parent Spring Survey



Our 2016 AOWL Parent Spring Survey has been sent out. Each

parent's feedback is important to us. It plays a key role in helping us understand what works, what doesn't and what needs to be improved. We understand your time is valuable and for your convenience this year we have shortened the survey. Please follow the link below to take the survey by Friday, May 13. Thank you!

<https://surveyplanet.com/570534dbdbf266816e995dfc>

Spring Dance & Carnival



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



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www.misf.org

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National Association of Special Education Teachers

www.naset.org

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School of Excellence
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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>

opportunity to throw a pie in a staff members face! For \$5, students will have the chance to throw two pies at a staff member of their choice. All proceeds raised will go to PTO to support school-wide events in the future.

Please be sure to RSVP to Liz Sloan through Sign-Up Genius. If you did not receive the email, please check your spam. Hope to see you all there!

Summer Academy



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.

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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www.aefnet.org



**Minnesota School Counselors
Association**
www.mnschoolcounselors.org



**American Counseling
Association**
<http://www.counseling.org>



Nonprofit Financial Group
<http://www.nfgmn.org>

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