



END OF THE YEAR NEWSLETTER!



Dear North Woods Families,

As our unprecedented year draws to a close, I wanted to send out a message of thanks to all our families for supporting us and working through this year that has been like no other.

- Thank you for welcoming me into my first year at North Woods. Parent messages, ideas, support and encouragement have made me feel truly a part of this family.
- Thank you to our teachers for learning and growing and never giving up on our students. You had to learn new things including technology, assessment and how to teach virtually and you did it with grace and love for our students.
- Thank you to our support staff for greeting and helping and feeding our students this year. They have needed it during 2020-2021 more than ever.
- Thank you to the district for making decisions always with the best interest of students in mind when it came to keeping everyone safe from COVID.
- Thank you to TEAM for continuing to provide funds to our teachers so they can continue their amazing work. Despite having to raise funds in many different ways, you managed to raise thousands of dollars to help continue to make the North Woods experience a unique and powerful learning environment.

And last, but certainly not least, thank you to our North Woods families. You have had to support your students in their online learning which we know was sometimes not easy. Finding the right supplies, making sure devices were charged, getting your student logged on at the correct times and communicating with your classroom teachers has made us closer than ever. Many families have struggled with their own work schedules, childcare and juggling multiple schedules. We recognize it and appreciate it. I, personally, hope that it gave you a new window into what your student is doing in the classroom and the creative and engaging ideas our staff have for both academics and socialization.

No one is quite sure what next year will bring, but I do know that whatever the challenges, we will face them and overcome them, together.

Have a great summer!

Keri Holter

North Woods International Principal

MARK IT DOWN! UPCOMING EVENTS!

June 2nd: iPad Return

Wed. August 25th: Open House for
2021-22 School Year! 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Yearbooks will be mailed to students over
the summer in the August mailing and/or will
be available during open house. Students
leaving North Woods (including 5th graders)
will have their yearbook mailed.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Summer Office Hours will vary, please call
ahead (608-789-7000) to ensure staff will be
available. Please note the office will be
closed June 10th-July 5th (open July 6th).

If you would like to reach office staff by

email, please email the

North Woods Office at:

northwoods@lacrossesd.org.

or email directly to

Mrs. Holter (kholter@lacrossesd.org)

Ms. Kelsie (kbolstad@lacrossesd.org)



Moving? Transferring Schools? Check below!

Are you moving over the summer?

Please contact the North Woods office at 608-789-7000!

An Address Verification form must be completed.

Will your student be transferring schools in district and/or out of district?

If your student will be moving to a different school in the La Crosse School District, please contact North Woods & the new school as soon as possible. This will ensure that files will be transferred to the new school for processing.

If your student will be moving to a new district and/or out of state, please enroll your student in the new district as soon as possible. This will then allow North Woods to send files to the new school in time for the new school year!

It is important to let the office know as soon as possible for changes in enrollment!

Changes to phone numbers, emergency contacts, and student information can be updated on Skyward Family Access. The Skyward Update must be completed before the school year begins! More information on this will be posted during summer.

Fine Arts Updates!

Although the online registration for summer orchestra and band lessons has closed, sign-ups are still allowed. Contact your preferred teacher (Mrs. Becker for strings at Logan Middle, Mr. Hanson for band at Logan Middle) and we can forward your information to the summer school coordinator at Hogan.

Summer lessons begin the week of June 14th and run until July 23rd. Lessons are free! If you are not taking summer lessons and are currently using a school instrument, make sure to return your instrument to school by the end of May.

Contact Information:

ebecker@lacrosseschools.org

jhanson@lacrosseschools.org

6th Grade Band –

This year's fifth grade students are eligible to begin their band instruments with summer lessons as well. If you need the form, Mrs. Wolfgram has extras!



2021 4/5th grade Orchestra –

Strings enrollment will happen in the fall when Mrs. Becker visits classrooms and hands out the registration form. Students may sign up for lessons and orchestra on the violin, viola, cello, or bass. Summer Lessons are available for this year's orchestra students, including those going on to 6th grade.

Contact Mrs. Becker for details!

La Crosse Public Education Foundation has generously funded two grants for the music programs at North Woods!

North Woods and Logan Middle Orchestras have been awarded a Gold Star Grant for the 2021-22 school year titled 'The Virtual Orchestra'. String students will have the opportunity to record music for concerts, dances, podcasts and other grade levels using sophisticated recording equipment purchased through the grant.

Students will also have an opportunity to learn about traditional Hmong instruments through a grant awarded to Mrs. Wolfgram. In addition to purchasing several Hmong instruments, school district music staff will be trained in having a better understanding of Hmong music and how to teach those connections to children.

IPAD TURN IN INFORMATION

The end other is near! All students (K-5th) will turn in their iPad prior to summer break. North Woods students will turn in their iPad to their classroom teacher by June 2nd, 2021. If you have any iPad accessories at home that need to be turned, please send these with your child to school.

CRVA Families: iPad hand-in will take place on May 28th and June 1st! Please check your email for more detailed information.

Did your family receive a hot-spot during virtual learning? Hot-spots should also be returned to North Woods. If your family has a hot-spot checked out with the district, please return to North Woods by May 28th.

4k STEM Grant

A team of La Crosse School District 4K teachers including Pa Houa Vang, Penelope O'Reilly, Jane Erickson, Cathy Leon, and Cathy Fuchs received a grant from the La Crosse Public Education Foundation (LPEF) for a total of \$7,985 to buy Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) materials for all the La Crosse 4K classrooms. These materials will help four and five year olds to problem solve, ask questions, and explore the world around them. Researchers have also noticed that students who were less successful in traditional school activities (whether because of special education needs or otherwise) were able to thrive when they encountered STEM learning opportunities, even emerging as leaders in their small groups in some cases.

The grant money will go towards STEM professional development for all 4K teachers, and will include a science light table, math light table starter kit, real working construction crane, children's tape measure, math balance, and other consumable supplies. This grant was underwritten in part by Modern Crane Services of Onalaska.

School Supply list & Yearbooks

Yearbooks:

Yearbooks are currently in the works! With school pictures being later in the school year, this has also altered our yearbook process timeline. Usually, we plan to send yearbooks home the last week of school. However, this year, yearbooks will instead arrive in late July or early August. The tentative plan for yearbooks is the following:

- *Current 5th Graders (headed off to middle school) will be mailed their yearbook.
- *Students who withdrew from North Woods during the summer months will receive their yearbook in the mail.
- *All other students: This will depend on the delivery date. Yearbooks will either be mailed in the summer mailing OR handed out during Open House for the 2021-22 school year.

Thank you for your understanding!

School Supply Lists:

These lists will be sent out in the August/Summer mailing as usual. If you would like to access the school supply list prior to the summer mailing, check our website! On the left, select "School Documents" --- "2021-22 Parent Information"

**Congratulations to our
5th grade students! We
are excited to watch
you grow! Best of luck
in Middle School!**





PBIS Carnial Lunch

Paw Pal Prize!

North Woods students reached their goal of 2,750 Paw Pals for the Month of April! North Woods celebrated with a carnival lunch outside with a few special guests, Officer Purkapile & Timber! Great Job North Woods!



Congratulations to our Principal 200 Club winners! Our ice-cream sundae treat seemed to be a hit last month so we decided to do it again! 40 North Woods kiddos earned an ice cream sundae to celebrate! This time, we added a few toppings. Congrats North Woods!

THANK YOU TEAM!

Our parent group, TEAM did a fantastic job fundraising this year for North Woods. We thank them for all their time and hard work throughout the year.



5TH GRADE PARENT IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

All incoming 6th grade students will need a Tdap immunization on file by the first day of school in the fall. Please contact your healthcare provider or the La Crosse County Health Dept (608-785-9723) to schedule an appointment this summer for this immunization.

Any questions, please call Jen Towner or Jenna Euler at Northwoods.

Summer Meal Program 2021

School District of La Crosse

NO MEALS JULY 5

Sites:	Dates:	Times:	Days:
*Emerson	6/7-8/17	Lunch: 11:00-11:30	M-F
*Hintgen	6/7-8/17	Lunch: 11:00-11:30	M-F
*Spence	6/7-8/17	Lunch: 11:00-11:30	M-F
*Northside	6/7-7/9	Lunch: 11:00-11:30	M-F
North Woods	7/6-7/30	Lunch 11:00-11:30	M-F
Summit	6/7-7/30	Lunch: 11:00-11:30	M-F
Longfellow	7/6-7/30	Lunch: 11:00-11:30	M-F
State Road	6/7-8/17	Br/Lun Pack: 11:00-11:30	M-F
Lincoln	6/7-7/30	Breakfast: 7:30-8:00	M-F
	6/7-8/17	Lunch: 11:00-11:30	M-F
Logan Middle	6/7-8/17	Lunch: 11:00-11:30	M-F
Central High	6/7-8/17	Lunch: 11:00-11:30	M-F
Logan High	6/7-8/17	Breakfast: 7:30-8:00	M-F
		Lunch: 11:00-11:30	M-F

LUNCH IS AVAILABLE BY PICK UP ONLY. MEALS CAN BE EATEN OUTSIDE OR TAKEN OFF SITE. CAFETERIAS WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR EATING MEALS.

FOR SITES WITHOUT A BREAKFAST TIME INDICATED – BREAKFAST MEALS WILL BE HANDED OUT AT LUNCH TO TAKE OUT FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SITE FOR ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING SUMMER SCHOOL/ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS.

*Surround Care Sites

**IMPORTANT
SITES, MEALS, DATES AND TIMES MAY CHANGE
PLEASE CHECK SITES FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHANGES**

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JUNE

Snap peas
FUN FACTS

- Snap peas are also known as sugar snap peas, and are a cross between snow and garden peas.
- Half of the sugar content of peas will turn to starch within 6 hours if kept at room temperature after harvest. Peas are sweetest right off the vine!

NUTRITION INFO

½ cup of snap peas has 15 calories and provides vitamins A & C.

PICK

Choose peas that have smooth, bright green, crisp pods with no signs of wilting. Fresh snap peas should *snap* when broken in half.

STORE

Store unwashed peas in a perforated bag and use within a few days. Blanched peas can be frozen and used within 12 months.

PREPARE

Before use, wash under running water and trim the stem end. Snap peas can be consumed raw or cooked. Remember, the whole pod is edible!

USE

Serve fresh raw snap peas with dip as a snack or as an addition to summer salads. Top steamed or roasted peas with a drizzle of olive oil and toasted almonds. Snap peas can also be sautéed or stir fried.


Veggie Sesame Dip

Serves 10

Ingredients:

- 5 cups sugar snap peas (or any vegetable)
- ¼ cup honey
- ¼ cup low sodium tamari or soy sauce
- ½ tsp. ground ginger
- 1 Tbsp. canola oil
- 1 Tbsp. sesame oil
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- ¼ tsp. lemon zest

Directions:

Remove strings from snap peas. Process honey, tamari/soy sauce, ginger, canola oil, sesame oil, lemon juice and zest in a food processor fitted with a steel blade until smooth. Serve with the snap peas.

Per Serving (1/2 cup): 54 calories, 3g fat, .3g saturated fat, 1g protein, 8g carbohydrate, .8g fiber, 230mg sodium

for more information visit www.laxf2s.org





La Crosse Central
Volleyball Association

Summer Volleyball Camp Opportunity!

June 23-25

Central High School--Hackett Gym

An opportunity for volleyball players to train and improve their skills, working with the Central High School volleyball coaches and players. Camp cost includes three days of camp and a T-shirt.

Grades 3-5 11:30am-12:30pm Camp cost: \$25

Grades 6-8 1:00pm-3:00pm Camp cost: \$50

Grades 9-12 3:30pm-6:00pm Camp cost: \$60

****If financial assistance is needed please contact: lcvawi@gmail.com*

All School District Covid protocol will be adhered to. For each day of camp please bring a water bottle and mask(s).

Register your child using the following links:

Elementary (incoming 3rd-5th grade): <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/154296130881>

Middle (incoming 6th-8th grade): <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/154292293403>

High School (incoming 9th-12th grade): <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/154297707597>

Please Contact lcvawi@gmail.com with any questions

Pop/ Soup Tab Collection

Who: Everyone!

What: For our preschool service learning project, we will be collecting pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House . The money raised from the tabs will help families that are in need of medical care by providing a home away from home or support.

Where: North Woods International

When: All Year

Why: The Ronald McDonald House's core values are very compatible with ours, including compassion, collaboration, and respect. My niece and a few of my students have benefited from this wonderful organization, and this is a way to give back and help others.

If you have any questions, please contact Tanya LaFleur.

Email= tlafleur@lacrossesd.org or call= (608) 789-6429

