

Greetings,

We have two intervention programs for students. These two programs are Title I and ADSIS. Both programs are funded through federal dollars and ADSIS requires parent permission to continue working with each child. Please sign the permission form and read the information that accompanies the letter as these programs have a wonderful track record of helping struggling learners. A brief summary would be that Title I is support for students needing a small boost to get back to grade level. Mrs. Knauf is our Title I teacher and she will meet with students in her classroom to support their needs. ADSIS is 30 minutes of specific skills work in addition to the classroom lesson. Our ADSIS teachers are Mrs. Polingo for reading and Mrs. Peters for math. ADSIS students will go to this room and work with teachers on specific intervention programs like V-Math and SRA Reading. If you have further questions please feel free to give me a call.

Take care and have a great week.

Scott

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

- 10/04 Grade 1 to Stages Theater - bag lunch needed
- 10/04 Kindergarten to Luce Line Orchard - bag lunch needed
- 10/05 Hilltop Octoberfest, 11:00am - 3:00pm
- ~~10/09 Picture Retake Day~~ - RESCHEDULED - Date to be determined
- 10/10 Title I Parent Information Night, 5:00pm
- 10/15 Gr 4 to Mill City Museum, 10:15-3:00pm - bag lunch needed
- 10/15 Gr 3 to Orchestra Hall & Art Institute, 10:30-3:00pm - bag lunch needed
- 10/16 Teacher Professional Day - NO SCHOOL
- 10/17-18 Education Minnesota Break - NO SCHOOL
- 10/21 WeCAN Coat Drive ends
- 10/21 Roller Skating begins in Phy Ed classes
- 10/22 Cherrydale Product Pickup, 3:45-6:00pm
- 10/26 MWHS Trick-or-Trot 5k & Fun Run **KAREN ATTACH FLYER**

**"WE ARE FAMILY" T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE**

You may have noticed our staff wearing t-shirts with our school theme for this year, “We Are Family”. If you are interested in purchasing shirts for your child(ren) or yourselves, we are taking orders through October 15th. Click [HERE](#) to print the order form (paper copies also coming home with students this week) or place your order online at the following website:

<https://www.customink.com/g/wfb0-00c0-0rzh>

Questions? Contact Mrs. Hausladen at [hausladene@westonka.k12.mn.us](mailto:hausladene@westonka.k12.mn.us).

### **FALL CONFERENCE SIGN UP IS NOW OPEN IN SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS**

- From the Shirley Hills website, click on FAMILY ACCESS at the bottom of the screen.
- At the next screen, enter your Skyward Login information. (If you don't have this information, please call Mrs. Clipper at 952-491-8409).
- If this is the first time you have tried to log into Family Access, the next screen that appears may ask you to change your password to something you can easily remember. Simply create a new password and click Save.
- When you get to your Family Access account, click on Teacher Conferences on the left side of the screen.
- If you have more than one child in the district, there will be a box for each student.
- To the far right of the student's name, click on All Conferences
- On the next screen, find the HOMEROOM class. This may be the only class listed or it may be the last one in a list of five.
- On the line with the Homeroom class, click Select a Time.
- The next screen shows all conference times. Any available conference time slot will have the word SELECT to the far right.
- Click on Select for a time that works for your family.
- A small screen will pop up showing the teacher's name, room number and the time you have selected. Click Save, and you're done.

### **LEVY INFORMATION**

We are grateful for local support of Westonka Public Schools, which has brought positive growth, recognition and success to our students and community.

On Nov. 5, 2019, Westonka residents will be asked to vote on a “revoke and replace” levy with a tiered payment structure. If approved, all three of the district's current voter-approved levies will be revoked and replaced with a single, 10-year levy with a two-step increase. Instead of asking for a larger increase up front, this levy accesses funds only as they are needed by the district.

If the levy passes, the district will:

- **Secure long-term funding** to avoid impactful reductions
- **Stay competitive** with neighboring school districts in class sizes and programming
- **Accelerate progress** in Westonka's award-winning schools
- **Maintain the lowest school taxes** in Hennepin County

If the levy fails:

- **\$750,000 in reductions** will be needed for 2020-2021. One can expect the following impacts:
  - **Administrative cuts.** The first area of focus for reductions will be to minimize the cost of administration and operations (transportation, facilities, technology, utilities, etc.). Each year these budgets have been challenged, as the district makes annual reductions in this area.
  - **Larger class sizes.** The majority of district expense is classroom teachers. This reduction will push some primary class sizes to upper 20s, some middle school classes to mid 30s, and some high school to upper 30s.
  - **Fewer electives.** A reduction of teachers results in fewer course offerings. The number of course electives for students will be impacted. This will result in less diversity of classes to match student interests and abilities.
  - **Less student support.** The district will have fewer support staff, who are relied on for student safety, mental health, and smooth operations of schools.
  - **Activities reductions.** The number of coaches and middle school activities will likely be impacted by these reductions.
  - **Limited professional development opportunities.** The funding allocated to provide professional development to advance instruction and curriculum will reduce.

Please watch this video for a summary of the referendum, and visit [westonka.k12.mn.us/referendum](https://youtu.be/Y_ryDy0RJ6s) for more details. [https://youtu.be/Y\\_ryDy0RJ6s](https://youtu.be/Y_ryDy0RJ6s)