



WOLF CREEK ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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June 2015



Dates to Remember

Summer School June 23 - July 21

Term 1 Begins September 2

Upcoming School Board Meetings

June 9 4:00 p.m.

July 14 4:00 p.m.

August 11 4:00 p.m.



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As we close the 2015 school year...

While once again I am sitting in my office making final arrangements for the graduation ceremony and in disbelief that this year is already over. The 2014-2015 school year brought many changes to Wolf Creek from new staff members to the addition of the 8th grade pilot program for younger students. We had our highest enrollment ever at Wolf Creek and hope to continue that trend in the future. We want to thank all the staff, students, parents, and community members who made this an amazing year at Wolf Creek.

Some great things happened for us in the way of academics in that we met our math goal to improve MCA math scores in accordance with our Quality Compensation Plan with the Department of Education we have great plans for next fall to continue focusing on math in both our Response to Intervention Programs and our Title One programs.

We had a great group of students this year and that was shown in a reduction in lab referrals and disciplinary incidents through a variety of required reports to the State of Minnesota and our authorizer, Chisago Lakes Schools.

We are looking forward to an amazing summer session in collaboration with Chisago Lakes Schools and spending a bit of time planning for the 2015-2016 school year that will be here before we know it.

I want to reach out to all Wolf Creek stakeholders and remind them that my door is always open to discuss concerns or ways we need to improve our services now or in the future.

Congratulations to the Wolf Creek Class of 2015!

Wishing you all a safe summer!



Tracy Quarnstrom, Wolf Creek Online High School Director

Summer School 2015....Begins on June 23!

Summer term is the shortest term in the school year; therefore, students take only one course. There are a variety of classes to choose from. If you have not signed up yet, or know a student that is looking to make up credits, summer is a great time to ease into online learning. Please encourage any students who are thinking of enrolling to apply today at triowolfcreek.com. Summer term runs from June 23 to July 21 and campus will have lab open Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please direct any questions to your Learning Manager. Be sure to take time to relax before summer term begins on June 23. We look forward to working with you this summer and meeting new students, too!



Wolf Creek's 2015 Annual Spring Picnic

Wolf Creek hosted its annual Spring Picnic for students and faculty on May 21. This is a time for students to enjoy a good meal that all staff contributed, to get outside, play yard games, and mingle and spend time together before the summer break. The spring picnic is a favorite tradition of the school and one of the final events that marks the end of the school year. A fun time is had by administrators, Learning Managers, staff and students.

Job Fair

Wolf Creek Online High School in partnership with Central MN Jobs & Training, hosted a Youth Job Fair in May. The Job Fair was free to community youth and several businesses from the surrounding area were featured.

Students submitted resumes, completed applications, interviewed and were hired.

Some businesses who attended were McDonalds, Culver's, Arby's, Baron HR, Express Employment Agency, Wild Mountain, REVSCI (Revolutionary Science) and more. Wolf Creek would like to

thank the participating businesses for supporting the youth employment in our community. This is an annual event at Wolf Creek.



Art Fair

The 2015 Annual Wolf Creek Art Fair was held on Thursday, May 21 with much success. We want to thank all the artists who submitted their creative works. The fair was well attended by staff, students, parents and the public. Thank you to everyone attending and to the staff and students for making this another successful Art Fair.

People's Choice Award: "Beauty Between the Lines" by Megan Johnson

Drawing: 1st - "A Chillen "Chickadee" by Hayden Johnson

2nd - "Beauty Between the Lines" by Megan Johnson

3rd - "Save a Goat - Part One" by Michael Heinen

Painting:

1st - "Ferguson Black Lives Matter" by Emily Koran

2nd - "Landscape of Trees and Fields" by Anders Johnson

3rd - "Kool-Aid Man" by Brad Bernier

Photography:

1st - "Promise" by Tatyanna Johnston

2nd - "Vagery" by Emily Koran

3rd - "Fly" by Ben Milan

Handcrafts:

1st - "Haleyon" by Emily Koran

2nd - "Hit the Wall" by Keely Christensen

3rd - "Rainbow Falling" by Keely Christensen

Middle School "Best in Show" submission:

"Me" by Sarah Cooper

Congratulations to the award winners.



It was "the year of..."

It was "The Year of Adventure!" The 8th Grade students enjoyed numerous field trips and activities which incorporated curriculum from their classes. We attended Park Square Theatre's rendition of "The House on Mango Street" in October. The November snows provided a beautiful December Phy-Ed day at Wild Mountain. Students



Students attended the "opening night" of the play.

were given lessons in either skiing or snowboarding - two life-long activities. The Math class held Math Lab days for students to work in a 'hands-on' environment finding mathematical solutions to interesting and puzzling problems. Additionally, the Science class conducted in-lab experiments, such as "Tornadoes in a Bottle" and "Bearing the Weight of Water." In Art, the foods curriculum taught students basic food prep techniques while they learned (and ate) healthy snacks and created a crock-pot meal for their families to enjoy. HYPE, English, and Global Studies merged curriculum as the students worked on a project in cooperation with the local food shelf. Students



Proudly packed 175 Easter dinner meals for the hungry.

wrote letters requesting food donations, successfully collected 280 boxes of donated potatoes, packed 175 Easter dinner meals, and wrote thank-you letters for the generous donations. We ended the year with a fun-packed Art field trip to Franconia Sculpture Park and participated in an all-school art show on Wolf Creek Campus.

It was also "The Year of Self-Discovery and Independence." This year was important for the 8th grade students as they embarked on this journey. Each student learned methods for self-motivation as independent learners. We frequently heard "I can't" change to "I can" as the students realized their potentials. Students also explored the multiple aspects of online learning, including learning Moodle and other programs used here at Wolf Creek.

Organizational habits, such as assignment lists, grade checking, and LM reports, were established and utilized as students realized the value of personal awareness and progress. These independent activities were combined with group activities to develop interpersonal relationships with co-students and teachers. School counselor Bob Downs led the students through Power of You activities designed to teach students cooperative and group skills.

Additionally, the Health class had students exploring Teen Wellness and Mind Up exercises. All these experiences have prepared students as they move into high school and become even more independent in school and life. All in all, it was a very busy and inspiring year!

Sculpture Art Tour

The Wolf Creek high school and 8th grade students recently enjoyed a field trip to the Franconia Art Sculpture Park. Students participated in a mixed-media sculpture making activity. It is the mission of the park to provide physically and intellectually wide-open spaces where all are inspired to participate in the creative process. As students were guided through the park, they sketched and discussed elements, principles and contextual understanding of art using the sculptures as their inspiration.

Wolf Creek visited the Franconia Art Sculpture Park.



While at the park, Wolf Creek students were able to create their own art pieces. Several outstanding 3D art pieces were created. This spider was created by Jareck Maloney. Wolf Creek would like to thank the Franconia Sculpture Park for a wonderful tour and an opportunity for students to have a hands-on experience learning about art.



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Note this important information:

Wolf Creek changed their email addresses last summer and if you have not begun using the new address you will need to. All email using old addresses will be undeliverable as the server will be shut down at the end of this school year. Your communication with us is important so please change this in your online address book as soon as possible. Thank you.

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COMMENCEMENT 2015

Processional.....Senior Class
“Pomp & Circumstance March” arranged by London Symphony Orchestra

Color Guard..... Chisago City VFW 272
“The Star Spangled Banner” arranged by Gramercy Brass

Welcome and Introductions.....Tracy Quarnstrom

Senior Speaker.....Nathan Corcoran
“What Wolf Creek Means to Me”

Duet.....Natalie & Sydney Welsch
“Every Moment” by Joy Williams

Reading.....Wolf Creek Staff
“I Believe....”

Alumni and Chisago Lakes Lions Scholarship Recipients.....Sean Miller

Duet.....Natalie & Sydney Welsch
“Time of Your Life” by Green Day

Presentation of Diplomas.....Jeffrey Vitali
Tracy Quarnstrom

Presentation of the Class of 2015.....Tracy Quarnstrom

Recessional.....Class of 2015
“On Top of the World” by Imagine Dragons
“Happy” by Pharrell Williams



Patrick Ackerman (Chisago City)
Megan Ambrose (Stacy)
Emily Anderson (Scandia)
Jordan Bakke (Forest Lake)
Abigail Bergdahl (Blaine)
Alex Brown (Wyoming)
Alyssa Brueske (Chisago City)
Autumn Bushinski (Wyoming)
Nicholas Carey (North Branch)
Allison Clover (Hugo)
Carolyn Clover (Hugo)
Nathan Corcoran (Forest Lake)
Andrew DiBucci (Chisago City)
Kayla Dietsch (Shafer)
Jayme Dylkowski (Stacy)
Ashtyn Fairbanks (East Bethel)
Tyler Fairbanks (East Bethel)
Ashley Fisk (Chisago City)
Hannah Hallin (Lindstrom)
Chelsea Halvorson (Wyoming)
Alexandra Handrahan (Chisago City)
Samuel Hanton (Forest Lake)
Michael Heinen (Alemlund)
Adam Herriott (Forest Lake)
Hanna Hobson (Taylors Falls)
Jack Holland (North Branch)
Hunter Huberty (Forest Lake)
Megan Johnson (Taylors Falls)
Michael Johnson (Wyoming)
Erik Kanada (Shafer)
Emily Koran (Taylors Falls)
Kaitlyn Kowalski (Roseville)
Anne Marie Leroux (Stacy)
Rebecca Letourneau (Lindstrom)
Aaron Martin (Lindstrom)
Luke McCord (Forest Lake)
Garrett McKenzie (Taylors Falls)
Austin McRae (Stacy)
Courtney Oakvik (East Bethel)
Sonya Ohlson (Sartell)
Ashley Olson (Shafer)
Samantha Paulon (North Branch)
Jason Pederson (Wyoming)
Megan Peters (Forest Lake)
Kurtis Peterson (Wyoming)
Alexis Pihl (Chisago City)
Chelsea Richardson (Stacy)
Bryan Rixe-Carlson (Stacy)
Shelby Senger (Forest Lake)
Amara Stein (Stacy)
Eric Swenson II (Woodbury)
Dialyn Thelen (Shafer)
Anthony Thomas (Lindstrom)
Elizabeth Turner (Lindstrom)