

## Pond PRIDE

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### November 2017

#### Veterans Day Program



Please join us on Friday, November 10 as Pond commemorates Veteran's Day.

Students will attend a special all school program at 10:00 a.m. in the gym to recognize the date. First grade students will be leading the music portion of the program and a guest speaker will share their experiences, memories and stories of this special day which honors the men and women in the armed services.

All veterans are invited to attend the program. We hope to see you there!

#### Special Guest Day

Wednesday, November 22 will be an exciting day for Pond students!

Special Guest Day is a great tradition at Gideon Pond. Students may invite a special person to join them in their classroom for a fun activity. Special guests can include an aunt, uncle, neighbor, mother, father, friend or grandparents. Classrooms will have activities planned to engage and entertain their guests. Volunteers will be available to assist in welcoming guests and directing them to the correct classroom.

A hospitality area will be located outside the Media Center.

#### November Calendar Events

- Nov. 6 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  
Professional Day for staff
- Nov. 7 Election Day 7 am—8 pm  
Pond is a polling place
- Nov. 10 First Grade Veteran's Day Program,  
10:00 a.m.—gym
- Nov. 14 PTO—6:30- media center
- Nov. 17 PTO Family Game Night—cafeteria
- Nov. 21 Fundraiser Pep Rally
- Nov. 22 Special Guest Day and Bookfair
- Nov. 23-24 NO SCHOOL FOR  
STUDENTS OR STAFF  
THANKSGIVING BREAK
- Nov. 30 Birthday Recognition

Classrooms will be holding their events from 9:45—11:30 or 2:00—3:45.

More information will be coming home on specific grade level times.



## Do You Know About SchoolMessenger?

SchoolMessenger is an instant parent notification system in Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191.

In case of an emergency, the system can be used to quickly contact parents by phone, e-mail and/or text message.

For example, SchoolMessenger will be used to announce school closings due to weather, power outages or other reasons. Calls may go out as early as 5:30 a.m. if schools are closed for the day.

SchoolMessenger can also be used by principals for school-related news such as important events and special occasions.

SchoolMessenger is also used to notify families in the event their child is absent from school. If a student is absent and there is not a call from the parent reporting the absence, the SchoolMessenger system will telephone the home and leave a message alerting them to the absence.

It is important that parents make sure their contact information is up-to-date at their child's school. Parents can update their own information on ParentVue, the school district's parent portal.



## Election Day at Pond

Gideon Pond is a polling place for the general election on November 7. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. A large voter turnout is anticipated and we predict the early morning time period to be fairly busy.

Staff at Pond will take extra precautions to ensure the safety of all the students. Here are a few of the steps staff will be following:

- Posted signs will direct voters to use the lower east door nearest the parking lot. Staff will be assigned to the parking lot at arrival to direct traffic and observe students enter the building. Additional staff will assist at dismissal.
- School volunteers will be stationed at the front, upper entrance and at the lower parking lot entrance to greet voters and ensure they go directly to the gym to vote.
- All volunteers and election officials will wear identification badges.
- Guest lunch tables outside the cafeteria will be removed for the day. All guests for lunch will eat in the cafeteria.
- All classroom doors will be closed for the day to enhance security.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school office at 952-707-3000.

## Important Phone Numbers



### The Book Fair is Coming

This year the Book Fair will be held :  
\* November 22: It will be open for shopping from 8:30 am—4:30 pm.

Special Guests are encouraged to visit. What a great way to increase your student's library or maybe even find something for yourself.

It will be located in the media center.

Main Office	952-707-3000
Principal	952-707-3001
Attendance	952-707-3004
Cafeteria	952-707-3006
Headway	952-707-3070
Media Center	952-707-3007
Nurse	952-707-3003
Transportation	952-707-3009
Durham Bus Co.	952-736-8004
Project KIDS	952-707-3008
Hard-of-Hearing Office-	952-707-3090