Superintendent's

**Message** 

BlueSky Board of Directors Election In April of every school year, our Board Development Committee searches for strong candidates to serve on our Board of Directors. This year, we will be looking to fill 4 vacancies with teacher members, community members and parent members. If you would be interested in serving a 2 year term on the Board, or are aware of a community member that might be interested in

## **April 2022 BlueSky Online Newsletter**

serving, please email me for more information: amy.larsen@blueskyschool.org You can also find additional information about our Board of Directors and the election process on our <u>website</u>. You can also find previous <u>Board meeting</u> minutes and other committee minutes on our All parents and staff will be receiving an electronic election ballot via email the first week of May. We Need Your Input! Every spring, BlueSky sends out a satisfaction survey to gather valuable feedback from our students, parents, and staff. Please be on the lookout for an email in April linking to the 2022 Satisfaction Survey. The results of this survey are what leadership and our Board of Directors use to make changes and plans for the upcoming school year, so it is important that we receive as much participation as we can. Thank you, in advance, for

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**Summer School:** Information and registration

information, and contact your counselor with

(Reminder: you must pass at least ½ of your 2nd

school classes. Students who qualify can choose

semester classes to be considered for summer

credits, or they can do one class that stretches

to do 1 class each session, for a total of 1.0

• Summer Session 1: June 13-July 1

<u>Understood.org</u> is a great resource for parents and children to learn more about their ADHD. To learn more about medication and ADHD,

• Summer Session 2: July 11–29

over both sessions for .5 credit.)

for summer school classes will be going out

Mid-April. Watch your email for more

any questions

and community learn more about the health, safety, and well-being of Minnesota's young

Minnesota Student Survey in May. This online of Health, Human Services and Public Safety. young people. We also know that youth are resilient, and when provided with positive support and resources that meet their needs, Survey is the only survey that captures the with Minnesota youth. With this valuable information, we can better understand their worlds and realities, and

therefore better address issues and support them. By supporting the MSS you can help your school

providing us with your feedback! In addition to the 2022 Satisfaction Survey, students will be asked to participate in the survey was created by the Minnesota Department of Education in partnership with the Departments The past year and a half have been hard on us all, but they've been especially hard on Minnesota's they will thrive. The statewide Minnesota Student viewpoint of adolescents, and therefore provides a timely and valuable opportunity for us to check in

people. As always, thank you for choosing BlueSky and

allowing us to work with your student(s)!

Counselor Corner

Featured Occupation: Social Media Marketing Manager • Education Required: Bachelor's Degree:

such as Dreamweaver and Photoshop. **Outlook:** 10% rate of job growth is

In a relevant field, such as Marketing, and experience with photo-editing software,

expected from 2020-2030

**Median Wages:** \$55,679 per year exposure through social media platforms. They work alongside a specialized team to reach your brand's goals. From creating monthly editorial deliver your brand's message in creative ways, a Social Media Manager is the link between your

A Social Media Manager helps to increase calendars, to using marketing strategies to business and your social media followers. More than just attracting new customers, a Social Media Manager analyzes data to determine which initiatives work best and capitalize on this information to continue scaling your business.

Social Work Spotlight

are with you all- the How to ADHD channel on YouTube. On this channel, you can find videos that explain ADHD really well and a this <u>video</u> from the YouTube channel mentioned

We are now registering students for the 2022-2023 school year. BlueSky's <u>website</u> outlines all of our course offerings, and we have some exciting new courses, so be sure to take a look. To register, email <u>Heidi Housh</u> or call 651.202.2048 with course preferences. Remember that some classes fill quickly, so it's to your advantage to reach out as soon as possible. Full courses: Veterinary Science, ASL 1A/1B, all Support Groups. We saw progress in March with many of you

Supplemental

starting your week on Mondays. Keep at it! You heard from us each week with tips on staying motivated and organized; we hope you found the information helpful. In April, you'll get to hear from your successful peers in terms of how they balance their online class(es) with other responsibilities. Be checking that BlueSky email for their wise strategies.

Student Activities

<u>Junior/Senior Prom</u>- Friday May 13th from 6pm-10pm. No tickets will be sold after <u>May 11th</u>. All attendees must RSVP and submit a dance form info@blueskyschool.org with any questions. Welcome to the Enchanted Forest

WHEN: FRIDAY MAY 13TH TIME: 6:00PM-10:00PM COST: \$15 PER TICKET WHERE: THE BLUESKY CAMPUS \*\*2 TICKETS PER STUDENT\*\* MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

Spring Health & Wellness Field Day - Friday,

BlueSky Library

**Bookshelf** 

BlueSky Online School

Save the Date June 11, 2022

5th Annual South of the River Pow Wow-

Lunch Bunch – On select Thursdays at noon, staff will be hosting Lunch Bunch. This is a great time to hang out and get to know other BlueSky students in between classes. Each Zoom session will have a theme, so be on the lookout for what you can learn and participate in!

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday May 21, 2022

South of the River American Indian Education

AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Grand Entry is at 1pm and 7pm **Graduation Honoring, Royalty Contest** Lacrosse Event and much more

Free Feast at 5:00pm

5<sup>th</sup> Annual SOUTH OF THE RIVER



books in the BlueSky Library by filling out the What to read next form. We want to help students continue their reading journey!

Blue Sky Star Alexzander Kischell

Ode to Books By Kaya Mickolajak

And your tens of hundreds of pages of delicate

Oh books, oh books

paper flip

magical

How your words shine brightly On every page with meaning,

Back and forth as you are read,

I love how you welcome others

With your hard and soft covers

On the very front of you,

Like a bird flapping its beautiful wings,

Like a person greeting someone new,

We open our minds and imagination

In different settings old and new,

Many characters to learn about

With your stories that unfold,

As if you are a piece of origami

Being taken apart, fold by fold

Telling us that it is the end,

And take on that journey again.

As we turn every one of your pages All of them, important to you Giving us many emotions to feel

As if you were a person just like me.

But I know what you're actually saying,

It is time to move on to another book

Full of peace, love, anger, or despair

It's amazing how you are all different

And the title in different fonts and colors

When many open you to uncover your story,

And emerge into another world, as if you are

Making people feel like they are really there

With conflicts to resolve within your pages.

Like how no two snowflakes are the same,

You could be long or short with your many genres

Such as happiness, sorrow, worry, and excitement,

And you and all others have to come to the last

Like fiction and fantasy, or horror and mystery.

To others or to myself

For anyone to see.





**April is National Poetry Month!** Ode to Family By Nas Wright Ode to my younger cousins for having someone to play with when I'm bored Ode to my older cousins who make most of the decisions when playing Ode to my mother for having me, feeding me, and taking care of me Ode to my grandmother who cooks and cleans my messes when I should do that Ode to my great grandmother who sadly passed away but still always had something to give even when there was nothing but love Ode to my grandfather for helping take care of stuff that is broken Ode to my great grandfather who I never meet but my grandmother still tell stories Ode to my aunties who take care of me if my mother is hard at work and let me play with their Ode to my brothers though I never see them I can still play with them Ode to distant relatives who I've never met but see them at a cookout or maybe Thanksgiving and always Christmas Ode to family

Ode to the Ice Rink

By Hailey Kerr

kids

My skates tight

Hugging my feet

Almost sleeping

My skate glides

The air is cold The ice is cold

Blue - Red Then blue again I see the white boards

The lights bright

As I step on the ice

And I take my first stride I am pushed forward The air rushes in my face

The ice crunches as I skate Crunch... crunch... crunch The lines of the ice come and go

The puck marks all over them So many they are almost black

Student Work

The rink is calming I feel happy I never want this moment to end MCA Testing

math and science and are recommended to test over two days but can be completed in one day.

• Students in the 10th grade, one day of day.
• Students in the 11th grade, one day of testing for your math test. Students currently enrolled in Biology B will also need to take the science test. Both math and science tests can be completed in one **7th Grade:** Reading 1-2.5 hours; Math 1-2.5 hours **8th Grade:** Reading 1-2.5 hours; Math 1-2.5 hours; Science 0.5-1.5 hours
10th Grade: Reading 1-2.5 hours
11th Grade: Math 1-2.5 hours
HS Science\*: 0.5-1.5 hours
\*if you are enrolled in Biology B you will be taking the Science test

Please check your email for detailed information

• Headphones (can be used for Math and Science tests)
• Calculator (11th grade students only)

• A snack, if you would like (must be

to find where testing will take place.

The following are grade level specific information

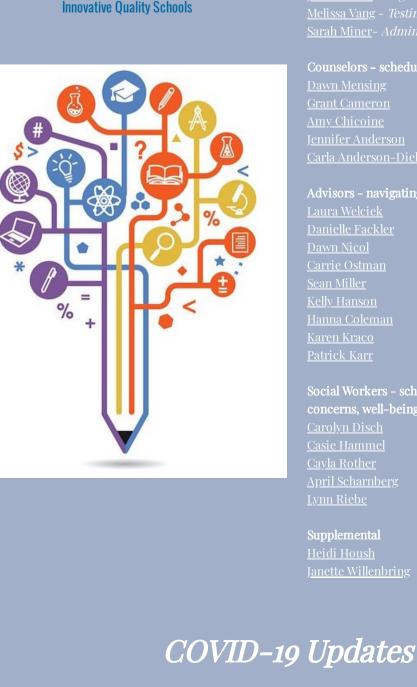
• Students in the **6th** and **7th grade** take

• Students in the **8th grade** take reading,

Find your test site location & time here.

**READ MORE** Resources Contact Information for Questions and Resources Main Line: 651-642-0888 **Staff List with Contact Information** Authorizer - Laurie Schroeder (651)-234-0900

• April 4, 2022: First day of fourth quarter • May 13, 2022: Junior/Senior Prom • May 30, 2022: No school • June 3, 2022: Last day of school • June 11, 2022: Graduation



staff seriously and have a <u>Safe Return to In Person</u> Learning Plan in place to ensure safeguards are in place. We review and make decisions regarding our plan on a regular basis, so it is possible we will adjust our plan prior to scheduled testing dates. Generally we will be following CDC guidance for masking based on the COVID levels in the county where testing will take place. Testing foiliting

where testing will take place. Testing facilities Please contact <u>Melissa Vang</u> if you have any

<u>Carla Anderson-Diekmann</u> Social Workers - school, family, and personal concerns, well-being, crisis assistance <u>Carolyn Disch</u> <u>Cayla Rother</u> <u>Lynn Riebe</u>

<u>Heidi Housh</u> <u>Janette Willenbring</u>

in. It is called "Learning Center Registration" and

Mark Your Calendar

Laura Welciek <u>Dawn Nicol</u> Karen Kraco <u>Patrick Karr</u>

Coming to BlueSky

BlueSky 2021-2022 COVID-19 Plan

**Staying Sanitary** 

https://mn.gov/governor/covid-19/news/ https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

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• The results from these tests provide detailed information to your child's teachers that helps guide instruction and improve your child's learning. Teachers and best to meet individual student needs; not participating in statewide testing limits the academic information available.

• The results also provide you with information on your student's growth and

**Student Safety** 

Office - enrollment, transcripts, record requests <u>Amy Larsen</u> - Superintendent/Executive Director <u>Heidi van der Hagen</u> - *Director of Special* <u>John Mizeur</u> – *Registrar* <u>Melissa Vang</u> – *Testing Coordinator* <u>Sarah Miner</u>- *Admin Assistant* Counselors - scheduling and class changes

confirm if the time and date will work. Katie will