

Welcome to Kindergarten

CLASS OF 2036



2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools

January 5, 2023





OUR FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE

OUR MISSION Our mission is to educate all learners to reach their full potential as contributing and productive members of our ever-changing global community.

CORE VALUES

What drives our words and actions

Partnership: Collaboration of resources and talents to achieve high mutual goals for the benefit of all

Innovation: Creative problem solving connecting creativity with usefulness

Respect: Valuing ourselves, each other and our world across all differences

Wise Stewardship: Developing and effectively using our knowledge, human, financial, physical and environmental resources

Accountability: Holding ourselves and each other accountable for our actions and words

Strive for Excellence: Committing to continuous learning and improvement

VISION

A compelling educational picture of what we intend to create

Sustainable environmental focus recognized at the state and national levels

Challenging, diverse and personalized learning

A culture of excellence fostering a love of learning and appreciation of the arts and activities

Safe and respectful schools

A district of stakeholder partnerships

Technology enhancing instruction, communication and administration

Innovative and flexible staffing through wise financial stewardship

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Goals that guide educational programs, services and applied resources

Increase measurable student learning and reduce achievement gaps as we provide equitable student opportunities through personalized learning and student engagement

Continue fiscal accountability through operational excellence and the alignment of human, financial and physical resources to district goals

Expand innovation to improve the learner experience

Integrate E-STEM focus across the district

Provide a safe, secure and supportive environment that nurtures the social and emotional well-being of all learners

Engage students, parents, families and community to strengthen a culture of respect and inclusion



**We provide an education
as unique as your child**





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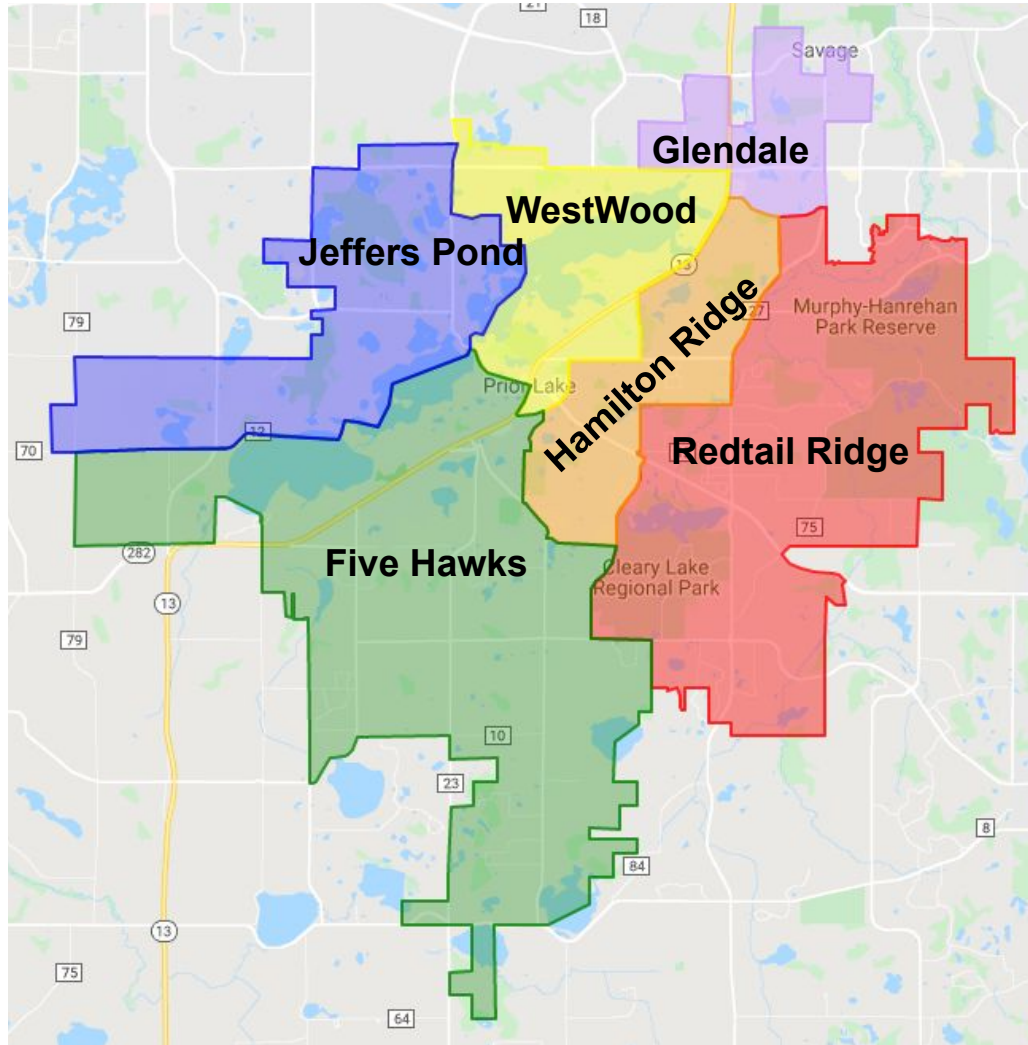
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K-5 attendance boundaries

To find your boundary school, visit:
www.plsas.org/map





Two options

- Full-Day Kindergarten
- Full-Day Kindergarten Spanish Immersion
 - La ola del lago at Grainwood





Full-Day Kindergarten

- Offered in PLSAS since 2006
- Students attend their boundary school
- Transportation is provided (K-5 buses)
- Free breakfast for all kindergarten students
- Lunch program is available
- Start times vary by building
- Before and after-school childcare is available

Curricular Areas	Full-Day Kindergarten
Social Readiness & Work Habits, Responsive Classroom	Morning meeting, rules and logical consequences, and classroom organization
Reading	Whole-group instruction, small group guided reading sessions, including phonics instruction, along with opportunities for independent reading
Writing	Whole-group instruction, small group guided writing sessions, and independent writing
Math	Core instruction. Extension activities that provide challenge based on student ability.
Science & E-STEM (Environmental Education - Science, Technology, Engineering & Math	Core instruction. Extension activities that provide challenge based on student ability.
Social Studies	Core instruction
Specials: Music, Art, Phy Ed, Media/Technology	250 minutes/week



La ola del lago at Grainwood



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Science & E-STEM	Core instruction, integrated activities
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Why choose immersion for your child?

- Immersion students:
 - achieve at high levels in all academic content areas
 - demonstrate flexibility in thinking and enhanced sensitivity to verbal and nonverbal cues
 - communicate with people he or she would otherwise not have a chance to know
 - have an increase in job opportunities in many careers where they can contribute to the global economy
 - are able to travel and experience other cultures more meaningfully



Award-winning environmental education

E-STEM

Environmental Education-
Science, Technology,
Engineering, Math

Our schools are the first
district-wide E-STEM schools
in Minnesota





Technology





Responsive Classroom

Social-emotional and academic learning combine to encourage and empower children

The outcomes:

- increases social skills and academic achievement
- creates positive classroom climate
- expands learner investment and independence
- lessens disruptive behavior



**Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility,
Empathy and Self-Control**



We welcome parent volunteers



- **P.T.C.**
(Parents, Teachers & Children)
- **D.O.G.S.**
(Dads of Great Students)
- Partners in education
- Fundraising
- School events
- Promote school spirit



Student Activities

plsas.org → Choose School → Student Life

The screenshot shows the website for Jeffers Pond Elementary. The header includes the school's logo and name, and a navigation bar with links: DISTRICT HOME, FAMILIES, ENROLL, DIRECTORY, NEWS, FIND IT FAST, ENGLISH, and SCHOOLS. Below the header, a main navigation bar lists: OUR SCHOOL, LEARNING, RESOURCES, GET INVOLVED, STUDENT LIFE, and SUPPORT. The main content area features a large photo of a group of smiling students holding books. Overlaid on the right side of the photo is a dropdown menu under the "STUDENT LIFE" link, listing the following activities:

- Community Ed Youth Programs
- Community Sports Organizations
- Laker Corner Store
- Leadership Groups
- 4th & 5th Grade Choir

At the bottom left of the photo, the text "WE ARE Jeffers Pond" is displayed. At the bottom right, there are navigation arrows.



Before and after-school childcare: Kids' Company



<https://ce.plsas.org/youth/kids-company>

Ashley Kruse, Kids' Company Coordinator

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School start and end times

Five Hawks Elementary

8:30 am-3 pm

Glendale Elementary

9:20 am-3:50 pm

Hamilton Ridge Elementary

9:20 am-3:50 pm

Jeffers Pond Elementary

9:20 am-3:50 pm

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9:20 am-3:50 pm

Redtail Ridge Elementary

8:30 am-3 pm

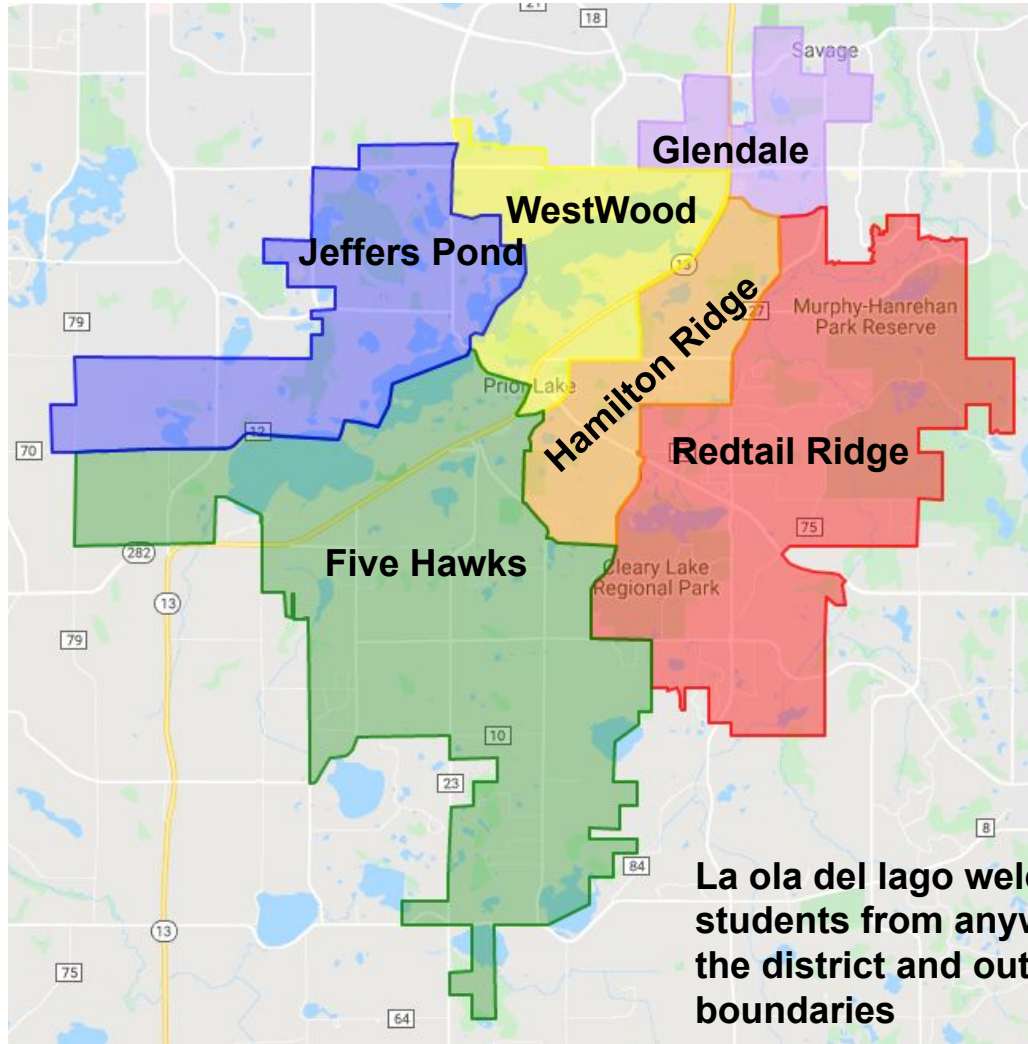
WestWood Elementary

9:20 am-3:50 pm



Resident families

Resident families are those who reside within the district boundaries of Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools.





In-District Transfers (IDT)

IDT requests will be granted for siblings of students at the following programs:

(families must still complete an IDT form)

- SAGE
- Special Education Center-Based Programs

Please contact your building principal to work through the process.



Non-Resident (Open Enrollment)

Open Enrollment is offered in schools throughout Minnesota and is designed to give parents a choice in seeking the public school that best fits the needs and interests of the individual

In PLSAS, Open Enrollment applies only to families who do not reside within the district boundaries of our school district



Open Enrollment (OE)

- Under OE, families are requesting enrollment into the district, not a site within the district
- OE forms are to be filled out listing 3 school options (no options are guaranteed)
- OE students will be assigned a school based on building capacity as well as balanced building and district class sizes



Open Enrollment Timeline

www.plsas.org/enroll

The district is now accepting Open Enrollment applications for the 2023-24 school year. We are accepting and approving applications for open enrollment until January 30, 2023. After that date, applications will be approved as space allows. Forms are available on our website.

School placement will be announced to approved, open enrollment families in May, 2023.



Enrollment Opens Online Jan. 12, 2023

- Beginning **January 12** visit the district's enrollment page to begin the student registration process.
- Families are strongly encouraged to enroll their child online between **January 12-31, 2023**.
- Resident families interested in La ola del lago are encouraged to enroll by February 7. If more than 92 resident students enroll, a lottery will be held on February 8.
- Please have your child's most recent immunization record ready to upload, along with your student's birth certificate or passport.
- Enrollment will only be available online: **www.plsas.org/enroll**
 - No computer? No problem! Visit the District Services Center between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. 4540 Tower Street SE, Prior Lake. Please allow 30 minutes to complete enrollment.

www.plsas.org/enroll



Early Entrance

Enrollment is for students 5-years-old by September 1. Children reaching age 5 after September 1 may meet specific criteria for early entrance into kindergarten. Call your building principal for details.





Early Childhood Screening

Schedule your Early Childhood Screening now
Call Edgewood School: (952) 226-0975

Minnesota requires all children to be screened before entering kindergarten. The screening is most valuable soon after your child's third birthday.

Screening is FREE and includes growth, development and immunization checks. Your child will be assessed in these important areas:

- Preschool concepts
- Communication skills
- Motor skills
- Social-emotional skills

If your child has already been screened in another school district, please provide the screening report. Children do not need to be screened if they have an active IEP (Individualized Education Program).

Parents can choose to conscientiously object to screening for their child. If you object, please provide a signed statement.



Countdown to Kindergarten

La ola del lago at Grainwood Spanish Immersion

January 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

- Parent Panel: hear from current La ola del lago parents, Principal Richie Kucinski and immersion teachers to get a sense of what a day-in-the-life of a Kindergarten Spanish Immersion student is like.

Kindergarten information

Look for a brochure in the mail early January, 2023

District-wide online kindergarten enrollment

January 12, 2023

Parents are strongly encouraged to register their child between January 12 and January 31, 2022 to help us plan for staffing needs at each building.

www.plsas.org/enroll

*Or call (952) 226-0000 to make an appointment to use a district computer

Great Start to Kindergarten assessment days

August 1-11, 2023



JOIN OUR TEAM



We're Hiring

- Special Education Paraeducators
- Food Services Staff
- Custodians & Maintenance Staff
- Kids' Company Assistants
- Lunchroom Supervisors
- Campus supervisors
- Early childhood teacher assistants
- Daily Building Substitute Teachers
- Teachers



plsas.org/employment



Questions?

Contact your building principal

Five Hawks Elementary

Katy Schuerman

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Glendale Elementary

Jennifer Molitor

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Hamilton Ridge Elementary

Sam Fredrickson

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Jeffers Pond Elementary

Patrick Glynn

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La ola del lago at Grainwood

Richie Kucinski

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Redtail Ridge Elementary

Barb Yetzer

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WestWood Elementary and

SAGE Academy

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