

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 2035

2022 - 2023 SCHOOL YEAR





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



Submit questions



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We provide an education as unique as your child



Questions:





Welcome to Kindergarten



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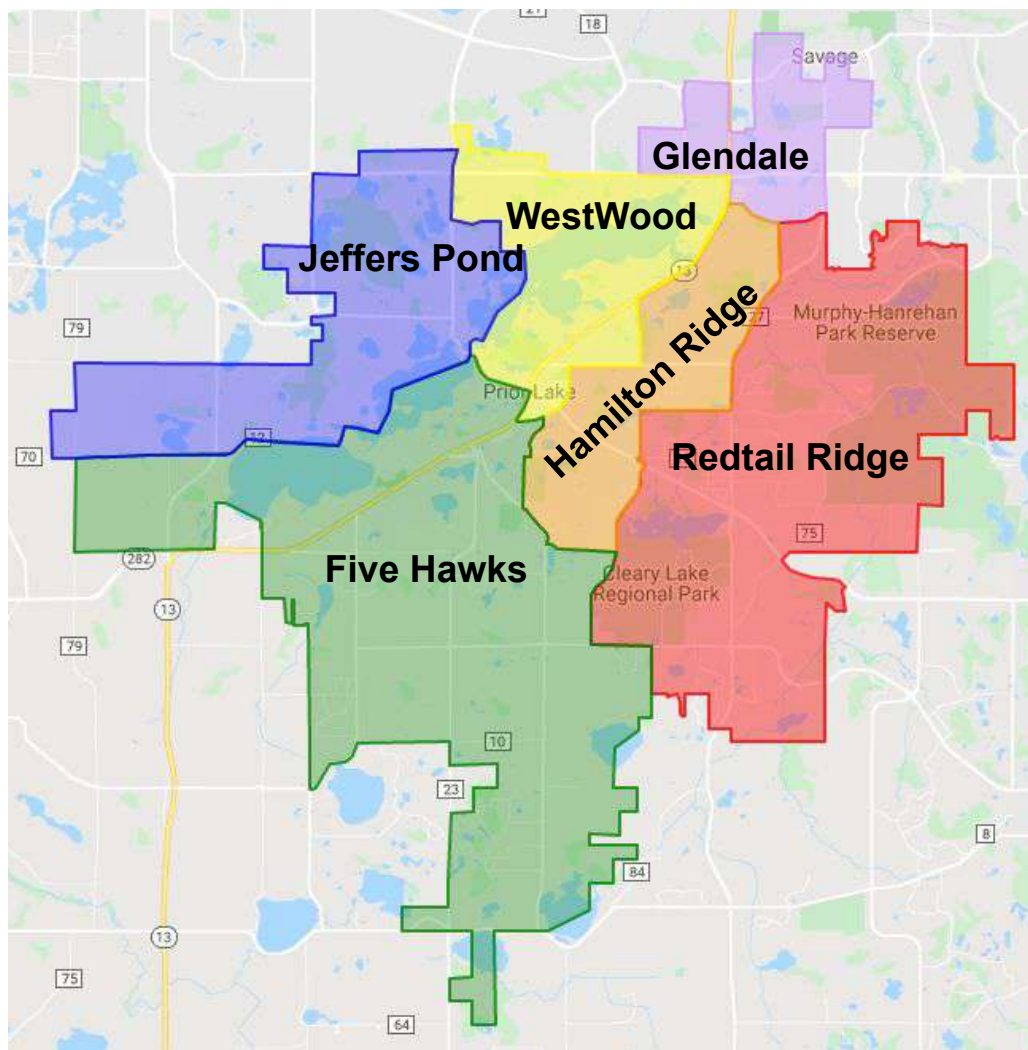




K-5 attendance boundaries

To find your boundary school, visit:

www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us/map





Two options

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



Questions:





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 (Reading Units of Study)	Whole-group instruction, small group guided reading sessions, and independent reading
Writing (Writing Units of Study)	Whole-group instruction, small group guided writing sessions, and independent writing
Math (Math Expressions)	Core instruction, extension activities
Science & E-STEM (National Geographic, Explore Lab Kits and Engineering)	Core instruction, integrated activities
Social Studies (Social Studies Weekly)	Core instruction
Specials: Music, Art, Phy Ed, Media/Technology	250 minutes/week



La ola del lago at Grainwood



Curricular Areas	Spanish Immersion
Social Readiness & Work Habits, Responsive Classroom (Second Step	Morning meeting, rules and logical consequences, and classroom organization.
Reading (Benchmark Taller)	Whole-group instruction, small group guided reading sessions, and independent reading. Phonemic awareness.
Writing (Benchmark del Escritor)	Whole-group instruction, small group guided writing sessions, and independent writing.
Math (Math Expressions)	Core instruction, extension activities
Science & E-STEM (National Geographic, Explore Lab Kits and Engineering)	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



Questions:





Technology



Questions:





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

Questions:





Before and after-school childcare: Kids' Company



www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us

Kristi Gaudette, Kids' Company Coordinator

(952) 226-0376 | kgaudette@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us



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

La ola del lago at Grainwood

9:20 am-3:50 pm

Redtail Ridge Elementary

8:30 am-3 pm

WestWood Elementary

9:20 am-3:50 pm

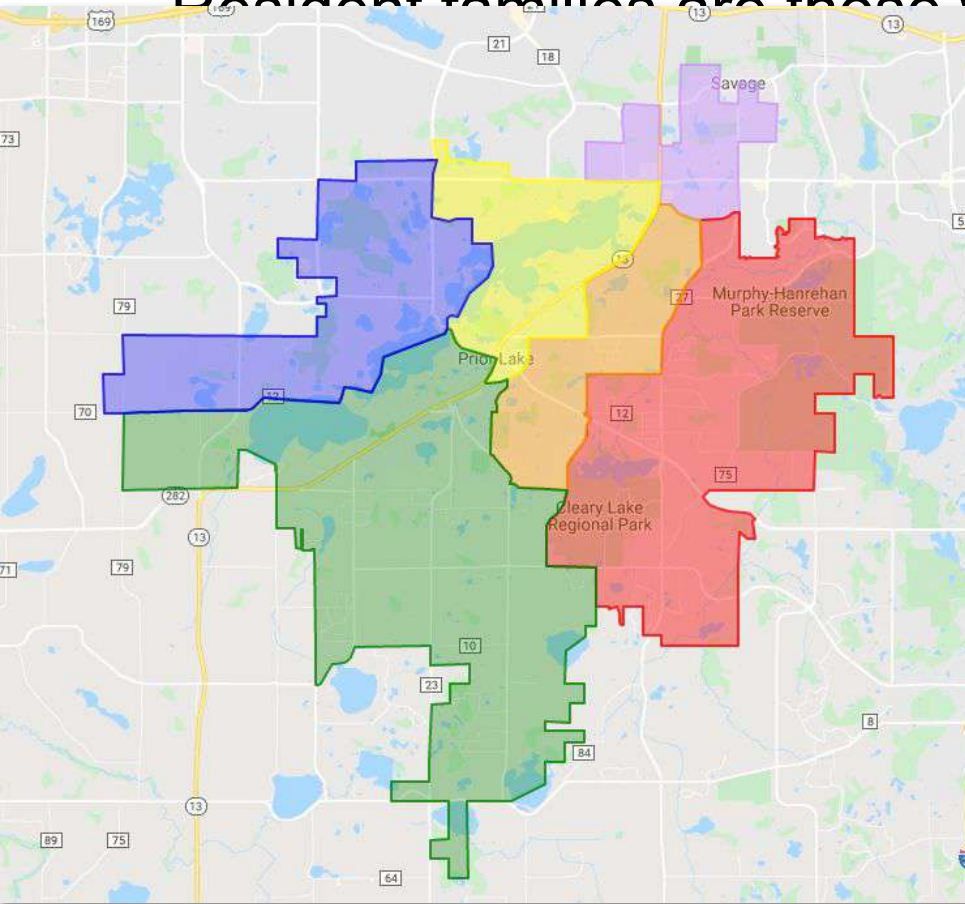
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Resident families

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



Questions:





In-District Transfers

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.

Questions:





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

Questions:





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

Questions:





Open Enrollment Timeline

www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us/enroll

**December 1,
2021**

The district is now accepting Open Enrollment applications for the 2022-23 school year. Forms are available on our website.

May, 2022

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



Enrollment Opens Online Jan. 13, 2022

- Beginning **January 13** visit the district's enrollment page to begin the student registration process.
- Families are strongly encouraged to enroll their child online between **January 13-31, 2022.**
- 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.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us/enroll
 - Or call (952) 226-0000 for an appointment to use a district computer

www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us/enroll



Early Entrance

Children reaching the age of 5 between September 2 and October 15 may meet specific criteria for early entrance in kindergarten. Call your building principal for details.



Questions:





Early Childhood Screening

Schedule your Early Childhood Screening now

Call Edgewood School: (952) 226-0975

Discover more about your student's development and learning, such as:

- Thinking, language and communication skills
- Social and emotional development
- Large and small muscle coordination
- Height and weight
- Vision and hearing
- Immunization status

Great Start to Kindergarten assessment days

August 1-12, 2022

Questions:





Countdown to Kindergarten

La ola del lago at Grainwood Spanish Immersion

December 7, 2021 at 7:00 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, 2022

District-wide online kindergarten enrollment

January 13, 2022

Parents are strongly encouraged to register their child between January 13 and January 31, 2022 to help us plan for staffing needs at each building.

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QUESTIONS?



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Still have 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

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Jeffers Pond Elementary

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La ola del lago at Grainwood

Richie Kucinski

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Redtail Ridge Elementary

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WestWood Elementary and

SAGE Academy

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