

Last Days of School

The last days of school for our students wrapped up across four days: Small Wonders Preschool on May 28th, elementary on June 2nd, high school on June 3rd, and middle school on June 4th. Congratulations to our students, staff and families on another amazing year! We hope everyone has a safe, relaxing and fun summer. To see some of the fun from the last days of school, be sure to visit the District's Facebook page.

Congratulations to the 2026 Graduating Class

912 Lakeville Area Schools seniors celebrated commencement this year! **Lakeville North High School** and **Lakeville South High School** seniors celebrated on June 4th, and **Lakeville Pathways Academy** seniors celebrated on June 3rd at Brackett's Crossing Country Club. Congratulations, Class of 2026! We wish you the best in this next chapter of your lives.

99 graduates from the Class of 2026 receive academic scholarships

This May, 99 graduates from the Class of 2026 were awarded academic scholarships. These scholarships are a testament to the recipients' dedication to their studies and academic excellence. **44 Lakeville North High School** students and **55 Lakeville South High School** students received scholarships at their respective senior scholarship awards programs.

A combined total of nearly **\$110,000 in scholarships** was awarded thanks to the generosity of community organizations, local businesses, alumni groups, memorial foundations and service organizations. A big thank you to our community for their continued support of our students.

Lakeville Area Schools students earn Bilingual Seals

This spring, 26 graduates earned Bilingual Seals and certificates by demonstrating proficiency in languages beyond English through listening, reading, speaking and writing assessments. These awards recognize students' dedication to developing valuable language skills, and Minnesota colleges and universities award college credit for these achievements.

Students from **Lakeville North** and **Lakeville South** high schools, **Lakeville Pathways Academy** and **Lakeville Online Academy** earned eight Platinum Seals, 14 Gold Seals and four certificates. Congratulations to these students on this outstanding accomplishment!

Lakeville students make their mark at National Speech & Debate Tournament

Congratulations to all the individuals of the **Lakeville North** and **Lakeville South** high schools **Speech** and **Debate** teams who competed at the 2026 National Speech & Debate Tournament, held June 14-19 in Virginia.

For the Lakeville North Speech team, Class of 2026 graduate **Clara Litherland** [Claire-ah LITH-ur-lund] earned 1st place in prose—making her the first national speech champion from Lakeville North in 16 years. Incoming Lakeville North senior **Sifan Berento** [SEE-fan buh-RENT-oh] also took 6th place in Program Oral Interpretation, incoming senior **Yutong Jiang** [YOU-ton JANG] made semifinals in Dramatic Interpretation, and incoming freshman **Charu Karthik** [CHAR-oo CAR-thick] placed 3rd in Informative in the middle school division.

For the Lakeville North and Lakeville South Debate team, Lakeville South Class of 2026 graduate **Alice Yi** earned a 6th place Speaker award in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. She was also recognized by the National Speech & Debate Association as a four-time national tournament competitor.

Congratulations to all the competing students for representing Lakeville Area Schools on the national stage!

Lakeville South golfer Oliver Theel takes home 5th at state

Congratulations to **Lakeville South** incoming sophomore **Oliver Theel** on an impressive 5th place finish at the State Golf Tournament. Competing against 93 of the best high school golfers in Minnesota, Theel recorded a two-day score of 143, placing him in a six-way tie for 5th. On top of that, the Lakeville South Boys Golf team took home 7th overall. Congratulations to all of our student athletes that competed at the state level in golf.

Lakeville South Girls Lacrosse earn 6th consecutive section championship and advance to state

Congratulations to the **Lakeville South Girls Lacrosse** team on a successful season! The Cougars won their 6th consecutive section championship on June 2, defeating the Farmington Tigers 12-10. They advanced to the State Tournament, where they competed in the quarterfinals. Congrats on a great season, Cougars!

Lakeville student-athletes clear hurdles at the State Track & Field meet

Student athletes from **Lakeville North** and **Lakeville South** represented their schools at the State Track and Field State Meet. Lakeville South senior **Eva Welsch** delivered an outstanding performance, capturing 1st place in the Girls 100 Meter Hurdles for her second consecutive year, along with 3rd place in the 300 Meter Hurdles. The Lakeville South Women's team tied for 4th place overall.

Congratulations to Welsch and all Lakeville North and Lakeville South students who competed at the state meet!

Lakeville South Theatre shines with Spotlight Education Awards

Lakeville South Theatre's production of **Hadestown: Teen Edition** has earned major recognition from **Hennepin Arts Spotlight Education**, including Outstanding honors in both Overall Technical Production and Overall Performance—plus the top award for Outstanding Achievement in Musical Theatre.

The cast also performed at the 2026 Spotlight Showcase at the State Theatre in Minneapolis on June 8, while seniors **Jordan Rivera** and **M Lyboulalong** also represented Lakeville South in select Spotlight programs.

Lakeville North and Lakeville South excel at Ultimate Frisbee State Championship

Congratulations to the **Lakeville North** and **Lakeville South Ultimate Frisbee** teams for their strong performances at the State Championship! Both teams advanced through the quarterfinals before meeting each other in the semifinals, with Lakeville North securing the win to reach the championship game.

North went on to defeat Edina Ultimate JV Gold and bring home the state title! Lakeville South closed out the tournament with a victory over Roseville Riptide, taking third place.

Oak Hills Elementary students invest in success

Students in the 5th grade Ignite program at **Oak Hills Elementary** put their financial skills to the test this spring in the Stock Market Game. Working in teams, students invested a hypothetical \$100,000 in the real stock market, researching companies and making trades to build the strongest portfolio possible. Out of 217 teams in the regional elementary division, Oak Hills students earned the top two spots. Way to go!

Support Student Success at Ready, Set, ACHIEVE!

I also want to highlight an important upcoming event that ensures our students start the new school year with the supplies and resources they need to succeed. On **Thursday, August 20th, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.**, we are hosting our 13th annual school readiness event, **Ready, Set, ACHIEVE!**, at Lakeville North High School.

This event provides free school supplies, immunizations and other community resources for students enrolled in Lakeville Area Schools.

We need our community's partnership to make this event a success. You can support Lakeville students by donating funds, new school supplies, or volunteering your time. Visit the district website at isd194.org/RSA to learn more about how to get involved. Thank you for your continued support of our students!

Learn more about these stories and find more 'good news' on our district website at isd194.org/news.

What Did You Learn: Highlights

To wrap up Good News, we're pleased to share a short highlight video from the district's **What Did You Learn** series. Throughout this school year, we visited students from across the district to hear how our mission, vision and core values come to life every day in our schools.

This video captures just a few of the engaging and meaningful experiences happening every day. To see more from the What Did You Learn series, visit isd194.org/video-stories.