



Creating a Great Start, Together

2022/23 Kindergarten Information Session

The session will begin at 5:30pm





Welcome!

Tonight's Agenda:

- Welcome to Shakopee
- Meet Our Principals
- Kindergarten in Shakopee
- Preparing your Saber
- Important Dates
- Live Q & A



Meet Our Principals

Five Schools. Endless Opportunities.



Josie Koivisto



- Principal since 2006, 10th year in Shakopee
- Previously taught 2nd & 3rd grade, and special education
- Married with 4 boys: 26, 20, 17 and 17, all graduated from Shakopee
- Enjoy crocheting, letter writing, reading and watching my boys play sports

Eagle Creek Elementary

ABC's of Eagle Creek

Theme

674

Students

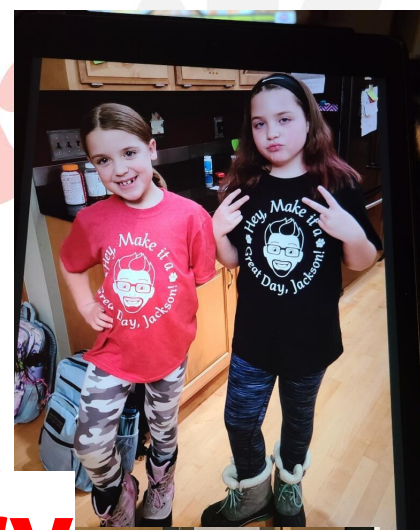
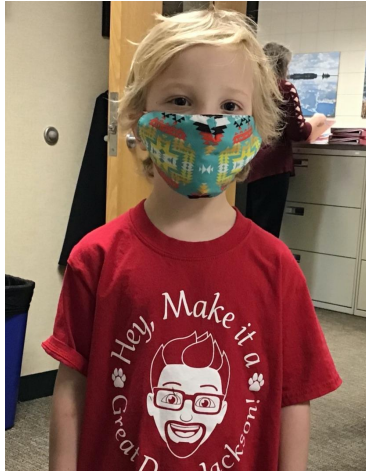
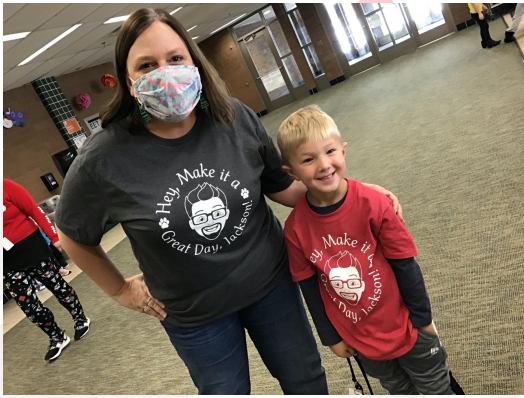




Kevin Bjerken

- Former administrator at West MS & Pearson 6th Grade Center
- Previously taught grades 1, 2, 3, 5, middle school and graduate school
- Ninth year in Shakopee

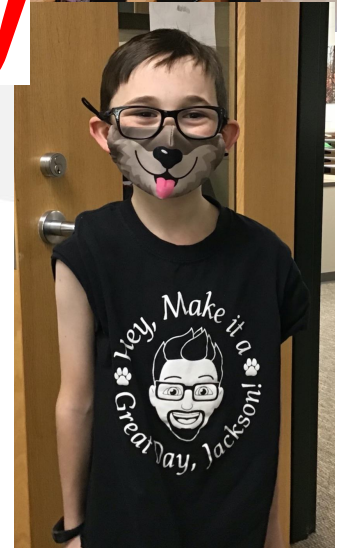




Jackson Elementary

Show your Jackson Pride!

740 Students





Krysten Ellis

- In public education since 2007
- Worked in Special Education across all grade levels
- Shakopee Administrator since 2018
- Four children; 20, 17, 8 and 6
- Husband works in education
- Enjoy watching kids' sports and activities
- Love working out, game nights and being outside



Red Oak Elementary

“Shine like the STAR you are!”

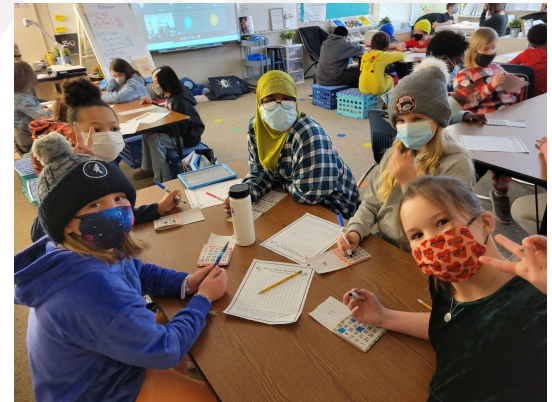
School Year Theme



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Students

(both in person and online)





Patrick Leonard

- Principal since 2007
- Started as a Social Worker at Sweeney Elementary in 1991
- Raised two boys - both Shakopee graduates
- Enjoys hunting, fishing, and watching sports.



Sun Path Elementary

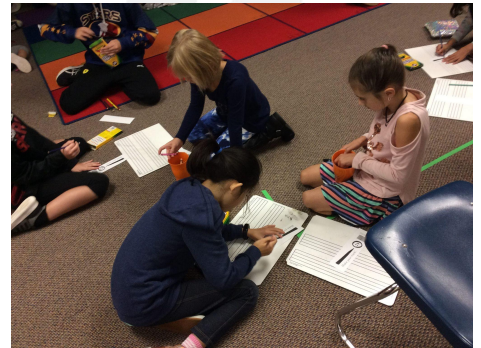
BE A SABER

2007

Converted from grades 4 - 6 to K-5

500

Students





Derek Bell

- Principal since 2012
- Taught elementary for 8 years
- 3 daughters: 6, 8 and 11)
- Hobbies: Reading, golfing, running and spending time with family and friends



Twitter: @sweeneyelem

Sweeney Elementary

“Be Kind, Work Hard,
Show Your PAWS!”

School Theme

611

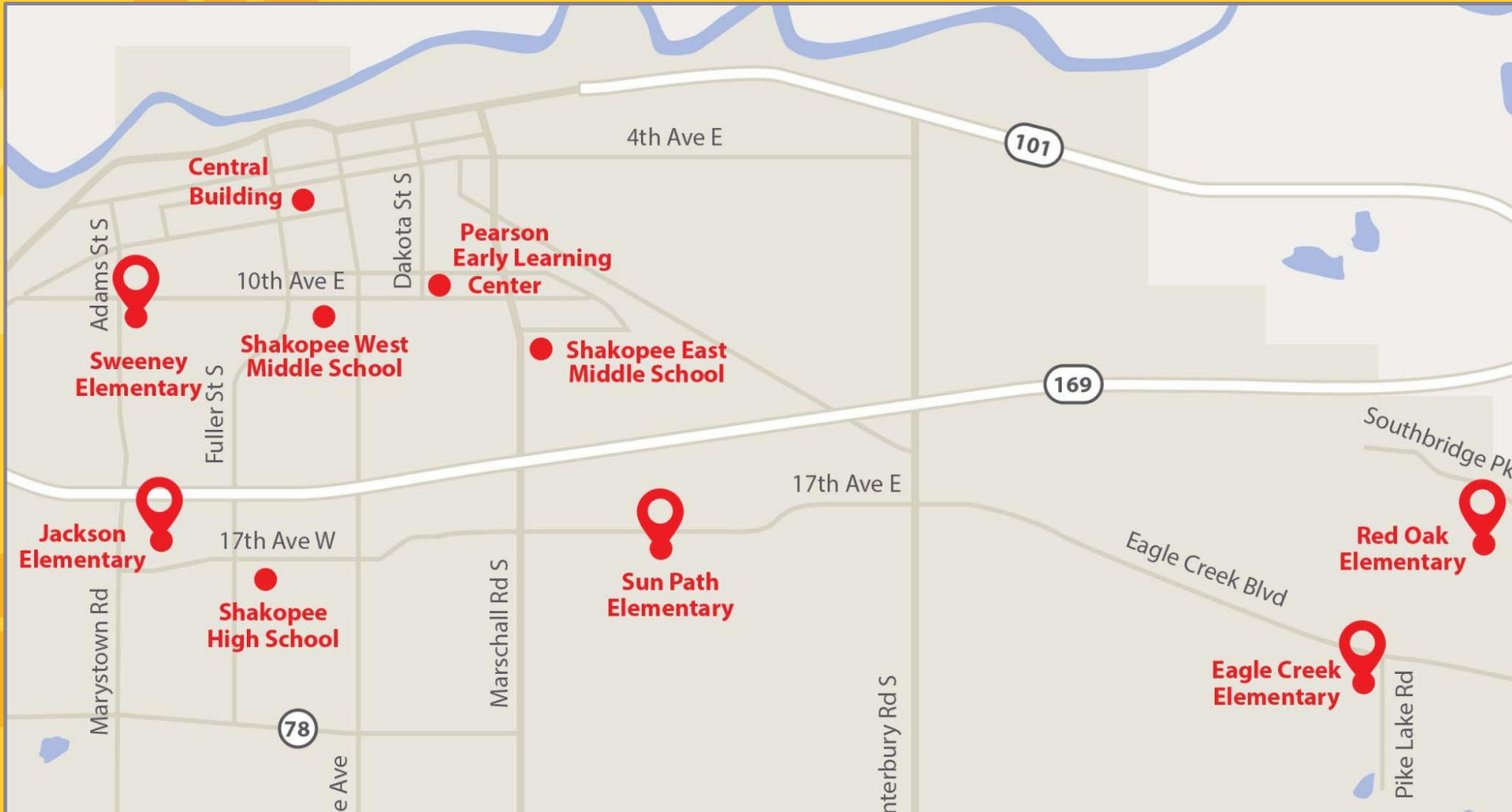
Students





Our Buildings, Our Environment

Kindergarten in Shakopee



Central Building

Pearson Early Learning Center

Sweeney Elementary

Shakopee West Middle School

Shakopee East Middle School

Jackson Elementary

Shakopee High School

Sun Path Elementary

Eagle Creek Elementary

Red Oak Elementary

4th Ave E

10th Ave E

17th Ave E

17th Ave W

101

169

78

Adams St S

Fuller St S

Dakota St S

Marschall Rd S

Anterbury Rd S

Marystown Rd

e Ave

Eagle Creek Blvd

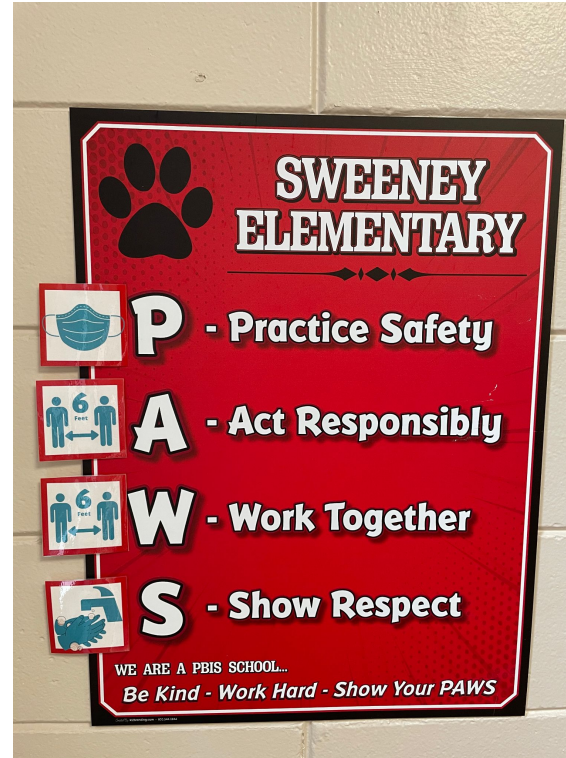
Southbridge Pk

Pike Lake Rd

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

PBIS isn't a curriculum you purchase or something you learn during a one-day professional development training. It is a commitment to addressing student behavior through **systems change**.

When it's implemented well, **students achieve improved social and academic outcomes**, schools experience **reduced exclusionary discipline practices**, and **school personnel feel more effective**.



SABER ▶ ONLINE

Online Learning Opportunities to Support Today's Learners



The Saber Online Experience



Differentiated approaches for various grade levels & student journeys

The Saber Online Program provides year-long opportunities for students in grades K-8 and both full-time and part time online opportunities for those in grades 9-12 starting in the 2022/23 school year.

The best part is... Saber Online students become a part of the Saber family regardless of where they live! The Saber Online Program is open to all children in grades K-12 that reside in the State of Minnesota.

Saber Online will follow the Shakopee Public Schools annual calendar. Attendance will be taken daily and all students are expected to attend each period daily.





Teachers & Curriculum

Kindergarten in Shakopee

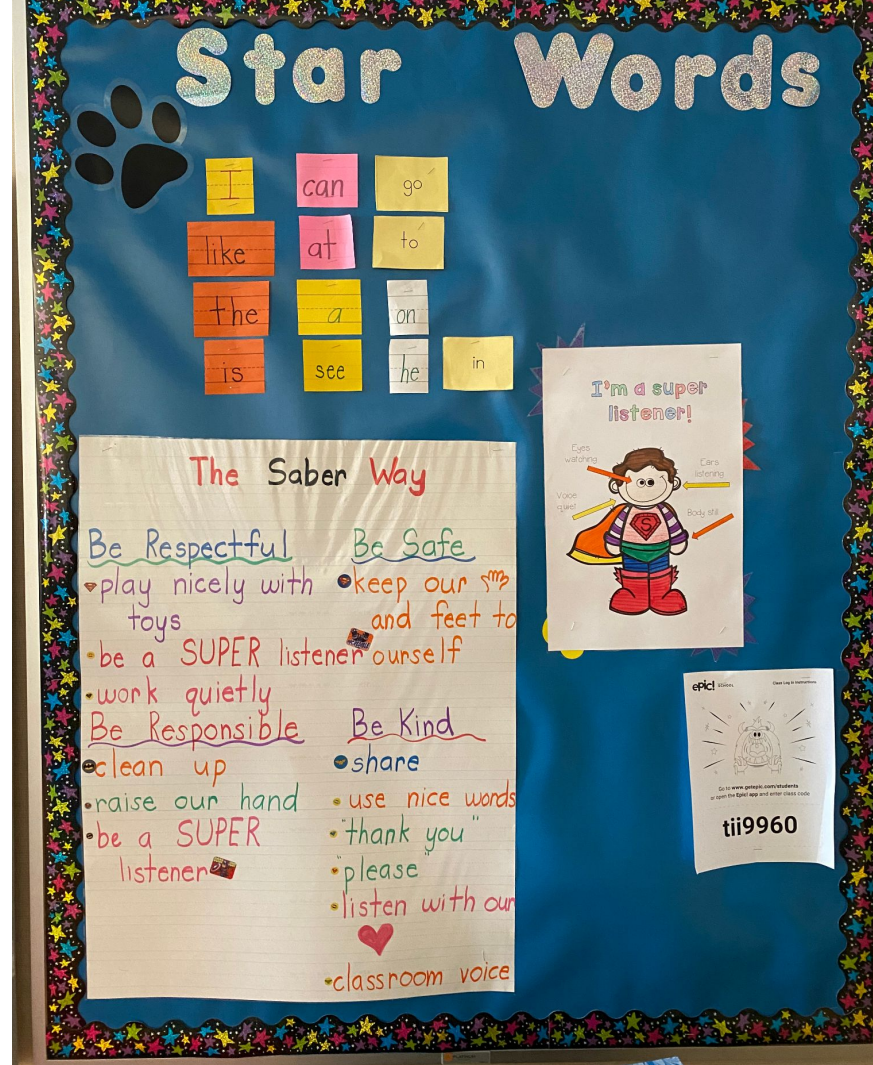
The Shakopee Difference

- Early writers curriculum & Young Scholars program
- Media, music, art and physical education specialists
- Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM) programming & Project Lead the Way
- Expanded science curriculum
- Dedicated health services and special services team
- Free breakfast
- Safe & secure environment
- iPads & interactive technology
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Pearson Early Learning Center partnership (ramp up to readiness)
- Community Education integration



A day in the life of a Kindergarten Saber

- Breakfast
- Morning meeting (fun student shares!)
- Phonics
- Writing
- Small reading groups, 1:1 support
- Lunch & Recess
- Math
- Specialist
- Snack
- Theme
- Handwriting
- Centers
- Get ready to go home or YMCA after-care!





Support Team, Fueling your Saber

Kindergarten in Shakopee

Supporting a Saber



Special Education

- Create a collaborative learning community that promotes the development of each learner's unique potential in an encouraging and respectful environment.
- A wide range of service delivery models are offered including home-based services for infants and toddlers and school-based services within the school district.
- We pride ourselves on the quality of our staff and on efforts to provide programming based on the latest education research.



Food Services

- Committed to providing healthy meals for all our students.
- Work with local farmers to provide fresh, straight-from-the-farm fruits and vegetables
- Dedicated to finding the cleanest labels possible because good nutrition helps our students learn better.
- Our Kindergarteners receive free breakfast!



Social Workers

- Provide ALL students with a comprehensive school counseling program.
- Encourage the highest level of student achievement through their growth in academic, college/career and personal/social domains.
- In partnership with school staff and the Shakopee community, help all students be successful life-long learners in a diverse world.



Cultural Liaisons

- Assist parents who are new to the United States or who are not fully proficient in English to enroll students, meet school staff, understand grading systems and expectations of schools in the United States.

Current onsite support for Russian, Somali, Spanish and Vietnamese students and their families.



Health & Safety

- Health assistants and nurses work in each of our schools
- Raptor security & screening
- Close relationship with Shakopee PD & Fire including onsite student activities and support
- Increased ventilation and air flow inside buildings
- Cleaning and disinfecting of high touch surfaces
- Greater emphasis on hand washing and hygiene
- Social distancing when practicable
- Additional COVID-19 mitigation efforts

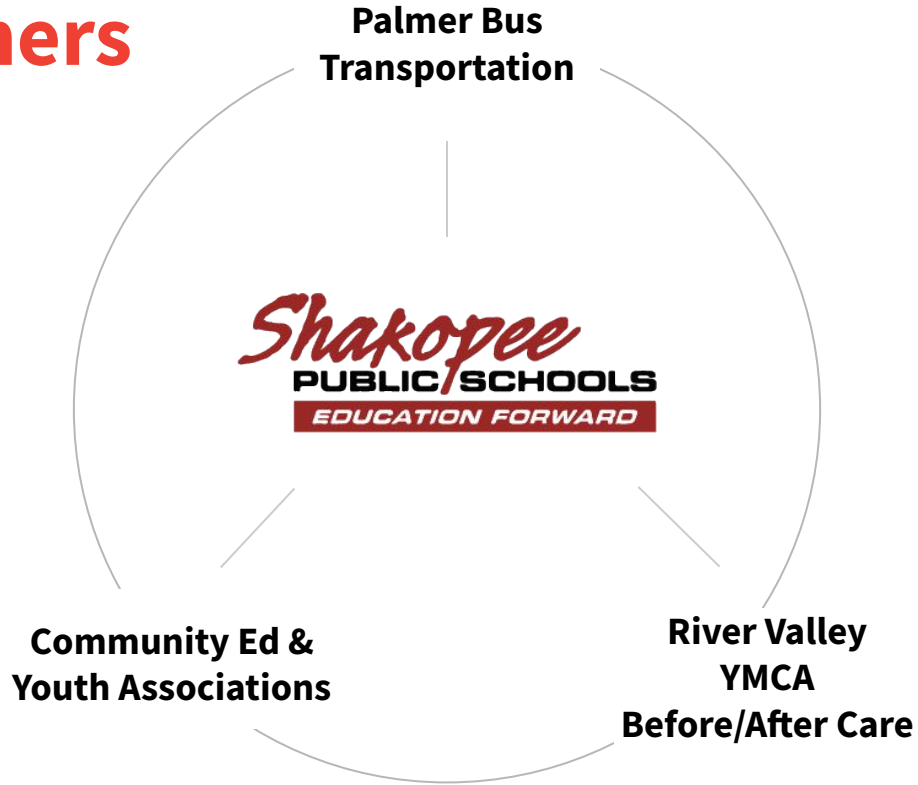




Partners for Success

Kindergarten in Shakopee

Our Partners





Transportation

- Elementary students in grades K-5 who live 0.5 miles or more from their assigned school are eligible for transportation.
- Routes for all grades are available for viewing on the Parent Portal through Infinite Campus two weeks prior to school starting.
- Masks required (as of today per federal order)



PalmerBus
SERVICE
INC.



River Valley YMCA Before/After Care



- Partner with the River Valley YMCA (YMCA) in providing high quality care to students in grades K-5, five days a week onsite at each elementary school.
- Before School Care: 6:15 a.m. – School Start
- After School Care: School End – 6:15 p.m.
- School release day care and full day care is also offered.





Community Ed & Youth Associations

- Available to all district families with many programs and classes offered at our elementary schools.
- Catalog of classes and activities is mailed to every district household three times each year.
- Aligned with Shakopee's Academic Design Team and the "Six C's" initiative for curriculum development and direction.
- Lots of great opportunities for new Kinder students and families!





Preparing your Saber for Shakopee

Goals & Processes

Early Childhood Screenings

- Trained professionals determine if a child's development is on track:
 - Language
 - Motor skills
 - Problem-solving skills
- Information is gathered on child's social and emotional development as well as health history
- Vision and hearing checked by school nurse
- **Required** prior to starting Kindergarten (can start as early as 3)
- Free and held at Pearson Early Learning Center
- Available throughout the year on weekdays
- Interpreters are available



Social & Emotional Development Goal Checklist



✓ Self-care

- Getting dressed and putting on shoes
- Responsible for own belongings
- Can follow a routine for eating meals and going to bed

✓ Making friends

- Using appropriate words to solve problems
- Sharing and being polite when playing
- Knowing what it feels like to have feelings hurt and usually not wanting to hurt others

✓ Persistence

- Not giving up, even when challenged
- Usually finishing projects
- Showing signs of focus and ignoring distractions when mind is set on a task

✓ Asking for help & following rules

- Follow multi-step instructions and ask for help when needed
- Knowing there are rules at home and at school
- Asking permission before doing something



Important Dates & Tools

Upcoming Activities and Events

Important Dates

Kindergarten Round-up

April 19, 2022

5:30 - 7 pm

*Jackson, Sweeney & Eagle
Creek Elementary Schools*

April 21, 2022

5:30 - 7 pm

*Sun Path & Red Oak
Elementary Schools*

*Registration should be
completed by April 30,
2022*

Connect & Assess Days

September 6 & 7, 2022

Information is mailed in
early August on exact day,
teacher assignments and
more! Bus assignments
are available two-weeks
prior.

1st Day of School

September 8, 2022



Enroll Today

We are pleased to offer the following enrollment options for children that will be age 5 by September 1, 2022.



Screening

Visit bit.ly/SPSScreening to schedule your child's screening or stop by on your way out!

Online

Visit bit.ly/SPSKinderEnroll to enroll your child(ren) in Kindergarten or stop by a booth on your way out!

Paper

Visit bit.ly/SPSKinderForms2022 to access online registration forms or grab an application packet on your way out!

