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FIRST DAY AGENDA

- Student arrivals begin at 8:00 a.m.
Instructional time begins at 8:20 a.m.
- For elementary, the school day ends at 3:05 p.m.
- For high school, the school day ends at 3:13 p.m.
- K-6 students will go to the playground upon morning arrival. Playground supervisors will direct students to their classrooms at the appropriate time.
- Students in grades 7-12 should be seated in the main Gymnasium by 8:20 a.m. for their first day assembly.
- The first day allows students to meet new staff, hear from the district administration, and learn about basic school procedures.
- The first day is a full day and meals will be served.
- Please do not drop students off before 8:00 a.m.

WRENSHALL'S BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE WILL TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 28TH 4:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M.

- Meet classroom teachers, drop off school supplies, see fellow students, and reacquaint yourself with the school building.
- Pick up 7-12 schedules and locker assignments.
- Complete and return Application for Educational Benefits and emergency forms. (Forms were sent in packets. Extras will be available.)
- And more — all families are encouraged to attend!

7th Grade orientation:
3:30 p.m. | Main Gymnasium (see below)



FINAL PRINT EDITION

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As part of Wrenshall School District's new communication structure, future issues of IMAGES will be digital only. For many years we have published a digital version of IMAGES in tandem with our print version. The change to online-only editions aligns with the district's commitment to fiscal responsibility. Resources previously designated to printing and mailing can now be focused on a more comprehensive and streamlined communication plan to keep our school community engaged and informed. **Find online at www.isd100.net**

PICTURE DAY: Wednesday, September 25th (Retakes: Oct. 30th)

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October Issue Deadline: 9.15.24

WELCOME TO 7TH GRADE!

WHS 7th Grade Orientation
August 28th | 3:30-4:30 in
the main gymnasium

- Get your schedule
- Meet your teachers
- Learn how to navigate your first year in middle school!

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU!**

FIND...



Full Year
School Calendar

at www.isd100.net



FIND...

RECOMMENDED
SCHOOL SUPPLIES

**AT WWW.ISD100.NET
UNDER THE "SCHOOL" MENU**

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

September 3rd

EARLY RELEASE:

September 27th

WELCOME BACK 2024 - 2025

Notes from the **NEST**

By: Michelle Blanchard, Ed.S.

DEAR WRENSHALL SCHOOL FAMILIES,



WELCOME BACK to another exciting school year at Wrenshall School! I hope you all had a fantastic summer break filled with fun and relaxation. As we gear up for another year of learning, growth, and success, I am thrilled to welcome each and every one of you back to our amazing school community.

This year, we are setting the bar high because we believe in the potential of each and every one of our students. We have high expectations for ourselves, our students, and our school community as a whole. Together, we can achieve great things by pushing ourselves to be the best that we can be. Creating a sense of belonging is at the heart of everything we do here at Wrenshall. We are a family, a team, and a community that supports and uplifts one another. Let's work together to create a warm and welcoming environment where every student feels valued, respected, and included.

We are thrilled to announce the newest members of our school family, whose talent, dedication, and passion for education promise to enrich our community in countless ways. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to:

DEANNA FOSNESS: High School/Middle School Math
MADÉLINE JENSEN: Middle School Special Education
KAITLYN HELLMAN: Elementary Special Education
KATIE MEYER: Paraprofessional

WE ARE VERY EXCITED about adopting a new math curriculum this year for our K-8th grade students. *Eureka Math*²® is your student's revolutionary new math program. Its learning design allows your student to build a deep conceptual understanding of mathematics that will better prepare them for college, career, and beyond. Our staff will begin training in August. Please see the handout included in your mailed back-to-school packets or visit the website for more information: <https://greatminds.org/math/eurekamathsquared/family-engagement#number-bonds>



Remember, excellent attendance is key to success in school. Attending school every day, on time, and ready to learn is a habit that can set you up for a lifetime of success. Let's make a commitment to prioritize our education by showing up every day and giving it our all. As we embark on this new school year, let's aim for nothing less than excellence in everything we do. With hard work, dedication, and a positive attitude, there's no limit to what we can achieve together. I am excited to see all the amazing things we will accomplish this year. Let's make it a year to remember, filled with growth, achievement, and endless possibilities. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!

In Partnership,
Principal Blanchard

September



Menu



online at www.isd100.net
and in this issue on page 4

WRENSHALL HIGH SCHOOL Recommended School Supplies

Necessary supplies will be provided by the school as needed.

Please note: Individual high school teachers may have additional course- or classroom-specific supply recommendations to be shared at the beginning of the school year.

General/Standard Supplies for all 7-12 Students:

- Kleenex
- Notebooks for each class
- Folders for each class
- Pencils/pens
- Water bottle
- Athletic shoes for Phy. Ed. classes
- A lock for your main locker
- A lock is also recommended for your gym locker

MEAL PRICES FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Student First Breakfast with Milk	Free
Student First Lunch with Milk	Free
Ala Carte Milk	\$.55

Students are welcome to bring their own breakfast or lunch to eat during meal times.

Adult Breakfast	\$ 2.40
Adult Lunch	\$ 5.00

- Second meals for students are charged the adult price.
- Students must enter or scan their Personal Identification Number (PIN) to generate the reimbursement payment

for district food service.

- Families are encouraged to complete the federal education benefits application each year. Eligible students generate significant compensatory aid for the school district and may determine eligibility for grants, scholarships, internet assistance and more.
- The national school lunch program reimburses district food service for eligible students.
- For the second consecutive year, the state universal lunch program reimburses the district for any student not covered by the federal lunch program. The state only pays the difference for the actual meals served.



SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS:

2024	6:00 Work Sessions	6:00* Regular Meetings	Location
September	5th	9th*	Media Center
October	2nd	8th*	Media Center
November	6th	12th*	Media Center
December	4th	10th*	Media Center

* public comment available at 5:30 p.m. prior to regular meetings

2025 Organizational Meeting / Work Session: January 8, 2025

HOMELESS EDUCATION

In compliance with The McKinney-Vento Act of 2001, Wrenshall School is committed to providing a free, appropriate public education to any children or youth in the school district who are experiencing homelessness. Homelessness is defined as a lack of a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. Anyone aware of local school-age children experiencing homelessness, please contact Wrenshall School's homeless liaison, Jeff Pesta. Further information on McKinney-Vento and rights of homeless children can be found at <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/SchSup/ESEA/HomelessMcKinneyVento/index.html> or call the NCHE Helpline at 800-308-2145 or e-mail homeless@serve.org

WRENSHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Jeff Pesta, Superintendent
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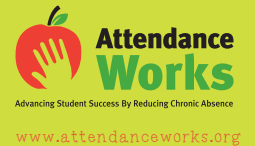
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ATTENDANCE

in the early grades

Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even preK, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. Do you know how many young children are chronically absent in your school or community?



Who Is Affected

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes often have absenteeism rates as high as those in high school. Many of these absences are excused, but they still add up to lost time in the classroom.

1 in 10 kids

in kindergarten and 1st grade are chronically absent. In some schools, it's as high as 1 in 4.¹



2 in 10 low-income kids miss too much school. They're also more likely to suffer academically.¹

2.5 in 10 homeless kids are chronically absent.²

4 in 10 transient kids miss too much school when families move.²



¹ Chang, Hedy; Romero, Mariajose, Present, *Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades*, National Center for Children in Poverty: NY: NY, September 2008.

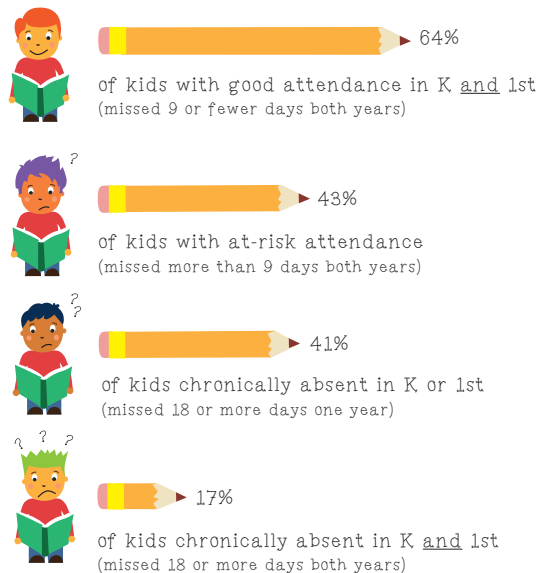
² *Chronic Absence in Utah*, Utah Education Policy Center at the University of Utah, 2012.

Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?³



³ *Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes*, Applied Survey Research, May 2011.

What We Can Do



Engage Families

Many parents and students don't realize how quickly early absences can add up to academic trouble. Community members and teachers can educate families and build a culture of attendance through early outreach, incentives and attention to data.



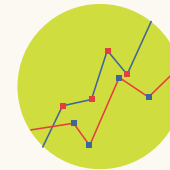
Fix Transportation

The lack of a reliable car, or simply missing the school bus, can mean some students don't make it to class. Schools, transit agencies and community partners can organize car pools, supply bus passes or find other ways to get kids to school.



Address Health Needs

Health concerns, particularly asthma and dental problems, are among the leading reasons students miss school in the early grades. Schools and medical professionals can work together to give children and families health care and advice.



Track the Right Data

Schools too often overlook chronic absence because they track average attendance or unexcused absences, not how many kids miss too many days for any reason. Attendance Works has free data-tracking tools.

These are a few steps that communities and schools can take. How do you think you can help?

FREE Student Meals continue in the 2024-2025 school year!

Although free student meals will continue in the 2024-2025 school year (ala carte milk \$.55), filling out the Application for Educational Benefits is still important! Please see page 6 for details and return your completed form today.



**OPEN ENROLLMENT
GUIDELINES ON PAGE 4**



**EARLY CHILDHOOD
INFORMATION ON PAGE 8**

Wrenshall's Steadily Increasing Enrollment

AND THE PROCESS FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS

TARGET CLASS SIZES TO ENSURE QUALITY INSTRUCTION

The Wrenshall Board of Education has established target class sizes to ensure quality instruction. Those established targets are:

- Preschool-Kindergarten = 20
- Grades 1-3 = 23
- Grades 4-6 = 25
- Grades 7-8 = 28
- High School = 30 for most classes

OPENING AND CLOSING GRADES, ADDING SECTIONS

Since the above targets were established early in 2024, **enrollment has been steadily increasing.** The Board proactively closed grades 2, 4, 5, and 6 to open enrollment from outside of the district boundaries on June 10th in accordance with Minnesota Statute 124D.03. The Board is likely to add an additional Kindergarten and 4th grade section at their August 12th meeting. **That would likely lead to Grade 4 being available for open enrollment again** on that date.

PROCESS FOR ACCEPTING OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS

Per statute, a wait list for each closed grade shall be established to provide for a nondiscriminatory and orderly process for accepting open enrollment applications without creating undue hardship upon the District's resources and its capacity to provide a Free and Appropriate Public Education to all students served. The following preference criteria will be applied to open enrollment wait list applicants during the 2024-2025 school year:

1. Applicants whose parent or legal guardian is a current employee of Independent District No. 100.
2. Applicants for which a sibling or member of the

same household has been accepted for open enrollment in a grade level which has not been closed by resolution.

3. Applicants not meeting the above criteria will be offered open enrollment opportunities when available based on the earliest date on which their completed General Statewide Enrollment Options Application for K-12 and Early Childhood Special Education was received by the District.

Applicants offered open enrollment must complete enrollment within ten (10) days of the District's notification and transportation may be offered, although not required beyond the District's boundaries as described in statute.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP. PLEASE REACH OUT FOR ASSISTANCE WITH OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS.

The open enrollment process in Minnesota can be very complicated. Please don't hesitate to contact the Wrenshall School office at (218) 384-4274 x2000 for assistance in completing open enrollment applications. **Students residing within the Wrenshall School District boundaries are welcome to enroll immediately year-round without exception.**

Wrenshall School offers a personalized educational experience where each student's potential is nurtured and their achievements are celebrated. Our close-knit community is committed to empowering every student for a successful future. Enroll today!

2024 SEPTEMBER									
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
2	NO SCHOOL	3	French Toast Sticks Fruit/Juice/Milk Hotdog on a Bun Baked Beans / Peas Fruit / Milk	4	Muffin / Yogurt Fruit/Juice/Milk Spaghetti Sauce w/Pasta Corn / Breadstick Fruit / Milk	5	Breakfast Sandwich Fruit/Juice/Milk Hamburger on a Bun w/fixings Cooked Carrots Fruit / Milk	6	Cereal / Cheese Stick Fruit/Juice/Milk Pizza Green Beans Fruit / Milk
9	Cereal / Yogurt Fruit/Juice/Milk Chicken w/Gravy over Pasta Carrots & Peas Mix / Bread Fruit / Milk	10	Breakfast Pizza Fruit/Juice/Milk Sloppy Joe w/Bun Baked Beans / Coleslaw Fruit / Milk	11	Muffin / Yogurt Fruit/Juice/Milk Sub Sandwich w/Fixings Broccoli -raw / Chip Fruit / Milk	12	Yogurt Parfait Fruit/Juice/Milk Stuffed Cheese Bread w/Marinara Steamed Corn Fruit / Milk	13	Oatmeal Bar / Cheese Stick Fruit/Juice/Milk Teriyaki Chicken w/Rice Green Beans / Bread Fruit / Milk
16	Yogurt / Oatmeal Bar Fruit/Juice/Milk Orange Chicken w/Rice Broccoli Fruit / Milk	17	Breakfast Burrito Fruit/Juice/Milk Mac & Cheese w/Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans / Cooked Carrots Fruit / Milk	18	Cereal / Muffin Fruit/Juice/Milk Meatballs w/gravy Mashed Potatoes / Green Beans Bread / Fruit / Milk	19	Pancake on a Stick Fruit/Juice/Milk BBQ Shredded Chicken w/Bun Mix Peas & Carrots / Potato Fries Fruit / Milk	20	Cereal / Cheese Stick Fruit/Juice/Milk Pizza Steamed Corn Fruit / Milk
23	Cereal / Oatmeal Bar Fruit/Juice/Milk Hamburger on a Bun Baked Beans / Corn Fruit / Milk	24	Waffle Fruit/Juice/Milk Taco Tuesday in a bag Spanish Rice / Refried Beans/L/T/O/C Fruit / Milk	25	Yogurt / Muffin Fruit/Juice/Milk Tater Tot Hotdish Coleslaw /Peas / Bread Fruit / Milk	26	Breakfast Sandwich Fruit/Juice/Milk Sweet& Sour Chicken Rice / Broccoli Fruit / Milk	27	Cheese Stick / Oatmeal Bar Fruit/Juice/Milk Fish Sandwich Carrots Fruit / Milk
30	Oatmeal Bar / Yogurt Fruit/Juice/Milk Corn Dog Peas-Carrot Mix / Baked Beans Fruit / Milk	A variety of cold cereals is offered every morning for breakfast in addition to what is posted. Breakfast & Lunch is free to all students as long as they follow the guidelines for MN Free School Meals Program, which is: At breakfast they must choose at least 3 items to be counted as a reimbursable meal. The student must choose a ½ cup serving of fruit or vegetable, which includes juice as part of their breakfast. At Lunch they must choose at least 3 items to be counted as a reimbursable meal, which must include either ½ cup of fruit or ½ cup of vegetable.							

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menu is subject to change. A variety of milk is offered each day.

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WRENSHALL COMMUNITY EDUCATION



HELLO WRENSHALL COMMUNITY! First, I'd like to say WELCOME to all of our new and returning families. We are excited to start another great year here at Wrenshall. I'm Katie Beck, and I'm the Community Education Coordinator. I've been in this position for a little over six months now, and I hope to be in this position for years to come.



Community Education plays many vital roles in Wrenshall.

Have you ever wondered what those roles are? We're responsible for Wrens Club Kids Care (where we provide before and after school care on school days and wrap-around care for our preschoolers on Tuesdays and Thursdays). We still have spots available this year in these programs. We oversee Hatchlings and Little Wrens, our school readiness programs. Hatchlings serves our 3 year olds on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Little Wrens serves our 4 year olds on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. In this issue of **images**, you can find registration information for preschool on page 8 and registration for Wrens Club on page 6. Community Ed also facilitates after school clubs, community events, enrichment classes for the community, and before/after school facilities reservations.

A little bit about me: I'm married to Jon Beck and we moved to Wrenshall in 2020. We have two daughters (Stella and Lilly) who attend school here and we realized very quickly that our community is one of a kind. It might be small, this school might not have all the "extras" like a bigger school might have, but it makes up for it in other ways. When you are a part of Wrenshall, you are a part of a close knit school community where you get to know everyone, somehow, in some way. I will strive to encourage school and community involvement this year through programming like open family nights, after school clubs, adult classes like yoga (look for more information this September), community events like the Power Lunch (where we will ask volunteers to read to students on their lunch break), and bringing back the Bentleyville family night. Another way you can get involved is to sit on the Community Education Advisory Committee, where you can help make changes in Wrenshall CE programs. Our first committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 10th at 6:00 PM in the school conference room.

Our school and community may be small, but boy is it mighty! If there is something you'd like to see take place through community education, please reach out to me! My email is commedu@isd100.org.

Thank you!

Katie Beck

Wrenshall Community Education Coordinator

We Are Hiring!



**Wrens Club Kids Care
Student Workers
School Year 2024-2025**

Are you passionate about kids? Do you want to make some extra money while attending Wrenshall High School?

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Be A Student of Wrenshall School
- Available some mornings 6:30-8:15 AM & afternoons 3:00-5:30 PM
- Willing to play with kids
- Good speaking skills to provide direction

BENEFITS:

- Training Opportunity
- Building Relationships with Kids
- Being apart of a TEAM!

HOW TO APPLY?

Pick up a application in the Wrens Club Kids Care room or Katie Beck (District Office) or Email kbeck@isd100.org



Wrens Club Kids Care Classroom Wish List

- Kleenex
- White Rice
- Dried Pasta
- Dried Beans
- Unlined Paper Plates
- Band-aids
- Elmer's Glue (sticks and bottles)
- Wiggly Eyes
- Dry Erase Markers
- Gallon sized ziploc bags
- Playdoh
- Kinetic Sand
- Art Supplies



Power lunch



Do you have the
superpower to volunteer?

We are looking for many volunteers to read to students over their lunch break

10:45AM - 12:15PM

*Must be available once a week



More Information:

Contact Katie Beck - Commedu@isd100.org

218-384-4274 Ext 3100



Club will meet on Monday's
Starting September 16th
3:15-4:30 PM
in the Library

7th-12th graders welcome

Interested? Try the introductory class
Monday September 9th
3:15-4:30 PM

For more information email
commedu@isd100.org



FALL/SPRING 2024-25

WRENS CLUB KIDS CARE

The Wrens Club is all about kids! Our philosophy is to help kids grow through positive reinforcement, hands on play, and educational enrichment. We offer a safe, fun and educational environment for kids.

We'd love to have you join us!
-We have financial assistance-

Hours of Operation

Monday, Wednesday & Friday:
6:30AM - 8:00AM
& 3:00 - 5:30PM

Tuesday/Thursday:
6:30AM - 5:30PM

RATE OPTIONS

BEFORE / AFTER SCHOOL CARE

MORNING
\$20 flat fee weekly
1-5 days per week

AFTERNOON
\$30 flat fee weekly
1-5 days per week

BOTH MORNING/AFTERNOONS
\$40 flat fee weekly

PRE-K WRAP AROUND CARE

\$75 - for both
Tuesday/Thursday

\$95 Monday-Friday
before/after school care &
all day Tuesday/Thursday

This includes
morning/afternoon care &
breakfast / lunch

**Register
Today!**

Wrenshall Wrens Club Registration Form 2024/2025

Return completed form with registration fee (\$50) to Wrenshall School or mail to school - Attn: Katie Beck, 207 Pioneer Drive, Wrenshall, MN 55797

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone number _____

Care needed: Before school care / After school care / Both /
Pre-K Wrap around care

Time(s): _____



SEEKING Substitute Teachers

Wrenshall School District is currently seeking substitute teachers at all grade levels PK-12.

*Individuals with a 4-year degree are eligible for a short call substitute teaching license.

Please contact the district office with questions 218-384-4274 ext. 2001
bpeterson@isd100.org.



PARENTS/GUARDIANS: PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS.



One was included in the Back to School packet you received in the mail. Although school meals are free this year, filling out the Application for Educational Benefits is still important! Your child(ren) may qualify for other benefits like reduced fees at school AND your completed and returned application can help generate significant compensatory aid for the school district and may determine eligibility for grants, scholarships, internet assistance and more. Completed forms can be dropped off at Open House, or anytime in the District Office. Or, if email is easier for you, please return to bpeterson@isd100.org.

EACH STUDENT.
LIMITLESS
OPPORTUNITIES.

WRENSHALL SCHOOL
DISTRICT

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AND FUTURE ISSUES ONLINE AT
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COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL



We're looking for council members to help us make a difference! The board will provide support and advice to after school programs, assist in the development of new programs, help with budgets and identify best-practice standards.

2024-2025 Meeting dates
Conference Room

September 10th 2024
November 13th 2024*
January 14th 2025
March 11th 2025
May 13th 2025

6:00 PM



That's Community Ed!

Email: commedu@isd100.org
for more information



Family night on the playground



Tuesday
17 September
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Come enjoy our school playground, draw with chalk, play on the basketball courts and meet some families

Wrenshall School Playground
(Inclement weather we will reschedule)



go Raptors!

WRENSHALL.



A small school where we cultivate **BIG FUTURES.**



GO WRENS!

WRENSHALL EARLY CHILDHOOD

**It's not too late to join our preschool family!
Limited spots still remain!**



School Readiness is a program for children 3-5 years of age. This program, through age-appropriate curriculum and experiences, helps prepare children to enter kindergarten. The School Readiness preschool is located at the Wrenshall School. The program is staffed with a licensed Early Childhood Teacher & Assistant. We are proudly Four-Star rated by Parent Aware.

Current School Readiness students may register for the 2024/2025 School Readiness classes starting March 4th! Registration will be open to Wrenshall residents and school staff on March 11th. It will be open for all others starting March 18th. Spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

- Hatchlings (children MUST be 3 by 9/1/24)
- Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:20 am-11:00 am
 - NO BUSSING

\$ 600.00/school year
class size limited to 12

- Little Wrens (children must be 4 by 9/1/24)
- Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 8:20 am-3:00 pm
 - Bussing available for Wrenshall residents and others if on route & space on bus

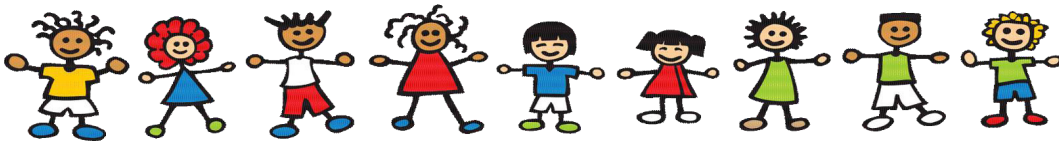
\$1,900.00/school year
class size limited to 20

To register send in or drop off the form below with a \$25 (non-refundable) registration fee to hold your spot. The \$25 will be deducted from the tuition at the start of the school year. If this is a hardship for your family, please reach out! Families can sign up for a payment plan or apply for an income-based scholarship.

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE POTTY TRAINED BY START OF CLASS!

ALL outstanding school balances must be paid in full or current on payment plan before registration will be accepted! Families will be mailed confirmation of reserved spot after the registration period closes.

If you have any questions, please email Katie Beck at kbeck@isd100.org or call 384-4274 ext. 3100.



Wrenshall School Readiness Registration Form 2024/2025

Return completed form with registration fee to Wrenshall School or mail to school:
Attn: Katie Beck, 207 Pioneer Drive, Wrenshall, MN 55797-during your registration dates

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Age as of September 1, 2024 _____ Preschool Class (please circle) Hatchlings Little Wrens

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

Will your child need Wrens Club (wrap-around care)? No Yes If yes, please circle: before class after class both



PRESCHOOLERS ENJOYED WRENSHALL'S COOL SUMMER SCHOOL AUGUST 6TH-8TH



Aluminum Can Recycling to Benefit Wrenshall Students!

Please place clean and bagged cans in the can corral near the bus garage. Proceeds will go to the Booster Club to help support Wrenshall Students.

WRENSHALL EARLY CHILDHOOD

School Readiness 2024-2025

Supplies-ALL CHILDREN

- *4x6 family picture (one from each household)
- *One 3-ring binder (2 in)-preferred with clear front view pocket
- *Change of clothes (to be left at school)-labeled in a plastic gallon Ziploc bag
- *Heavy duty plastic folder with two pockets & PRONGES
- *Backpack-DAILY
- *Water bottle-DAILY
- ONE HEALTHY SNACK DAILY-for afternoon
- We will NOT have a morning snack due to an early lunch time at 10:55.

Hatchlings

- Pack of napkins & BIG container of Clorox Wipes
- Boys: Big roll of paper towels
- Girls: Package of baby wipes

Little Wrens:

- Box of Kleenex & package of Crayola markers
- Boys: 5 oz plastic drinking cups
- Girls: Gallon size Ziplock baggies
- *Blanket for rest time (to be left at school)
- It'll be sent home to be washed at the end of the month.
- Please return a clean one at the start of each new month.
- Little Wrens will have FREE school lunch available.

Additional Wish List Items (please pick one if your family is willing & able):

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| Colored Card Stock | Hot Glue Sticks |
| Shaving Cream | Laminator Sheets (Scotch Thermal Laminating Pouches) |
| Salt | Paper Plates (uncoated)-Small & Big |

*Items need to be labeled with your child's first and last name

Please reach out if you need help with supplies! We do have some supplies that were donated to our school.

Reminders:

All children do need to be potty trained! We also do understand that our littles will have an occasional accident and will need help 😊

We will be busy exploring and learning, which may lead to getting messy 😊 Please dress your child accordingly. We will also be spending a lot of time outside when weather permits! Children should wear safe shoes for outdoor/large motor play.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Limited spots remain!
Please see page 8 for registration information!

MORE SCENES FROM WRENSHALL'S COOL-SUMMER-SCHOOL



For FIRE or MEDICAL Emergencies: Remember to Dial 911

Are you looking for a rewarding and exciting volunteer opportunity? Do you have the heart to serve your community? Come join the Wrenshall Fire Department.

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED — Just the desire to learn new skills and be part of a volunteer team dedicated to serving our community.

FLEXIBLE HOURS — We realize life is busy and value your time. Every effort is made to help you fulfill the requirements of the department as well as the requirements of your job and family.

BENEFITS — Pension for members completing 10 years of service. Required as well as optional training in fire suppression and medical training provided by the department resulting in state certification.

Cadet Program available for interested young men and women greater than 15 years of age to 18 years of age. Positions available in fire suppression or medical or both.

For more information contact Fire Chief Peter Laveau at 218-591-2329 or stop by the fire hall on Tuesday evenings after 7:00 p.m. Also check us out on Facebook at Wrenshall Fire and Rescue.

Thank You for Your Support



Our fire department is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to the protection of our community. The Wrenshall Fire Department is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Silver Brook Cemetery

Lots are available in the Silver Brook Cemetery.

Contact Supervisor Randy Wolf at 218-380-9804.

HOLYOKE TOWN BOARD

Town Board Meetings are held the **Second Tuesday** of every month at the Town Hall.

Linda McCuskey • Supervisor • 651-230-0773

John Magnuson • Supervisor • 218-348-3831

Paula Siltberg • Supervisor • 218-496-0424

Holyoke Township has a new area of its cemetery available for gravesites.

Interested individuals should contact a township supervisor for more information.

SILVER BROOK TOWNSHIP 2024 MEETING DATES

Silver Brook Town Hall, 401 Alcohol Road, Wrenshall, Minnesota

PRIMARY ELECTION: Tuesday, August 13, 2024, POLLS OPEN 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 6:00 PM – Continuation of Annual Mtg/Regular Meeting

GENERAL ELECTION: Tuesday, November 5, 2024, POLLS OPEN: 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 6:00 PM – Regular Meeting & Board of Canvass

Any additional special meetings or changes to regular meeting dates

will be posted on the township website: www.silverbrooktownship.com

WRENSHALL TOWNSHIP

All regular meetings are called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 3096 County Road 1, Wrenshall, Minnesota. The schedule of the regular meetings for Wrenshall Township is set forth below:

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

January 14, 2025 (Reorganizational and Regular)

Judy L. Korby
Wrenshall Town Clerk
218-384-4452

Supervisors:
Marvin Durkee: 218-384-3645
Dwain Meyer: 1-218-460-8910
Henry Wyman: 218-390-6495

City Minutes

WRENSHALL CITY COUNCIL
May 8, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Attendance: Gary Butala, Duane Ziebarth, Joyce Gvesrude, Jody Mattinen, Melvin Martindale, Alieca Johnson and Mike Gravelle.

The meeting started with a call from city auditors Clasen & Schiessl. Susan Schiessl gave an overview of the 2023 audit. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Butala to accept the 2023 audit as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Gvesrude to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on April 3, 2024 and the Special Meeting on April 16, 2024, and checks as follows: Pre-paids: #30929-#30945=\$11,475.73; Payroll: #30946-#30955=\$7,291.36; April bills: 05/08/24-1 thru-3 and 30957-30978=\$28,597.09; and Electronic Transfers: 04/04/24-1 &-2 and ETR24-03=\$3,325.79. Motion carried.

Engineer: Bollig has indicated that they are still working on the PER. Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Gvesrude to accept the contract with SilverSmith for software and

data services for GPS data collection as part of the GIS mapping grant received from WLSSD. Motion carried.

Water Operator: Hydrant flushing will take place on June 5 & 6, 2024. The tower is at summer water level.

Clerk: Repair of the water building door damaged by a truck delivering to the post office came in at \$2,675. There being no proof of who hit the building, a claim was turned into insurance. Surface Specialists will do the repair when the weather allows. Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Martindale to purchase 3 concrete barriers from Smitty's Concrete (\$85/each) to protect the north side of the water building. A report on the condition of city streets was reviewed.

Maintenance: Northland has indicated the new axel was installed on the tractor and they are working on the loader mounts. Motion by Butala; seconded by Ziebarth to purchase a truckload of crushed concrete for \$300 from Hillside Acres for the floor of the new pole building. Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Butala to approve the quote from ABCO (\$3,700) to reattach the gas line from the new building to the garage. Motion carried. Motion by Butala; seconded by Mattinen to allow maintenance staff to purchase cold patch from Monarch Paving as needed. Motion carried. Carlton County was contacted about raising the manhole cover at Goad/Broadway.

CLOSED MEETING: Motion by Martindale; seconded

by Mattinen to close the regular meeting at 6:25 PM to discuss the negotiations on real property PID 27-160-0700. Motion by Martindale; seconded by Gvesrude the reopen the meeting at 6:45 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Butala to send a reminder letter to one resident about keeping the ditch to the north of Goad Drive clean and clear of debris. Motion carried.

Discussion on the security system was tabled while waiting for a quote from BITS.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Mattinen to approve the gambling permit for the Wrenshall Area SnoSharks Snowmobile Club raffle on December 14, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Mattinen to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

WRENSHALL CITY COUNCIL
June 5, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Attendance: Gary Butala, Duane Ziebarth, Joyce Gvesrude, Jody Mattinen, Melvin Martindale, Tracie Lemberg, John Mikrot Jr., Nathan Fiest, and Mike Gravelle.

Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Martindale to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Gvesrude; seconded by Butala to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on May 8, 2024, and the Public Hearing on May 8, 2024, and checks as follows: Pre-paids: #30956 & #30979- #30987=\$5,107.29; Payroll: #30988-#31001=\$9,460.22; May bills: (VOID 31002 & 31003) #31004 – #31014=\$12,137.81; and Electronic Transfers: 05/09/24 – 1 & 2=\$2,119.37. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Report: 49 calls so far this year. 17 calls in May; 8 medical/9 fire. An interview was conducted with David

Pyrlik. Motion by Butala; seconded by Martindale to start David Pyrlik on probation. Motion carried. DNR grant awarded. Participation is up since implementation of the incentive program. Fire Department will be focusing on recruitment.

Engineer: Nathan Fiest was in attendance and presented to the Council. Safe Routes to School grant not awarded to city. Bollig recommends trying again. Task Order #4 introduced – Silversmith. PER Update – will do PER presentation before next meeting.

Water Operator: Lift station serviced- pumps pulled.

Clerk: A resident requested to let a buffer of foliage grow between their property and adjacent properties. Invitation for resident to attend next meeting will be given. Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Joyce to approve Funeral Leave of 24 hours for Alieca Johnson.

Maintenance: Mike Gravelle broke the windshield on tractor. Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Gvesrude to accept quote from City Auto Glass for installation of new windshield. Motion carried. 3 tons of blacktop patch purchased from Monarch to patch Pioneer Drive. Curb painting to be done soon.

Correspondence: Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Martindale to send second letters to resident on the unused vehicle complaint as well as to another resident about ditch cleaning – with added definite date. Motion carried.

MHP I & I: Nelson finished mapping of property for inspection 5/22. Letter will be drafted to MHP residents about precautions to take before jetting/televising inspection. Waiting on Nelson to schedule jetting/televising inspection.

LOOKING FOR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES?

Wrenshall School Board meeting minutes can be found on the BoardBook Agenda tab in the school board area of the website. Or, the QR code on the right will bring you directly to the Wrenshall BoardBook site. Click on any blue "Agenda" link and scroll to find minutes being approved at that meeting.



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Security Camera: Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Gvesrude to table discussion on security cameras. Motion carried.

Bloom IUP: Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Martindale to send letter to County to assess fine on IUP violation. Motion carried.

Pru Ponds: Council plans to stick with previous decision. Council willing to send letter of donation if Proulx donates property outright.

Mason Ditches: Waiting for quote from Lustig. Discussion tabled until quote received.

Resolution 24-03: Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Martindale to adopt Resolution 24-03 requiring the tally of write-in votes only if write-in votes are greater than a ballot candidate's total votes. Gvesrude-yes; Ziebarth-yes; Mattinen-yes; Martindale-yes; Butala-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Gvesrude to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM. Motion carried.

WRENSHALL CITY COUNCIL
July 10, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Attendance: Gary Butala, Joyce Gvesrude, Jody Mattinen, Melvin Martindale, Alica Johnson, Peter Laveau, Nathan Feist-Bollig, Kelly Lake, Danielson, Susan Zmyslony and Mike Gravelle. Councilor Ziebarth was absent. Several residents were also in attendance.

Sheriff Lake and County Commissioner Sue Zmyslony attended the meeting at the council's request to discuss the sheriff office's position on ordinance enforcement. Sheriff Lake explained that they do not investigate ordinance violations and that these can be sent directly to the county attorney. Doug Rotta will be contacted to set up a meeting with Sheriff Lake to discuss the city's ordinance and contracting with the sheriff's office.

Motion by Martindale; seconded by Mattinen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Gvesrude; seconded by Butala to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on June 5, 2024, Park Board Meeting on June 5, 2024, and the Special Meeting on June 20, 2024, and checks as follows — Pre-paids: #31016-#31034 (31035-Void) = \$13,574.68; Payroll: #31036-#31045 = \$7,728.84; June bills: 07/03/24-1 thru-3 and 31046-31071 (Void 31059 & 31060) = \$46,805.10; and Electronic Transfers: 06/06/24-1 thru-3 and 06/19/24-1 = \$7,151.14. Motion carried.

Fire Chief: There have been 64 runs in 2024 with 12 in June; 4 fire/8 medical. There has been no news on the FEMA grant. An interview for a potential new member will be scheduled. Purchasing gas from the General Store was discussed and the item was tabled. Pete Laveau will investigate the requirements of the new OSHA ruling that

might affect training and other requirements leading to increased costs for cities and townships.

School Board Member Ben Johnson was at the meeting to ask for the city's support. The Career and Technical Education Program is pursuing a grant to build a 3BR/2BA home in Pleasant View Estates as a class project. Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Martindale to waive the \$2,100 tower fee for the Wrenshall School, a public institution, to support the district in serving its educational goals. Gvesrude-Yes; Ziebarth-Absent; Mattinen-Yes; Martindale-Yes; Butala-Yes. Motion carried.

Planning Commission: Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Gvesrude to approve the fence permit received for 902 North Woodhaven. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Martindale to approve the fence permit for 412 Pleasant View Court. Motion carried with Gvesrude abstaining. The residents living south of the city hall came to the meeting to ask about letting the area on the west side of their property grow into a buffer. Discussion was tabled.

Bollig Engineering: Nathan Feist stated that it is Bollig's position that they will only attend meetings if they are working on a project or if requested by the council. The PER has been delayed. Because of the higher median income in the city grant opportunities and financing needed to be reviewed with David Drown Associates before the report can be finalized. Motion by Butala; seconded by Mattinen to approve TO#4 for Bollig to begin the work needed with Silversmith to record GIS and other information on sewer infrastructure. Motion carried. A new task order to review drainage of ponds in Pleasant View Estates and Mason ditches was presented at \$13,000. Discussion was tabled waiting for a response to the city's proposal to Don Proulx and the outcome of the budget work session in August.

Water Operator: Work on the tower and televising/jetting the last section of city water lines is still planned for 2024, but there has been no contact on work dates. Fire hydrant repair has also been arranged, but no specific date has been set.

Clerk: The office has received repeated requests to be able to make payments for water/sewer billing, building permits and other fees with credit cards. Motion by Butala; seconded by Gvesrude to contract with Municipay for this service. There is no cost to the city for this service. Motion carried. Earned Safe and Sick Time (ESST) laws have been clarified and requirements do not apply to volunteer fire fighters. City staff met with Mike Strotzman of Minnesota Rural Water (MRWA) on the Wellhead Protection (WHP) program. Work on Wrenshall's plan amendment has been slowed by delays at the Minnesota Department of Health. Filing for Office will take place from July 30, 2024, through August 13, 2024.

Maintenance: The electrical inspector was here July 9, 2024, and approved the service for the new building and the windshield has been replaced on the tractor. Painting of curbs and crosswalks will start in the next few weeks.

MHP I & I: Waiting on Nelson Sanitation to schedule jetting/televising.

Bloom IUP: All information has been submitted to the County Attorney. Receipt of the information was confirmed on June 26, 2024, and the City is waiting for a reply.

Pru Ponds: The approved response letter was sent to Mr. Proulx on July 2, 2024.

Mason Ditches: An estimate for repair of the ditches on the north side of Mason Drive from Erickson running east was received from Lustig's Excavation at \$41,655.18. Mike indicated that the city does have a stockpile of rock that could be used to reduce the

estimate. The city will continue to look for more cost-effective solutions.

Ordinances: The current noise ordinance was read and revisions discussed. A work session was set for Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 9:00 AM to review the noise and long grass ordinances. The resident who received the letter about chickens addressed the council. Discussion on revisions to the ordinance governing chickens will also be added to the work session.

Motion by Mattinen; seconded by Butala to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. Motion carried.

Wrenshall's Steadily Increasing Enrollment

AND THE PROCESS FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS



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A small school where we cultivate **BIG FUTURES.**

PICTURE DAY:

Wednesday, September 25th (Retakes: Oct. 30th)



Wrenshall Community Education updates in this issue starting on page 5.

Please follow the Wrenshall Community Education Facebook page for the most up to date community education information!



homeschool families

Please notify the school district if you are planning to continue homeschooling your children. Please email rbradley@isd100.org if you are in need of any paperwork.



PIE MEETING:

Sept. 18th | 6:00 p.m. | Media Center

August and September Sports

RAPTORS Cross Country, Football,
Volleyball: Schedules online at www.isd100.net



PARTICIPATION FEES:

Academic and Extra Curricular:

Band	\$30.00 per student
Debate	\$30.00 per student
One Act Play	\$30.00 per student
Robotics	\$30.00 per student
Speech	\$30.00 per student
Visual Arts	\$30.00 per student
Knowledge Bowl	\$30.00 per student
Three Act Play	\$30.00 per student
BPA	\$30.00 per student
All Other Non-Athletic	
Extra Curriculars	\$30.00 per student

Athletics:

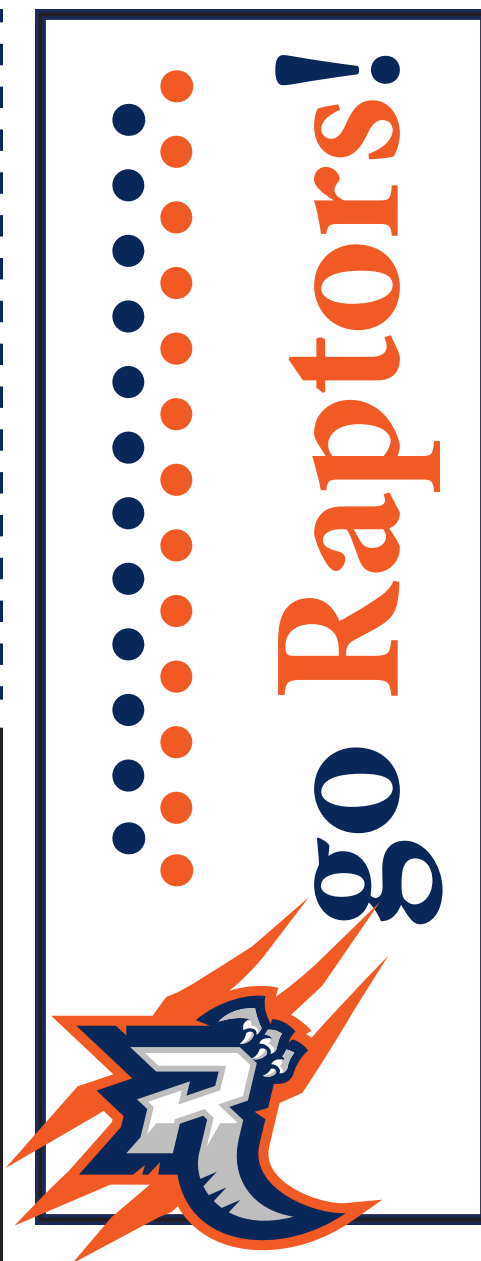
Grades 9-12	\$100.00 per sport/student
Grades 6-8	\$70.00 per sport/student
Cheerleading	\$50.00 per season/student

There is no longer a family cap. There is a student cap of \$175 for athletes in grades 6-8. There is a student cap of \$250 for athletes in grades 9-12.

The student cap includes all athletics and activities with the exception of band and art fees. If a student qualifies through the Application for Educational Benefits, they will receive 1/2 price discount on all athletic and activity fees. Families in financial hardship should contact the AD. Participation not allowed until activity fee is paid.

ATHLETIC EVENT REMINDER:

All elementary students attending athletic events must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for supervision.



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Area Worship Services

Bethesda Lutheran Church of Carlton

204 5th Street, Carlton
Website - www.bethesdacarlton.org
Email - bethesda55718@msn.com
(218)384-4501

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. (for up-to-date status of worship services, please visit the Bethesda Lutheran Church Facebook page).

Elim Lutheran Church

2077 County Road 6, Barnum
(218)389-3129
Pastor Becky Wagner
Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m.
Education Hour: 10:30 a.m. (All Ages)

Mission Creek Church

521 131st Ave. West, Duluth | 626-3309
6:00 p.m. Saturday Contemporary
Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
Awana (3yrs to 8th grade):
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
H.S. Youth Group (9th-12th grades):
Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

The River's Edge Church

506 Chestnut Avenue, Carlton
(218)384-4434
Sunday Coffee: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

St. Francis Catholic Church

509 Sunrise Drive, Carlton
Fr. Joel Hastings/384-4563
Mass: Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Sts. Mary & Joseph Church

1225 Mission Road, Sawyer
Church 878-1146
Fr. Joel Hastings/384-4563
Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

SonLife Community Church

417 Alcohol Road, Wrenshall
(218) 384-4760
Pastor Paul DeVall
Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m. with children's programs for nursery through 6th grade.
Wednesday Evenings:
SonLife Kids' Club 3:30-5:30 p.m.
and Youth Group 6:30-8:00 p.m.
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