



**Golden Lake Elementary  
SCHOOL PROFILE  
Principal: Chris Gerst**

**Mission Statement**

Golden Lake Elementary celebrates diversity and pursues higher levels of learning in a safe and respectful environment.

**Values**

**We Hold Ourselves Accountable For These Values and Attitudes**

Students – We focus on the acquisition of high-level academic skills and the healthy social, physical and emotional development of our students.

Staff – We are supportive, dedicated, and committed to our school. We foster growth in all members of the Golden Lake Learning Community.

Community – We focus on the idea that a school can and should be a center for all members of the community to participate, contribute, and promote the learning and well being of children.

Excellence – We inspire our students to achieve their full potential and to passionately pursue excellence in everything they do.

Integrity - We are reliable and promote honesty and a firm sense of fairness in our interactions with one another.

Global Education –

Cultural Competence – We respect, celebrate, and learn from our differences and it is central to what ties us together.

Peace in our World – We are a peace site and are committed to: A Peaceful, Healthy World, Cultural Understanding, Human Rights

Environmental Stewardship – All things are interconnected; we recognize and accept our obligation to act responsibly to protect the environment and conserve our resources.

*Citizenship - We develop self-directed, respectful learners who contribute to the betterment of our school, our community and society.*

*Focus on the Future – We honor our history while making school improvement as a result of continuous evaluation.*

## **PERSONNEL**

- 36 licensed teachers (18 classroom teachers including Kindergarten extension and 18 specialists/special education teachers)
- 28 support staff (instructional, special ed and computer paraprofessionals, secretaries, health office)
- 1 Kids Club site manager and 4 part time assistants
- 3 custodians
- 1 food service manager, 2 food service assistants

## **2009 – 10 SECTIONS BY GRADE LEVEL**

- 1 Kindergarten extension section (January – June)
- 2 Kindergarten half day sections
- 1 Kindergarten All Day section
- 3 First grade sections
- 3 Second grade sections
- 3 Third grade sections
- 3 Fourth grade sections
- 2 Fifth grade sections

## **CHARACTERISTICS OF POPULATION (based on 381 student count)**

- 31 % free and reduced lunch
- 9 % English Language Learners
- 14 % eligible special education
- 13 % of students in grades 1-5 eligible for Title 1 services

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

- Serve 52 students with learning disabilities, emotional behavioral problems, speech/language impaired, physical/hearing/visual impaired, cognitive delays and/or autism who reside in our attendance area
- Provide district-wide program for 4 students, setting III.

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

- **Title 1:** Federally funded program serves 44 students in reading and 31 students in math (12 % of student population grades 1-5)
- **Compass Room:** Non-special education support program staffed by a Paraprofessional, for students who need social / emotional support and conflict resolution. Provide services for >25 students on a scheduled basis ~ support is available to all students.

- **English Language Learners (ELL) program:** 34 students are provided services to bring children's English language skills to a level where they can be successful in the mainstream classroom.
- **Gifted Services:** Services for K-5 students – individual, small group and whole classroom experiences.
- **Mentor program:** 70+ children at Golden Lake have a mentor (Average over past three years). High School student, GLE staff and Community members make up our mentors.
- **Reading Buddy Program:** This program is a volunteer program for adults to be matched with students in any grade, primarily those that are struggling readers. Volunteers meet once a week to read with the buddy. 75+ students are recommended for a reading buddy with the use of assessments and teacher recommendation.
- **Early Eagles:** We are proud to extend a wonderful opportunity to assist our academic learners through this before school program for students in grades 2 & 3. This program focuses upon additional academic support in reading to best meet the needs of learners. The ratio of staff to students will be about 8:1 and the skills focused on will be directly connected to their classroom work in the area of reading. Selection is based upon formalized testing, current educational services, student's eagerness to learn, and motivation.
- **After School Kids (A.S.K.)** – This program is an after school program for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. It focus is on academic, personal, and social education. This program provides one hour sessions twice a week. Students split time 30/30 between academic assistance and social/personal growth.
- **Friendship groups:** This program is targeted for students who have been identified as struggling with friendships or have social emotional needs.

## **GL TECHNOLOGY**

46 Staff computers  
 31 Dell Lab computers  
 31 iMac Lab computers  
 18 SMART Boards  
 1 teacher laptop  
 2 iBook Carts – 26 laptops / 2 printers  
 10 Media Center Computers  
 4 digital cameras  
 16 network printers  
 3 LCD projectors  
 3 digital cam-corders

3 scanners

## **BUILDING RENOVATION**

Golden Lake was originally built in 1970 as an open school. Pictures will be on display for you during the tour... it is important for you to know this in understanding the transformation of our building over the past 35 years.

1970	Open School was Built ~ IGE (Individually Guided Education) Pilot School
1988	Remodel media center and added the reading corners and carpet Added four portable classrooms and 2 bathrooms
1989	Classroom partitions (walls) on upper level began
1991	Lower level classroom partitions / walls built creating 11 classrooms Re-roofed
1995	Duct air supply updated throughout the building
1996	Added new lockers and case work (wall partitions for upper level classrooms)  New Playground addition / updated original playground equipment
1997	Install new phone system, cabling, email setup and tech head end room  Remodeled front office area & replaced cedar fascia with metal
2000	Fire/Safety Remodel: Sprinkler system, exit signs and emergency lighting & upgraded boiler burners
2003	New lights installed and new drop ceiling installed throughout the building, replaced main air handling unit, installed new air conditioning system, installed partial emergency management system  Removal of portable classrooms and resurfaced black top area
2004	Tuck pointed eastside of the building and replaced window/ frames in the cafeteria
2007	Replaced all windows and several doors  Installed door between the two Kindergarten classrooms
2008	Replaced flooring in the Kindergarten rooms - Half carpet – half tile. Installed sidewalk on School Road for student drop off.
2009	Carpet replaced in upstairs hallways, stairwells, and classrooms.