



Winnetka Parent Institute (WPI)

Schedule 26/27

October 7, 2026

Exploring Innovamat: A Fresh Approach to K-4 Mathematics

Patrick Dawson (Director of Innovation, Teaching and Learning)

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - The Skokie School Resource Center

Join us for an interactive introduction to Innovamat, our new K-4 mathematics resource. Parents will experience math learning as our students do – exploring problems, sharing strategies, and building understanding through discussion and discovery, all while learning how Innovamat's spiraled approach develops confident, flexible mathematical thinkers.

[RSVP here](#)

Following the event a link will be provided to the taped presentation on the website.

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December 2, 2026

Calm in the Chaos: Supporting Kids Through Big Feelings

SEL Integrations

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - ZOOM

When kids get overwhelmed, their brains and bodies can react in powerful ways. In this session, we will learn what is really happening in the brain during stressful moments, including what it means when a child “flips their lid” and how to respond with calm and compassion. We will share simple strategies and sample scripts to help support kids with managing big emotions while strengthening connection.

[RSVP here](#)

Join Zoom Webinar - <https://winnetka36.zoom.us/j/82003062854>

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January 20, 2027

Incoming Kindergarten Family Information Night

Winnetka Administration

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Hubbard Woods Resource Center

This informational session is designed for Winnetka parents of incoming kindergarten students who will be attending The Winnetka Public Schools. Parents will learn more about the kindergarten experience, including the transition-to-kindergarten process from the Crow Island, Greeley, and Hubbard Woods principals, as well as highlights of a typical kindergarten day across the district.

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February 3, 2027

From Washburne to New Trier: A D36 Parent's Guide to the New Trier Transition

Paul Waechtler, Principal

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Washburne Resource Center

Join Paul Waechtler, Principal at the New Trier High School Freshman Campus, who will discuss the New Trier freshman placement process and the efforts made to ensure a smooth transition to high school. A Q & A will provide an opportunity for parents to learn more about how to best support their child(ren) as they prepare for their New Trier experience.

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February 3, 2027

Early Childhood Services in Winnetka

Department of Student Services, Equity, and Inclusion

6:30 - 7:30 pm. - ZOOM

*This webinar will explain how The Winnetka Public Schools supports preschool-aged students by completing screenings and/or evaluations to determine eligibility for services. Families will learn about our partnerships with community preschools, the continuum of services available for children **ages 3-5**, and how individualized supports are provided in inclusive settings. The session will also review what transitions to kindergarten look like for students with IEPs, including timelines and staffing.*

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April 7, 2027

Supporting the Whole Child: Helping Kids Thrive

SEL Integrations

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - ZOOM

Learn strategies to play a more confident and active role in students' education by supporting emotional well-being, resilience, and strong relationships. Participants leave with practical tools to reduce reactivity, manage triggers, and help students feel seen, supported, and empowered.

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