Laulasmaa School



About the hosting organisation

Laulasmaa School is a kindergarten-basic school consisting of three kindergartens and three school buildings. 2017 the Schools of Klooga and Lehola with kindergartens joined the School of Laulasmaa with the kindergarten.

Laulasmaa school and kindergarden is the biggest of three. There are 280 pupils and 85 employees. Laulasmaa school and kindergarten grows fast with every year. We have classes from 1. until 9. class. In the kindergarden there are 126 children in the age of one to six.

Lehola and Klooga are smaller, both including about 60 pupils. In addition about 50 children in both kindergartens.

Laulasmaa School has developed its strong face for 11 years. We stand for the preservation and development of the Estonian nation, language and culture. In kindergarten and school we pay great attention to Estonian language and culture studies. In addition to traditional (subject) lessons, learning takes place through folklore, craft, art and folk dance classes, hobby classes, folklore and song choirs, laptops, piano and other musical lessons, contests and other celebrations and projects.

Our children and students have also participated in major folk parties such as the youth song and dance festival.



The teaching and upbringing of Laulasmaa School also draws attention to the cultures of different peoples of the world. Learning is done through global education and international projects, language week and other activities. Additional lessons are given to history and foreign languages. Learning an A foreign language (English) begins in Second Grade and learning a B foreign language (Russian) in Fifth Grade.

We have several international cooperation projects.

In order to support entrepreneurship, digital and technology competence, Laulasmaa School provides additional lessons for mathematics, entrepreneurship education and career education, informatics lessons, robotics lessons and IT-lessons. These measures give our students better knowledge how to use information technology tools. We are in close co-operation with HITSA Foundation to complement our digital equipment park and train teachers. Our students have successfully participated in the Robotics (Junior) First Lego League and Robotex.



Context

Laulasmaa is a village in West Harju County on the shore of Lahepere Bay. The village has gotten its name after its sand that has been mentioned to sing ("laulma") under the foot. The village was first mentioned during the Swedish time in Estonia (Laulasmeh). There are about 700 residents living in Laulasmaa.

Laulasmaa School is near to a Laulasmaa Beach. The beach is just 5 minutes of walking from school. We are surrounded by a beautiful pine forests. In a walking range of our school there are Laulasmaa SPA with saunas and pools, hiking trails, disc-golf trail and Arvo Pärt music Enter.



Proposed Activities for the Volunteer

- Laulasmaa School knows that non-formal learning is also important. During breaks, we try to offer children a variety of activities. For example, every Wednesday there is a disco children dance, move and it promotes health. We have outdoor breaks, where children plays outside. We would like to bring more youthwork and non formal learning to our school.
- At the end of school day we have after-school program for younger children, (where they can do their homework, play or do art). In addition wide range of hobby lessons for children. The activities are different for example glass, wood or technology hobby lessons. There have been different workshops in our school and we are always ready to learn new skills, that can help children in the future.
- There are thematic weeks and other activities to value healthy lifestyles. Every year in April, we celebrate the World Health Day, focusing on various health topics. For Laulasmaa School it is important that children and our staff take care about they health. So we have different various activities for that as lectures for parents and teachers, orientation, sport games, out door activities etc.
- Presenting volunteer's homeland culture;
- Practising English/German/Russian/or some other language with pupils or teachers/parents in hobby groups;
- Organize or help to orginize school events such as world-education week, Valentine's day, Christmas celebrations etc;
- Help at study visits and excursions;
- Help to guide the after-school programm;
- Organising hobby group according to the volunteer's talents (for example art, music, sport etc).



Profile of the Volunteer

We will be pleased to get applications from anyone who is:

- ready to work with children and have enough patience;
- willing to be involved in youth work and youth activities;

- friendly and open-minded;
- aged between 18 and 30 years;
- optimistic and cheerful.

Working experience is not required. Most importantly the volunteer should be ready to work with children and have optimistic, tolerant and cheerful nature. All sorts of artistic, musical, pedagogical or sports related skills are welcome as they can be implemented educational and extra curricular activities of the school.







More Pictures: intagram- laulasmaakool