

ABORN SCHOOL  
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**“Work hard. Respect others. Follow the Golden Rule.”**

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Hello Aborn Parents and Guardians!

Welcome to a new school year! I hope you've had a chance to get outdoors with your children and enjoy some of the great summer weather we've had. Here is some back-to-school information I wanted to share with you so that you are well-prepared when the first day of school arrives! An abbreviated version of this information was sent out through our Connect-Ed messaging system. If you did not receive the phone message, please notify me at: [muxiep@lynnschools.org](mailto:muxiep@lynnschools.org). Include your child's name and your current home phone number. I will add your information to our Connect Ed system.

- **The first day of school for students in Grades 1-5 is Wednesday, September 6th.** Our day begins at 8:15 and ends at 2:15. You do not need to send your child in with any specific school supplies, as the Lynn Public School system provides students with all the basic supplies they will need. Teachers may request some grade-specific items during the year, but these requests are minimal. *A box of facial tissues or roll of paper towels is always appreciated by classroom teachers and lunch staff!*
- **Room assignments for students in Grades 1-5 ONLY** will be posted on our A3 front doors on August 29<sup>th</sup>. You may come any time after that to view the class lists, including on weekends. Please be advised that the Aborn staff and I work hard to make sure our classes are well-balanced in terms of number, gender, race, ability, and unique needs. This provides students with the best learning environment. *All* of our teachers are dedicated, hard-working, and knowledgeable. Changes are not made to class lists except in the event of *new* students who are continuing to enroll on a daily basis or in the event of students transferring out. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.
- **The first day for Kindergarten students is Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.** The day begins at 8:15 and ends at 2:15. Parents of Kindergarten students will be receiving a call from Mrs. Gallant or Mrs. Condon to set up their child's Kindergarten screening appointment for either Sept.6th, 7th, or 8th. Kindergarten classes are NOT held on those days. The screening instrument we are using (The Early Screening Inventory) is **not** an IQ test. Its purpose is to assess a child's *overall* development in the areas of eye-hand coordination, language, cognition, gross motor, fine motor, and informational skills. Obtaining this data early in the school year enables us to provide early intervention if necessary. Since the screening involves hopping and skipping, your child should wear sneakers and comfortable clothing. Room assignments for Kindergarten classes will be posted on the front A3 doors after screening is complete. I would recommend coming late Friday afternoon on the 8<sup>th</sup> or over the weekend. If you do not have time to come down to the school, please do not worry, as we will have class information when you bring your child on the first day. Kindergarten students line up at the BACK of our building near the green C1 door.
- **A short and long sleeve uniform polo shirt with the Aborn owl logo** may be picked up for each student on either August 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, or 31<sup>st</sup> (whichever is the most convenient for you) between the hours of 9:30-11:30 at the school. The long sleeve shirt is being provided free of charge through a grant. The short sleeve shirt is **\$13 per child**. Checks or money orders should be made out to the Aborn PTO. Additional shirts and other optional items, including jumpers for girls, can be ordered once again on the Aborn School website using the Champions Choice link starting on September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Forms:** During the first two weeks of school, we send out many forms that need to be completed and returned. Teachers will be collecting the forms on a *daily basis*. Please check to see if they are double-sided and make every effort to return forms as soon as possible. Emergency forms are extremely important and should be returned the day after distribution, then updated whenever necessary during the year. **Copies of any current restraining orders must also be given to the school so that we are aware of this important safety information.** Lunch information, including lunch prices and applications for free and reduced lunch, will be sent home the first week of school. (OVER)

- **All K-2 students should bring a drink and nut-free snack for the first two weeks of school** until we process students' medical allergy information. This will help to keep all Aborn students healthy and safe. *If your child has an allergy, make sure you inform the school nurse, classroom teacher, and school principal in writing.* If your child is on any medication, please have a direct conversation with our school nurse, Lisa Dewan. Any medication which needs to be administered at school *must come with a doctor's order outlining administration procedures.*
- **Reminders from our Nurse:** Your child's current immunization must be up to date! Students may be restricted from attending school if essential documents are not current. Send any necessary immunization or physical forms to the attention of Ms. Lisa Dewan, the Aborn School Nurse.
- **Bus Information:** Since so many Aborn students take buses home or to after-school programs, making sure that all students arrive safely at their destination is important to us. If your child will be taking a bus/van home or to an after-school program, please take the time to talk to him/her about it. Answer any questions he/she may have. **A note should be sent in to the classroom teacher on the very first day** informing the teacher of the bus your child will be taking. We will cross reference these notes with the bus lists we receive from after-school programs and bus/van drivers. During the year, if your child typically takes a bus home or to an after-school program, but you intend to pick him/her up instead, you **must** send a note to the classroom teacher to avoid having us put your child on the bus. Relaying messages via phone calls is not always possible due to the high level of activity that takes place at the front desk throughout the school day. **If we do not have a note, for security purposes, we must put students on their designated buses.**
- **Reading:** We hope your child did some reading this summer! Students who participated in the Lynn Public Schools summer reading program should bring their reading logs and/or projects in to their classroom teacher **by Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** for a frozen treat that will be distributed on Friday of that week!
- **Staff changes:** We want to welcome the following **new** staff members to the Aborn!
  - 1) Ms. Sharon Samuelson, our new Grade 5 Teacher, has been a teacher in the Lynn Public Schools for over twenty years. She has taught all grades K-6, except 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. She taught at Aborn School previously and is excited to be returning to teach fifth grade with Mr. Eddy. She believes students learn in many different ways, and encourages students to actively participate in their own learning, to work to their potential, take chances, and always ask questions. One of her favorite quotes is: *"Fairness does not mean everyone gets the same. Fairness means everyone gets what he/she needs."* - Rick Riordin,
  - 2) Ms. Caroline Crowley Mendes, our new Grade 4 Teacher, has her Master's Degree in Elementary Education. Before coming to Aborn, she taught first, second, and fifth grades. Her goal is to help her students gain confidence and knowledge while discovering their individuality and potential. She believes all students are capable of learning. She too encourages all students to become active in their education. She looks forward to working as a team with Mrs. Hennessey and hopes to make this academic year an educationally challenging yet fun experience. One of her favorite quotes is: *"Free the child's potential, and you will transform that child as he/she goes into the world."* Maria Montessori
  - 3) Ms. Katie Hayden will be our new Speech and Language Pathologist. She is looking forward to getting to know and support the students, families and teachers at Aborn School in pursuit of effective communication.
- **Meet and Greet:** Come and join us for some light refreshments on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-9:30 in the Computer lab. You will have the opportunity to make connections with other parents, meet Mrs. Dean, our PTO Treasurer, and hear about some of the wonderful events our PTO plans and supports throughout the school year.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! We'll see you soon!

Sincerely,

*Ms. Muxie*

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