



ABORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—Katia Spiess, M.Ed., Principal
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Vision Statement

The Aborn Elementary School will help all students develop the ability to think critically and creatively, to solve problems individually and collaboratively, to appreciate and respect diversity, and to become productive, responsible, and responsive members of a global society.

Letter #1- August 31, 2020

Dear Aborn Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you to the Aborn School Community. Our staff has been working incredibly hard to prepare for this very unique beginning of school.

As you may already know, the Lynn Public Schools will begin the 20-21 school year remotely. Remote learning is students engaged in their classes and completing assignments from a remote location, not from inside the school. Although we will be learning remotely, the attendance policy has not changed. It remains the same as in previous years.

This school year will look very different as we move into teaching and learning. We have adopted a Learning Management System for Lynn Public Schools called **Schoology**. A learning management system is an online application that allows for the administration of educational courses, providing teaching and learning opportunities anytime, from anywhere. Your child will be taught using Schoology, Monday-Friday, throughout the school day and beyond. Schoology can be accessed through a desktop, laptop, or through the web browser on an iPad or tablet.

Students will access Schoology by logging onto:

<https://lynnschools.schoology.com>

Username: student's email address: stu-----@lynnschools.org (6 digit ID# follows stu)

Password: Schools2020\$ (case sensitive)

Please contact the school if you do not know your child's unique ID number. Beginning on September 16th, once they are logged in, their courses will be loaded on this page and they will have access to school updates. More information will follow, including videos on how to log in.

Students in grades 3-12 should have already received their district issued loaner laptops at this time. If you have not had this opportunity, please contact your building principal and they will provide dates, times, and locations for pickup. Devices have been ordered for students in grades K-2, we will notify families when those arrive.

In order to prepare your child for remote learning, we have designated 4 days of online orientation with your child's teacher as well as 1 day for material/supply pickup at the school.

If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you!

Please note these important dates for Aborn:

Wed, September 16th – Tue, September 22nd

Distribution of materials and supplies from 9:00-11:00 at Aborn		Orientation with teachers on Schoology from 9:00-11:00 - Remote	
Wed, September 16th	Grade K and 1	Wed, September 16th	Grades 2, 3, 4, and 5
Thu, September 17th	Grade 2	Thu, September 17th	Grades K, 1, 3, 4, and 5
Fri, September 18 th	Grade 3	Fri, September 18 th	Grades K, 1, 2, 4, and 5
Mon, September 21 st	Grade 4	Mon, September 21 st	Grades K, 1, 2, 3, and 5
Tue, September 22 nd	Grade 5	Tue, September 22 nd	Grades K, 1, 2, 3, and 4

Starting Wednesday, September 23, the **school day** for Grades 1-5 at Aborn is **Mon-Fri from 8:15-1:15**. During that time, students will participate in teaching and learning based on the following times:

Morning Circle	30 minutes (5 days a week)
English Language Arts/Social Studies	120 minutes (5 days a week)
Math	90 minutes (3 days a week)/60 minutes (2 days a week)
Science	30 minutes (2 days a week)
Brain Break	30 minutes (5 days a week)
Closing Circle	15 minutes (5 days a week)

The Kindergarten schedule is based on an AM (8:15-10:30) or PM (11:00-1:15) class with following time allotments.

Morning Circle	30 minutes (5 days a week)
English Language Arts	45 minutes (5 days a week)
Screen Break	15 minutes (5 days a week)
Math	30 minutes (5 days a week)
Closing Circle	15 minutes (5 days a week)

Important contacts:

Principal , Katia Spiess	781-477-7320 x2501, spiessk@lynnschools.org , Google Voice (for texts): 781 309 7045
Nurse , Atika Khemmich	781-477-7320 x2503, khemmicha@lynnschools.org
Clerk , Leah Whitcomb	781-477-7320 x2502, whitcombl@lynnschools.org
Technology Help Desk	781-477-7342 (Monday-Thursday-7:45-3:45, Friday-7:45-12:45)
Social Worker , TBD	

This is the first of multiple letters you will receive. We will share more information as it becomes available. One piece of information that is forthcoming is breakfast and lunch pick up locations. Please reach out with any questions/concerns. We thank you for your patience during this time.

Sincerely,

Katia Spiess

Principal, M.Ed.
Aborn School