
September 2017

Shoemaker Elementary

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Welcome Back Shoemaker Families!

I hope you all had a great summer and enjoyed time with family and friends! We are all looking forward to having our students back in school and getting into our daily routines. This first newsletter is lengthy but contains many important pieces of information. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me so we can meet or discuss.

School Spirit Fridays

Beginning Friday, September 15th, we will have School Spirit Fridays! Students and Faculty are encouraged to wear navy blue or a Shoemaker Shirt to show their Shoemaker Pride. We will be selling school spirit wear soon (more information to follow).

Yankee Candle

We are running our first fundraiser this month, Yankee Candle. We received really positive feedback last year about both the delivery and quality of the products. Online shopping is available now and will continue until the end of December.

District Handbook/Title 1 Compact

Within the first week of school, you will receive both the District Handbook containing all policies as well as the Title 1 Compact. We ask that you read over all information and return the required forms as soon as possible.

Summer Reading and Read-a-thon

If your child has not submitted their summer reading or read-a-thon papers please have them do it as soon as possible. Just a reminder for every \$25 raised in the Read-a-thon your child will be entered into a raffle for a limo ride to Orange Leaf!



Upcoming Events

September 14

Meet and Greet @ Gowdy Park (5:30-7:00)

September 11th-15th

5th Grade Fun Week:

September 11th-Motivation Monday
September 12th-Tour Tuesday
September 13th-Unwind Wednesday
September 14th-15th-Project Adventure

September 13-28th

Yankee Candle Fundraiser

September 20

First PTO Meeting (6:15)

September 25-30

Scholastic Book Fair in the Library

September 26

First Open House (5:00-7:00)

Snacks

Each classroom has a snack time daily. **In order to accommodate those students with allergies, we ask that all snacks eaten in the classroom are peanut free.** We do have a snack wagon daily where snacks and waters are sold. These snacks are available for purchase from **8:15-8:30 ONLY.**

Library

Our Shoemaker library is filled with a wonderful selection of books for all students. In order to provide all students with an opportunity to visit the library each week, we need parent/grandparent volunteers. We will be sending a notice home soon about availability Tuesday-Friday mornings to help run the library. Many of our current volunteers have children in older grades (3-5) so we would love recruit some K-2 parents/family members. A CORI is required to volunteer in the library.

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair the week of September 25th-29th. Students will have an opportunity to attend the book fair with their classroom at least once during that time. The book fair will also be open before and after school as well as during our Open House that will be held on September 26th.

Lunch Money

Again this year, we are hoping to collect lunch money on Thursdays. Please send money for the following week in the Thursday before. As always, you can pay online at www.mypaymentsplus.com. The lunch calendar for September will be sent home with every student. Beginning in October, you can access breakfast and lunch choices on the Lynn Public School website. Lunch forms will be sent home with any student who does not have a status. Please fill out the lunch form and send it back to school as soon as possible if you feel you may qualify for free or reduced lunch. If you received a letter over the summer stating you will receive reduced lunch but feel you may qualify for free lunch, please call the school and we will send home a new application with your child.

School Improvement Council

Our School Improvement Council Members will be serving the second year of their term this year. The Parent Representatives on the council are: Scott Brown, Elizabeth Archambault, and Shirley Kelley. These meetings are open for anyone who would like to attend. The following are the scheduled dates for this school year: October 3, 2017, December 5, 2017, March 6, 2018, and May 15, 2018.

PTO CORNER

Officers:

Laurie Hartenstein-Co-President

Lysa Newhall-Co-President

Dawn Kwiatek-Secretary

Erin Zukowski-Treasurer

Monthly Meetings

The PTO holds meetings once a month to discuss upcoming events. We encourage you attend any meetings you can throughout the year.

Meet and Greet

Join Shoemaker Families in the school yard on Thursday, September 14th from 6:00-7:30 for games, raffles, popcorn, slush, and snacks! This is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with other families. The rain date for this event is Thursday, September 21st.

Shoemaker PTO Facebook Page

Events and reminders are frequently posted on the Shoemaker School PTO Facebook Page. If you have not requested to join the page, the PTO encourages you to join to keep up to date with information they are sending out.

PTO Emails

If you are not currently on the PTO email list, please email them at shoemakerptolynn@gmail.com

Dismissals

If your child will be dismissed early for any reason, please come to the main office and sign them out. Once you arrive, the student will be called down to the office. If you know you will be dismissing your child, please send a note in with your child's teacher. I encourage you to avoid making doctor and dentist appointments during the day when possible. Students miss a lot when leaving for even just a portion of the day.

Absences

If your child is sick (fever or throwing up), they should stay home until they have not had symptoms for 24 hours. When your child returns to school, a note is required and will be entered into their records. Automated phone calls go out at approximately 9:30 if your child has been marked absent. This will happen even if you call the school in the morning to let us know they will be out.

Classroom Parties

The PTO provides students with a small snack at Halloween, Christmas/Holiday, and Valentine's Day. Other than these classroom celebrations, we do not have any other planned celebrations. We cannot celebrate individual birthdays or hand out goodie bags for birthdays. Thank you for your understanding of this policy.

Arrival/Pick-Up

As many of you know, we have a number of buses at both morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. We are asking that NO ONE double park on both Clearview Avenue and Regina Road. Students regularly cross both of these streets and it is a safety issue. In addition, the buses are not able to pass down the streets safely. If you could please let anyone who picks up your child/ren know, it is very appreciated. Thank you for your support of this policy.

October Events:



Monday, October 10th-NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)

Friday, October 13th-Picture Day

Friday, October 20st-Progress Reports

Thursday, October 26th-Monster Mash/Trunk or Treat (Benefits the Logue Family)

Tuesday, October 31st-Halloween Parade and Basket Raffle



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Labor Day	5	6 First Day of School Grades 1-5	7	8	9
10	11 First Day of School PreK and K	12 Grade 5-Lynn Woods	13 Yankee Candle Fundraiser Goes Home	14 Grade 5-PA Meet and Greet	15 Grade 5-Project Adventure	16
17	18	19	20 PTO Meeting 6:15	21 Rain Date-Meet and Greet	22	23
24 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (Library)	25	26 Open House 5:00-7:00	27	28 Yankee Candle Paper Forms Due	29	30

Please return all forms as soon as possible.