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LOOKING AHEAD

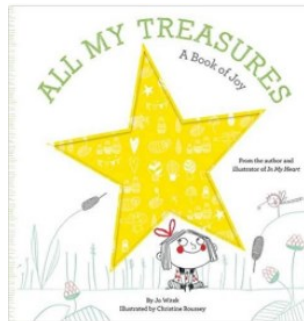
- August 23: Volunteer Training at 9:00
- August 29: Bus Evacuation Drill (AM Ride)
- September 4: Labor Day NO SCHOOL
- September 5th: Back To School Night! 6:00-7:00
- September 12: School Smiles (Dentist visit)
Volunteer Training 5:00
- September 18: Family/Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- September 20 & 21: Fall Pictures

Welcome to the Early Learning Center @Amy Beverland!

We are off to a fantastic start in Preschool and Kindergarten! It has been such a joy visiting classrooms and getting to know the children. The children already know so much about school and are getting right into the routine! Each year, I choose a book to read to every class. This year we read All My Treasures, A Book of Joy. In this book, a little girl is given a special treasure box to store all the things that bring her joy. She soon realizes that her joy comes from happy memories made with her friends and family. I shared with the children that this year, in Preschool and Kindergarten, we will be making special memories full of joy that they can keep forever in their hearts and minds.

In Miss Gilbert's room, one child shared that he keeps special things in a suitcase at home, so we decided that we now have a "brain suitcase" for our special school memories! I look forward to a fantastic school year!

Mrs. Sughrue



Breakfast Reminder:

If you want your child to eat breakfast at school, please be sure you arrive as close to 7:30 am as possible. Thanks!

Absences

Absences are only considered excused when a child is sick, a medical appointment, there is a death in the family, or a family emergency. You must call/notify the office for an absence of this nature to be considered excused. Excessive absences may require a doctor's note.

Vacations, or any other reason for a child's absence is considered unexcused. It is imperative that you notify the office of absences for any reason.

Please remember to read our student handbook for the Early Learning Centers on the website! There will be a sign-off form confirming you have read the handbook coming soon!

If your child is absent for preschool or kindergarten please be sure to call the office by 8:30 am!

Drills in School

We had our first fire drill this week! We are required by the state to have a fire drill each month as well as tornado drills and emergency lockdown drills throughout the school year. Please talk with your child about the importance of practice drills to keep us safe at school.



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Parent Information and Resource Center

Did you know that there is a Parent Information and Resource Center in our area? The Indiana Partnerships Center located at 911 E. 86th Street, Suite 110 works to empower parents about their rights and responsibilities pertaining to their children's education in the following ways:

Providing parent-focused workshops that are scheduled by schools, community groups, or parent groups.

Providing education-related information and resource materials, including information about school choice, attendance, tips for parents and teachers talking together, and how to have a family friendly school.

Helping schools develop parent engagement strategies that provide opportunities for parents to become decision-makers in their children's school, resources for school improvement, and mentors to others.

Contact them at [317-205-2595](tel:317-205-2595) or on the web at www.fscip.org for more information on how you can become involved!

Volunteering in Classrooms

We welcome families to begin volunteering in classrooms after completing a volunteer training and having a background check on file. There are 2 training sessions in August and September and you may register for a volunteer training session by calling the main office. If you are not able to make the training sessions, please let us know and we will work with you to get you trained at another time prior to your volunteer time in the classroom.

If you want to visit your child for lunch, you do not have to have a background check, but we do have procedures that are given to you when you come for lunch. Please make a reservation for lunch by calling the main office prior to 9:00 am the day of the lunch visit. In a nutshell, you eat lunch with your own child at the green table area. You may bring food for them if you like but not for other children. We hope that those of you that have already been able to join your child for lunch have enjoyed the experience.

Please refer to the district handbook for further information on policies and procedures.

Our Material and Supply Fee is \$75 this school year and due by October 1st.

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Food Service

If your student was receiving Free/Reduced lunch last year, September 17 is the deadline to reapply. New This Year—Our new and enhanced lunch menus now include nutritional information.

Footloose Auditions

Students in grades 3 through 8, are invited to audition for **FOOTLOOSE** the musical in the Lawrence North auditorium. Auditions are August 23rd at 4:00 pm.

Stadium Dedications

All are invited to attend a dedication ceremony at our newly renovated football stadiums. The Lawrence Central Stadium Dedication will take place at 6:30 PM at LC and the Lawrence North Stadium Dedication at 7:00 PM at LN.

An Evening With Dr. Smith

The first of our Parent Engagement Series, An Evening With Dr. Smith, will be Thursday, September 14 at 5:30 pm in the Lawrence North School Little Theater, 7802 Hague Road. Come meet Dr. Smith, Superintendent of Schools, and learn where we are and where we are going as one of the top school districts in the state.

Marching Pride of Lawrence Township Color Run

The MPLT marching band is hosting a My School Color Run on August 19, 2017 at Lawrence Park. Save the date! This is a FUN run. Visit the website for details.

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