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Looking Ahead—Important Dates

- August 21st—Volunteer Training at 5:00 PM. Please call the front office on 317-423-8217 to RSVP!
- September 4th—Labor Day! No School!
- September 5th—Back to School Night for Preschool and Kindergarten Parents/Guardians (adults only please) from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This is not an open house format, so please plan to be here at 6:00 PM. Thanks!
- September 18th—Family/Teacher Conferences for Preschool and Kindergarten. No school for students!
- October 3rd and 4th—Fall Pictures by specific classrooms. Details will be sent home later!

Emergency Preparedness Drills!

Safety and security at school are important, and we want to keep families informed of what our school is doing to insure the safety of our students and staff. Every month, the students and staff participate in various safety drills, so if an emergency should occur, we have practiced the appropriate procedures to follow. To date, we have completed our first fire drill! We used the alarm system, and the students responded appropriately. In addition to fire drills, we will practice tornado, earthquake and emergency lockdown drills. If you have any questions about our drills, please contact your child's teacher or our front office!

A Message from Ms. Davis

Welcome to The Early Learning Center at Winding Ridge! We are off to a great start in Preschool and Kindergarten. The children are all learning so much about school and developing their independence. If you want your child to eat breakfast at school, please be sure you arrive as close to 7:30 AM as possible.

If your child will be absent from school, please call the front office by 8:30 AM. Absences are considered excused when a child is sick, out for a medical appointment, or there is a death in the family, or a family emergency. You must call the office for an absence in order for the absence to be considered an excused absence. Please bring in a doctor's note if your child had an appointment. Vacations, or any other reason for a child's absence is considered to be an unexcused absence. You must notify the office when your child will be absent for any reason.

All students should have a change of clothing in their backpacks please, including underwear and socks! We get messy, and sometimes we have accidents. Thank you for sending in a change of clothing for your child.

Please remember to read our student handbook, for The Early Learning Centers, on the website! We will be sending a sign-off form home soon, confirming you have read the handbook.

We collect Box Tops For Education! Please check your purchases (cereal, Kleenex, etc...) to see if the box has a box top for education, so you can cut it out and send it in to school!

Thank you for your continued support of our school district and The Early Learning Center at Winding Ridge!



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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.fscp.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, having a background check on file, and contacting the classroom teacher to arrange a time that is convenient for both of you. There is a training session in August and you may register for this session by calling the front office on 317-423-8217. If you are not able to make this training session, please let us know and we will work with you to get you trained at another time.

If you want to visit your child for lunch, you do not have to have a background check. Please plan to make a reservation for lunch by calling the main office before 9:00 AM the day of the lunch visit, if you plan to purchase a school lunch. When you arrive, you will enter the school using Door 1, sign-in, get a badge, and meet your child in the cafeteria. You will eat lunch with your own child at the green table area, and you are welcome to bring food for your child to eat. We ask that you don't share food with other students. Families may begin joining their children for lunch on August 21st. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this procedure.

District News

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 on August 25th. 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 6:30 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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