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Looking Ahead—Important Dates

- August 20th—Volunteer Training at 5:00 PM. Please call the front office on 317-423-8217 to RSVP! If you can't make it on the 20th, there will be another training on September 4th at 9:00 A.M.
- August 23rd—School—Wide Family Picnic at 6:00—A flyer was sent home
- August 29th—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 be here at 6:00 PM. Thanks!
- September 2nd—Labor Day! No School!
- September 4th—Volunteer training at 9:00!
- September 6th—Lawrence Township at Lucas Oil!
- September 12th—Celebrity Reader and Scholastic Book Fair! This wonderful event will be held at Lawrence North High School with the performance starting at 6:30 PM! A separate flyer will be sent home!

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. Families are welcome to join their student for lunch beginning August 26th. Please call the front office on 317-423-8217 to make your reservation no later than 9:00. You and your child will enjoy a special lunch at the green table.

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.

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! We look forward to a wonderful year of learning!



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Archived copies of our newsletters are available on our website.

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 are two training sessions scheduled—One on August 20th, and one on September 4th. and you may register for one of these sessions by calling the front office on 317-423-8217. If you are not able to make one of the scheduled training sessions, 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, complete the Safe Visitors process, 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 26th. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this procedure.

District News

Lawrence At Lucas!

Join the Lawrence Township community on Friday, September 6th for an exciting night of football & fun at Lucas Oil Stadium! Evening festivities include the award winning Marching Pride of Lawrence Township Band, youth football scrimmage, Belzer Bruins vs. Fall Creek Valley Bearcats, all leading up to an exciting match between Lawrence Central and Lawrence North High Schools! Visit the website for more information.

Board of Education Update

The Board of Education has approved the pursuit of a capital referendum on November 5, 2019 to address facilities needs at ten school buildings, four Early Learning Centers, four elementary buildings, and the two high schools. To learn more about the project, please visit www.LTschools.org/referendum.

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