

Dear Parents and Friends,

We hope that all is well. Here is the latest news...

#### School Calendar

Please be reminded once again regarding the revised school calendar. We have attached it to this newsletter. September 1st is the first day of school, with implementation of the hybrid model. On September 2nd, students are not scheduled for in-person school. School resumes on Thursday and Friday with the typical hybrid model. All of the days for this first week of school are half days for students. If you have questions, please contact the office. Thank you.

#### Bus Transportation

Please be advised that the busses will make stops as if everyone is going to attend school in person. We need to have a consistent schedule in the event that we return to the traditional in-person model, five days per week for all students. We do not want disruption to families' routines, by beginning an entirely new bus schedule if we can avoid it. With that said, please do not be surprised when you see the bus, even if your child is not coming to LCS that day. Also, there may be a wider window of time regarding the schedule for pick-up as well as for drop-off because of this plan. Post cards with bus information will be mailed prior to the start of school. Once the route lists are complete, they will be posted on our website. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

#### Morning Parent Drop Off

Parent drop off will be from 8:15-8:30 in the rear of the school by the Senior Center. Staff will be there to assist students into the school where they will proceed directly to their classroom. Drop off times are 15 minutes later because we can no longer have students proceed to the cafeteria due to cohorting. From 8:30-8:40 parents can then drop off their children at the top of the stairs immediately after the bus circle. A staff member will be at the top of the stairs to assist students into the building. Parents should not enter or block the bus circle. After 8:40, parents will need to park and walk their child to the school and ring the buzzer.

#### Walkers and Bikers

Afternoon dismissal will be different this year due to Covid-19. We will stagger dismissal times and locations. PK-4 students will be dismissed at 2:50 from the 4th grade wing doors by the track. Parents can wait on the track and/or adjacent field. Staff will be stationed to assist with social distancing and releasing students to parents and guardians. Grades 5-8 students will be dismissed at 3:00 from the Senior Center doors. Students will locate their parents on their own (typical middle school protocol). Parents can wait on the track or on the lower blacktop like usual. Parking is located at the Senior Center, rear of the Fire House, Town Hall, and the Newent Congregational Church. All cars must be parked in a designated spot. Handicapped spots are reserved only for those with a valid handicapped parking permit.

## Water

Please send your child with a refillable water bottle to school every day. We have bottled water which will be used to fill the "cups" throughout the day. If this is a hardship, please let the office know and we will take care of the issue.

## Health Tips

Please do a daily check on your child to ascertain if he/she is exhibiting any symptoms of sickness. If so, please keep your child home. Also please see attached a newsletter from the nurse.

## Masks

It is very important that every child wears a mask on the bus. Additionally, it is equally important that students in kindergarten through eighth grade wear masks at school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

## Device Requests

If your child is in need of a device for remote learning at home, please contact Principal Brian Apperson [bapperson@lisbonschool.org](mailto:bapperson@lisbonschool.org). Once all requests are received, arrangements will be made to pick up devices. Should we not have enough devices, priority will be given to older grade students.

## Breakfast/Lunch Prices-Important Notice

The cost of breakfast for the 2020/2021 school year will remain at \$2.00. The cost of lunch will have a slight increase going from \$3.00 to \$3.25. Milk will remain the same at \$0.50. At this point, a-la- carte will not be served. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

That is the news for now. We are all excited to see our students and to begin the school year. We have missed them! As always, stay healthy and hopeful! Have a good weekend.

Sal and Brian