

Needmore News

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September 2018 Edition

Office hours 7:30-4:00 (279-2192)

Morning Arrival

7:35 OMS & BNL Buses Depart

7:30 Buses Unload

7:50 First Bell

8:00 Tardy Bell (Plan to arrive no later than 7:55)

Students should arrive as close to 7:50 as possible.

Supervised drop off begins at 7:40 each day.

Mrs. Butterfield and Mrs. Carrico arrive at 7:30.

Mrs. Gould is our morning safety monitor. She begins morning bus duty at 7:30.

Afternoon Dismissal

2:50 Bus Riders Dismissed

2:55 Car Riders Dismissed

Student Pictures

Student pictures were taken on Thursday, August 23rd. Retakes will be October 11th.

Mid-Term Progress Reports

Watch for mid-terms to be sent home on September 7th. See what area your child needs help with and then work with them to improve. Please check nightly for any homework assignments and set aside uninterrupted quiet time for your child to complete their assignments. Sign the agenda each evening and check the PURPLE folder each week. Working Together Works! We will be conferencing with parents in October.

Programs to benefit our school

We will continue to collect Box Tops for Education.

Physicals

All girls and boys trying out for the 4th/5th basketball teams must have a physical on file before October 1st. Forms are being passed out to students. You may also download and print a copy from our website. The IHSA Pre-participation physical evaluation must be filled out by a physician. Tentatively, basketball try-outs will be held during the week of October 1st. Families have about five weeks to get the physical form completed.

Wellness Policy

Recent legislation has required all school corporations to establish a "Wellness Policy." This policy encourages healthy foods and snacks, physical exercise, and nutritional education. The entirety of the wellness policy can be found on the Documents page on the NLCS website.

Medication

Any student who needs medication must have an authorization form on file (NLCS-130). All medication must be in its original container. We cannot administer medication unless these guidelines are strictly followed.

Parent Connection Line

Needmore has the ability to post homework daily to our parent connection line. Each day you can call after 4:00 to hear your child's homework assignment. Agendas still come home nightly. The homework access line is a back-up to the student agenda. Many students forget to bring the agenda home. Some students do not always get all assignments written in the agenda each day. Dial 279-2192. Enter extension # or dial by last name. You can dial the first three letters of the classroom teacher's name. Hit #2 for homework and #3 to leave the teacher a message. Extension numbers are listed below. We can transfer your calls directly to your child's classroom teachers' voice mailbox. When you call the school, your call will be answered by Mrs. Carrico, or someone else who is working in the office. If your desire is to talk with the teacher, the call will be sent to the teacher's voice mail. Teachers will be checking messages several times throughout the day and will most likely be able to return your call the day you leave the message.
Wagoner - 17112, Trojan - 17101,
Sauerheber -17105, Kirk - 17102,
Taylor - 17110, Bartlett -17104,
Montgomery -17118, Phillips 17109

Title I Website

Parents are encouraged to visit the NLCS Title I website. The Website contains a calendar, information about Title I, NLCS Title I staff, and other helpful information. The website address is <http://www.nlcs.k12.in.us/title1/index.htm>.

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<http://www.fscp.org>

Address- 921 E. 86 Street, Suite 108

Indianapolis, IN. 46240

1-866-391-1039 (toll free)

Homework

Please call the office when your child is absent by 8:15am. Homework will be available for pick up after 3:00pm if requested.

Our state PL#221 states the following as Needmore beliefs.

- * All children should be in a safe, nurturing, and respectful environment
 - * All children are important and deserve an equal opportunity to master basic skills
 - * All children are engaged in real-life and developmentally appropriate activities which meet individual needs and follow state standards
 - * All children are challenged to grow academically, emotionally, ethically, physically, creatively, and socially
- Needmore Mottos/Themes are...

"What a Wonderful School"

"There is No Place like Needmore"

"It is good to be good and it is bad to be bad"

We talk daily about the Life Goals

1. Treat People Right
2. Do the Right Thing

We want our students to show RESPECT for

....self, others, adults with authority

We want your children to DREAM.

What do they wish for, dream of becoming and doing in life?

Mckinney-Vento Act

Through the McKinney-Vento Act of 1987, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, federal funds are available to support programs to meet the needs of homeless children and youth. The state defines homeless as;

- Doubled up – students sharing housing due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- Sheltered – students living in emergency, domestic violence or transitional shelter.

○ Unsheltered – students living in campgrounds, cars, public places, substandard housing, etc. due to lack of housing

○ Hotels / Motels – students living in hotels / motels for lack of housing

If you feel your child falls in any of these categories, please contact your child's school office for a list of benefits and a statement of rights.

The Statement of Rights can also be found on the North Lawrence Community Schools website at

<http://www.nlcs.k12.in.us>.

The McKinney-Vento Act liaison for North Lawrence Community Schools is Trent Provo. He can be reached at 812-279-3521 if you have additional questions.

Book Rental

Book Rental charges are:

Kindergarten - \$135.00; Grade 1 - \$132.00;

Grade 2 - \$125.00; Grade 3 - \$134.00;

Grade 4 - \$130.00; Grade 5 - \$133.00.

Make checks for Book Rental fees only. Do not include any other fee on this check.

Checks must include Social Security Number, Driver's License Number, or birthdate.

Absences

Please call us on the morning of the absence. All absences must be accompanied by a note from the parent, guardian, or physician. If you have taken your child to the doctor or dentist, have the office give you an excuse or fax one to school at 277-1624. Parental notes will be accepted for the first 5 absences each semester; however, we will require a doctor's statement for any days over this amount.

Tardies

Over the past few years we have seen a dramatic increase in student tardiness. When a student is late to class it creates a number of problems. Tardiness causes a disruption in the classroom

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activities, instruction is stopped and must be started over and it also sets a less than desirable example if a student is constantly tardy. Students who are tardy to school lose out on a lot of instruction and connectivity to their classmates. Please make every effort to see to it that students are at school on time.

Attendance

Studies show that there is a direct relationship between success and attendance. This holds true in any undertaking, at any time in a person's life. We all want our children to grow into adulthood with every opportunity to become successful. It is while they are young that they formulate the attitudes and learn through examples the skills they will need for a successful future. Please make every effort to get your children to school daily and on time.

The school corporation has established guidelines for attendance awards. They are:

Perfect Attendance: Student is present from bell to bell without any departures throughout the school year. If a student leaves during their lunch hour with a parent or guardian, they may not sign out prior to their assigned lunch hour and must be signed back in before their lunch hour is over.

Outstanding Attendance: Student is not tardy nor departs the school day early more than three times each nine weeks grading period.

Attendance Policy - NLCS Handbook

Absence: In accordance with State Law, an excused absence is for personal illness or death in the family. When a student returns to school after an absence, **as defined by state law**, he/she (1) shall present a doctor or dentist statement giving reasons for the absence, or (2) parent's statement may be accepted for the first five (5) absences (personal illness or death in the family) during the semester. Any days beyond that number will require a doctor's statement or a parent conference for the absence to be

considered an excused absence. All vacations and other non-school activities involving students should be scheduled during times that school is not in session. Any deviation to this policy must be approved by the principal. Attendance regulations also apply to Englewood School. Students/parents who violate the attendance policy may be referred to the Truancy Intervention Program and Prosecutor. Any absence due to a National Holiday, Religious Observance must be approved by the principal prior to the event and with a written request. Upon approval it will be counted as an excused absence.

Tardiness: Students are considered tardy if they are not in school on time. Students are to report to their classrooms by the start of the first class/period. **Parents:** Please note that almost all tardiness is avoidable. It is important that you make every effort to ensure that your child is ON time to school. Tardiness disrupts not only the school program, but also the progress of each child in each class is impacted. Tardiness seriously interferes with your child's academic progress. Being on time teaches your child to be responsible and to practice good time management skills. We honor "responsibility" as an essential Lifeskills and we ask that you and your child choose to do the same thing. **Please note that tardiness (10 tardies) will also lead to a referral to the Truancy Intervention Program via the Prosecutor's Office.**

From NLCS Food Service

*Due to the fact that we are having more and more children with this severe allergy, the NLCS kitchens will be peanut/tree nut free facilities. For the safety and protection of our children, NLCS kitchens became peanut/tree nut free facilities beginning September 7, 2010. There will be signs posted on serving lines and doorways of cafeterias stating that our kitchens are peanut/tree nut free facilities.

*The Food Service Office would like to remind all households that breakfast is offered to students daily at all North Lawrence Community

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schools. The full price for the student breakfast is \$1.35, and .30 cents if the student qualifies for reduced meals.

Free - Reduced Meal Program/Textbook Assistance

If you would like to apply for free or reduced meals and reduced book rental:

Go to www.lunchapp.com to submit your application online, available July 1 for the 2017-18 school year. Applications can be submitted throughout the school year. Computers are available in every school and the Bedford Public Library.

*Please remember you will only need to complete **one** Free/Reduced Meal application online per household, no matter how many students and different schools are in your household.

First time free/reduced applicants will owe the full price for meals until their application is processed at the Food Service Office. Students who have an application on file from the previous school year should be aware their assistance will expire on September 21st and will need to immediately complete a new application. Students will continue their same status of free or reduced until they process another application for the current year with personnel at the Food Service Office, or until September 21st, whichever comes first. After September 21st, if another application has not been submitted to renew a student's status, the student will move to "Full Pay" status, because the family did not renew their application. Status letters or emails will be sent home when applications are processed at the Food Service Office. If you have any questions please contact Stacie Green at the Food Service Office – 277-3220.

School Reach Broadcasts

Since school closings and school delays are normally determined at times when the NLCS Administration Building and the NLCS schools are not open, anyone who receives a School Reach Broadcast message for NLCS, regardless of the time of day, can call the Message Retrieval Line number at 885-955-8500 from any phone that received the message to listen to the last broadcast message that was activated. This unique feature of the School Reach Broadcast is designed to be an added convenience for parents and staff.

Transportation

Mr. Waggoner, our Transportation Director asked us to relay this information to you: If you would like to contact the Transportation office by email please use the following address: Transportation@nlcs.k12.in.us Please include your address, which school your child attends, and the name of your bus rider. Your email will be promptly returned with the information you request.

School Reach Cyber Bullying Hotline

All North Lawrence Community Schools have their own anonymous Cyber Bullying Hotlines. If you believe your child is being bullied and would like to report something anonymously, you or your child may call this number at any time. The number to call for Needmore Elementary is 812-329-5119.