



Lake Ann Elementary

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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2018 - 2019 school year. As we start this year you will notice a few changes and a couple new faces in the building. Mrs. Titze has taken over the Title I program and has been busy developing ways to better support our students. Mrs. Pfeuffer is now teaching 3rd grade and is eagerly preparing her classroom to welcome all of her new students. Also welcome to Mrs. Stephens who will be joining us for the 1st semester teaching 1st grade as Ms. Dodge will be on leave. I would like to introduce our new Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Nowak. She comes to Lake Ann Elementary with over 10 years of experience teaching early child education, spending the last three years teaching Kindergarten. The Lake Ann Elementary staff is excited about these changes and are quite busy readying their classrooms for the arrival of all their kids.

We know that you play an important role in your child’s education. We ask that you guide and support your child’s learning by ensuring that they **attend school daily** and **arrive on time**, ready for the day’s learning experience.

Lake Ann Elementary staff kindly requests that end of the day dismissal changes be telephoned into us by **3:00pm**. Our end of the day is very hectic and we want to make sure your child is headed to the correct home, day care, or pick up.

We ask that you wait until 3:50pm to arrive for pickup so you can enter the lobby for dismissal without ringing the bell. Please remain in the lobby and your child will come to meet you. If you wish to speak with a teacher, the office can assist you with this. Teachers have a responsibility to get students on buses and to pick up before they are available to parents. Buses are not released until all students are accounted for.

As we look forward to another wonderful and exciting year, please remember to contact me any time that you have a question, concern, or just want to share your thoughts.

Sincerely, Larry Haughn, Principal

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Tues. 4 th	First School Day
Wed. 5 th	Pride Assembly
Mon. 10 th	Board Meeting 7:00pm at Betsie Valley Elem.
Wed. 12 th	Student Picture Day
Thurs. 13 th	PTA Mtg. 4:30
Tues. 25 th	Character Café 9:30
Fri. 28 th	Fundraiser Kickoff Assembly
Fri. 28 th	11:55am Dismissal

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR TICKETS

Throughout the school year students have the opportunity to receive positive behavior tickets. Staff will be looking for students who are showing Safe, Responsible, and Respectful behavior. These behaviors will be discussed, modeled, and taught throughout the year. At least monthly, students who received a ticket will be eligible for a drawing at a chance to win special treat.

Our hope is to be as successful this year with student behaviors as we were last year.

MEDICATIONS

Medications may be given if the school office has a medication form filled out by the parent. These forms are available in the office. Medication needs to be in the original packaging, such as prescription bottles, Tylenol bottles etc. A student must not carry medicine of any kind on the bus. The exception to this would be that students who need inhalers for an asthmatic condition.



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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Lake Ann Elementary School is to create a positive, safe, and caring environment that promotes high levels of academic performance, builds personal responsibility, develops cooperation and fosters an appreciation of learning within members of our school community.

Lunch Application & Prices

Your child will be bringing home a Free and Reduced Lunch Application Form. The information on the forms is held in the strictest confidence. Please fill out the form and return it to the school even if you don't think you qualify. Or you may apply online at www.LunchApp.com. Thanks for your assistance.

Prices: Full Pay Lunch - \$2.85
Reduced Pay Lunch - \$.40
Free Breakfast for all students
Milk - \$.40



All students may eat breakfast at school, FREE of charge! This is an effort to have all of our students nourished and ready to learn. Breakfast begins at 8:40am. Students arriving after 9:00am will receive a breakfast bag.

If you wish to have lunch with your child please check in at the office and receive a visitors' badge.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lisa Purchase, Director of Dining Services at 882-4497 ext. 2214.

VISITOR / PARENT SIGN IN / SIGN OUT

For the safety of our students and staff, please sign in and out at the office and receive a visitors' pass. We appreciate your service and cooperation.

PARENTS - Please keep in mind that bus schedules take time before becoming consistent. Try to bear with us and don't become too alarmed if the busses are a few minutes late picking up, or dropping off your child(ren).



Checking Students In & Out From School

If your son/daughter needs to leave school early (prior to 4:00), please come into the office to check him/her out of school. If they are returning please remember to check them back in at the office where your child will receive a green slip allowing them back into the classroom. We realize there are occasions when you will need to pick up your child before regular dismissal time (4:00). **For the safety of all students we ask parents to wait in the office where your child will be brought to you.**

VOLUNTEERS

We love to have volunteers help out in all ways; classroom, library, field trips, PTA sponsored activities, etc. In order to volunteer for a field trip off of school property it is necessary to fill out a Volunteer Release Form every year. This form will be coming home with all the new school paperwork, please fill this out and send back.

REMEMBER YOUR SMILE PICTURE DAY WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12th



Parent / Visitor Parking

Visitors must use the west lot. Staff parking and our bus loading zone occurs in front of the building. The curbside in the visitor lot is also a loading zone. You must remain IN your vehicle. If you wish to come in, please park in a space.

Please remember that during bus drop off (8:30 – 9:15) and pickup (3:30 – 4:15), parents and other visitors are asked to park in the west parking lot only. The front drive and parking area is off limits during this time.