



THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Lore Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

I hope this letter finds you safe, healthy, and enjoying your summer. It is my pleasure to welcome you to what I know will be an exciting and rewarding year at Lore School. During the summer, we have been hard at work getting ready for the new school year.

Orientation Meetings for Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and New Students

Kindergarten Orientation is on Tuesday, September 3rd from 9:00 – 10:00 AM, in your child's assigned classroom.

Pre-Kindergarten Orientation is on Tuesday, September 3rd from 10:00 – 10:45 AM, in Room 1.

New Student Orientation for students entering grades 1-5 is on Tuesday, September 3rd from 11:00 AM – 12:00 in the library.

First Day of School

The first day of school is Wednesday, September 4th. School hours are 8:50 AM – 3:40 PM; it is a full day of school, and lunch will be served. Upon arrival at Lore School, kindergarten students will line up on the kindergarten playground (weather permitting). For the first day of school only, students entering grades 1 and 2 will report to the cafeteria to meet your teacher, and students entering grades 3, 4 and 5 are to report to the gym. **For the safety of our students, parents will not be permitted to enter the school building;** therefore, we ask that all goodbyes, hugs and kisses, photographs and videos be done prior to students entering the building.

Lunch

Students are able to buy lunch, milk, ice cream and/or healthy snacks in our cafeteria. Younger and new students are encouraged to bring lunch for the first few days or weeks of school until they become familiar with the cafeteria procedures. Information about breakfast/lunch prices and about the free and reduced breakfast/lunch program is provided on the district website, and the Food Service Department can be reached at (609) 538 – 9800, ext. 7106.

Bus Information

If your child rides a bus, his/her bus pass can be accessed through the Genesis Parent Portal; you must complete the five required forms before accessing bus information. If you need assistance with Genesis Parent Portal, contact Mrs. Sulton in the Lore Main Office at (609) 538 – 9800, ext. 6102. If you have a question about your child's assigned bus or bus stop, kindly contact the Transportation Department at (609) 538 – 9800, ext. 7111.

Student Drop-off and Dismissal

Specific information regarding morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal can be found on the attached ***In a Nutshell*** handout. Here are a few reminders:

- The school doors open at 8:50 AM. Any student arriving after 9:10 AM must be escorted into the building by a parent/guardian and will be marked late/tardy.
- Dismissal begins at 3:40 PM. If your child's dismissal procedure is to change, please send a note or email.
- If an emergency arises and you need to change your child's dismissal procedure at the last minute, please make every effort to call the Main Office (ext. 6100) before 3:00 PM so we are able to update our dismissal rosters.
- If picking up your child by car, please wait in the walker/pick-up line in the side driveway, even if that line of cars extends onto Westwood Drive. For the safety of students and staff, do not drive past this line of idle cars. We do our very best to take attendance and dismiss students quickly, so your patience is greatly appreciated.

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Extended Day Program (EDP)

Please note that our school day is from 8:50 AM – 3:40 PM. If you are in need of before or after school care for your child, contact Mrs. Michele Garrison, EDP Office, at (609) 538 – 9800, ext. 7179. EDP provides parents the opportunity to bring their children to Lore as early as 7:00 AM and remain until 6:00 PM. There is no supervision for children prior to 8:50 or after 3:40 unless your child is registered for EDP or you've made alternate arrangements for their care.

Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program is available to students beginning at 8:15 AM; the cost is \$1.75 per day. Students can enter the building through Door #9, no earlier than 8:15 AM. Students will check-in and report to the cafeteria until they are dismissed to go to homeroom.

Reporting Student Absences

In the event that your child is going to be absent from school on any day throughout the school year, please call our 24-Hour Tele-Safe Line at (609) 538-9800, ext. 6100 to report the absence. Please send a note to school with your child when he/she returns, stating the reason for his/her absence. If you visited a doctor's office, a note from the doctor is appreciated.

Summer Reading and Math Assignments

Each student's Summer Reading Log and math packet are due on the first day of school and will not be accepted after Monday, September 9th. Remember, to see Principal Kawalek do something WILD AND CRAZY, be sure to complete your summer reading!

New Teachers and Changes in Staffing

Please join me in welcoming the following staff members, who are new to the Ewing Township Public Schools:

- Mrs. Becker – 5th Grade Teacher, working with Mrs. Ceballos
- Ms. Bennett – Media Specialist
- Ms. Carlini – Occupational Therapist
- Mrs. Facey – Paraprofessional
- Ms. Farber – Food Services
- Ms. Leeper – 4th Grade Teacher
- Ms. Patten – Occupational Therapist
- Ms. Rush – Food Services

I would also like to welcome back Mr. Knott, who is returning to Lore as our School Security Officer.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you ever need assistance, do not hesitate to contact me (ext. 6102) or Ms. Young (ext. 6106). Enjoy your remaining summer days, and I look forward to seeing you in September.

All the best,

Mrs. Kelly Kawalek

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