



LAKEHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back!

The 2019-2020 school year is off to a fantastic start. The administration and staff are really excited for a successful year filled with academic success and fun while learning. We are eager to engage our students with the new language arts literacy and mathematics programs, both designed to meet the individual needs of students and challenge them to meet their highest levels of academic success.

Please feel free to contact the main office and administration with any questions or concerns that may arise throughout the year. We look forward to our continued collaboration!

Thank you,

Mrs. Loren Fuhring, Superintendent



Upcoming Events

- October 14** – School Closed
- October 15** – Board Meeting
- October 22/23** – Pre-K Class Trips
- October 21-25** – Red Ribbon Week
- October 30** – Picture Retakes
- October 31** – Halloween Parade

LES Before and After Care

Lakehurst School District designed and implemented a before and after school child care program, which will be in effect for the 2019-2020 school year. The program was created with the intentions of assisting our students and their families who are unable to drop off and pick up their children at the standard arrival and dismissal times. The District is well aware of the pressures and financial stresses that may be associated with child care arrangements. The LES program was designed to be accessible and affordable. To enroll in the program, there is a one-time \$15.00 registration fee, per family, which must be submitted with the application. The Before School Program begins at 6:30 A.M. and runs until the start of the school day. It would cost \$80.00 per month, for five days. The After Care Program runs from afternoon dismissal until 5:45 P.M., at a cost of \$120.00 per month, for five days. Please see our website, or stop by the Main Office for additional information regarding program details, pricing, and availability. All students are welcome!

New Adventures

It has been a very exciting start of the year for all the new and returning preschool students at Lakehurst Elementary School. For some of the students, it is the first time they have been introduced to a formal educational classroom atmosphere. One of the newest preschool teachers, Ms. Wieme, has been keeping her students engaged with plenty of creative classroom activities. They had spent the month of September exploring their classrooms, learning daily routines, following rules and expectations, making new friends, creating fun crafts and even spending a few mornings outside on the big playground! They are extremely excited to be learning sign language and continue practicing it throughout the week, even after their visits from Miss Somer, the American Sign Language teacher. Some of her students' favorite activities include going to the gym. They have already learned to walk nicely and quietly through the hallways of the big school, as not to disrupt their older friends working hard in their classrooms each day! Ms. Wieme's class is beyond excited to see what the rest of the school year has in store for them. They have already been anticipating their upcoming field trip to the pumpkin patch!



More Important News:

Calling All Engineers

Students in Ms. Pellien's Science classes were asked to put on their thinking caps and take on the role of "engineer" early this month. Groups of "engineers" were presented with the challenge of building weight bearing structures using only marshmallows and uncooked spaghetti. Finding themselves in a sticky situation students brainstormed solutions and quickly got to work seeking a solution for creating a stable and supportive structure. Relying on their problem solving abilities and some creative thinking, these "engineers" tinkered their way to success as they built structures strong enough to hold a box of tape. Groups willingly accepted the challenge of re-designing each time the structures fell or smooshed off to the side as the weight of the tape box was placed onto each design. Pictured to the right, in order from left to right, are Annalese Ryder, Alannah Eidell, Sky Ramos, and Aryanna Sumner proudly displaying their final, successful design.



Student of the Month Program

The Student of the Month program is based on qualities such as the following, but not limited to: character, leadership and citizenship; not solely on academics. The student of the month demonstrates exemplary character through his/her compassion, honesty, trustworthiness, responsibility, optimism, and loyalty by helping to create a positive school environment. Each month two students per grade level will be selected based on the aforementioned qualities. Stay tuned for the September 2019 Student of the Month recipients.

Back to School Donations

A special thank you is extended to the numerous local community groups and families that have reached out to help support Lakehurst School District and LES students for the start of the 2019-2020 school year. It is the generosity and consideration of these community members that continue to allow Lakehurst Elementary School (LES) students to obtain a portion of the school supplies required to be best prepared for a successful school year. First, it is especially important to recognize **COSTCO** located at the Market Place at Brick, Brick Township, New Jersey, for their donations of over one hundred brand new backpacks for our students. Their Backpack Program has provided countless LES students with new back packs over the course of several years. Lakehurst School also acknowledges two local community businesses, **S-FX.com Small Business Solutions** and **KCS General Contracting**, for their collaborated efforts to donate to the District. Through their joint philanthropic efforts, they supplied Lakehurst School with over one hundred packs of crayons, markers, notebooks, glue sticks, pencils, erasers, and two-pocket folders. Along with these donations, the school was very fortunate to receive additional supplies from the yearly **92.7-FM WOBM** Radio Station school supply drive. The radio station representatives delivered several boxes of notebooks, pencils, pencil cases and binders to the plethora of school supplies. Ms. Karen McClellan, a member of the **Monmouth County Retired Educators Association**, was overly excited to donate to the Lakehurst District more than fifty backpacks that had been collected and then filled with varied school supplies. Lastly, it is imperative that the Lakehurst School District expresses their gratitude to the extensive friends and family of the Lakehurst student body for all of their efforts to equip these students with additional supplies required for a prosperous school year.

LES Student Activities

Student Activities kicked off the 2019-2020 school year with a Spirit Day to remember the events of September 11, 2001 by wearing Red, White, and Blue, as a symbol of our patriotism. Student Activities also sponsored a table in the front vestibule for Back to School Night, where student volunteers Keeley Ploumitsakos and Liliana Wilson helped Mrs. Jauch and Mrs. Prior sell "This year is looking BRIGHT grams" with a glow stick attached. "You're going to have a Marvelous and Magnificent Year" grams, with a packet of M & M's attached, were also for sale. Student Activities will be selling "LES CARES" pink bracelets for \$2.00 each beginning the last week of September and throughout the month of October to recognize breast cancer awareness. Half of the proceeds will go to the Susan G. Komen foundation. They will also be selling birthday grams, for \$1.00 each, throughout the remainder of the school year. These will be handed out monthly for student birthdays.

UPCOMING SPIRIT DAYS:

10/11: Wear Pink or Blue to Acknowledge Cancer Awareness

10/15: "Turn Your Back to Bullying"- Wear a Backwards Shirt

10/18: "Be a Superhero not a Villain"- Wear Your Superhero Attire

10/23: World Unity Day - Wear Orange

10/25: School Spirit Day - Wear School Colors

10/31: Halloween Spirit Day - Wear Your Halloween Costume