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# LYNNVILLE-SULLY Community School District

*Empowering students to pursue their dreams.*

A NEWSLETTER FOR ALL K-8 STUDENTS & FAMILIES

## Welcome back!

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! We are looking forward to a great year with our students and families. At our first staff meeting a few days ago, the teachers revisited our district vision statement:

*"Empowering students to pursue their dreams."*

We talked about what it takes to make that vision a reality for our students. I wanted to share some of the key points of that discussion and highlight the values that will drive our decision-making.

We are committed to providing a safe environment and building meaningful relationships with students to learn their individual strengths and needs. As educators it is our desire to create confident students by giving them the necessary tools to effectively communicate with others, persevere through challenges, and take ownership of their learning. We understand that setting students up for success is best accomplished by partnering with parents and community members. We are excited to work together with you towards achieving our common goal of making Lynnville-Sully a great place for all students to learn and grow.  
– Teri Bowlin, PreK-8 Principal

## NEW – End of Day Dismissal Changes

This school year, we will be requiring bus or pickup changes for Kindergarten through 5th grade students to be communicated to school personnel **by 2 p.m. daily**. The purpose for this change is to allow time for office staff to successfully coordinate changes with teachers and bus drivers.

If you have dismissal changes for your students, call the school office at 641-594-4445, ext. 125 or email Michelle Squires, Elementary/MS Secretary, at [squires@lshawks.com](mailto:squires@lshawks.com) **prior to 2 p.m.**



## Student Absences

We look forward to having your child with us each day, but if your child is not able to come to school, we request that you notify the office at 641-594-4445, ext. 125 or email Michelle Squires, Elementary/MS Secretary, at [squires@lshawks.com](mailto:squires@lshawks.com) **prior to 9 a.m. the day of the absence**. Parents are welcome to call during non-school hours and leave a message to report absences. If we do not receive a call or email regarding student absences, office personnel will contact parents to check on the status of their missing student.





**Thursday, 8/23 – First Day of School**  
**Friday, 8/24 – Hearing Screens K-5**  
**Monday, 9/3 – Labor Day - No School**  
**Thursday, 9/6 – 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal**  
**Wednesday, 9/19 – School Picture Day**  
**Thursday, 9/27 – 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal**





### Sign in & sign out procedures for new school year

Our school has put in place many procedures to keep our children safe. During the school day, the interior doors of the main entrance of the school remain locked. When you come in the entryway, office personnel will use the intercom system near the left door to ask who you are and the purpose for your visit before unlocking the door so you may enter. Please understand that though we may know you, we will be following these procedures for all visitors as part of our process to create and maintain a safe environment for our students. If you are coming to school to visit or volunteer, we will ask you to sign-in and wear a visitor badge during your time at school.

In addition, there are days when students arrive late or leave early for appointments, or they may get sick during the day and need to go home. There is a sign in/out clipboard at the front desk which will ask the name of your student, the reason for their late arrival or early out, and the time. Please make sure to fill out this clipboard whenever your student arrives late or leaves early during the day, as this helps us keep attendance correctly.

### Drop off & pick up guidelines for 2018-2019 school year

If dropping your student off in the morning, please use the turn-in at the north end of the parking lot, near the football field. Buses unload on the other side of the school entrance, so this driveway must remain clear at all times. To create a safer environment, if you plan to come into the school with your children, please park your vehicle in the parking lot rather than leaving it unattended in the drop-off line.

When picking your student up after school, please do not park in the lane on the south side of the school entrance, as this is where the buses load. Instead, please use one of the following options:

1. Use the turn-in at the north side of the parking lot near the football field and utilize the pick-up line.
2. Meet your child in the south parking lot near the kindergarten classrooms.
3. Meet your child at the front entrance of the elementary/middle school.

Please ensure that your child knows where to meet you.



### **Ways for you to be involved at L-S**

We welcome parent involvement, and there are many different ways that you can share your talents by volunteering at school. Many parents spend time with their child's class during special activities and field trips, but there are several other opportunities at school to get involved!

- Come read to our students, or have them read to you.
- Spend a couple hours in the classroom weekly and support students as they work individually or in small groups.
- Share your knowledge and experience with unique hobbies or interests with students as it relates to the curriculum we are teaching.
- If working directly in the classroom with students is out of your comfort zone, volunteer an hour each week in our workroom to help prepare materials for special projects.

Volunteering is a great opportunity to see what your child does at school, and our teachers greatly appreciate our parent volunteers! **If you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer, contact Michelle Squires at (641) 594-4445, ext. 125 or email [squires@lshawks.com](mailto:squires@lshawks.com).**



**Homecoming  
Week  
Sept. 24-28**

