



Loranger Memorial School

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Good morning LMS Families,

This is the last September memo of the year. The school year is flying by. We had a very successful STAR student of the month assembly today in which we recognized students for their contributions to our school community in the areas of **Safety, Taking responsibility, Acceptance, and Respectfulness**. We are so proud of all our September winners. Congratulations!

NWEA Assessments

Teachers and staff are working to establish our schedule for the fall administration of the state assessment, NWEA. We plan to conduct this over the first two to three weeks of October. Each grade level team of teachers will set aside time to assess students. The NWEA is an adaptive online assessment that creates a personalized experience for each student. While administering this Assessment is now mandated by the DOE, it is also a great tool to measure student progress and growth. It helps assist teachers in identifying students who may be at risk for not reaching grade-level benchmarks so interventions can be provided early and often. The NWEA also can help identify students who are surpassing grade-level benchmarks so enrichment opportunities can be provided to further the learning that is already occurring. This is a very useful tool for helping us to ensure that all students get the specific learning support they need so all students can be successful. If you have any questions please reach out to myself or your child's classroom teacher.

School Nutrition Program

We are still collecting Free and Reduced Meal applications at <https://bit.ly/3qgxvR4>. While breakfast and lunch remains free for all students this year, these applications help RSU 23 receive a significant amount of funding in the classrooms. Collecting Free & Reduced Applications allows the school district to offer a Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program and summer meals program (which will go away in 2024 based on current Free & Reduced data). Lastly, if you qualify for Free and Reduced Meal Benefits, you can get Spectrum Internet for \$14.95 a month. Please help us have the data we need so our students can be best supported in and out of the classrooms.

Camp Kieve

After a 2 year hiatus, Loranger Memorial School is returning to Camp Kieve Leadership School. We are so excited to send 6th, 7th, and 8th graders for Kieve's week program. Our 6th and 7th graders will be attending from 10/17-10/21, and our 8th graders will be attending from 10/31-11/4. This is a great opportunity for all of our middle school students as we are able to send those who were not able to attend the last two school years. More information will be forthcoming from each of those grade level teams.

Absence/Tardy/Dismissal Procedures

If your child will be absent, tardy, or dismissed during the school day, please reach out to our main office to report this, and not to your child's classroom teacher. Communicating this information with the main office ensures that the proper information is reported. You can call the main office to share this information at 934-4848. Thank you!

REMINDER: Arrival Procedures

Some reminders for you all on our arrival procedures for the new school year.

- Arrival for grades 3-5 is between 7:45 and 8:00.
- Arrival for grades 6-8 is between 8:15 and 8:30.

We do not have coverage for our 6-8 students any earlier than 8:15AM, so please do not drop students off or allow students to walk to school prior to that. Thank you.

REMINDER: Dismissal Procedures

With the start of the Pre-K and Kindergarten students at Jameson, traffic is very congested. We continue to ask that you follow these procedures for the safety of our students. Thank you!

We are seeing an increase in dogs present during pick up. We ask that you please refrain from having dogs on campus during pick up. Thank you.

We continue to see an increase in the number of parent picks for both our 3-5 and 6-8 groups. It is extremely important that we all follow the procedures in order to ensure a safe and efficient pick up process at the end of the school day. Here are a few reminders of how these procedures go:

- All parents picking up their children need to enter our campus from E Emerson Cummings Boulevard. Two lanes of traffic will wait to be moved forward to our parent pick up spots along Jameson Hill Road. We only have 8, so please be patient.
- DO NOT EXIT YOUR VEHICLE during the pick up process. This really slows down the process and takes extra time.
- Do not stop or park in the yellow dashed fire lane or the fire hydrant in front of our main entrance.
- Do not park in any of our parking lots. We have bus dismissals and 6-8 students still present during our 3-5 dismissal and athletics and other activities during 6-8 dismissal.
- Do not use the back of our school as a pass through.
- We, along with Fielder's Choice, respectfully ask that you not park in their parking lot and wait for your child as this creates added safety concerns with parents and students crossing Jameson Hill Road.
- 3-5 dismissal begins at 2:15
- 6-8 dismissal begins at 2:45, and we ask that you not arrive any earlier than 2:35 as that interferes with our 3-5 dismissal.

It is very important that all parents follow these procedures so that we can maintain a safe and efficient pick up process. We understand that it is not always convenient, but it is the best process to maintain student safety.

You can find our original dismissal plan from last year, as well as a detailed map [here](#).

Fall Athletics

Our Middle School Fall Athletic teams are in full swing. If you're interested in catching our student athletes in action, you can find our schedules [here](#). Go GULLS!

School Calendar

The 2022-2023 school calendar can be viewed by visiting our school web page or following this [link](#).

Family Vacation Forms

During the school year some families take vacations and ask that we excuse their children from school days. This is not a problem, however, we do have forms to sign off on in order to help students understand the expectations of making up missed work. The forms can be found in the main office. Thanks for your help!

A reminder of a few upcoming dates:

- Wednesday 10/5 - Early Release Day
- Friday 10/7 - No School Teacher PD day
- Monday 10/10 - No School Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 10/17-10/21 - Grade 6 & 7 to Camp Kieve
- Thursday 10/27 - Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/31-11/4 - Grade 8 to Camp Kieve
- Wednesday 11/2 - Early Release Day & Afternoon and Evening Parent Teacher Conferences

Have a great Friday and weekend!

Matt Foster