

Emily Schissler, Principal
Jenny Christophersen, Assistant Principal
Colleen Hall, Secretary
Diane Hanley, Secretary

Dr. Lori Motsch
Superintendent



Cherry Hill School News

Principal's Corner



Cherry Hill Families,

Welcome to our Cherry Hill families to the 2021-2022 school year! Thank you for partnering with us in preparing your students for success at the start of the year. It is so exciting to see the hard work going on throughout the building!

One of the best ways for our parents to get involved in our District is through the PTO. The first evening PTO meeting will be Thursday, September 16th at 7:30 PM at Spencer Trail. Cherry Hill and Spencer Trail will be the spotlight schools at the September meeting. We hope you will be able to join us and hear more about what is going on at Cherry Hill and the Kindergarten Center.

As a partner in your child's education, please don't hesitate to call or email us with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to a successful school year.

Emily Schissler
Principal

Jenny Christophersen
Assistant Principal



Welcome from our Staff

Principal:	Emily Schissler
Asst. Principal:	Jenny Christophersen
Secretaries:	Colleen Hall Diane Hanley
School Nurse:	Amanda Young Amamda Peruski (MN Nurse)
Blue Neighborhood:	Bob Foster Krista Krausz Melissa Ippolito Rose Poland
Red Neighborhood:	Amanda Madler Kim Rudsinski
Yellow Neighborhood:	Amanda Jones Jessica Schloegel Stephanie Stagg Ann Trench
Green Neighborhood:	Kris Corp Amy Gagliano Annie Rediehs Michelle Rodriguez
Paraprofessionals:	Linda Bockwoltd Melissa Cora Jenni DeMaertelaere Sandy Flowers Christina Groch Keri Krause Michelle Meehan Kathryn Pazdan Ashley Sexton Cindy Spreadbury Marianne Voss Shannon Ward
	Marina Boone Cheryl Curtis Morgan Ellis Stacy Fortson Samantha Hinderman Kiera Kuper Roseanne Muzinic Ethan Ridgell Michelle Sladek Linda Stephen Kathy Walshon
	Laurie Brennan Leslie DeGrazia Melanie Evans Virginia Gavaghan-Stekal Kim Keating Nancy McCracken Krissee O'Malley Matthew Ripley Lynn Smith Michelle Stiglic Kathy Ward
Speech/Language:	Keri Camaioni Alison Kobel Dorothy Krynski-Fabbi Allison Marciano Kim Rudsinski
Occupational Therapists:	Sara Basil Heather Iwanus Katie O'Connor Colleen Patton Tracy Riley
Physical Therapist:	Jordan Wiles
School Psychologist:	Kristin Tortorello
Social Worker:	Cristin Ekhoff (BCBA)
Specialists:	Kiley Goggins (BCBA)
	Celena Lantero (Vision Itinerant/Orientation & Mobility)
P.E.:	Bruce Lundborg
Music/Art:	Samantha Schultz
Library:	Sheena Ozbolt
Building Custodian:	Ken Riemersma

September 2021 Important Dates:

- 6th** Labor Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- 8th** PTO Dine & Donate @ Creamery
- 16th** PTO Meeting 7:30 @ Spencer Trail School
- 21st** School Board Meeting @ District Office @ 6:00pm
- 24th** School Improvement Day ($\frac{1}{2}$ day of school for Full Day Students. **NO SCHOOL** for $\frac{1}{2}$ students)
- 30th** PTO Dine and Donate @ Ton Kelly's



Office Hours:
7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Office Phone:
815-462-7831

Mrs. Schissler email:
eschissler@nlsd122.org

Mrs. Christophersen email:
ichristophersen@nlsd122.org

Mrs. Hall email:
chall@nlsd122.org

Mrs. Hanley email:
ghanley@nlsd122.org

Office Fax:
815-722-8536

Nurse Phone:
815-462-7804

Preschool Screenings

New Lenox School District will be screening children from ages three to five in the areas of motor, cognitive, and speech/language development. Early childhood educators will present "game like" activities to your child which assess various development skills. All preschoolers who reside in our district are eligible to attend free of charge. This is a preschool screening, *not* a kindergarten readiness screening. This year the screenings will be held at Cherry Hill Elementary and Early Childhood Center.

Screening Dates:

September 24, 2021
November 19, 2021
March 11, 2022
May 6, 2022



Call Cherry Hill School at 815-462-7831 to schedule an appointment.



Safety Drills

During August & September, we will practice our severe weather drills, lockdown and fire drills. We begin by practicing **without** the "loud" bell, so our students first become familiar with the procedures. The bell can be somewhat "startling" to some children, so please talk to your child about these practice drills. We want our students to be prepared, not alarmed.



DRIVING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Car riders should **arrive** at 8:25 and 12:25.

Please park in our South lot. Do not park along Kingston Drive.

When picking up a student early, please come to the main office **with an I.D.** and we will call the classroom for you and have your child walked to the front office.

Students must have a note when transportation arrangements change. Please use specific dates, full names and contact number on your notes.

Students will be released **only** to adults designated on your note or listed as an emergency contact.



BIRTHDAYS

At Cherry Hill School, we enjoy celebrating each student's birthday. Your child's teacher will have a special recognition in class for the birthday child. Due to our wellness policy, no food treats are allowed to be brought to school. Thank you for your cooperation with this policy.



Transportation Department

If you have an absence, or any questions or concerns regarding bus transportation, please contact the Transportation Department at **815-485-7611**. This would include late buses or buses that missed your stop.



Virtual Backpack

Please don't forget to go to our district website to check out our "virtual backpack!" You can find fliers for girl scouts, boy scouts, cheerleading, park district events, etc.

Go to www.nlsd122.org and click on the Parent/Student tab at top and scroll down to the virtual backpack.



Calling Your Student Off of School

If your child will be absent from school, please call 815-462-7831. Please leave your child's name, teacher, and the reason for the absence. If your child is NOT in school and we have not received a call within 35 minutes after the start of the student's session, one of our secretaries will need to call you to verify his/her absence. To ensure the safety of our students, if we cannot make contact with the parent/guardian, we will call the New Lenox Police Department, and they will make a well being check to your home.



NEWS FROM THE NURSE

Quarantine Information



Here are the current CDC quarantine options:

10 days - if your child does not develop any symptoms of COVID, they may return to school after day 10 of the quarantine period. Testing is not required.

7 days - if your child does not develop any symptoms of COVID and has a negative PCR test on day 6 of the quarantine, they may return to school after day 7 of the quarantine period.

Quarantine for a case within the home: If the affected individual lives in the home and is able to isolate from your child, the above quarantine guidelines apply. If you are not able to isolate the affected individual from your child, the quarantine period starts after the affected person's 10-day isolation ends. The reason for this is that the affected person is able to shed the virus for 10 days, which produces the potential for exposure to your child up until the affected person's isolation ends.

Example:

Mom is diagnosed with COVID on May 1st - child begins to quarantine. Mom is considered contagious until May 10th.

Child's quarantine is extended beginning on May 11th and lasts for 7-10 days, depending on whether testing is performed.

Child is able to return to school on May 19th with testing or May 22nd without testing.

Special Circumstances:

Quarantine of 14 days is required in our classes with mask exemptions or in settings where 6 feet is unable to be maintained (Ex: early childhood settings and some self contained special education settings).



IMPORTANT DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

Dress Code/Personal Appearance

Research and experience have shown that student conduct, school goals, personal pride and self-respect are related to personal appearance and mode of dress. Clothing that is disruptive to the educational process will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of the parents to see that the student who attends our schools is dressed in a manner which reflects good taste, good judgment, safety, and is not disruptive to the educational process.

Boys and girls are to wear clothing that completely covers the body from the shoulder to mid-thigh. Tank tops and shoe skates are not allowed.

It is recommended students wear gym shoes to insure safety on the playground.

Thank you for reading this district policy and for helping your child follow these guidelines.

SECURITY AT CHERRY HILL

At Cherry Hill, we are very diligent when it comes to keeping our little ones safe at school. Our doors are locked at all times. Cameras have been installed to provide an extra measure of security for staff, students and our families. With this new technology, we feel our children will be able to enjoy all the wonderful experiences that children should engage in with an extra layer of protection.

Visitors to our school must enter through the front main office doors and check in with our secretaries. Please sign in at the main desk and bring a picture I.D. so we may print out a badge for you. If you do not have an I.D., you will not be allowed in the building.

If you are picking up your child, **always bring an I.D.** as well. Please do not be offended when we ask for an I.D. even if we recognize you. Thank you for helping us keep Cherry Hill safe and secure.



Picture Day October 19, 2021

This year we will be using Visual Image Photography. No payment or order form is needed the day of.

Your child will receive a proof selection form for ordering about a week after picture day.

Picture retake day for Cherry Hill will be November 5th.



HELP WANTED

Our district is seeking interested applicants for full time paraprofessional positions. All positions offer benefits and competitive hourly rates. Below are the locations and details of the available positions:

- Cherry Hill, Excel Program K-1st grade,
Hours: 8:00am-3:15pm
- Haines Elementary School,
Hours: 8:45am-4:00pm
- Oakview, REACH Program K-4th grade,
Hours: 7:55am-3:10pm
- Spencer Trail DK Program,
Hours: 7:55am-3:10pm

Please contact Mandy Novotny at
mnovotny@nlsd122.org if you are interested.
Flyer attached.

NLSD 122 IS HIRING!

NLSD 122 is seeking interested applicants for paraprofessional positions for the 2021-2022 school year. Paraprofessionals need only to be 19 years of age and show proof of ONE of the following requirements:

- Associate's degree or higher or
- 60 semester hours of college coursework or
- High School Diploma or Equivalency and a score of 460 or higher on the ETS Parapro Test or
- High School Diploma or Equivalency and passing the ACT Work Keys tests

Interested applicants can apply on our website [HERE](#). All positions offer benefits and competitive hourly rates. Please contact Mandy Novotny at mnovotny@nlsd122.org with any questions.



NLSD 122 PTO

NLSD122 PTO CORNER

nlstd122pto@gmail.com



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

There will be another opportunity for calendars. Please make sure to be on the lookout for a form coming soon. We will have calendars to purchase at the September PTO meeting.

We have a lot of fun things planned for this year. Check us out on Facebook and Instagram.

If you would like to get involved with the PTO please visit our website.

Let's get involved in the PTO! The New Lenox School District 122 Parent Teacher Organization is a group of staff representatives from each of our 12 schools, District office, and parents who are invested in helping enhance the school district that our children attend.

Please join us for our monthly meetings, which are held every third Thursday of the month. The meetings will rotate from 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. every month. Our next meeting is September 16th @ 7:30 p.m at Spencer Trail.

Check our website for any additional information:
<http://www.newlenoxpto.org>



UPCOMING EVENTS
September 8, 2021
Creamery New Lenox
4-9p.m.

Celebrity scooper, Mayor Tim
Baldermann 4-6:30p.m.
Celebrity scooper,
Dr. Motsch 6:30-9p.m.

September 30, 2021 Tom
Kelley's Dine and Donate

PARENTS + TEACHERS

SUCCESSFUL KIDS

Some Suggestions for How to Help Make This Asset Happen

At home

- Model honesty in your daily life.
- Encourage and expect family members to be honest with themselves and each other.
- Catch your children being honest.
- When you fudge the truth or make a mistake, admit it and apologize.
- Don't overreact when your child lies to you. Give them the opportunity to tell the truth.
- Discuss situations observed at work, at school, and in the community where people acted honestly and dishonestly.
- Point out when characters in TV shows and movies are being honest or dishonest. What were the consequences?
- Point out dishonesty in advertising.
- Help your children talk through situations where it's tempting to be dishonest.
- Never punish your kids for being honest with you.

At school

- Include honesty in your school's stated and posted values and expectations.
- Establish clear boundaries and consequences for dishonest behavior.
- Make it easier for students to be honest than to be dishonest.
- Role-play what to do when it's hard to tell the truth or when telling the truth might hurt someone's feelings.
- Encourage and expect all faculty and staff to model honesty.
- Ask students to tell in their own words what honesty means to them.
- Create a classroom display featuring people in history who told the truth, inspiring quotations about honesty, and books or articles about honesty.
- Have the students write a Code of Honesty for your classroom or school.

In the community

- Make honesty a community value. Hold public officials and local celebrities to high standards of honesty. Remind them they are role models.
- Notice and affirm young people who act with honesty. Examples: the child who returns too much change at the store; the kid who admits to sending a baseball through your window.
- Feature stories in the media about people who acted honestly.
- Be willing to get involved when you witness dishonest behavior.

In a religious, service,

or other public organization

- Model honesty as individuals and as a group or congregation. Be honest in your dealings with your membership, your neighbors and your community.
- Make honesty the topic of sermons, homilies, articles in bulletins, and mailings to member households.
- Use sacred or historical writings and stories to illustrate the importance of honesty.
- Give members a safe place to struggle with tough ethical and personal situations where honesty can be difficult.
- Encourage children and teens to commit to being honest together. Consider signing an Honesty Pledge. This can be a source of strength and support when kids are pressured to cheat or be dishonest in other ways.

September Asset: Honesty/Social Awareness

Young person tells the truth, even when it's not easy.

September quote of the month

"Being honest may not get you a lot of friends, but it'll always get you the right ones."

- John Lennon