

MARCH

CHERRY HILL SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Cherry Hill School Families,

The upcoming months of March and April are a busy time at Cherry Hill School with fun learning activities. It is the time of year we discuss and make plans for next year! Please take time to read through your child's IEP draft goals and call or email your child's team with any questions you may have. It is important that you are an active member of your child's team; your input is extremely valuable as we plan goals for next year.

As a reminder, placements in afternoon or morning sessions are determined in July. Students do change sessions from year to year. Typically, we move our second-year students to our afternoon session in order to make room for our first-year students in the morning.


As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Emily Schissler
Principal

Jenny Christophersen
Asst. Principal



MARCH CALENDAR

- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins ~
turn your clocks ahead one hour!
- 15 Board of Education Meeting -
District Office @ 6:00 pm
- 17 St. Patrick's Day 
- 17 PTO Meeting @ District Office at 9:30
- 25 Teacher Institute Day -
NO SCHOOL

Happy Spring Break

March 28th - April 1st - Spring Break
NO SCHOOL

Monday, April 4th ~ **School Resumes**



Preschool Screening

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 developmental 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 screening will be held at Cherry Hill School

2022 Screening Dates

March 11, 2022

May 6, 2022

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

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, 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.



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

Office Phone:
815-462-7831

Nurse Phone:
815-462-7804

843 Transportation
815-485-7611

Hopewell Transportation
815-463-9092



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.

Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) and Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) Testing

In the upcoming weeks, New Lenox School District 122 students will participate in online state testing. During the week of March 7-11, students in third to eighth grade will take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) test. The IAR assessment consists of ELA tests and math tests.

In addition to the IAR, students in fifth and eighth grade will take the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) during March 15-24. The ISA consists of three units and will be administered during your child's science class

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

An email went out from our district office regarding registering for Kindergarten. Students who transition from Cherry Hill to Kindergarten do not need to complete that initial registration. You will register as a returning student in spring.

Spencer Trail's website has some great information regarding Kindergarten, feel free to check that information out!

As always, feel free to give us a call with any questions you might have.

News from the Nurse

As we approach the end of the school year, we are planning for some of our precious preschool friends to move on to kindergarten. When you receive your registration packet for kindergarten, you will find forms for the health exams that your child needs for kindergarten. I would encourage you to get started on these exams as they can sometimes be overwhelming for your child. Here is what your child will need by the first day of kindergarten:

1. A physical examination by a doctor with an up-to-date immunization record is required. Any physical dated after September 2021 will meet the requirements. If your child has had an exam since then, please ask your pediatrician to complete the required form.
2. A vision examination is required. This exam must be completed by an eye doctor (optometrist or ophthalmologist). Any vision exam performed after September 2021 will meet the requirement.
3. A dental examination is required. This exam must be completed by a dentist. Any dental exam performed after November 2021 will meet the requirement. The forms can be submitted to me if you have them completed before school is out. If you do them over the summer, please turn them in at Spencer Trail School. Please note that if your child is attending preschool again next year, they do not need any new medical forms.

Thank you,

Amanda Young BSN, RN, PEL-CSN
Cherry Hill School Nurse



MARCH ASSET

Interpersonal Competence

(Social Awareness)

Young person has empathy, sensitivity and friendship skills.

March quote of the Month

“Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization.”

- Mahatma Gandhi

NLSD 122 IS HIRING!

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

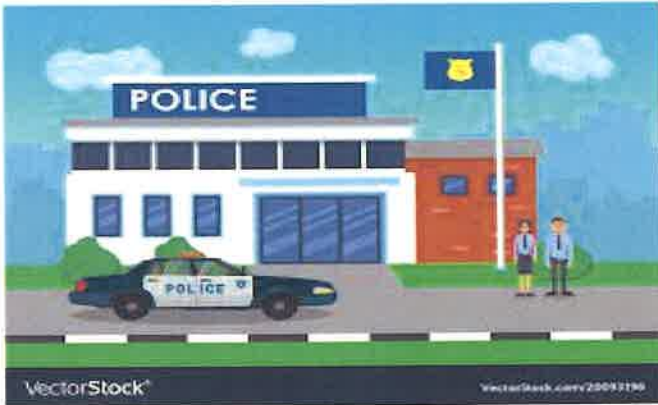
- Associate's degree or higher or
- 60 semester hours of college coursework or
- High School Diploma or Equivalency and a score of 460 or higher on the ETS Parapro Test or
- High School Diploma or Equivalency and passing the ACT Work Keys tests

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.



Fourteenth Annual “Cops Care Food Drive”

Sponsored by the New Lenox Police Department



Sharing food means saving lives.

This past year has been extremely difficult for some residents in the New Lenox Township area. We are hoping to fill the food pantry and raise the consciousness of our area children about the food struggles that their neighbors and friends and fellow students may be experiencing. With your donations we can help fight hunger today for a better tomorrow.

- The food drive begins on March 1st, 2022 and ends April 4th, 2022.
- All foods collected will be given to the New Lenox Township Food Pantry.
- If you wish you may drop off your donation in the front lobby collection bin at the police department located at 200 Veteran's Parkway.
- New Lenox Grade Schools in District 122/students will be collecting food donations as well.

Here is a list of food items that we are currently MOST IN NEED OF:

Canned/Sloppy Joe Mix

Spam

Diced tomato

Canned pineapple

Jello & Pudding Mix

Cheese Sandwich Crackers

Canned/Chili w/beans

Tomato paste

Canned Ravioli

Nutra-Grain Fruit Bars

Juice Boxes

Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers

Canned Beef Stew

Tomato sauce

Canned Spaghetti O's

Instant Oatmeal/flavored

Saltine crackers



NLSD 122 PTO CORNER

*Daddy/Daughter dance will take place March 5th. We are in need of 3 volunteers for the 6:45-8:30p.m. cleanup shift.

*Bowling registration details will go out in March. The event will take place at Laraway Lanes on April 30th. There will be 2 sessions to choose from.

*5K walk/run for mental health and wellness will take place Saturday, May 21st. Volunteers are needed and sponsorships are available for businesses that contribute to mental, physical and nutritional health.

*Chicago Wolves Hockey and Joliet Slammers reached out to us and would like to do a fundraiser. We are looking for someone to head these. Very easy-just make and distribute flyers, collect forms and payment. If this is something you are interested in please email or reach out.



NLSD 122 PTO CORNER

*Dine and Donate we have two for March:
March 16th at El Burrito Loco.

An ENTIRE WEEK at Chicago Dough March 7-13th.
Please mention NLSD 122 PTO at time of service.

*Next meeting will take place on March 17th at 9:30a.m.
at Spencer Pointe/Crossing in the library.