

Spencer Pointe News

SEPTEMBER 2021

Dr. Kim Gray, Principal
Mrs. Jenni Pender, Assistant Principal
Dr. Lori Motsch, Superintendent
Mrs. Amy Pitney, Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Rita Sexauer, Administrative Assistant




Principal's Message

Dear Spencer Pointe Families - This is my 14th year as the Principal at Spencer Pointe and I can not remember a year that we have been more excited for our first week of school! Welcome back!

We have learned so much over the past year and a half. Every experience will make us better educators and better people. Thank you for trusting us with your little people each day. They are all doing a great job learning how to be back in school after a great summer. After visiting all the classrooms, it is easy to see that Spencer Pointe is such a great place. Children are engaged in meaningful activities and having fun getting to know new friends and learning new routines. We know there will be hiccups along the way but we will work together to always do what is best for our kids.

A few quick reminders: Please always follow the traffic pattern for drop off and pick up. It is very important to keep our students safe! Please do not enter the drop off line until at least **8:50**. This will avoid a blocked entrance and also allow our staff to enter the parking lot.

It is important when trying to assist students at arrival & dismissal that they recognize their first and last name. If you have questions please contact your child's teacher or the school office. Facebook groups are wonderful but oftentimes the information is not accurate. It is best to call the school and get information from the source. Thank you for all you do each day to prepare your child for a great learning experience! They are doing fantastic here and the halls are filled with the sounds of learning.

 *Dr. Gray*

Calendar Events

September

- 6th** - Labor Day - **No School**
- 13th** - Young Rembrandts (Beginning Session #1)
- 15th** - Picture Day
- 20th** - Young Rembrandts
- 21st** - School Board Meeting
- 24th** - Spirit Day - Work out clothes or Sports Team
- 24th** - School Improvement Day - Half day
(**12:15 dismissal**)
- 27th** - Young Rembrandts

SPENCER POINTE BOOK FAIR SEPTEMBER 27TH - OCTOBER 4TH



October

- 4th** - Young Rembrandts
- 5th** - Picture Retake Day
- 11th** - Columbus Day - **No School**
- 15th** - Silly Sock Day
- 18th** - Young Rembrandts
- 19th** - School Board Meeting
- 22nd** - Spirit Day - Pajamas
- 25th** - Young Rembrandts
- 29th** - School Improvement Day - Half day
(**12:15 dismissal**)

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FIRST GRADE

We have had a wonderful start to our school year. The first graders have done a great job adjusting to the Spencer Pointe routines and expectations. This month, we look forward to diving more into our curriculum as well as celebrating / honoring Labor Day and Patriot Day. We will close out the month learning about Johnny Appleseed and the life cycle of an apple. Please be sure to help your child learn the routines of emptying their home folder and charging their ipad each night.

Mrs. Bobbe - Mrs. Crobie - Mrs. Giannetta - Mrs. Kunkle
Mrs. McElroy - Mrs. O'Leary - Mrs. Stream - Miss Yager

SECOND GRADE

What a joy it has been to begin our year in 2nd grade! Students have been working hard learning our routines, responsibly taking care of our supplies, being respectful, and being good citizens in school. We have begun our first reading unit and math unit, studying spelling words, getting to know one another, and much more. We appreciate your support at home! As we get into September, we are looking forward to our daily guided reading rotations, during which students will work in small groups, and work on writing, reading, and spelling words! These 2nd graders are doing a fantastic job, keep it up!



Mrs. Anderson - Mrs. Brennan - Mrs. McClain - Miss Nahas
Mrs. Oberts - Mrs. O'Malley - Mrs. Rush

THIRD GRADE



Wow! Third grade is off to a wonderful start of organizing, scheduling, and learning! Parents, please be sure to check your child's assignment book each night. This is a great way to communicate and keep you informed of all the great things happening in third grade, along with teaching your child organizational skills and accountability for their own work.

Miss Hennessy - Mrs. Kinney - Mrs. Mack - Miss Mangun
Mrs. Petrinis - Mrs. Proffitt - Van Dyke - Mrs. White

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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).

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

More details can be found later in this newsletter.

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

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Social Work News from Mrs. Porter



Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I am looking forward to another great year at Spencer Pointe! This year I will continue teaching monthly character education lessons in each classroom as well as providing small groups for select students focusing on self-regulation and social skills as needed. If you have concerns about your child's self-regulation or social skills, please feel free to reach out to me during the school year through email (cporter@nlsd122.org) or by phone (815) 462-7988. Additional resources can be found on my school website.

Character Education



During Character Education lessons this month, all students at Spencer Pointe will learn about the Golden Rule and the importance of treating others the way they want to be treated.

Nurse's Corner

September is Food Safety Education Month. What do we need to do to keep our food safe and prevent illness? Wash hands before handling food, as well as utensils and surfaces. Separate raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs from cooked food and fresh produce. Use a food thermometer to make sure foods are cooked to the proper temperature to kill bacteria. Avoid the Danger Zone. Food temperatures between 41 and 135 degrees represent the Danger Zone. The longer food sits in the temperature danger zone, the greater the risk that bacteria will grow. Knowing how to keep food safe protects everyone!

Mrs. Maggio

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The Library is BACK!

The books and I have missed the children and I cannot wait to get started. I will be back to seeing classes every other week, however the children will have the opportunity to check out books weekly with their teacher. A lot has happened in the last year and the books are reflecting the changes. Older or more advanced readers will see the changes in the characters, topics, and language in newer books. Books allow us to see ourselves in the stories, but they also allow us to see the world from others point of view.

The Book Fair is back too!!

The Spencer Book Fair will be back starting September 27th. We will not be having an evening event this year, but keep in mind that the Book Fair does allow parents to shop online. More information will be sent home soon.

Ms. Vanderwall

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TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE



FOR THOSE LOOKING FOR TROUBLESHOOTING ASSISTANCE WITH SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY, PLEASE EMAIL OUR NLSD TECH SUPPORT TEAM AT TECH-HELP@NLSD122.ORG.

PLEASE INCLUDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE REGARDING THE ISSUE YOU ARE EXPERIENCING. ALSO INCLUDE THE STUDENT'S NAME, YOUR PHONE NUMBER AND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.

Spirit Day



Friday, September 24th will be our first Spirit Day.

Wear your workout clothes or support your favorite team while you learn.

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ART NEWS

I am very excited to begin Art class at Spencer Pointe starting September 27!

- **First Grade: COLOR and CONTRAST!**
- **Second Grade: SHAPE and PATTERN!**
- **Third Grade: TEXTURE and EMPHASIS!**

I can't wait to see you in the Art Room!

Mrs. Nolan



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE GYM?

Our students have been off to a great start in the gym here at Pointe! All students have P.E. class every other day according to the green/silver schedule which can be found on my school website under the 'schedule' tab. Gym shoes should be worn every P.E. day to ensure full participation and safety in all of our activities. Our students have been learning our warm-up routine, practicing locomotor skills (running, galloping, skipping, shuffling, etc.) as well as participating in some team games. At the end of the month our students will have a chance to participate in their first PE Reward Day and we will announce our first All-Stars! Check out my website for more information about P.E. this year.

MRS. GIBSON

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Birthday Board

AUGUST

First Grade

Audrey B
Camille B
Luke C
Owen G
Parker H
Dallas J
Everett J
Emily K
Gavin M
Kenzle M
Holden R
Mariam R
Olive W

Second Grade

Kinsey A
Patrick A
Brett B
Cooper C
Melilah C
Dominic D
Anthony F
Parker F
Payton G
Ryan K
Declan K
Logan K
Leah L
Lia M
William M
Rilynn O
Anna S
Emily S
Tyler S
Scarlet S
Connor T
Maise V
Noah W
Ryleigh W

Third Grade

Glanna C
Dennis C
Ariah E
Colin F
Elijah G
Tanner H
Colin H
Georgiana H
Connor K
Emma M
Brynn M
Everleigh O
Roan R
Brooklyn S
Emerson S
Nicholas Y



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First Grade

Faris B
Austin B
Jaxson C
Sofia G
Nathan J
Vaughn L
Emmet M
Brayden P
Riley P
Harper T

Second Grade

Keagan B
Violet B
Kaylee C
Skylar D
Casey G
Aubree K
Kaylee L
Cruz M
Connor P
Anthony S
Maelyn S
Anita W

Third Grade

Jacob A
Addison B
Max C
Lucy D
PJ D
Joseph G
Zachary G
Lainey G
Ethan H
Parker J
Ella M
Brayden N
Andrew S
Amira Z



NLSD122 PTO CORNER

nlsd122pto@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

JOIN SPANISH QUEST AFTERSCHOOL!

WANT TO HAVE FUN & LEARN SPANISH?

Join your friends in español this year!
The Spanish Quest afterschool language program is
returning to your school, Spencer Pointe.
Hurry! Fall registration starts in September.

All students will bring a registration form home soon! For more
information or to register online visit www.spanishladderandquest.org.

ARE YOU READY FOR BILINGUAL FUN!?



SPORTS



TRAVEL



MUSIC



STORY TIME



GAMES



ARTS &
CRAFTS



COOKING

& MUCH, MUCH MORE!

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.



TRAFFIC PATTERN FOR 2021-2022

Spencer Pointe Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Entrance Time:	9:05 am
Tardy Bell:	9:15 am
Dismissal Time:	3:40 pm

A staff member will be on duty at 9:05 am. Please keep students in your vehicle until a staff member is present.

Curbside Drop Off/Pick Up: **We are trying to avoid traffic backup that blocks entrance to the parking lot. Please do NOT enter the Drop Off/Pick Up Lane prior to 8:55 am or 3:20 pm.**

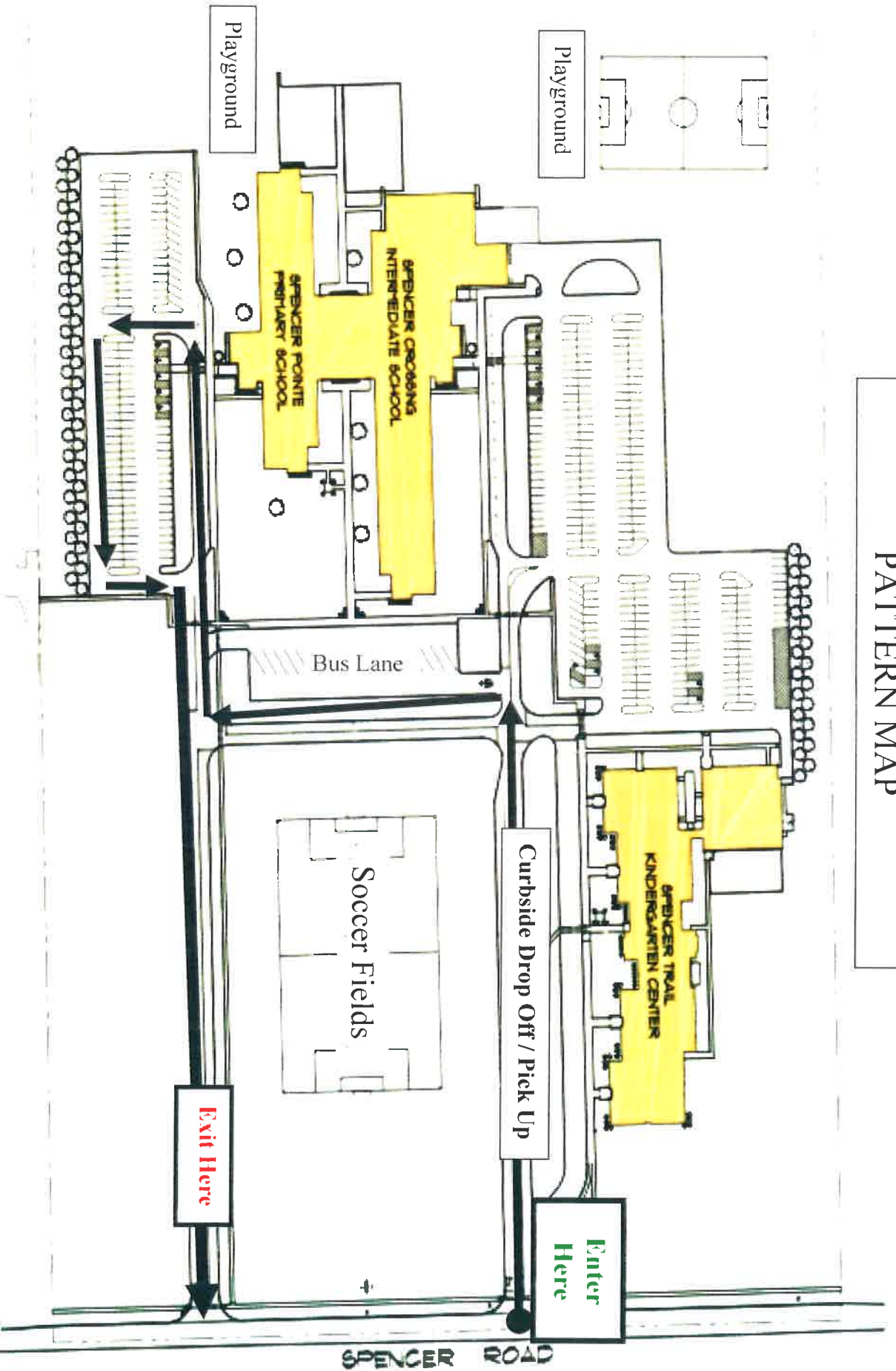
- Please enter the North Drive off of Spencer Road @ Spencer Trail.
- Turn Left at stop sign parallel to bus parking lot, then turn Right at stop sign to enter curbside car rider drop off/pick up lane.
- The one-way traffic pattern is in effect for the front drive that runs along the south side of the building.
- Stay to the left and out of the marked fire lane. This is now a 1-lane road.
- To keep the traffic flowing, please pull up and drop off your student. Please have them exit **curbside** for safety.
- Please **immediately exit the curbside lane** after unloading/loading your child. This will allow the next students to be dropped off or picked up in a timely manner.
- When picking up students at the end of the day, **please have a sign in your window with your student's last name and stay in your car.** Cones will be placed on the sidewalk. Students will only be allowed to enter their vehicle once it has pulled beyond the cones. For safety purposes, students will not be allowed beyond the cones. **Please have your child enter vehicle at curbside. Please immediately exit the parking lot after child enters vehicle.**

Miscellaneous items for drop off and pick up procedures:

- **If you need to pick up your child early or arrive after school has begun, please park in the parking lot and enter the main office to sign your child in/out.**
- When driving on campus, please remember to drive slowly, stay off your cell phone, and obey all traffic laws for the safety of our students.

(See Traffic Pattern Map On Reverse Side)

SPENCER POINTE TRAFFIC PATTERN MAP



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NEW LENOX SCHOOL DISTRICT 122
SPENCER ROAD CAMPUS: PARTIAL SITE PLAN

SPENCER ROAD