

# Spencer Trail Times

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER  
MONTHLY 2025

## Welcome Back To School!

Spencer Trail Families,

We are so excited to welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year! I found this little story that I wanted to share with you- Thoughts at the Bottom of the Beanstalk. Kindergarten is a huge milestone for children and parents alike, and I feel this story perfectly captures many of the feelings that surround this new journey. On behalf of everyone at Spencer Trail, we are so happy to partner with you to help your child climb one of their very first “beanstalks”. We value open communication and encourage you to reach out throughout the year with any needs in order to make this the best possible experience for your child.

We are already impressed with all of our new Spencer Trail Wildcats, and cannot wait to see what this year has in store!!

Jenny Christophersen, Principal

Jen Pender, Assistant Principal



## Our Office Staff and Info

Superintendent- Dr. Lori Motsch  
Principal- Mrs. Jennifer Christophersen  
Assistant Principal- Mrs. Jen Pender  
Secretary- Mrs. Jamie Key  
Secretary- Mrs. Jill Foytik

Office Hours- 7:20 AM-3:50PM  
Phone Number- (815) 462-7007



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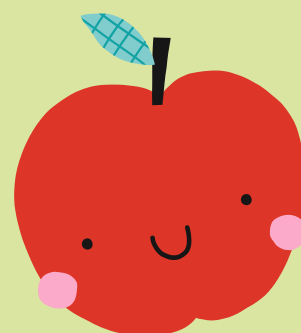
September 1<sup>st</sup>- No School - Labor Day

September 16<sup>th</sup>- School Board Meeting  
6PM @ Martino

September 18<sup>th</sup>- Character Counts Assembly  
Wear **Green** for Responsibility

September 19<sup>th</sup>- Half Day Institute. AM students  
attend for an extended day 8:25AM-11:25AM.  
Please add 30 minutes to bus drop off time. **NO  
SCHOOL for PM students.**

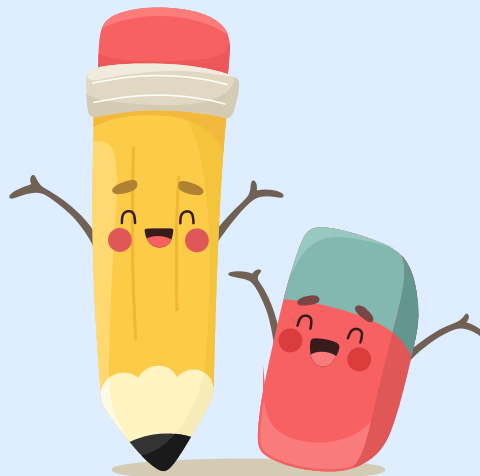
September 25<sup>th</sup>- Open House  
AM Students attend from 5:30PM-6PM  
PM students attend from 6:15PM-6:45PM

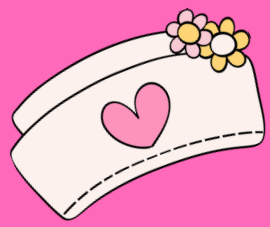




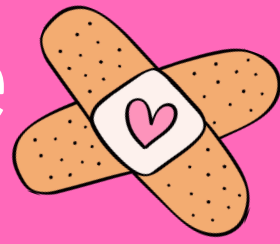
# Meet the Staff

Principal:	Jennifer Christophersen	Art/Music Teacher:	Catie Tinny
Asst.Principal:	Jen Pender	Librarian:	Sheena Ozbolt
Secretaries:	Jamie Key	P.E. Teacher:	Bruce Lundborg
	Jill Foytik		
Nurse:	Cami Kaczor	Speech Pathologist:	Dana Rains
		Social Worker:	Kaitlyn Hamacker
Teachers:		Psychologist:	Colleen Dewan
Green Neighborhood:	Patti Chimino	Reading Specialist:	Erica Oberts
	Cathy Brinkmeier	OT:	Collen Patton
	Julie Groos	PT:	Tracey Riley
	Cheryl Martino		
		Custodian:	Keith Hospodor
Yellow Neighborhood:	Nicki Anderson		
	Kim Langlois		
Red Neighborhood:	Nina Davis		
	Jen Fyke		
	Jeanine Tustin		
Blue Neighborhood:	Jaymie Callahan		
	Leslie Kinsella		
Classroom Aides:	Kelli Clevon		
	Shannon Dicola		
	Gabriela Guerrero- Magana		
	Tanya Perez		





# A Note from Nurse Cami!



## **Spencer Trail families:**

Thank you for helping us meet the state requirements by returning your physical and immunization information. **If you still have not uploaded your child's physical and immunizations, please do so ASAP and no later than October 15th to avoid having your child excluded from school.** Public Act 95-0671 became effective January 1, 2008 requiring all children enrolling in kindergarten, or any student enrolling for the first time in a public or parochial school on or after this date to have an eye examination by a physician or an optometrist within one year prior to entering school. This exam is to be completed and the form turned in by October 15th. Proof of dental evaluation is needed by May 1st so please remember at your child's next visit to have the dentist complete the dental examination form. Copies of all health related forms are available on [www.nlsd122.org](http://www.nlsd122.org) website, just click on registration forms and you will see a list of all related health forms you might need.

Thank you.

# Specialist Spotlight



## P.E. News From Mr. Lundborg:

Below is the P.E. schedule for each neighborhood:

Monday- Brinkmeier, Chimino, Groos, and Martino

Tuesday- Anderson and Langlois

Wednesday- Davis, Fyke, Tustin, and Barrett



## Library News From Mrs. Ozbolt

Below is our library schedule for each neighborhood:

Monday- Anderson and Langlois

Wednesday- Brinkmeier, Chimino, Groos, and Martino

Friday- Fyke, Davis, Tustin, and Barrett

## Art and Music News From Mrs. Tinny

Below is our art and music schedules for each neighborhood

Tuesday- Fyke, Davis, Tustin, and Barrett

Thursday- Brinkmeier, Chimino, Groos, and Martino

Friday- Anderson and Langlois

## Important Information

**Absence** - If your student will be absent from school please call the office at (815) 462-7007. If you call after hours, leave a message with your student's name, teacher and the reason for their absence. In the event we do not receive a call, the office will begin calling parent contacts and emergency contacts until an adult can confirm the attendance. **In the event that we are unable to reach any contacts, then the New Lenox Police Department will be contacted and a wellness check will be performed.**

**Departure** - Please let the teacher and the office know of any changes with your student's departure. For example, if your student normally takes the bus and you want them to be a car rider for the day, call the office to let them know of the change.

## Spirit Wear!

### Spencer Trail Spirit Wear!!!

Here is the link to order your wildcats wear! Link closes on September 7th...

[Click Here](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

Open House at Spencer Trail

Mark your calendars! We will have an Open House on Thursday, September 25th.

AM students 5:30-6:00PM

PM students 6:15-6:45PM

Come with your student to see our school and meet their teachers!

Picture day will be  
**October 2nd!**



## 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.

### ***2025-2026 Screening Dates***

September 19th      November 21st      March 13th      May 8th

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



***WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO AN  
AMAZING SCHOOL YEAR!!!***