



April Monthly 2023

Spencer Trail Times

Principal - Mrs Deirdre Scott

Assistant Principal - Mrs Jennifer Christophersen

Secretary - Mrs Jessica Juergens

Secretary - Mrs Jamie Key

Superintendent - Dr Lori Motsch

Office Hours - 7:20am - 3:50pm

Phone number - 815-462-7007

A Note From Your Principals:

Dear Spencer Trail Families,

Spring is finally upon us! Spring is a wonderful time of year. The birds are chirping, the air is warmer, and the flowers are blooming. Spring is also happening at Spencer Trail. Students are blooming in many ways. They are reading, writing, and preparing for first grade. They are growing taller and more confident. They are making deep connections with friends and staff. They are changing so much. Just think back to the first day of kindergarten in August. Just like the flowers blooming outside, it is amazing how much growth can happen for our students over just a few months.

Students are also excited to get back out to the Spencer Trail playground again. They are running and playing with students in their class. This is such a joyful sound for all of us to hear. The laughter and giggles are music to our ears. We hope your family enjoys this spring season and cherishes these little ones blossoming before our eyes.

Deirdre Scott

Principal

Jenny Christophersen

Assistant Principal

Please check our [Virtual Backpack](#) for upcoming programs and events!

April

April 3rd - April 7th - Spring Break; No School

April 10th - School Resumes

April 25th - School Board Meeting

May 1st - Teacher Appreciation Week starts

May 5th - ½ day of School (PM and DK only attend)

June 1st - Last day of school for Kindergarten



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A Note from Nurse Cami



As a reminder, proof of dental examination is required for all kindergartners. All dental forms are due no later than May 1st. Thanks to all that have turned in their forms!

I thought I'd answer some frequently asked dental questions. Answers are from the American Dental Hygienists' Association website www.adha.org.

At what age do children start to loose their baby teeth? Children begin to loose their baby teeth anywhere between the ages of 5 and 7. Usually the front teeth on the bottom are the first to go.

Should children use the same type of toothbrush as adults? NO. Children should use a similar brush that is more proportional to their mouths to make the brush easier to maneuver.

Can children use the same toothpaste as adults? YES, all that you need from your toothpaste is the fluoride to help strengthen teeth and protect from cavities. Remember a pea-sized drop of paste is all you need to do the job.

How many times a day should teeth be brushed? TWICE-after breakfast and at night before bed. Any extra times are great especially after sweet or sticky foods!

Keep those smiles bright!!

School Nurse

Ms. Cami Kaczor, BSN, RN

Specialists' Spotlight

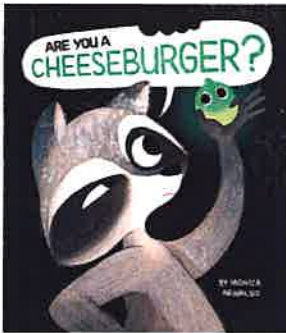


Library News from Mrs Ozbolt

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the book fair and a great big thank you to everyone who volunteered. The Spencer Trail staff and students appreciate your help so much!

Due to some delays, we finally voted on our Monarch Award book and the winner is (drumroll, please).....

Are You a Cheeseburger? by Monica Arnaldo



It was a sweet and silly story about patience and friendship. Ask your child about this one and see if they can retell the story to you.

Have a wonderful Spring Break and

Happy Reading!

Art & Music News from Mrs Archey

Happy Spring Spencer Trail!

We have been super busy. The students finished their Art show and they all did an amazing job! We are working on getting ready for first grade practicing uses with our markers and how to slow our work down.

We are doing a special project for spring using texture on Easter Bunnies. They are turning out amazing! For music we will be continuing note recognition and working with our rhythm sticks to learn different notes we can play together as a group.

Thank you so much! I hope you all are having a great Spring.

Mrs. Samantha Archey (Schultz)

Art & Music Teacher

Email: sschultz@nlsd122.org



Specialists' Spotlight

P.E. News from Mr Lundborg (Mr L)

In March, we spent the month learning all about bowling and relay races. In April, we will start our shoe tying lesson and start to learn to play multi-directional games.

Please remember to pack gym shoes if you are dressing your child in sandals on gym day.



*If you have any questions about what activities we will be doing, please feel free to contact me.

*Did your son or daughter complete an outstanding achievement? Send a note to me. I would love to hear about it!

Practicing Kindergarten/1st Grade Skills

Many parents have expressed frustration while trying to work on specific academic skills with their child. Our advice is pure and simple, make it fun! We have generated a list of "fun games" along with what specific skill each game addresses. We encourage everyone to have a "family game night". You may be surprised at how your child will cherish this time with you and learn a concept or two in the process.

Games that address alphabet recognition, sound recognition, emergent level reading, and word formation are A-Z Jr. Game (Fundex Games), Scrabble Jr. (Hasbro) and Boggle Jr. (Parker Brothers).

Games that address counting, addition, subtraction, and basic multiplication are Monopoly Jr. (Parker Brothers), Uno (Mattel) and Yahtzee (Parker Brothers).

Games that address logic, reasoning, and problem solving are Rush Hour Jr. (ThinkFun), Mastermind For Kids (Pressman Toy), Clue Jr. (Parker Brothers) and 3D Labyrinth (Ravensburger).



Important Information



Spencer Trail is going to Hawaii

Get your swimsuits and sunscreen ready!
Spencer Trail will celebrate Hawaii day in May.

More info to come



**April 3rd – First Day to register
students for the next school
year. Log on to your
Powerschool account to
register your student.**

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 weeks of April 11th-20th, 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 April 21st-28th. The ISA consists of three units and will be administered during your child's science class.

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.

2023 Screening Dates - May 5th

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

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SNAPSHOT OF NLSD 122 PTO APRIL 2023



STAY CONNECTED WITH US



CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

5K WALK/RUN

FAMILY NIGHT WITH

THE JOLIET SLAMMERS

8TH GRADE GRADUATION YARD SIGNS

FRIDAY, MAY 5TH: 8TH GRADE DANCES
6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

LIBERTY JR. HIGH: "ON THE RED CARPET"

MARTINO JR. HIGH: "UNDER THE STARS"

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS APRIL 20TH ELECTION

PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY,
CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY

INTERESTED CANDIDATES SHOULD
SIGN UP ON PTO'S WEBSITE.



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SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH

7:30 PM

PTO MEETING

WITH PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

@ DISTRICT OFFICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH

11:00 AM TO 8:30 PM

DINE & DONATE

@ PIZZA MIA

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH

CHALK THE WALK

SEE FLYER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MONDAY, MAY 1ST TO FRIDAY, MAY 5TH

TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

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THE TEACHERS AND STAFF OF NEW LENOX
SCHOOL DISTRICT 122 ARE MAKING LEARNING
AN ADVENTURE AND STEERING OUR STUDENTS
DOWN THE ROAD TO SUCCESS!

HELP US CELEBRATE ALL NEW LENOX SCHOOL
DISTRICT EMPLOYEES THE WEEK OF MAY 1ST
THROUGH MAY 5TH!

[https://www.newlenoxpto.org/
staff-appreciation-may.html](https://www.newlenoxpto.org/staff-appreciation-may.html)

WWW.NEWLENOXPTO.ORG

**NEW LENOX 122 PTO
PRESENTS**

CHALK THE WALK

**BYOC
BRING YOUR
OWN
CHALK**

WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH

TIME: ALL DAY EVENT

WHERE: ALL 12 NLSD 122 SCHOOLS

KICK OFF STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK BY DECORATING THE SIDEWALKS IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOLS TO SHOW OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE THEM.

**DONATE TO
STAFF
APPRECIATION
WEEK**



**FACEBOOK
EVENT
PAGE**
<https://fb.me/exSRMHgPum>

<https://new-lenox-school-district-teacher-staff-appreciation-week.cheddarup.com>

Web: WEBMASTER@nl.org

TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION SPIRIT WEEK



MAY 1-5
NEW LENOX SCHOOL DISTRICT 122

**SHOW YOUR SPIRIT
FOR THE BEST
STAFF AROUND**

**MAY 1
MONDAY**



JERSEY DAY

We are our teachers' biggest fans!
Wear your favorite college/sports team jersey or shirt.

**MAY 2
TUESDAY**



HAT DAY

We tip our hats to teachers!
Wear your favorite hat.

**MAY 3
WEDNESDAY**



ROCK & ROLL

Our teachers totally rock!
Wear your rock and roll attire.

**MAY 4
THURSDAY**



CRAZY SOCKS DAY

Our teachers knock our socks off!
Wear your craziest or mismatched socks.

**MAY 5
FRIDAY**



SUNGLASSES DAY

Our future is so bright thanks to our teachers!
Wear your coolest shades.

DONATE TO TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK:

my.cheddarup.com/c/new-lenox-school-district-teacher-staff-appreciation-week

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5K RUN/WALK

FOR MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

Saturday, May 20, 2023

9am | New Lenox Commons

Raising money to enhance social-emotional awareness within staff, students, and community

Featuring:

- Chip & bib 5K run/walk
- Wellness Fair
- Free fitness classes
- Youth activities
- Food trucks

Donations accepted, and sponsorships are available.

8:15am | Packet Pickup

9:00 | Runners Start

9:10 | Walkers Start

8-11 | Wellness Fair

10-11:30 | Activities & Classes

**BE THE
SPARK**

5K RUN/WALK

FOR MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

**CLICK HERE
TO LEARN MORE & REGISTER**
visit bit.ly/5kNewLenox
or scan this image



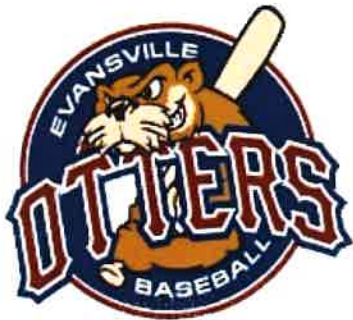
This is a non-profit event. All proceeds and donations will be evenly presented to 2 nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations: New Lenox School District 122 Wellness Committee and New Lenox School District 122 PTO.

The mission of the New Lenox School District 122 Wellness Committee is to promote the lifelong health and wellness of the staff, students, and community through education and efforts that encourage habits of wellness.

The NLSD 122 PTO (New Lenox School District 122 Parent/Teacher Organization) raises funds to help better the students/ education and wellness through library, music, art and physical education program enhancements, replenishing indoor and outdoor recess equipment, academic support grants and assemblies as well as teacher reimbursements and student scholarships.

Batter up, it's time for some fun,
swing on over, let's see a home run!

FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE JOLIET SLAMMERS



FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND
6:35 PM GAME TIME
GATES OPEN AT 5:35 PM



\$10 TICKETS

ALL TICKETS MUST BE ORDERED BY MONDAY, MAY 8TH



<https://family-night-with-the-joliet-slammers.cheddarup.com>

TICKETS WILL BE SENT HOME THE WEEK OF MAY 22ND
FEATURING PRINCESS NIGHT, POST-GAME FIREWORKS, CASH 50/50 RAFFLE, AND
VIDEO BOARD SHOUTOUTS

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QUESTIONS: SLAMMERSPTO@GMAIL.COM



**DINE &
DONATE**

PIZZA MIA

FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH

11AM-8:30PM ORDER 815-463-8300

PLEASE MENTION NLSD 122 PTO AT THE TIME OF SERVICE

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