



August/September Monthly 2023

Spencer Trail Times

Principal - Mrs Deirdre Scott

Assistant Principal - Mrs Jennifer Christophersen

Secretary - Mrs Jamie Key

Secretary - Mrs Jennifer Trautvetter

Superintendent - Dr Lori Motsch

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

Phone number - 815-462-7007

Dear Spencer Trail Families,

It is with great excitement that we welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year. We are honored to have the opportunity to lead a school that is dedicated to excellence, but more importantly, to children. Not only are we excited to begin working with your children, but we look forward to the work we will do together. As an old Proverb states, "It takes a village to raise a child." We truly believe this! Along with you, we also have a group of talented educators that are passionate and dedicated to educating children. In order for us to be successful, we ask you to work with us as a partner in education. Open communication is encouraged. Please call if you have questions or concerns. Any member of the Spencer Trail staff is more than happy to answer any questions you may have. Additionally, you will receive various weekly and monthly newsletters. We also urge families to refer to the NLSO website and our school website for the most current district wide information. The district website is a wonderful resource for parents.

Once again, welcome to Spencer Trail. We are so thankful to have you here.

We look forward to getting to know you and your children.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Deirdre Scott

Principal

Mrs. Jennifer Christophersen

Assistant Principal

SEPTEMBER

September 4th - Holiday; No School

September 15th - PTO Meeting at Spencer Trail 9:30am/1pm

September 19th - School Board Meeting at 6pm

September 21st - Character Counts - wear **GREEN** for Responsibility

September 22nd- Half Day Institute. *AM students attend for an extended day 8:25am-11:25pm.* Please add 30 minutes to bus drop off time. *DK students attend from 8:25am to 11am.* **NO SCHOOL for PM students.**

September 28th - Open House AM Students -5:45-6:15pm
PM students 6:45-7:15pm

October 3rd - Coffee with the Principal -9:30am/1pm



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 website, just click on registration forms and you will see a list of all related health forms you might need. Thank you.

If your child is sick and will be absent from school, please call the office to let them know.

815-462-7007

Meet the Staff

Principal: Deirdre Scott
Asst Principal Jennifer Christophersen
Secretaries: Jamie Key
Jennifer Trautvetter
Nurse: Cami Kaczor

Teachers-

Green Neighborhood: Patti Chimino
Julie Groos
Cheryl Martino
Leslie Kinsella

Yellow Neighborhood: Nicki Anderson
Cathy Brinkmeier
Amie Englert
Kim Langlois

Red Neighborhood: Nina Davis
Jen Fyke
Jeanine Tustin
Marissa Walsh

Blue Neighborhood: Jaymie Callahan

Classroom Aides: Elizabeth Estrada
Lisa Ritter
Shannon DiCola
Tanya Perez
Kelli Clevon
Karen Wingfield
Gabriela Guerrero-Magana

Speech Pathologist: Dana Rains
Social Worker: Kaitlyn Hamaker
Diagnostician: Abigail Gorecki
Reading Specialist: Nicole Richards
OT: Colleen Patton
PT: Raymie Doyle
Tracy Riley
Art/Music: Sam Archey
Library: Sheena Ozbolt
Gym: Bruce Lundborg

Custodian: Keith Hospodor



Specialists' Spotlight

P.E. News

Below is our P.E.
Schedule:

**Monday - Chimino - Groos -
Martino - Kinsella**

**Tuesday - Anderson -
Langlois - Brinkmeier -
Englert**

**Wednesday - Fyke - Davis -
Tustin - Walsh**



Library News

Below is our Library
Schedule:

**Monday - Anderson -
Langlois - Brinkmeier -
Englert**

**Wednesday - Chimino -
Groos - Martino - Kinsella**

**Friday - Fyke - Davis -
Tustin - Walsh**



Art and Music News

Below is our Art and Music
Schedule:

**Tuesday - Fyke - Davis -
Tustin - Walsh**

**Thursday - Chimino - Groos
- Martino - Kinsella**

**Friday - Anderson -
Langlois - Brinkmeier -
Englert**



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.

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.



-SMILE

**Picture Day is
October 12th**

Open House at Spencer Trail

Mark your calendars! We will have an Open House on Thursday, September 28th.

**AM students 5:45-6:15pm
PM students 6:45-7:15pm**

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

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.

2023-2024 Screening Dates

September 22nd

November 17th

March 8th

May 10th

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

SEXTING CYBER-BULLYING SNAPCHAT INSTAGRAM



A powerful presentation **empowering students** on how to protect themselves and understand the risks of social networks and gaming.

New Lenox School District 122 will be hosting a "Keeping Our Kids Cyber Safe" presentation on the following dates:

9/12/2023 - 6:00pm-7:30pm at Liberty Jr. High

9/13/2023 - 6:00pm-7:30pm at Martino Jr. High

9/14/2023 - 6:00pm-7:30pm at Spencer Crossing

All parents, guardians, teachers, and grandparents are welcome to attend. Detective Diane DiSalvo of Be Sure Cyber Training is a nationally recognized High Technology Cyber Crimes Specialist. He will be presenting proactive strategies, expert insight, and invaluable resources designed to empower you to combat Cyber-Bullying and Sexting.

Presenting Information and Strategies on:

- Understand cyber-crime and that "No one online is anonymous"
- Understand appropriate protocols when a someone discloses issues of cyber-bullying, sexting, or sextortion.
- How to protect your kids from drug use.
- How to report criminal Cyber-Bullying.
- Understand the dangers of many popular apps
- How Internet investigations are conducted using subpoenas and search warrants.
- Understand social media laws such as: Harassment, Cyber-Stalking and False Personation.
- How to empower yourself to report cyber crime and harassment.
- How to protect your "digital foot print" and understand what it means to your future.
- Open Forum Q&A.



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For more information please visit www.besureconsulting.com

Parents/Guardians,

During our school year, we will practice drills for fire, shelter (weather), and lock down. The purpose of these drills is to prepare our students and staff to respond in the unlikely event of an emergency situation.

The following are the talking points our staff use with our primary aged students in regard to a lockdown **drill**. An announcement is made clearly indicating that this is a drill only and teachers prepare their class prior to the drill.

The first and most important step in any drill is **STOP... LISTEN to your teacher.**

LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

Students are trained to:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend



In addition to the information above, teachers discuss **Run, Hide, Fight** options with students. Student training includes the hide only option. Staff discuss with students what to do if they are in various locations that include run, hide, and fight options (ex: bathroom, hallway, gym, playground).



Your support in discussing these points with your child at home is greatly appreciated.