



SPENCER TRAIL TIMES

March newsletter 2026



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Kindergarten Families,

March is bringing lots of fun and excitement to our school! We look forward to celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a little extra green and a lot of kindergarten cheer!! Classrooms will be filled with festive activities and maybe even a bit of leprechaun mischief!

We're also very excited about our upcoming school musical, Fun in the Sun! Our students have been working hard, and we can't wait to see them shine on stage. It's always such a joyful way to celebrate their talents and build confidence.

Thank you for being such wonderful partners in making our school community so special!

Sincerely,
Jen Pender & Jenny Christophersen

THE OFFICE

SUPERINTENDENT- DR. LORI MOTSCH

PRINCIPAL- MRS. JENNIFER CHRISTOPHERSEN .

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL- MRS. JEN PENDER

SECRETARY- MRS. JAMIE KEY

SECRETARY- MRS. JILL FOYTIK

OFFICE HOURS- 7:20AM- 3:50PM

PHONE NUMBER- (815) 462-7007





MARCH 2ND- MARCH 6TH- READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

MARCH 6TH - SKY DOME ASSEMBLY

MARCH 8TH - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE

**MARCH 12TH- CHARACTER COUNTS ASSEMBLY- FAIRNESS
WEAR **ORANGE** FOR FAIRNESS**

**MARCH 13TH- HALF DAY OF SCHOOL FOR AM AND DK STUDENTS
NO SCHOOL FOR PM STUDENTS.**

MARCH 17TH- ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MARCH 19TH- SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AT 6PM.

MARCH 24TH- SPRING MUSICAL FOR GREEN NEIGHBORHOOD

MARCH 26TH- SPRING MUSICAL FOR **RED AND **YELLOW** NEIGHBORHOODS**

**MARCH 30TH - APRIL 6TH- SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
SCHOOL RESUMES ON APRIL 7TH!**



A NOTE FROM NURSE CAMI



National Poison Prevention Week March 15th – March 21st

As a reminder, in January 2007, the Illinois General Assembly passed a law that requires any Illinois residence with fossil fuel-burning appliances, such as gas-powered furnaces or water heaters, or with an attached garage, to install a carbon monoxide alarm within 15 feet of all sleeping areas. Carbon Monoxide is an invisible, tasteless and odorless gas that kills about 200 people in the United States every year. Please keep your family safe from this killer.

The Poison Prevention Week Council provides information about the events associated with National Poison Prevention Week, the steps that you can take to help prevent accidental poisonings and tips for promoting community involvement in poison prevention.

More than 2 million poisonings are reported each year to the 57 poison control centers across the country. More than 90 percent of these poisonings occur in the home. The majority of non-fatal poisonings occur in children younger than six years old. And, poisonings are one of the leading causes of death among adults.

The U.S. Congress established National Poison Prevention Week on September 16, 1961 (P.L. 87-319). Shortly thereafter, the Poison Prevention Week Council was organized to coordinate this annual event and promote poison prevention.

National Poison Prevention Week, the third week in March each year, is a week nationally designated to highlight the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them. We invite you to review the information on this site and become actively involved in helping ensure the safety of children and adults in your home and your community.

Visit www.illinoispoisoncenter.org for more information on this subject.

Library News from Mrs. Ozbolt

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of those who came to shop at the book fair. We really appreciate your support. The money is used to help buy some amazing new titles for our library. Also, a huge thank you goes out to our volunteers who helped with the event. Running a book fair is a lot of work and I couldn't have done it without you!

In library classes, we are still working on our Illinois Monarch Award books. Forming an opinion on a book is a great skill to learn at an early age. They are learning why and what they like about the stories we read, or what they don't like about it. This will help them in the future as they further develop their reading interests. We will read 5 to 6 titles on the Monarch Nominee list and then vote on our favorite one. We are a little behind schedule, so voting will hopefully take place the week before we leave for spring break. I will announce our Spencer Trail winners as soon as every class has voted and we have a winner.

I hope you all have a relaxing and fun
Spring Break!

Happy Reading!



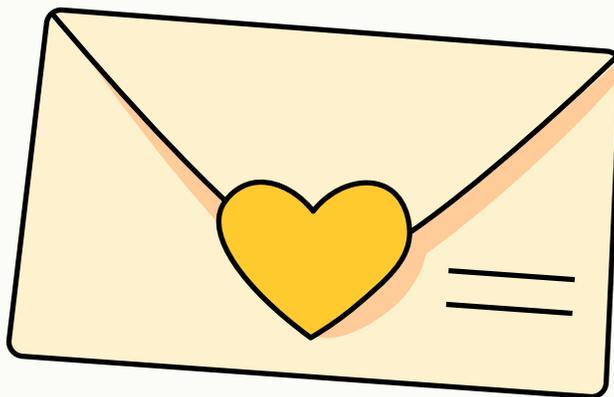
A Note from Mrs. Tinny

February was a wonderful month in the art and music room! The students worked so hard on all of the art that was displayed in the gym during our Spencer Trail Family Night. It was wonderful meeting so many families! Our art theme for March is all things shamrocks and landscapes. We'll be using lots of different shades of green and learning how to lighten and darken a color.

In music next month, students will learn some new music vocabulary: quarter note, half note, and whole note. They will be exposed to what these music symbols look like, and the difference between the three of them when played in a song. We will practice with various instruments in order to foster the understanding of this new concept.



Important Information



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

March 13th

May 8th

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

reminders

Memory Book Sales

Orders are online only.

Click [Here](#)

Link will close March 10.

NLPD 18th Annual Cops Care Food Drive

The New Lenox Police Department is holding its annual food drive. It runs until March 23rd. The classroom to bring in the most food items will receive a donut party (AM students) or a class pizza party (PM students). See the flyer on the next page for items they are in need of!

**FEB. 23
THRU
MARCH
23**

**NEW LENOX POLICE DEPARTMENT
18TH ANNUAL COPS CARE**



FOOD DRIVE

LIST OF ITEMS OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Coffee/Tea
- Breakfast Drinks
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Canned Fruit
- Rice
- Instant Potatoes
- Beans
- Seasonings/Spices
- Salad Dressings
- Condiments
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Flour
- Sugar
- Evaporated Milk
- Baking Soda/Powder
- Corn Starch

DONATION DROP OFF LOCATIONS

**New Lenox
Police Department**
200 Veterans Parkway

**New Lenox
Village Hall**
1 Veterans Parkway

**New Lenox School
District #122**

Questions? Email: Officer Kioltyka: kkioltyka@newlenox.net

Spencer Trail presents...

Fun in the Sun



Tuesday, March 24th, 2026

Brinkmeier

Chimino

Groos

Martino

Thursday, March 26th, 2026

Tustin

Barrett

Fyke

Davis

Anderson

Langlois

AM Session: 5:30-6:00

PM Session: 6:30-7:00

Students will need to arrive 15 minutes prior to show time. Shows will be starting promptly at 5:30 and 6:30. If your child is one of the first classes to sing and they are late, they might miss the show. Please arrive on time! Every class will be singing one special song. All classrooms will sing together at the end.

Everyone will enter through the west side of the building by the gym doors. One family member will walk your student to their classroom. At the end of the show, please send one adult family member to pick up your child in their classroom. Thank you for your cooperation! We look forward to this fun event!

Families can exit any door when they leave.

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

DYLAN C

ELLA C.

FAITH C.

ZACHARY D.

AMELIA G.

OLIVER G.

MAX G.

EASTON H.

AVERY J.

VIOLET K.

LOGAN K.

HENRY K.

BENJAMIN K.

MARIANNA M.

MIA N.

ANYA O.

FREYA O.

VINCENT R.

NORA R.

MORGAN R.

ZOEY R.

EMILY R.

RAYMOND S.

MADELYN S.

HUNTER S.

SAMUEL V.

RYAN W.

EDGAR Z.



NEW LENOX 122 PTO
PRESENTS

STRIKE GOLD

AT

FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

LARAWAY LANES

1009 W LARAWAY ROAD, NEW LENOX
LARAWAY LANES IS ADA-ACCESSIBLE

\$25 PER BOWLER

INCLUDES:

- 2 HOURS UNLIMITED COSMIC BOWLING
- SHOE RENTAL
- PIZZA & POP

SESSION 1:

- 12:30 PM TO 2:30 PM
- CHECK-IN STARTS @ 12:00 PM

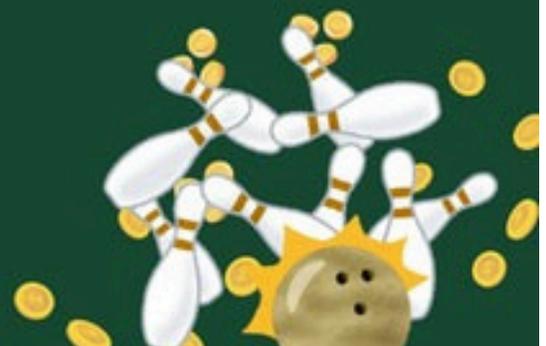
SESSION 2:

- 3:30 PM TO 5:30 PM
- CHECK-IN STARTS @ 3:00 PM

SALES CLOSE MARCH 10, 2026
OR WHILE SPACES LAST



PAY HERE





New Lenox School District 122

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Lori R. Motsch, Ed.D., Superintendent



February 27, 2026

Dear Parents, This is a reminder to participate in the parent survey supplement, part of the Illinois 5Essentials Survey administration. We guarantee that survey responses will *never* be connected to the identity of you or your child. School reports will only present aggregated information of how parents and students responded as a whole. A parent survey report will be generated if at least 20 percent of parents respond to the survey. While the parent data will not be made public, the parent report will be made available to the building principal and superintendent and will enable them to make considerations based on the responses given by parents. Your participation in the parent survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Again, your identity and individual survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. Please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> to take the parent survey. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact 5Essentials Customer Support at 1-866-440-1874 or impact-surveys@uchicago.edu. Sincerely,

Marianne Cucci, Ed.D
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Technology

5K/KIDS DASH

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS



Wellness Fair:

- Mental Health & Wellness business showcase
- Kids activities
- Food Trucks

**SATURDAY APRIL
25, 2026**

**9:00-
12:00PM**

**1 VETERANS PKWY
NEW LENOX**

8:15 am - packet pick-up and same day registration
9:00am- 5K runners and walkers
10:45- Kids Dash
Wellness Fair- 9:15-12pm

5K SIGN UP



Pricing:

Early Bird until 1/31

\$30 with shirt \$20 no shirt

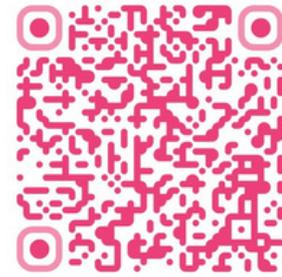
2/1-3/31 \$35 with shirt \$25 no shirt

4/1-4/16 \$40 with shirt

After 4/16 no guarantee for shirts

Dash free to run \$10 for a shirt

KIDS 3-10 DASH



BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

**NLSD 122 PTO, WELLNESS COMMITTEE, AND NEW LENOX SAFE
COMMUNITY COALITION**

NLSD122 PTO Meet + Mingle

Join us for an easy, casual night to meet other parents from around the district. It's a simple way to connect in a relaxed, adults-only setting.

Relax, connect, enjoy



Tom Kelly's
495 Degroate Rd,
New Lenox



Wed, March 11
5:30-7:30pm



PTO will provide
appetizers



Cash bar available

Connection. Conversation. Community.

