



May Monthly 2024

# Spencer Trail Times

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## A Note From Your Principals:

Dear Spencer Trail Families,

It is hard to believe that we are in our final month of school. It has been an absolute honor watching your children learn and develop this school year. As I think back to August 24th, I can't help but smile proudly at how much the students have grown; socially, academically and physically. Thank you for partnering with us to make this an extremely successful school year! May is truly a "celebration" month! The month begins by celebrating the work of our amazing staff during Staff Appreciation Week. The month ends with a special Hawaiian Celebration and the end of Kindergarten for our students. There is so much to look forward to throughout the month of May! On behalf of the entire staff, we wish each and every one of you much success as you go forth. We have enjoyed our time working with you and hope that you and your child have had a positive kindergarten experience that will last a lifetime. I would like to end our final newsletter with my favorite quote about saying goodbye: "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." ~ Carol Sobieski and Thomas Meehan, *Annie*

Thank you again for a wonderful school year!

Deirdre Scott

Principal

Jenny Christophersen

Assistant Principal

# May

**May 1st** - Teacher Appreciation Week starts today. Have your child draw a picture or write a note to their teacher.

**May 9th** - Ladies Day Out

**May 10th** - ½ day of School (only AM and DK attend)

**May 21st** - NLSD School Board Meeting

**May 23rd** - **RED** and **YELLOW** Neighborhood celebrate Hawaii day

**May 24th** - **GREEN** Neighborhood celebrate Hawaii day

**May 29th** - Olympic Day

**May 30th** - Last day of school for Kindergarten



# A Note from Nurse Cami



## **Block the sun, not the fun!**

This month I thought I would provide a little reminder about sun safety. Everyone, especially children, love to be in the sun. Unfortunately, children rack up between 50% and 80% of their lifetime exposure before the age of 18. Because of this, it is important that they know how to enjoy the sun safely. Here are some reminders on how to protect your child from the sun:

### **Avoid the strongest rays of the day**

Usually the hours between 10 am & 4 pm

### **Cover Up**

Wear hats!

Wear loose fitting long sleeves/pants

Try a new pair of sunglasses!

### **Apply Sunscreen**

~ Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going out in the sun.

~ Use liberal amounts of sunscreen. Don't forget the lips and scalp!

~ Look for sunscreen that gives UVA & UVB protection.

~ Infants under 6 months of age should not use sunscreen.

Also, if your child is on medication remember to consult your doctor or pharmacist about potential sun sensitivity with the medication.

For more sun safety information and some interactive fun for kids, please visit the EPA's Sunwise website at <http://www.epa.gov/sunwise/index.html>

# Specialists' Spotlight



## Library News from Mrs Ozbolt

In the library during April, it was Digital Citizenship month. We talked about how important it is to have balance between screen time and outdoor play time. We also talked about safety online and how important it is to stay on sites that only your grown-up approves of. We also got to explore some brand new books that were added to the library, as well as some new characters. In May, we will use our imagination and become illustrators to some of our picture book ideas, as well as explore wordless picture books and participate in related activities.

Also in May, our last check out will be the week of May 6th. Students will only borrow one book during the first two weeks in May, but only IF THEY HAVE RETURNED ALL OTHER BOOKS. It is inventory time! All books are due the week of May 13th.

On a personal note, thank you so much for allowing me to spend time with your children here at Spencer Trail. It has been an absolutely wonderful year and I have really enjoyed my time with all the students. Thank you!!

Keep reading! Remember to sign up for the New Lenox Public Library summer learning challenge. It's a great way to continue to foster the love of reading in your child.

**Happy Summer!**

## Art & Music News from Mrs Archey

Happy Spring Spencer Trail Families!

We had such a busy and fun year in art and music! This month, we are finishing up our fine arts journey as we review some skills from the year. I personally want to thank you all so much for a great year here at Trail. Your students all did such an amazing job in their music and art class this year! I am so grateful I got to teach and watch your students grow and learn. I wish you a happy and healthy summer.

Best of luck in 1<sup>st</sup> grade!

**Warm and Peaceful Wishes**

**from your Kindergarten art and music  
teacher!**

Mrs. Samantha Archey (Schultz)

Art & Music Teacher

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# Important Information

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

In April, we spent the month learning to tie our shoes. In May, we will finish up 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!

## Spencer Trail is going to Hawaii



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

May 23rd - Red & Yellow  
neighborhood

May 24th - Green  
neighborhood



# Important Information

**Congratulations Spencer Trail Kindergarten Students!**



**Ladies Day Out**  
**Spencer Trail will host Ladies Day Out**  
**on Thursday, May 9th. We invite 1**  
**special lady per student to be**  
**pampered.**

**AM -10am DK -1pm PM -2pm**

Our baby chicks should hatch around the first week in May. The excitement has been building as we wait for their arrival!



## 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.

**2024 Screening Dates - May 10th**

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

# BE THE FORCE

BEHIND MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

## 5K RUN/WALK

HOSTED BY THE NLSD 122 PTO

SATURDAY,  
MAY 4TH, 2024

09:00 AM



NEW LENOX COMMONS

Raising money to  
promote social-  
emotional awareness  
amongst staff, students,  
and community

### SCHEDULE:

8:15 AM PACKET PICKUP

9:00 AM RACE START

10:45 AM KIDS DASH

9:30-12 WELLNESS FAIR

(feat. food trucks and kids activities)

### KIDS ACTIVITIES:

- Crayola art
- Face painting
- Bounce houses
- Mr. Freeze
- Adler Planetarium
- Hair chalk/tinsel



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

CLICK OR SCAN  
TO REGISTER



5K  
(ALL AGES)



KIDS DASH  
(AGES 3-9)

NEW LENOX 122 PTO PRESENTS



# Family Night

WITH THE

# Joliet Slammers

BATTER UP, IT'S TIME FOR SOME FUN, SWING ON OVER,  
LET'S SEE A HOME RUN!

**MAY**  
**31**  
**2024**

**DULY HEALTH AND  
CARE FIELD**

1 Mayor Art Schultz Drive,  
Joliet

**GAME TIME**  
**6:35 PM**

**GATES OPEN**  
**5:35 PM**

**TICKET SALES CLOSE: MONDAY, MAY 6TH**

**TICKETS WILL BE SENT HOME THE WEEK OF MAY 20TH**

**FEATURING PRINCESS NIGHT, POST GAME FIREWORKS,  
AND CASH 50/50 RAFFLE**

**IF UNABLE TO ATTEND, 2024 REGULAR SEASON GAME  
VOUCHERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

**ACCESSIBLE SEATING AVAILABLE**

**CLICK HERE**



# NEW LENOX SCHOOL DISTRICT 122 | 2023-2024 CALENDAR

**Gray**=School Day  
**Red**= Holiday (No School)  
**Blue**=Teacher Institute (No School)  
**Green**=Teacher SIP-School Improvement Day (1/2 Day of School)  
**Orange**= PT Conferences (No School)  
**Purple**=Emergency Days  
**Yellow**=New Teacher Orientation  
**Bold** = Pay Day

| JANUARY '24 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S           | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|             | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7           | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14          | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21          | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28          | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |

**08** Institute Day: No School  
**09** Classes Resume  
**15** Holiday: No School

| AUGUST '23 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S          | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|            |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6          | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13         | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20         | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27         | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |

**17** New Teacher Orientation  
 Find Your Way Day (1-8)  
**18** New Teacher Orientation  
**21** Institute Day: No School  
**22** Institute Day: No School  
**23** 1<sup>st</sup> Full Day (1-8)  
 Cherry Hill/K Orientation  
**24** 1<sup>st</sup> Day Cherry Hill/K

| FEBRUARY '24 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S            | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|              |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 4            | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11           | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18           | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25           | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |    |    |

**16** SIP Day (1/2 Day)  
**19** Holiday: No School

| SEPTEMBER '23 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S             | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|               |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3             | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10            | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17            | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24            | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

**4** Holiday: No School  
**22** SIP Day (1/2 Day)

| MARCH '24 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S         | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|           |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3         | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10        | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17        | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24        | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31        |    |    |    |    |    |    |

**25** Spring Break Begins

| OCTOBER '23 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S           | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
| 1           | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 8           | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15          | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22          | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29          | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |

**9** Holiday: No School  
**31** SIP Day (1/2 Day)

| APRIL '24 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S         | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|           | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7         | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14        | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21        | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28        | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |    |

**2** Classes Resume  
**19** Institute: No School

| NOVEMBER '23 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S            | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|              |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5            | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12           | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19           | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26           | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |

**17** SIP Day (1/2 Day)  
**20** P/T Conf: No School  
**21** P/T Conf: No School  
**22-24** Thanksgiving Break

| MAY '24 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S       | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|         |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5       | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12      | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19      | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26      | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

**10** SIP Day (1/2 Day)  
**27** Holiday: No School  
**30** Last Day of School EC/PB/K  
**31** SIP Day (1/2 Day)  
 (Last day 1-8)

| DECEMBER '23 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S            | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|              |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3            | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10           | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17           | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24           | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31           |    |    |    |    |    |    |

**21** SIP Day (1/2 Day)  
**22** Winter Break Begins

| JUNE '24 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S        | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|          |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 2        | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9        | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16       | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23       | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30       |    |    |    |    |    |    |

Emergency Days (if needed)  
**19** Holiday

|              | TRI 1 | TRI 2 | TRI 3 |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Start        | 8-23  | 11-13 | 2-26  |
| Mid T        | 9-29  | 1-12  | 4-12  |
| End          | 11-10 | 2-23  | 5-30  |
| Report Cards | 11-17 | 3-1   | 5-30  |