

August 24, 2017

Dear Lindbergh Parents,

It is a great honor and privilege that I welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year as the new principal of Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary School. As I begin my first year at Lindbergh, I am grateful for the opportunity to be a member of this great community. I have previously taught for many years at both the elementary and middle school level and served for the last several years as an elementary principal at an IB candidate international school in Doha, Qatar.

One of my main goals is to ensure we continue to have an educational program that is academically rigorous, relevant, and differentiated to meet the needs of students. This can only be achieved by creating a positive school culture focused on students learning, high expectations and collaboration amongst the entire Lindbergh community. I look forward to building a productive relationship with each and every one and welcome you to please stop by and introduce yourself in the days and weeks ahead.

This year we are so happy to be continuing our journey as A Leader in Me school. Please be sure to check out the Leader in Me pages on our school website.

<http://lindbergh.dearbornschools.org/>

The first day of school, **Tuesday, Sept. 5th, is a half day of school.** The first bell to enter the building will sound at **8:35 AM** with the tardy bell sounding at **8:40 AM**. Dismissal for all half days is **11:45 AM**. Wednesday, September 6th will be a full day of school for students in grades 1-5. Regular dismissal time is **3:35 PM**. Please make a note of the school office phone: **313-827-6300**. **It is important to call the school every time your child is going to be absent, tardy, or needs an early dismissal from class so that unnecessary calls to you may be avoided. Please use the attendance line, available 24 hours and leave a detailed message with your child's name, teacher and reason for absence. The office checks these every morning and through-out the day. If your student arrives after 8:40 a.m. (9:40 a.m. on late start days) you must come into the office to sign in your student.**

We will be having a soft start for **Young 5's and Kindergarten** this year. Students will attend school **Tuesday, Sept. 5 to Friday, Sept. 8 from 8:35-11:45 AM**. Parents will be asked to sign up for a time to bring their student to school for another small assessment of their present readiness skills. It is an exciting time for our new young friends and our staff.

**For parents of students new to Lindbergh this year K-5**, there will be a short meeting on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium shortly after the 8:40 tardy bell to introduce our PTA officers and to discuss our positive behavior support system. We are looking forward to sharing our behavior plan with you. Parents, students, teachers and staff are important members of a team to help our students shine and become strong members of society while attending our school.

There will be three lunch periods again this year. Grades 1 & 5 will be from 11:30-12:00, Young 5's, Kindergarten & 2nd from 12:00-12:30, and grades 3 & 4 from 12:30-1:00. We will be talking about the procedures with the students to make for a smooth lunch time. No one should feel rushed and should be able to get outside daily. The price for lunch is \$2.75, reduced lunch price is \$0.40, and milk will be \$0.50. This year breakfast will be served from 8:15-8:35 AM. The cost is \$1.25 and the reduced price is \$0.30. We encourage you to send a check made out to Dearborn Public Schools to prepay for breakfasts and/or lunches at any time. That way you will be ahead of the game!

Class lists will be posted on the doors on the afternoon of **Thursday, August 31st by 3:00 PM**. If your child's name is not on any list, please report to the office the first day of school. The teachers will be coming outside to pick up the students every morning. Please see the following list to see where your student(s) should line up:

**South Playground (near Kdgn)**

1 – \*Empty\*  
2 – Lorber -2  
3 – Miller - 1  
4 – Wright - Kdgn  
5 – Ruselink – Y5  
6 – Schropp – Y5  
7 – Stetz - Kdgn  
8 - Noe - 1  
9 – Robins - 2

**East Playground (near Café)**

1 – Wilkie - 4  
2 – Hickson-5  
3 – Bush - 5  
4 – \*Empty\*  
5 – Polidori - 3  
6 – Lybik - 3  
7 – Knaus - 4  
8 – Currie-4/5  
9 – \*Empty\*

On Late Start days, school will begin 1 hour later with the entry bell ringing at 9:35am and the tardy bell at 9:40 am. Students may come at 9:15am to purchase breakfast in the cafeteria and will remain there until the entry bell rings.

Late start dates are as follows:

Wednesday, Oct. 18	Wednesday, November 15	Wednesday, December 20
Wednesday, January 17	Wednesday, February 7	Wednesday, March 14
Wednesday, May 16		

Please make note of these dates for the rest of 2017.

Sept. 14– Open House 6:00pm-7:30pm  
Oct. 13 – Half day 11:45 AM Dismissal  
Nov. 3 - Half day 11:45 AM Dismissal  
Nov. 7 - No School  
Nov. 22-24 – No school  
Dec. 25- Jan. 5 – No school Winter Break

Enjoy the rest of your summer. We are looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Sincerely,

Ms. Zainah Tiba  
Principal of Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary