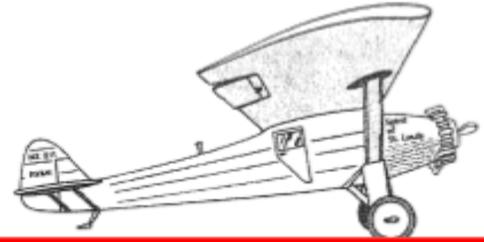


# LINDBERGH FLYER



Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary School - 500 North Waverly - Dearborn, Michigan - (313)827-6300

## October 2018

### **Welcome to fall at Lindbergh School!**

We now have 322 students in our building from Y5-5<sup>th</sup>. It is wonderful to see all of the faces of the children again.

The school year has been progressing very well. All of our students have finished taking the NWEA tests. Grades 3-5 take Language, Reading, Math and Science. Grades K-2 take only Reading and Math. The students worked hard to show us what they know. Our school data will be posted soon in front of the office. Parent reports will also be available soon. If interested, you will be able to discuss this more with teachers at the conferences in November.

Please remember, Lindbergh as well as all other schools in Dearborn continues to maintain a Bully Free Zone. We make sure that students have clear expectations on what behaviors we want to see in school and call it The Lindbergh Way! Expectations for the hallways, bathrooms and cafeteria have been updated to reflect our Leader in Me initiative and the updated ones will be posted on the walls around the building making it visible for all. Teachers will continue to go over these expectations throughout the year. These expectations stem from three main pillars: Respect, Responsibility and the need for Safety.

We recently had our first Positive Behavior Support reward for students that followed the rules and exhibited positive behavior. As a reward, the Dearborn High School Choir was invited

to perform for our students who stayed on green for 80% or more of the days in September. Students that were unable to participate in last month's reward were retaught the expectations and will have an opportunity to hopefully participate in this month's reward.

Please remember **all** adults visiting the school **must** report to the office, sign in, and use a visitor button or sticker. This way we can know where you are in the case of an emergency, and so others will know that you belong in the building. This is an important safety issue for all of us. Staff will be wearing their ID badges and if parents wear the Visitor badges, children will be able to recognize the adults that are approved to be in the building during the school day. Thank you for helping us with this.

**As we are outside during the day more often, we kindly request that if parents need to communicate something to their child it needs to follow the school protocol by delivering messages through the school office and/or classroom teacher. There have been several instances where parents are calling his/her child to the fence at recess from their cars. Your child may know the car, but teachers don't. Thanks for your understanding.**

## **ATTENDANCE**

Lindbergh has a school wide goal of having an average of 95% attendance every month. Students are charting their own attendance and we are charting both classroom and building attendance daily. In order to count, you are on time and in school all day! In September we averaged 94%. We hope your children will be able to attend school every day and ensure our goal is met. However we know that illnesses occur. Please be sure to call the attendance line at **313-827-6301** to report your child's absence. Please leave a message if you are calling before or after school hours. We will be calling anyone who has not called in. This is essential for the safety of our children. Please also try to schedule doctor or dentist appointments for your children after school or on days off. Please notify the teacher ahead of time regarding appointments. This allows them to prepare the students homework. Arriving late and leaving early for appointments are marked against your child's attendance also. All students arriving late to school must report to the office and sign in prior to going to class. Requests for homework should be made at the time you report an absence so as to give teachers time to prepare assignments.

## **PTA**

Thank you to our fabulous PTA for everything that you do for us! Haunted School will be on Friday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Check out the PTA blog if you would like to help in some way for any of the great events here at Lindbergh. We always need you!

We have used our **BOX TOPS** for Education funds toward the purchase of many wonderful things for school. We appreciate your help with all of your contributions, so keep sending in your box tops! You can help support us just by doing your normal shopping at **Kroger**, too. Watch for a list to come home soon to show all the ways you can help.

## **Fall is here! Let's stay healthy!**

Cool weather, coats and colds are here! Please keep in mind that we try to keep our students as healthy as possible. Therefore, please keep your child home from school if they are ill and/or experiencing vomiting, diarrhea or a fever. Remember your child must be free of these symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school. Thank you for your support.

- Ms. Carrie Conn, School Nurse

## **WEATHER CHANGES**

Our goal is to go outside in the morning, afternoon and during lunch every chance we get. The weather is changing and it is important to check the weather in the morning for the day so students can be dressed appropriately. It is important to talk to your child about what you want them to wear outside with the weather. Often that means layering for a jacket in the morning which might not be needed later in the day. Please label all clothing with your student's name in order to clearly identify their belongings if they get separated from their owners.

**In the event that it is raining or extremely cold we will be lining up students inside. Parents please drop them off at their assigned entry door and allow them to enter the building alone. Service Squad and teachers will be available to ensure everyone gets to where they need to be safely.**

### **SAFETY FOR ALL**

It is essential that all families respect the safety of students and teachers at Lindbergh. Please remember to watch for others when dropping off or picking up students. We request that students do not cross the street to run to the car. They can either walk to the corner to cross and then walk back to the car or parents must come across to get them.

It has been brought to our attention that students are being dropped off early or picked up late and left unsupervised. We are concerned about student safety. Please remember that staff is not outside until 8:35 for student pickup, or after 3:35pm for student dismissal. Please do not leave your child unsupervised. Thank you for your cooperation and for keeping our students safe.

Our Safety Committee continues to recommend that we try to have our driving families follow a voluntary one way driving around the building: west on Myrtle, north on Waverly and East on Lodge Lane. Students can exit your vehicles on the curbside closest to the school this way. Also, there is to be NO student drop off or pick up in the teacher parking lot or the driveway off Myrtle. The lot is reserved for staff parking only. Additionally, please do not park in the bus lane before or after school. We appreciate your consideration in following these rules.

### **LOST and FOUND**

The Lindbergh lost and found is located in the old lockers outside of the gym. When you are here visiting, please be sure to look for any familiar items. We clean out the lockers twice a year and donate any unclaimed items to a local charitable organization.

**CONFERENCES - Nov. 8, 13 and 15.**  
**You must attend a parent teacher conference for your child to receive their first report card! If you haven't already signed up, please remember to do so.**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Oct. 19 – Haunted School 6:30-8:30**

**Oct. 26 – No school for Kindergartners and Young 5's only**

**Nov. 2 – 11:45 Dismissal**

**Nov. 6 – No School Election Day**

**Nov. 10 – Holiday Boutique**

**Nov. 13 – PTA mtg 7:00 PM**

**Nov. 21, 22, 23 – No School**



## **What is *The Leader in Me*?**

Hey new Lindbergh parents! *The Leader in Me* is a positive school-wide program that empowers every child to be a leader. It teaches leadership and life skills to your child through 7 Habits that we will learn and build upon throughout the year. The program motivates students to work together using their various talents and gifts, and encourages responsibility, self-confidence and initiative. All of our Lindbergh Flyers can be leaders in their own way!

## ***How can parents get involved?***

You can start at home by making a **Family Mission Statement**. The students have been working hard creating mission statements with their classes (part of Habit 2). All successful organizations and businesses have goals and objectives – why shouldn't families? We encourage you to make a mission statement together to identify what values are important for your family.

## ***Learn more at our PTA Meetings!***

At the PTA meeting on Tues. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mrs. Ruselink gave an introduction to *The Leader in Me* program. Our goal is to educate parents about the program and the habits, and to help you use the same language at home that your children are practicing at school. Join us at the next PTA meeting **Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7pm** for Habit 1 and 2. We hope you'll get on board and fly with us!

## **Tips for your Family Mission Statement:**

- Ask your family questions like:  
*“What are the things most important to you?”*  
*“What goals do we have as a family?”*  
*“What opportunities do we want to have?”*
- Compare answers and pick the most important values.
- Keep it simple so you can remember it.
- Write it down and put it where all can see it.
- Let every family member contribute – little ones can draw pictures.
- When you get off track – refer back to it as the goal you're striving for.

*Share your stories, successes and ideas with us! Email them to Mrs. Ackerman for our blog at [ackermm@dearbornschools.org](mailto:ackermm@dearbornschools.org)*

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*“Principles are timeless, universal, natural laws or fundamental truths like **kindness, respect, honesty**, etc. Values are the worth or priority we place on people, things, ideas or principles.” – Stephen R. Covey*

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