



WELCOME TO LONGWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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LWS | PARENT NEWS BULLETIN

by Mr. Reginald Patterson | Principal

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

With a goal of moving towards a paperless environment, we are trying several methods of communicating with the community and our parents.

What we have found is these new approaches are more efficient than a paper newsletter.

For example, we are using a program called [SCHOOL MESSENGER] to send text messages and voice mail to families.



Also, many teachers are now communicating with their parents with a phone app called [REMIND].

With Remind, a teacher can send a real-time message to a whole group of parents or an individual parent.

Remind is a free app. Ask your child's teacher about it.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached by email at rpatterson@brookwood167.org or by calling (708) 757-2100.



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Monitoring progress towards these goals is very important. How do you monitor a child's progress toward the goals you set together? There are two effective ways. One of the best is conferencing. Periodically, schedule a block of time with your child to discuss how well he/she is doing on the goals. Determine if there are any areas your child needs assistance. A second way to monitor progress toward goals is to keep a record. Teachers use grades, which work, but there are also checklists and rubrics. Monitor your child's progress by creating a checklist of what is needed to achieve their particular goals. Just a reminder...parents are encouraged to check PowerSchool on a weekly basis to receive progress updates in all of their child's classes.

Showcase your child's achievement by using a portfolio of their learning and invite family



members to view the portfolio at special occasions. Every Friday go through any schoolwork your child brought home for the week and place it in the portfolio. As you sort through the papers, talk about some of the assignments and what your child learned from it. Also ask your child how he or she can improve in a particular area. Done regularly, creating and sharing a portfolio of learning has several results:

- Shows your child that you value education

- Shows your child that you are interested in his/her educational experience.
- As your child improves, it provides him/her with a sense of purpose and pride.
- Helps your child see where his/her strengths and weaknesses are and motivates him/her to improve.

Keep your children's portfolios from year to year. They are fun to look back on as your kids get older. You will have a record of their schooling, and your child will have a record of his/her learning.

DROP-OFF / PICK-UP PROCEDURES

One of the biggest things you can do to help your child, is to make sure that they are at school on time each day.

If you are dropping off your child at the beginning of the day, please refrain from parking. The flow around the cones is a **[KISS & DROP]** area only. Kiss your child and drop them off.

Dropping off in the school bus curve is not safe and against the law. Drivers can receive a ticket.

The building is open for students at 8:10 am for breakfast. Please do not allow your child to

arrive to school earlier than 8:10 am because there is no supervision before that time.

We begin dismissal procedures at 3:00 pm. Walkers and van riders are dismissed first. Bus riders are dismissed next.

If you are changing your child's dismissal plan for a particular day, please send a note with your child. If it is an immediate change in plans, try to give ample notice to the office with a phone call describing the change.



[SAFETY IS A TOP PRIORITY!] If your child will be absent, please call our office at (708) 757-2100 before 9:00 am.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

SCHOOLS + PARENTS = SUCCESS

What happens when parents get involved in their children's education? Grades go up—and behavior improves, too. Whether it's reading together or attending a teacher conference, parent involvement does make a difference! We ask that you check your child's planner and homework daily. Never hesitate to call a teacher if you have questions or concerns regarding your child's progress. Every teacher has a planning period every day and is available to speak to parents during this time. Contact the office for teacher planning times.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO...

You can help your child do his or her best in school by:

- Making sure that your child attends school every day;
- Making sure that your child **READS** every day (readers are leaders);
- Making sure that your child gets a good night's sleep every night – we encourage parents to have their child turn in their cell phones to a parent at a designated time before bed (8:30 p.m.) because students often tell us how they text each other in the middle of the night;
- Reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he or she does not understand any directions;
- Setting a good example by respecting and supporting school efforts to support learning;
- Take advantage of museums, libraries, and community resources to enrich learning;
- Limiting television and video game time;
- Encouraging your child's best behavior at school;
- Making sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to study and read;
- Listening.

We expect **100%** participation of parents at our quarterly **Open House** events on:

- September 1st, 2016

As well as **Parent Teacher Conferences** held on:

- November 7th, 2016
- March 23rd, 2017

***Conference Times: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

BY ATTENDING THESE IMPORTANT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, YOU SHOW YOUR CHILD THE VALUE YOU PLACE ON HIS/HER EDUCATION!

SCHOOL SAFETY



All visitors to our school must report to the main office upon arrival. If a visitor has a scheduled appointment with a staff member, they must sign in and receive a Visitor's badge.

NOW TRENDING



BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE

[FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH!] Breakfast begins @ 8:10 a.m.



SCHOOL BEGINS AT [8:30 AM]...

It is very important that students are in their classrooms in their seats at the start of the school day, which is 8:30 a.m. The tardy bell rings at 8:30 a.m. Instruction begins at 8:35 a.m.



3RD & 4TH GRADE STUDENTS | JOIN THE CHOIR

Students interested in the choir can join the **[LONGWOOD SINGING STARTS]** led by Mr. Herald. Their first rehearsal is September 13th at 3:15 p.m. Students must turn in a signed parent consent form before the first date of rehearsal. Contact Mr. Herald for more information.

GET INVOLVED

LWS CALENDAR OF EVENTS [SEPTEMBER]

September 1st: 2:00 p.m. Dismissal for Students HB and LW Open House 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

September 2nd: 11:30 a.m. Dismissal for Students

September 5th: **Labor Day – No School**



September 7th / 30th: NWEA MAP Fall Testing Period

September 9th: Grandparents Day | 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

September 29th: Picture Day

September 22nd: First Day Of Autumn

September 28th: Parent University 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN FALL SCREENINGS

Screenings will be held on Wednesday, September 7th, 2016 & Thursday, September 8th, 2016. Your child must be 3 years old by September 1st, 2016.



All screenings are conducted by appointment only!

To make an appointment, please call (708) 757-2100.

Screenings will include Vision, Hearing, Speech/Language and age appropriate developmental activities.

The Pre-Kindergarten program services students in the Brookwood 167 & Sandridge 172 school Districts.

***There are a [LIMITED] number of spaces available!**

NOW TRENDING



SEPTEMBER IS...

[LICE PREVENTION] & [SICKLE CELL] MONTH

GRANDPARENTS TO SCHOOL DAY!

Longwood Elementary School
Date: Friday, September 9, 2016
Time: 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

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BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167
Dr. Val. C. Moore | Superintendent

BRING GRANDPARENTS TO SCHOOL DAY!

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AT LONGWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WE EXPECT OUR STUDENTS TO...

- BE SAFE
- BE RESPECTFUL
- BE RESPONSIBLE

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