



THE WILDCAT'S ROAR

Lebanon Borough School Family Newsletter

August/September 2023

Dr. Arcurio's Corner

Welcome back to a brand new school year filled with endless possibilities and exciting learning experiences! We hope this letter finds you well and rejuvenated after the summer break.

Our dedicated staff has been working diligently to create an enriching and safe learning environment for your children. We are thrilled to have your family as part of our school community once again. The support and involvement of our families play a vital role in the success of our students, and we are truly grateful for your partnership.

As we embark on this new journey together, we encourage you to stay engaged in your child's education. Attend parent-teacher conferences, participate in school events, and communicate with teachers to ensure the best possible learning experience for your child.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Back-to-School Night on September 14, 2023, where you'll have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers, learn about the curriculum, and get a glimpse of the exciting activities planned for the year ahead.

We are committed to fostering a positive and inclusive atmosphere where every student feels valued and empowered. Should you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Here's to a year filled with growth, discovery, and success. We look forward to seeing you at Lebanon Borough School very soon!

Please be on the lookout for my 3:00 pm Friday "LBS Important Information" emails to begin once school starts. This email contains most of the information that you need to know to keep up to date with what is happening at school.

Our school motto is "**Better Together!**" We will build upon the importance of being together and supporting one another. It will be exciting to once again build on our core theme that we can be a better version of ourselves when we work together. Be on the lookout for more to come on this.

Important Dates

Aug 23-24	Preschool and Kindergarten Camps 8:30 - 11:30 am
Aug 28/29	Teacher PD Days
Aug 30/31	1st Days for students - 12:45 pm dismissal
Sept 1&4	Labor Day Weekend - School Closed
Sept 5	School Open Full Day
Sept 5	BOE Mtg. 6:45pm
Sept 14	Back to School Night More info to come
Sept 25	School Closed - Yom Kippur

BETTER TOGETHER!

There are so many things that await the boys and girls this year and I am eager to get started. *Remember that our first day for students is Wednesday, August 30, 2023, and the school day runs from 8:40 am to 12:45 pm on that day. Our second day is Thursday, August 31, 2023, and runs on the same early dismissal schedule. Regular days begin on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, with the school day ending at 3:00 pm. Please note that the first day we will hold lunch and recess is Tuesday, September 5th.* Arrival and dismissal procedures are detailed in the section below. We will be utilizing the same procedures as we did last year.

I am looking forward to the upcoming weeks and welcoming back all of our families. More to come in the weeks ahead...

Better Together,
Bruce Arcurio Ed.D.
Superintendent

Lunch Orders - Lunch Service Starts Tuesday, September 5, 2023

- Through our partnership with Clinton Public School, we will be offering families the opportunity to order lunch/milk each day!
- This will all be done electronically (ordering, payment, etc.).
- Below are links to the information needed to set up a lunch account and order through payschools.
 - Links for lunch menu:
 - <https://cpsnj.nutrislice.com/menu/lebanon-boro/lunch/2023-09-01>
 - Lunch Program general information:
 - <https://www.lebanonschool.org/Lunch-Program>

Health Office...

- If your child is going to be tardy or absent, please contact the school by 8:30 am. Please leave a message on the absentee line or the nurse's office voicemail. Messages can be left at any time of the day or night.
- *Additionally, you can use the online reporting system available on the left-hand column of our website homepage at www.lebanonschool.org.*
- If you prefer to use email, please include Ms. Muia (rmuia@lebanonschool.org), the nurse (lkosciolek@lebanonschool.org), and your child's teacher as the recipients.



Teacher Supply Lists/Summer Packets

- [Click Here](#)

Staffing

- Welcome to **Ms. Noreen Daniel** who will be a paraprofessional in our school this year.
- **Mrs. Schaefer** will no longer be with us this year and we are in the process of interviewing candidates and hiring a new music teacher.
- **Mrs. Baldoni** will be our Media/Enrichment/Basic Skills teacher this year
- Our Grade Level Homeroom teachers are as follows:
 - Preschool - Mrs. Farrell
 - Kindergarten - Mrs. Adamaitis
 - 1st Grade - Mrs. Walsh

- 2nd Grade - Ms. Barkel
- 3rd. Grade - Mrs. Corradi
- 4th Grade - ***Mrs. Ingram***
- 5th Grade - Mr. Pepe
- 6th Grade - Mrs. Petty

Realtime Student Information System

- ***In the next few days, you will receive an email with login information for the parent portal.***
- ***All start of year forms are located in the parent portal and will not be coming home to sign.***

Substitutes

- We are in need of substitute teachers for this school year. If you are interested please contact Tricia Duell at tduell@lebanonschool.org.

YMCA After Care

- [Registration](#)

Snacks

- A healthy snack should be sent to school each day with students
- Please work to send a snack that will not require assistance opening, etc.
- Food may not be shared.
- As always, please follow allergy guidelines for your class supplied to you by the school nurse/teacher

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures (Same as last year)

Morning Drop-off

- ***Parents of 1st-floor students (K-3)*** will drive up Sutton Road through the park and pull up to the sidewalk in front of the gym (stop before the green electrical transformer)
- Once stopped, let your child out of the car. If you need to get out and come around to help small children out of the car, do so as quickly as possible. We will have staff and safety patrol to assist with doors.
- A staff member will be on duty at the end of this sidewalk each morning to monitor.
- A staff member will be on duty at door #12 each morning to greet the students and monitor them.
- The students will go to the cafeteria if they arrive prior to 8:30am and directly to class after that. Staff and safety patrol will direct them.
- Parents will pull up the driveway and turn right on Maple
- ***Parents of students in preschool, 4,5, and 6*** will drop off in front of the school
- Students will walk down the concrete steps to the cafeteria prior to 8:30am and enter through the main entrance and go directly to class after that time.
- A staff member and safety patrol will be on duty at the sidewalk each morning to monitor
- A preschool staff member will also be on duty to assist.
- ***Parents who have a 1st-floor and a 2nd-floor student*** will drop off the 1st-floor student as per above and then drive up, make a right on Maple and drop off the 2nd-floor student as per above

- *Note: If an older student wishes to get out of the car with the younger (1st-floor student) they may do so and walk up to either the cafeteria or classroom depending on the time.*

Afternoon Pick-up

- ***Parents of 1st-floor students (K-3)*** will drive up Sutton Road through the park and pull up to the sidewalk in front of the gym (stop before the green electrical transformer)
- Please have a card with the student's name/grade in the passenger window
- The staff member on duty at the sidewalk will call the name/grade of the student on the walkie-talkie which will be on in each homeroom.
- Once the student's name is called s/he will exit the building immediately through door #12 and go directly to their car.
- Parents will pull up the driveway and make a right on Maple

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- The staff member on duty at the sidewalk will call the name/grade of the student on the walkie-talkie which will be on in each homeroom.
- Once the student's name is called they will exit the building immediately
 - Students will exit through the main entrance and go directly to cars.

- ***Parents who have a 1st-floor and a 2nd-floor student*** will pick up the 1st-floor student as per above and then drive up, make a right on Maple, and pick up the 2nd-floor student as per above

Important Arrival and Dismissal Notes

- Maple Street is a one-way street during arrival and dismissal times. Traffic flows from Brunswick to Main Street. The crossing guards flip the sign on Main Street to indicate that cars may not enter during this time. Additionally, there is no parking on Maple Street during these times.
- Do not block the driveway on Maple Street. 1st Floor Parents must have clearance to exit and turn right.
- Any parents walking students to/from school should remember the door noted above where your child will enter/exit the school.

Sidewalks & Crosswalks

- Parents and children are to stay on the sidewalks and within crosswalk lines when walking to and from the loading zones. Do not walk through the parking lots or directly across Maple Street.



- Crossing Guards are on duty in front of the school and will be encouraged to cross groups of children/adults rather than one at a time.

Parking

- If you wish to walk your child to the door, K-3 parents should park in the gravel lot in the park and walk children to door #12. Preschool and 4-6 parents should park in the upper parking lot and walk children to the main entrance

- Outside these times, the parking lot is reserved for staff during school hours and/or volunteers/visitors who are on campus for an extended period of time. **Students should not be dropped off in a parking lot**

Rainy Days

- All procedures explained above remain in effect for rainy days.

Dangerous Actions

- Do not make U-turns on Maple Street, in the park, or in the driveway. Cars must proceed in one direction.
- Do not wave students across Maple or the road through the park without using the crosswalks or adult supervision.
- Do not use parking lots to drop off or pick up children.
- Do not park in the car line

Staff members are there to serve as supervisors to ensure the safety of your children. Please be respectful of their directions; they are here to help. Thank you for your consideration of and attention to these procedures. Your support is appreciated! Let's all continue to be good neighbors who follow all safety and traffic guidelines.

Communication

- LBS is the Realtime Student Information System this year. It is important that we have your correct contact information and emergency contact information in the system to ensure that you are notified as appropriate and that we have additional responsible adults that we can contact in the event of an emergency. **If you received this newsletter "Realtime" basic email information is correct in our new system. If you have not received this newsletter via email and only found it on the website or received it forwarded from a friend, please email Mrs. Muia (rmuia@lebanonschool.org) so that we can make sure we have the most up-to-date information.**
- Communication between parents and school is vital. Any time you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the Chief School Administrator. The school number is (908) 236- 2448.
- If you prefer, the school secretary can forward your call to the voicemail of any staff member.
- Also, e-mail addresses for individual staff members are available on the school's website at: <http://www.lebanonschool.org/Administration-and-Staff>.
- The school uses these methods to communicate with Lebanon Borough families:
 - Email (as needed and generally each Friday)
 - District and Teacher Websites
 - Monthly *Wildcat's Roar* newsletter regarding school activities
 - Report cards and parent conferences
 - Sending home samples of student work
 - Back-to-School Night and Open House & Monthly PTA meetings
 - ***"Realtime" phone/text/email system

Join the PTA

- Our PTA is a wonderful organization that works in conjunction with the school to provide students with enriching opportunities that could not happen without its support. Field trips, assemblies, family events, supplies, and equipment are just a few of the many ways that our PTA supports the children of Lebanon Borough. This year may be different, but the PTA will

continue to support our school in new ways. Please be sure to join the PTA! The [Membership Form](#) can be found on the PTA page of our district website.

Visit our district website

www.lebanonschool.org