



THE WILDCAT'S ROAR

Lebanon Borough School Family Newsletter

August/September 2024

Dr. Arcurio's Corner

Welcome to a new school year brimming with opportunities and exciting learning adventures! We hope this message finds you refreshed and ready after the summer break.

Our dedicated team has been hard at work to ensure a vibrant and fun learning environment for your children. We are thrilled families back because, as always, we are Better Together! Your support and involvement are crucial to our students' success, and we deeply appreciate your partnership.

As we start this new chapter together, we encourage you to stay actively involved in your child's education. Join us at parent-teacher conferences, engage in school events, and maintain open communication with our teachers to help provide the best possible learning experience for your child.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Back-to-School Night on September 12, 2024, 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 weekly 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 19-22	Wizards Wonders: STEAM Camp
Aug 22	Preschool and K Camp/Orientation
Aug 26	1st Day for Staff Inservice
Aug 27	2nd Day for Staff Inservice
Aug 28	1st Day for students - 12:45pm dismissal
Aug 29	2nd Day for students - 12:45pm dismissal
Aug 30/Sept 2	Labor Day Weekend - School Closed
Sept 3	School Open Full Day
Sept 3	BOE Mtg 6:45pm
Sept 9	PTA Meeting 6:30pm
Sept 12	Back to School Night

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 28, 2024, and the school day runs from 8:40 am to 12:45 pm on that day. Our second day is Thursday, August 29, 2024, and runs on the same early dismissal schedule. Regular days begin on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, with the school day ending at 3:00 pm. Please note that the first day we will hold lunch and recess is Tuesday, September 3rd.* 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

Health Office...

- If your child is going to be tardy or absent, please use the online reporting system available on the left-hand column of our website homepage at www.lebanonschool.org
- Additionally, you can 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.
- 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

- **Mrs. Ace** will no longer be with us this year and we wish her well in her new endeavor.
- We would like to welcome **Mrs. Baker** to our school community as our new Art Teacher. She comes to us from Califon School District where she teaches art K-8 three days per week. She will be with us on Tuesdays this year.
- **Ms. McKenna** will be our leave replacement teacher in 3rd grade until the Winter Break. She comes to us with an MA in Teaching K-6 and a Teacher of Students with Disabilities Certification, both from Drew University. She also has prior experience teaching in third grade.
- Our Grade Level Homeroom teachers are as follows:
 - Preschool - Mrs. Farrell
 - Kindergarten - Mrs. Adamaitis
 - 1st Grade - Mrs. Walsh (Ms. Petty will continue as leave replacement until Winter Break)
 - 2nd Grade - Mrs. Corradi
 - 3rd. Grade - Ms. Barkel (Ms. McKenna as leave replacement until Winter Break)
 - 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.***
 - ***Be sure to log in to make sure all of your contact information is correct.***
 - ***This is also the place where you will receive report cards***

Start of Year Parent Forms

- You will also be receiving a separate email with links to various forms that need to be acknowledged (Computer Acceptable Use Policy, Student Code Of Conduct, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Information, Publicity Permission, etc.
- This year we are using a Google Form for parents and guardians to acknowledge these forms. This should streamline this process for all.

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 Onsite Before/After Care

- [Registration and information](#)

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. *Maple Street is one way during arrival and dismissal times*

- ***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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- 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 uses the Realtime Student Information System.. We must 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 at 3:00 PM)
 - District and Teacher Websites
 - Phone Calls
 - 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. Please be sure to join the PTA! All information can be found on the PTA page of our district website.

Visit our district website

www.lebanonschool.org