

# HAPPENING AT THE HILL – AUGUST 14, 2019

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## **Our Mission:**

*To develop compassionate lifelong learners in a leadership-focused school community.*

*Dear Linden Hill Families,*

*Our school has been a busy place this summer with lots of staff working nonstop to prepare for the upcoming school year. In the next week or so, all families will receive a detailed letter to reiterate our daily schedule and other important information. Additionally, families with students who are eligible for transportation will receive a separate mailer from our Transportation Department, which will include your child's bus stop location, bus # and pick up/drop off times. All transportation questions should be directed to that office (302) 322-0251.*

*As always, please take your time to read the below information carefully, as it is important to have an amazing and seamless start to our year here at "The Hill"!*

*Thank you,*

*Mrs. Brady*

## **First Day of School – grades 1-5**

*We are excited to meet all our Lion's!! The first day of school for students in grades 1-5 is Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.*

## **Kindergarten Split Schedule Week 1**

*For our Kindergarten families we would like to offer you a special Welcome! Your first week schedule will be different from the rest of the school since your child will only attend for **two days**. Kindergarten students with last names A-L will attend on Monday and Tuesday (8/26 & 8/27) and Kindergarten students with last names M-Z will attend on Wednesday and Thursday (8/28 & 8/29). **All students have off on Friday and Monday (8/30 & 9/2) for the Labor Day holiday and will return on Tuesday (9/3).***

*\*\*There will be a "Boo-Hoo Breakfast" in the library for all kindergarten parents immediately after you drop your student off in the gym on the first day (8/26 OR 8/28) from 9-9:30am. Kindergarten students will meet their teachers in the gym on the first day of school.*

## **Arrival/Dismissal**

*Arrival/Dismissal Schedule –Our instructional day will begin at 9:05am. Students purchasing breakfast will have the opportunity to "Grab and Go" from the café beginning at 8:50 in order to*

arrive in their classrooms at 8:55am. All remaining students will be permitted into the building at 8:55am. This gives them time to unpack and get ready for the 9:05 start.

**\*New for this year\* - Staff will be available on the sidewalk to assist students from car rider line into the gym beginning at 8:45am. Staff will NOT be permitted to open car doors. All cars should stay in the line/order until all students exit and are safely on the sidewalk.**

Any students who arrive between 8:45-8:55am will be held in the gym. Our instructional day begins at 9:05 and ends at 3:50pm. Our walker and car rider dismissal will begin at 3:50pm. Our buses will depart at 4:05pm.

**District Policy: Early dismissals will be permitted before 3:15pm.**

**\*\*Friendly reminder\*\*** There is a Shuttle Bus available to take students to Pike Creek Shopping Center (in front of WSFS). This is a helpful and unique option only available to Linden Hill students, in an effort to alleviate long car lines and even longer wait times. If you'd like to register your child for this bus, please contact the school by August 15<sup>th</sup>. (302) 454-3406.

**Notes:**

**Out of respect for our neighbors, NO cars are permitted to park in the neighborhood/New Kent Rd during arrival/dismissal times. Students should either walk and be guided by the crossing guard, dropped off by the bus in front of the school or by car following the car line procedures (outlined below).**

**Car Line Procedures**

**Arrival** – Cars should enter the Linden Hill parking lot off of Skyline Drive at the direction of the Crossing Guard. Cars will be directed to loop around by the recess lot and pull to the available slots, 1-12. **Students should exit their vehicle and immediately go to the sidewalk to be watched carefully by staff members.** In an effort for a safer transition, students should exit vehicles on the passenger side/sidewalk side. *\*All cars should remain in a line/order and stay in that order as they exit, which will allow students to safely exit their cars to the sidewalk. No passing should occur. Remember, we are dealing with children – safety first! (These procedures are the same as last school year, with the small change of staff not opening car doors during arrival.)*

**Dismissal** – Cars should only enter the Linden Hill parking lot off of Skyline Drive at the direction of the Crossing Guard. Cars will form lines from the front cone to the last cone (12 cars per line). Once the closest line of cars is filled, we will fill the subsequent rows. **Staff members will load cars in groups of 12 (cones 1-12).** Students will be waiting for their vehicle as their car pulls up.

- All vehicles **MUST REMAIN IN THE ORDER OF THEIR ARRIVAL** in order to navigate this process.
- All vehicles **MUST HAVE THEIR CAR TAG # DISPLAYED ON THEIR REAR VIEW MIRROR** in order for staff to correctly identify which students are assigned to which car.

- *Once students are safely placed in their vehicle, all cars MUST FOLLOW IN ORDER AS THEY EXIT TO SKYLINE DRIVE. No vehicles are permitted to pass on the left, as this would put our children in unnecessary danger.*
- *Drivers should remain in their cars at all times. Staff will escort students to their cars.*
- *Drivers are encouraged to put their cars in “Park” to avoid rolling back/forward.*

*\*Car tags will be given to new families during the Meet & Greet event on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. If a current family needs new/replacement tags, please visit Ms. Lamborn in the Main Office.*

### **Supply List (attached)**

*Currently on our website and FB page for easy access. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Immersion families received an additional email on 8/13/19.*



### **Mandarin Immersion Program**

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*We are currently seeking incoming Kindergarten students, whose feeder pattern is Linden Hill, to join our incredible Mandarin Immersion Program. The benefits of this type of instructional program include: **Second Language Skills**- Students in an immersion program can be expected to achieve a high level of proficiency in the second language. **Improved Academic Performance** - Exposing students to language at a young age helps promote intellectual development. Children who participate in immersion programs perform as well as or better than their peers on achievement tests in English and math. **Cognitive Development** - Dual language students typically develop increased attention control, memory, and superior problem-solving skills. In addition, learning a second language can enhance students’ understanding of their primary language. **Cultural Sensitivity** - Students in immersion programs are more aware of and show more positive attitudes toward other cultures, enabling them to interact effectively with people of different backgrounds, ethnicities, beliefs, and interests. If you are interested, please contact our Assistant Principal, Trevor Little, via email [Trevor.Little@redclay.k12.de.us](mailto:Trevor.Little@redclay.k12.de.us). For questions related directly to the Immersion Language Program, please email Li Li Lin at [lili.lin@doe.k12.de.us](mailto:lili.lin@doe.k12.de.us).*

### **Meet & Greet at Linden Hill**

*You and your family are invited to our “Meet & Greet” event on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Food trucks will be on site to purchase dinner/treats. After students meet their teacher, they will be given a ticket for a FREE ICE CREAM TREAT!!*

***Class lists will be posted in the gym that afternoon beginning at 4:00 p.m. Please do not call the school for your child's classroom assignment. We look forward to seeing you at this event!***

*Overflow parking is available across the street at Three Little Bakers Blvd in front of the Church. There will a New Castle County Police Officer present to assist with pedestrians crossing over Skyline Dr.*

### **Welcome to the LHE family:**

*Please help us welcome the following new staff members to Linden Hill!!*

*Rosalind Chang – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Chinese Immersion*

*Hannah Miller – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Room 108*

*Courtney Truitt – Kn, Room 105*

### **PTA Updates**

- First PTA meeting is Tuesday, Sept 17 @ 7pm in the Library
- Our Membership Drive will begin on August 22<sup>nd</sup>!!

### **Before/After School Enrichment Programs**

*At this time, we are happy to welcome back some of our student's favorite activities. The following have been confirmed for this Fall. The registration information is attached.*

*Drama Club, Cooking's Cool, Tennis Tigers, Computer Club, Si Español*

### **Spirit Wear**

*Our online store: <https://lindenhillfall2019.itemorder.com/sale>*

### **Social Media**

*We are constantly updating our events, posting pictures of activities and staying connected to you in all kinds of ways. Do your part and stay connected to us by following us on Social Media. You can easily find us by searching LindenHillLions and #LHEpride on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.*

**Upcoming Calendar Events**

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Meet & Greet 4-6pm (family friendly event) – class lists posted at 4pm in gym**

**August 30/Sept 2 – Labor Day, Schools Closed**

**September 11<sup>th</sup> – Instrument Night for Elementary students at Brandywine Springs 7pm**

**September 17<sup>th</sup> – PTA Meeting 7pm (childcare available – sign up will be sent)**

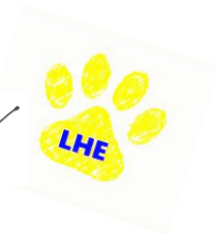
**September 18<sup>th</sup> – School Board Meeting, Cab Calloway, 7pm**

**September 18<sup>th</sup> – Cub Scout Information Session, Linden Hill Café, 6:30pm**

**September 26<sup>th</sup> – Linden Hill Open House 6-8 (intended for adults – no childcare available)**

**September 30<sup>th</sup> – No School, Rosh Hashanah**

*Sincerely,*



*Missy Brady  
Principal*