

HAPPENING AT THE HILL – AUGUST 30, 2019

Love: 热爱 Lead: 引领 Learn: 学习

Our Mission:

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

Dear Linden Hill Families,

We are off to a great start this school year! So many wonderful things have happened here over the past 4 days. We know it's going to be an amazing year! Families should expect to receive this type of newsletter every few weeks. If you have questions that are not answered here, feel free to contact the school.

Here are some updates and reminders of things that are *Happening at The Hill!*

Have a great weekend!



Missy Brady

UPDATES & REMINDERS

LEADER IN ME

Next week, we will kick off our Leader In Me program with a Leadership Pep Rally on Thursday. Here are some highlights:

Leadership Leaves – Throughout the day, students can earn Leadership Leaves by exhibiting one of the 7 Habits; 1. Be Proactive, 2. Begin with the End in Mind, 3. Put First Things First, 4. Think Win-Win, 5. Seek First to Understand Then to be Understood, 6. Synergize and 7. Sharpen the Saw. The leaves will be used for various classroom and school-wide incentives.

Habit Heroes - Our goal remains that all students understand what each of the 7 Habits really means and looks like throughout their day at Linden Hill. Each week, we will have a school-wide focus on ONE of the Habits. Following that week, teachers will select a student who regularly demonstrated that particular Habit. That student will become the Habit Hero for the week! Every 7 weeks, we will hold Habit Hero Assemblies for students and families. Habit 1 kicks off on Monday, September 9th – Be Proactive! You can continue to support our Leader In Me program by reminding your child to be a Habit

Hero and to earn as many Leadership Leaves as possible! Teachers will send out additional information to keep families informed of our leadership initiatives.

SAFETY & SECURITY

As part of our comprehensive safety and security program, we want all families to know about protocols for visitors and safety drills. All Red Clay schools require visitors to have photo identification, which will be held in the Main Office while in the school. If you are interested in volunteering in your child's classroom or on a field trip, please complete the required Volunteer Clearance form (attached). **A new form must be filled out every year.**

All Red Clay schools will hold 9 fire drills and 3 lockdown drills per school year. Teachers have already started reviewing how to safely exit the building during fire drills. Each classroom has an exit plan and a designated "safe" area on the playground. We follow strict protocols to ensure all students are accounted for.

During our lockdown drills, students will remain in their classrooms in a designated area. During all practice drills, hallways, bathrooms and offices are checked to ensure student safety. All drills will be announced before they take place and families will be notified, via School Messenger, the day that drills occur.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

Friendly reminders: Our instructional day begins at 9:05am. Students purchasing breakfast have the opportunity to "Grab and Go" from the café beginning at 8:50 in order to arrive in their classrooms at 9:00am. All remaining students will be permitted into the building at 8:55am. Our instructional day ends at 3:45pm. Early dismissals will only be permitted **before 3:15pm**. Our walker and car rider dismissal will begin at 3:50pm. Our buses will depart at 4:05pm.

*No cars are permitted to park in the neighborhood 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 dropped off by a car following the car line protocol.

CAR LINE

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.

VOLUNTEER FORMS – DISTRICT POLICY

Anyone interested in volunteering during the school day must fill out a Volunteer Clearance form, which can be found in the Main Office (also attached for convenience). Completed forms should be returned to the Main Office. **A new form must be filled out each year.**

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

- Flyers attached (Cooking, Mad Science, Tennis, Yoga, Drama Kids, Computer, Spanish)
- Girls on the Run (grades 3-5 only)
 - Practices Tues/Thur until 5:30pm (parents must pick up, no transportation avail)
 - We are not in a lottery – there are still spots!
 - <https://www.raceplanner.com/register/index/fall-2019-program-registration?sid=ef3d0be1cb3d476da6e35c157ddf34e2>

All of the Enrichment Programs are run by outside contractors/vendors. Please pay close attention to the registration and contact information as our school office is **not your contact.*

RED CLAY CAFÉ – FREE/REDUCED LUNCH

Families who may be eligible for free or reduced priced meals can apply by completing the **Meal Benefit Form** as soon as possible and returning it to your child’s school. **Only complete one application per family must be completed EACH school year.** The information provided on the MBF will be used to determine or prove your child's eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals. This information may also be used for other state or federally funded school benefits. Children from households that meet Federal Income Guidelines who are eligible for reduced priced meals will not be charged the reduced price meal fee as a new department policy.

<https://redclaycafe.com/index.php?page=lunchapps&sid=0112081723421745%20>

FOOD BANK OF DE – BACK PACK PROGRAM

Each year, Linden Hill partners with the Food Bank of Delaware to implement their Children's Nutrition Program for families in need of support. Participants in the "Back-Pack" program are given a package of food to take home for the weekend. **Participation in this program does not require income verification or disclosure of private information.**

The Food Bank will deliver a package to school each week. The bag provides 2 days' worth of shelf-stable, nutritious, child-friendly meals and a snack. Packages will be discretely distributed to students before they leave for the school day. Bags need not be returned.

If your family would benefit from this program, or if you have any questions, please contact Carol Dougherty, Linden Hill School Counselor via email at carol.dougherty@redclay.k12.de.us. All referrals will be handled confidentially.

PTA UPDATES:

- **National PTA School of Excellence (BIG NEWS!!!)**
- First PTA meeting is Tuesday, Sept 17 @ 7pm in the Library
- Our Membership Drive has begun! Join NOW: <http://lindenhillpta.org/join-now/>
- Check out LHEPTA on social media:
https://www.facebook.com/LindenHillPTA/?_tn=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARBGHu3nSc68u5HsUaab7NN1rBQVHwDIOsgICT4vBnNJNUENsYhVivcDn9lxdb8eQIFmqnUZVc5ldexH
- Spirit Wear: <https://lindenhillfall2019.itemorder.com/sale>

SOCIAL MEDIA

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.

NOTE FROM NURSE EWING

Our office is in need of the following:

- ✓ Clean unused underwear
- ✓ Shorts or pants in sizes 10 and below

WELCOME TO THE LHE FAMILY:

- ✓ Charmaine Davis – Physical Ed (starts Sept 10th)
 - Congrats to Ms. Cox on her retirement.
- ✓ Cathleen Owens – Social Emotional Support/Intervention

CALENDAR ITEMS:

September 2 – Labor Day, Schools Closed

September 11th – Instrument Night for Elementary students at Brandywine Springs 7pm

September 17th – PTA Meeting 7pm (childcare available – sign up will be sent)

September 18th – School Board Meeting, Cab Calloway, 7pm

September 18th – Cub Scout Information Session, Linden Hill Café, 6:30pm

September 26th – Linden Hill Open House 6-8 (intended for adults – no childcare available)

September 30th – No School, Rosh Hashanah