

May 2018 Cub Connection



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Last Day Dismissal

Last day of school will be Friday June 1st dismissal @ 12:40 pm with a modified Kindergarten schedule

AM Kindergarten

8:50 – 10:10 a.m.

PM Kindergarten

11:20 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

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2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration

If you have not yet registered your child for kindergarten, go to <http://kinder.rlasd.net> and complete the online registration. For families who do not have internet access, or if you have any questions, contact Linda Wilkerson at 717-244-5550, option 1, for assistance.

2018-19 School Year

Meet the Teacher Night
When: August 16, 2018

½ Day Kindergarten and Grades 1- 6:

Clearview ~ Mazie Gable ~ Larry J Macaluso ~ Locust Grove ~ North Hopewell-Winterstown ~ Pleasant View

Meet the Teacher: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Kindergarten Orientation: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Full Day Kindergarten and Grade One:

Windsor Manor
FDK/Grade One Orientation: 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Meet the Teacher: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

To attend kindergarten, your child must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2018.

Documents needed for registration include the following:

1. Proof of birth (one of these documents)
 - a. State birth certificate
 - b. hospital birth certificate
 - c. baptismal papers
2. Immunization Records
3. Proof of Residency (two current, monthly recurring utility bills, current term lease, property tax bill, or a deed with the parent/guardian's name and address on them)
4. Parent/guardian state issued photo ID such as a driver's license.

Kindergarten is an exciting time for both children and adults. We look forward to meeting you and your child and working together during the 2018 – 2019 school year!

A Message from the Principal

The process of student placement for the upcoming school year is taken very seriously. It is our goal to create well-balanced heterogeneous learning opportunities for our students. We consider students' academic and social needs when placing them into classrooms. We put much thought into generating class lists so that we can provide balanced groups and blend a variety of talents and needs. And we ask you to trust our process. Parental input on class placement is appropriate if you feel your child has specific concerns that may not be addressed within the building process. If this is the case, please request a form from the school office and return to me by Friday, May 11th for consideration in determining placement of your child. Please refrain from requesting a specific teacher. Just a reminder, specialization occurs in grades 4 through 6; therefore, your son/daughter will be assigned to multiple teachers. Our devoted staff is top-notch and works diligently to meet the needs of all students.



Reading Message

Summer Reading Tips for Parents

We are all looking forward to a break from school this summer, but summer is not a time to take a break from reading! When children do not read for a few weeks or months, they lose skills they have learned. Reading over the summer not only keeps your child from losing ground, but also improves skills for the coming year. Here are some suggestions to keep a book in your child's hands over the summer.

- Participate in the summer reading program at the local library and visit the library frequently throughout the summer.
- Make fun reading choices by exploring new authors, genres, or book series.
- Whenever you leave the house, bring a book! Your child can read at the beach, at the park, or in the car.
- Reading should be a part of the day. Do not make it a punishment and have your child miss other fun summer activities by keeping them inside to read.
- Reward your child's reading progress. Add a seashell or stone to a bucket each time your child reads a book. When you have filled it up, do a fun summer activity together!

(Adapted from www.readingrockets.org)

Music Department Message

Spring Instrumental Concerts

The Red Lion Area School Districts Elementary Music Department will present their annual Spring Instrumental Concerts on Saturday, May 19th and Sunday, May 20th, at the Red Lion Area Senior High School. There will be two performances.

The May 19th performance is at 7:00PM and will feature the Elementary Concert Band, Advanced Concert Band and the Symphonic Band plus a performance by the Elementary eJazz Band.

The May 20th performance is at 2:00PM and will feature students in the Elementary Beginning Strings, Intermediate Strings, Advanced Strings plus the Jr. and Sr. High Orchestras.

Tickets are required for the concerts and can be purchased at the Sr. High School on the night of the concerts. Tickets are priced as follows: \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

Counselors Corner

A growing body of research is showing social-emotional learning as an essential component of student success. Without skills to manage stress, to empathize with people from diverse backgrounds and perspectives, and to engage successfully in the small-group work required for deeper learning, students cannot be successful. Students of all ages must be able to build and maintain skills that go beyond subject-matter knowledge in English, math, and science. Skills such as goal-setting, pro-social bonding, decision-making, media literacy, conflict resolution, and effective communication skills are essential to prepare students for learning. Below are some creative ways your students can continue to practice the skills they learned during the school year:

Goal Setting

- Set a goal to wake up earlier than usual in the morning during the summer to work on a project or hobby.
- Make a plan to read a certain number of books during the summer months.

Decision Making

- Contribute ideas to where your family will visit for summer vacation this year.
- Take the initiative on what movie to see with your friends.

Express Yourself

- Keep a journal of all the fun and exciting things you do over the summer.
- Talk honestly to an older sibling about how you feel about them going away to college or a different school in the fall.

Bonding and Relationships

- Try a summer activity with your friends that you have never done before.
- Limit screen time and talk with friends rather than communicating over social media.

Art Corner

The Elementary Art Department would like to thank all of those who came out and supported the 3rd annual Red Lion Area School District Elementary Art Show on Saturday, April 21st! We would also like to thank our students on a job well done, along with our volunteers who helped with sales. It was a wonderful community event that we look forward to hosting again next year. We are so proud of our students and enjoyed this opportunity to showcase their artwork!



As the school year comes to an end, students will be taking home all of their artwork in art portfolios throughout the last few weeks of school. Please take the time to talk to your child about the projects they created as well as the artists and time periods that they learned about in Art class this year.

5 easy ways to stay creative this summer:

1. Get out some sidewalk chalk and draw on a nearby sidewalk or driveway.
2. Look up a recipe for homemade play dough or slime/goop and make it.
3. Go outside and draw what you see.
4. Make a craft station (printer paper, old crayons, scissors, glue, paper towel rolls, fabric, buttons, etc.) and create whatever you wish and/or look up ideas for inspiration (ex. crayola.com)
5. Keep it simple - make a paper airplane, decorate, and fly it!

Have a great summer!

Physical Education News:

The dates for our annual school track and field day events are quickly approaching. All students in K-3rd grades will participate in a school field day event, and all students in 4th-6th grades will compete in a school track and field meet. The following are the event dates and start times:

½ day AM Field Days for K - 3rd

Clearview – May 14th @ 9:20am (Rain Date May 15th)

Larry J. Macaluso – May 24th @ 9:30am (Rain Date May 29th)

Locust Grove – May 23rd @ 9:30am (Rain Date May 24th)

Mazie Gable – May 21st @ 9:15am (Rain Date May 23rd)

North Hopewell-Winterstown – May 21st @ 9:30am (Rain Date May 24th)

Pleasant View – May 11th @ 9:30am (Rain Date May 29th)

Windsor Manor – May 14th @ 9:30am (Rain Date May 22nd)

Track Meets for 4th – 6th

Clearview – May 22nd @ 9:30am (Rain Date May 23rd)

Larry J. Macaluso – May 9th @ 9:30am (Rain Date May 16th)

Locust Grove – May 1st @ 9:30am (Rain Date May 24th)

Mazie Gable – April 30th @ 9:00am (Rain Date May 1st)

North Hopewell-Winterstown – May 11th @ 9:15am (Rain Date May 30th)

Pleasant View – May 10th @ 9:15am (Rain Date May 22nd)

District Track Meet (Interested 4th -6th) – May 18th @ 6:00pm (Location – High School Track)

The students will be outside for the majority of the day. The weather in May can be anything from chilly to very hot and sunny. Please plan accordingly when dressing your child for the day's activities so that they can fully enjoy the day.



Health Room News

During the month of May, there are many activities and events planned outdoors. Sometimes the students will be outside for the majority of the day. The weather in May can be unpredictable- anything from chilly to very hot and sunny.

Please plan accordingly when dressing your child for outdoor activities so that they can enjoy the day. You may send sunscreen to school with a note, the student may apply it themselves in the health room with supervision from the nurse. If your child needs an inhaler, please make sure the nurse has a doctor's note and the medication available at school.



SLIP- dress in light layers

SLOP-apply sunscreen to all exposed areas

SLAP- send a hat with a visor to protect faces and eyes

SEEK- shade during the most intense periods of sun exposure

SLIDE- sunglasses

WATER- hydration is very important, but particularly when it is hot and they are active

Attention parents of fifth graders

The Pennsylvania Department of Health requires **sixth grade students** to have a well-child exam completed by a health care provider. This requirement may be completed by the student's primary care provider (MD, DO, CRNP, PA) or by the school provider.

Please schedule a well-child exam appointment with your child's health care provider and return a visit summary or physical form along with an updated list of immunizations to your child's school nurse by **November 15, 2018**. Your child needs to have proof of receiving both the *Meningococcal* (Meningitis) and *Tdap* (Pertussis and Tetanus) vaccines prior to the first day of seventh grade.

Dental News

DID YOU KNOW?

FACT #1

By leaving the faucet on, the average American wastes up to 100 gallons of water every day while brushing.

FACT #2

1 in 10 people worldwide lack access to clean water. Or, almost twice the population of the United States.

FACT #3

If every American Family pledged to **Turn Off The Tap**, it would save around 10 trillion glasses of water in a year.

Wet your toothbrush, then turn off the water. Brush your teeth for 2 minutes, spit in the sink, and then rinse your mouth and toothbrush. Yeah...you saved water!

***Did you visit the dentist this year? Remember to return your **Family Dental Report**. If you need a form, please contact the school secretary or school nurse.



Cafeteria News

End of the Year Reminder

If your student will not be returning to the district next year please be sure fill out a Cafeteria Refund Application if there is a balance remaining in their cafeteria account.

If your student has a balance of \$5.00 or more in his/her Lunchtime account you can choose of the following:

- To donate the balance to the Student Assistance Fund, to benefit another student.
- Transfer this balance to a sibling/another student in RLASD.
- Receive a refund for the full amount.

*Any balance of less than \$5.00:

- Can request a cash refund at the POS register prior to the student's last day of school
Or
- Will be donated to the Student Assistance Fund, if not transferred or refunded

The application can be found on the district website under the food service department.

https://www.rlasd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=414553&type=d&pREC_ID=1005525



May & June Happenings:

5/9 – Grade 4 – 6 Track Meet (rain date 5/16)
5/9 – Science Fair 5:30 pm Cafeteria
5/11 – 6th Grade Jr. High visit
5/14 – 6th Grade Biztown Field Trip
5/17 – School Board Meeting 7:00 pm Ed Center
5/18 – LJM Chorus visits Victoria Villa
5/18 – District Track Meet 6:00 pm Sr. High Track
5/19 – Elementary Spring Band Concert 7:00 pm
Sr. High
5/21 – Presidential Celebration 6:30 pm Jr. High
5/24 – K-3Field Day (rain date 5/29)
5/25 – Voices of the Pride Dorney Park Field Trip
5/25 – Early Dismissal with Modified Kindergarten
5/28 – Memorial Day – No School
5/30 – 6th Grade Party Wisheaven Pool 4:00 pm
6/1 – Last Day of School Early dismissal with
modified Kindergarten

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12:40 pm with a modified
Kindergarten schedule

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8:50 – 10:10 a.m.

PM Kindergarten

11:20 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Transportation for the 2018/2019 school year

The Transportation Department requests that you complete and submit a new babysitter/split custody transportation request form each year if you are utilizing a babysitter/daycare provider or split custody. You may obtain a copy from your student's school or the district's web site at: <https://1.cdn.edl.io/5o3LIWjDwxCEPuZFUAKlmar3EjVPWmpqbZ9pNEoBjqc55EIO.pdf> forms are requested to be received by 6/15/18. **If we do not receive your request, then your student's stop will revert back to the home stop.** Thank you for your assistance in ensuring we have the most updated information for your student(s).

There are times when we are asked if a new stop can be made. This type of request does take a minimum of two weeks to coordinate and process the information (weather permitting). Such requests would require us to go out and look at a house location to make a better determination if the request can or cannot be done. We ask if you would help us locate you easier, by ensuring your address is clearly posted, and no less than 3 inches tall and visible from both directions and not obstructed from trees, shrubs etc.

Please remind your student(s) of proper bus stop behavior by standing at the stop, and not playing games or horsing around and not going onto or disturbing someone else's property. Also, please remind your student(s) there are several bus rules and one of them are that there is NO food nor drink permitted on the school bus. There is the potential for another student to have an allergic reaction to that item.

Approximately two weeks before school starts, the transportation department will send out e-mails with your student(s) most current stop location/time information. Please remember to ensure your student(s) are at the assigned bus stop five minutes prior to their stop time ready to board the bus. Also, keep the school and your skyward data updated with your most current phone number(s) and email address(s) to enable prompt communication. If you do need to make a stop change, please submit that in writing to the transportation department and allow a minimum of two weeks for the changes to be made.

SUNSCREEN REMINDER FOR UPCOMING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES:

Sunscreen is important to protect children because they are very susceptible to sunburn. Due to many skin sensitivities and sunscreen allergies, if you want your child to wear sunscreen during a trip or activity it should be applied by an adult before the student comes to school. If sunscreen needs to be re-applied during school hours, please send in sunscreen with your child's name written on it, and a note giving permission for our nurse or parent helpers to supervise your child applying their sunscreen.

School News

Happy Birthday to You!!!

Celebrate your child's birthday and help our Library!

- Instead of a birthday treat – donate a book to the library for \$10!!
- You can send in a check (made payable to “LJM Activity Fund” or send cash in an envelope to Mrs. Crawford or Mrs. Riddle in the main office.
- Your child will choose a book from a selection provided.
- Mrs. Schlemmer will personally present the book to your child and give your child a birthday card.
- A bookplate with your child's name will be placed in the book.
- Your child will be the first person to check out the book from the library. The classroom teacher may read a portion of the book to his/her class.
- The book will be displayed in our LJM school library and be available to all LJM students for checkout.

What a great way to celebrate your child's birthday while helping our Larry J. Macaluso Library collection grow!

Pride Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who were caught being **Personable**: being **Respectable**; having **Integrity**; being **Dependable**; or being **Engaged**

The following students were chosen for the weekly pride award:

Kaylee B. (1), Isabella K. (1), Cody K. (1), Sylvia M. (1), Valerie M. (1), Jade M. (4), Elan E. (5), Emma L. (5), Katya M. (5) and Mackenzie S. (5).