

Long Elementary School

August 1, 2022

Dear Long Elementary Families,

Welcome back to an exciting new year of learning! We look forward to a wonderful school year. The staff at Long Elementary is eager to begin a partnership with you as we work together to provide a challenging, safe, fun and memorable school year for our students.

The following are important bits of information to prepare you for the beginning of the school year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office.

Soft Start to Kindergarten

Soft Start is a district initiative focused on a slower transition for our youngest students into elementary school.

Kindergarten students have half days from August 29th until September 9th. Kindergarten teachers will be sending information to their students and signing students up for individual assessments so we can make every minute count this year.

Kindergarten students first full day of school is Monday, September 12th.

GSRP

GSRP staff will be reaching out to families during the first week of September. At that time, GSRP families will be given start dates, schedules and expectations.

Class Rosters

Class rosters will be posted on Friday, August 26th after 5pm. Rosters will be displayed on entry doors.

First Day of School Line Up

Teachers will meet their students in the morning. For the safety of our students and staff and due to safety protocols, parents will not be allowed in the building for entry or dismissal. If you need assistance or have a meeting with a staff member, you will need to come to the main doors and sign in.

Grade	Kdg	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
Entry Door	#3	#4	#11	#1	# 10	#10
Dismissal Door	#3	#4	#11	#1	# 10	#10
	Off Kdg playground	Off parking lot	Middle door -Westwood	Main door- Westwood	Door closest to playground on Westwood	

Parent Connect Update

- Visit <https://dearbornschools.org>
- Click on Parent Portal
- Click on Parent Connect
 - **Can't remember your pin and password?** Underneath login in the left-hand corner, there is a link that says "Need Your Login Information?" This link will email your pin and password. (It may take several hours to receive the email)
- **Please update emergency forms.** To do so, you must use a computer NOT a tablet or cell phone.

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Breakfast and School drop off

Doors open for breakfast at 8:30am. Students should not be dropped off prior to that as we do not have adults to supervise prior to 8:30am. All students coming for breakfast may be dropped off in front of the school by the school sign. However, please do not park and wait for them to get to the door as this will cause traffic issues.

School Supplies

Dearborn Public Schools provides all school supplies and learning materials required for students. Teachers may share a list of optional supplies.

Kids Club

Kids Club is an important service for working parents in our community. The Early Childhood Programs is working hard to bring that program back to Long Elementary School. If you are in need of child care before and/or after school, please consider enrolling your child in our Kids Club program here at Long. There will be an information and enrollment fair on Tuesday, August 16th from 4-7pm at the Administrative Service Center- 18700 Audette Street. If you have any questions about the program or how to enroll please call

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Important Dates

- **Monday, August 29th:** First day of school (9:00 am - 12:05 am).
- **Tuesday, August 30th:** First full day of school (9:00 am - 3:55 pm) for grades 1 through 5.
- **Tuesday, August 30th - Friday, September 9th:** Kindergarten Soft Start (9:00 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.).
- **Friday, September 2nd and Monday, September 5th:** No School, Labor Day Recess
- **Thursday, Sept 8th:** Open House (6:00pm - 7:30pm)

Safety and Covid Mitigation

The COVID virus continues to be part of our lives. Protocols to mitigate the spread of the virus have become a more common part of our daily routines, vaccines are widely available for those choosing to add that layer of protection, and, in general, we have adapted to new daily routines to keep us healthy. This holds true at Long Elementary as well. Please visit www.dearbornschools.org and click on the COVID 19 link to view information on the latest practices and protocols related to COVID 19.

We will continue to practice 3 feet social distancing wherever possible. Masks may be worn but are not required. Please keep your child home if they are ill. For safety and security, all visitors will be buzzed in and must sign in. Doors will continue to be locked during the school day.

We look forward to a successful 2022-2023 school year!

Respectfully,
Shannon Peterson
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