

# Algonquin Lakes Elementary School

*Lion Pride!*



Dear Algonquin Lakes Elementary School Community,

As we approach our new school year, I wanted to communicate some important updates for the 2020-2021.

First, some updates to members of our lion pride:

Kaydi Arneson – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Classroom Teacher  
May Gruia – additional Social Worker  
Rebecca Hendriksen – Reading Interventionist  
Nile Schaaf – STEM Teacher  
Megan Solie – Classroom Paraeducator  
Molly Svercauksi – transitioning from STEM to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

In addition, we are excited for Jill Belick as she will be transitioning to Lake in the Hills ES in a new role for the district. Also, Kari Brandstedt will be supporting staff as a literacy coach here at ALES and 2 other buildings.

Finally, we wish Emily Wordekempfer (Alford) all the best as she transitions on from our pride – we will miss you Ms. A!

Updates:

- The [District 300 Back to School Center](#). This page contains the most relevant district-level back to school information, including the Parent and Student School Policies and Procedures Handbook Information, Answers to Frequently Asked Questions, essential forms, and an archive of Superintendent Heid's back to school messages.
- Next, the [ALES Back to School center](#). This page will contain the most relevant back to school information that pertains directly to our families and students and will be updated through the first day of school.
- Teacher Assignments
  - Beginning on August 4 at 4:00 p.m. all parents will be able to access their student's classroom teacher assignments via Infinite Campus Portal. Please follow [these instructions](#) to access your student schedule at the assigned time. While we are in a remote learning setting, your child's daily learning schedule will be from 8:00am-2:15pm. Specific classroom schedules will be provided by your child's teacher.
- Calendar
  - Our previously scheduled supply drop-off is canceled for this week as the district will be utilizing remote learning for the first quarter.
  - Updated as of July 28<sup>th</sup> to reflect our new start date is district calendar which can be found [here](#).
- Material Distribution Days (including Chromebook Exchange) will take place on the following days:
  - Thursday, August 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  - Friday, August 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
    - More details will follow in to separate email
- The first day of school will be Monday, August 17, 2020. Elementary students will attend school via remote learning from August 17, 2020-October 9, 2020.
- Open House
  - Please mark your calendar Mon., August 24<sup>th</sup> – K, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades and Tues., August 25<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. This will be a virtual event with times communicated from classroom teachers. We plan to provide detailed information regarding the virtual format and schedule at least two weeks prior to the evening.

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
  - Please mark your calendar for November 23 (11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) and November 24 (8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). Conferences will be conducted via phone call or virtual format based on a schedule we will develop. We plan for parents to sign up using the PTC Wizard scheduler software as in prior years.

We are here to serve you during our summer office hours, which are 7 - 3:30 Monday through Friday throughout the summer. Communication is vital to our collaboration, please familiarize yourself with the website as well as like us and follow us:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/aleslions/>
- Twitter: @ALESLions and #ALESLions
- Instagram: aleslions

Sincerely,  
Chris Columbaro