

Coyote Call

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020

WELCOME TO THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back to all our returning families. Welcome to all of our new Coyote families! We are so excited to start this school year, though it will be like none other. Our staff has been working hard to get things ready and to make school feel as much like school as possible. There is a tremendous "buzz" in the building as we all just want to see our students! We've missed you!!

New Staff: We'd like to welcome some new staff members to Lakewood Creek.

Julia Stoeckel - Instructional Coach, Mark Schoeberlein - 5th grade, Heidi Miller - part time art, Stephanie Connolly - sub for Mrs. Hake, Nicole Henriksen - sub for Ms. Foster, Ranjani Kalyan - sub for Mrs. Malone, Lauren Murphy - sub for Mrs. Fisher.

As I mentioned in a previous Coyote Call, I look forward to the challenge that is ahead of us, and I personally invite you to partner with us and be a positive role model for your children - children will take on the personality and attitude of what they see and hear. Our Lakewood Creek school community is resilient and quite adaptable. LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER!!!

REQUESTS FOR OUR PARENTS

We thank you who have reached out with words of encouragement and support. However, we know that many of our families are experiencing some anxiety and/or frustration about remote learning. We have a few requests.

- Please do not express frustration with your children present. They will mirror your reactions. We want them to be as excited as we are!!
- Please have patience with us. We are learning this along with your children. There will be technology glitches. There will be unexpected things. Please know we are doing the best we can, but some difficulties may only be discovered once we begin.
- Please allow your child to struggle. We don't expect our students to know how to do the things we are teaching. In a classroom, we teach, assess, reteach, etc. Productive struggle is a natural part of the learning process. Resist the urge to correct their work or edit before submitting.

- This weekend, if you haven't already, please make sure your child can log into Google Classroom. We don't want panic or frustration on Monday morning.
- Create a comfortable, engaging, distraction-free space for your child(ren) to work. Be sure all supplies and materials are easily accessible. Allow breaks as needed and consider incentives.



FIRST WEEK (OR TWO) OF SCHOOL

Our first week or two of school may look a little different than what is scripted on the daily schedule. Just like in a classroom, we spend a lot of time getting to know each other, establishing relationships and a classroom community, going over routines, and practicing expectations. We also implement the [Significant 72](#), which is a time to begin developing strong teacher-student and student-to-student relationships. During this time, the motto is **#ConnectionsB4Curriculum**.

Therefore, please note that your child's teacher may not have math instruction during math time, for example. Instead, the teacher might be showing students around the "classroom," demonstrating how to turn in homework, or playing 'get to know you' games. This is crucial to the relationship building process.



OFFICE HOURS

The Lakewood Creek office is generally open 9:00-3:30. We are unable to have visitors to the building at this time. Please call the office at 630-636-3200 if you have any questions. There is a table in the vestibule if you need to drop something off or pick something up. Masks are required in all buildings at all times.

WEEKLY DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

[Weekly Newsletter for Families](#)

TECHNOLOGY

Please be aware - the district does not currently own enough Chromebooks to distribute to every student. An order was placed several weeks ago, and as you can imagine with so many other districts going remote as well, our order is awaiting the supply to be available to be shipped to us so that we can distribute more to our students. I was told that if you submitted your technology request prior to August 12th, you should be able to receive a Chromebook. Please be sure to check your email, including your spam folder, which will give you a day and time to pick up your device. If your request for technology was submitted after August 12th, you are most likely on the waiting list. Also, the district has started limiting devices to one per household. IMPORTANT - if you do not have a device for your student to begin on Monday morning at 9:00, please reach out to your student's homeroom teacher and inform them of this. We will need to make alternate adjustments until you are able to secure a device.

ATTENDANCE

Student attendance will be taken each day. While we understand that all families have different situations and circumstances related to how the school day will look, we also are flexible in terms of attendance. Students will need to either log in and participate in a Go Live session, complete the assignments that are due for that day, or complete the question of the day to account for attending. Parents need to know that grades will be taken for all subjects taught, and students are responsible for the material that is taught and discussed during the Go Live sessions.

If your student is feeling ill, or will not be able to participate in any of the above portions of the day, you are required to call your student in absent, just as you would if we were in attendance here at Lakewood Creek. You can call in your attendance at (630) 636-3201. We will be calling families whose students have not participated and have not called their student in as absent for that day.

PLAN AHEAD!

Monday, August 24: First Day of School, 9:00am

Monday, August 31: Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm, OEHS

Monday, September 7: No School - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8: No School - Institute Day

Wed/Thurs, September 9 & 10: Second Materials Pick Up Day, 2:30-5:30

Thursday, September 10: HSO Meeting 7:00

Monday, September 14: Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm, OEHS

UPDATED DISTRICT CALENDAR

[2020-2021 Calendar](#)

TECH SUPPORT

[Student and Parent Support](#)

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Did you sign up for the Membership Toolkit yet? Our amazing HSO will use Membership Toolkit for spirit wear sales, sign ups, volunteers, school directory, news, updates, and much more. Be sure to create your account at <https://lakewoodcreekhso.membershiptoolkit.com/>



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Lakewood Creek Elementary School, home of the Coyotes, is located in Montgomery, Illinois. It is part of Oswego School District 308. We proudly serve around 700 students.

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