

Coyote Call

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2020

WELCOME TO 2020-2021!

I'd like to welcome all our returning Coyotes, as well as welcome all of our new Lakewood Creek families. Our Lakewood Creek staff is amazing, and we are ready to get started! As principal, I send out weekly communication, the "Coyote Call," which will include news, upcoming dates, and information. Please also be sure to "like" our school Facebook page.

I would like to assure you that Mr. Lewickas and I have been working throughout the summer to plan for the possibility that we would start our year off remotely. We are prepared and excited to welcome our students back to school this fall on a remote platform and will do all that we can to bring our enthusiasm to our students, staff, and community. I will be sharing more information, resources and support over the next few weeks, as well as specific information about the school year. I appreciate your patience as we work to finalize these plans.

Consider joining our Home and School Association. You can find their information on Membership Toolkit at: <https://lakewoodcreekhso.membershiptoolkit.com/>. This group of dedicated parents are an incredible support to staff and students at Lakewood Creek.

Kelley Budd,
Principal

REMOTE LEARNING FOR ALL

As you are aware by now, the start of school will be quite different this year than in any other year, as we will begin the year in Remote Learning for All. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate what the 2020-2021 school year has in store for all of us. Please know that our district leadership team, along with daily input from the elementary principals group has taken the safety and health of our students and staff into consideration throughout all of our conversations and planning. 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!!!

- Remote Learning was approved for the start of the school year. Here is a link to the website with additional information: <https://www.sd308.org/Page/24711>.
- Here is a link to a form you can fill out with any questions you may have: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejs9hXqsfzBpZKIWb_1nN6DcWRLTmKp_4p4noupDIIgFkRzA/viewform. If you do have specific questions for me, please feel free to call or email me.
- There was a recommendation to push the start of the school year back a bit. We expect a decision to be shared at Monday's Board meeting.
- A "One to One" device plan for students in grades 5-12 was approved.
- There is another Board meeting on Monday, August 10th, at 7:30 p.m.

MATERIALS, DEVICES, SUPPLIES, OH MY!

Material Pick Up: We are currently working on gathering student materials that will be needed for (at least) the first 6 weeks of school. We are planning to have a couple days in which families can come to school, and in the same drive through plan we had in May. We will provide each student with a bag of materials, including My Math workbook, Science Notebooks, as well as any copies that may be needed for ELA and Social Studies. More specific information will be shared out next week including dates and times.

Device Check Out: It will be important that our students have a device to work on throughout the day. The district shared a survey for families to fill out if you need to request a device from the district. Here is the link to request a device: [Technology Survey](#).

Supply Lists: We are working to update these to reflect the move to Remote Learning.

Class Lists: These have not been finalized yet. When I know a date that I can share who your son or daughter's teacher is, I will let you know.

Special Education Parent Meeting: Here is a link to sign up for a Zoom virtual meeting next week for all parents of students with an Individualized Education Plan or 504 Plan: <https://form.jotform.com/202165795077159>. If you plan on attending, please complete this form by 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 9th.

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.

ONLINE LEARNING TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Distance Learning Expectations *SLANT for Online Success*

S	SPACE for Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Set up a workspace with all your supplies for class.★ Have a flat and stable surface to type and write on.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Consider where you'll be comfortable, less distracted, and able to share audio and video.	 <p>Working from home</p>
L	LOOK at the screen <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Close other distracting tabs★ Eliminate other screens that distract, including cell phones and televisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Use split screen feature to access other pages your teacher direct you to.	
A	ASK Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Access and Content Questions★ Use the chat with ? to ask a question.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Raise your hand to and wait to be called on to turn on your microphone.	 <p>ASK</p>
N	NOD your head <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Be brave and turn your camera on whenever possible★ React to your teacher with facial expressions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Use EMOJIs or NOD extension in the chat when you can't turn your camera on.	 <p>YAAASSS</p>
T	TALK to Others <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ You will be called on to speak in class - Be prepared★ Volunteer to participate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Be active in breakout rooms with classmates★ Stay on task and be appropriate	 <p>TALK</p>

WHAT IF?

Let's think about the possibilities! I am excited to face the challenge and opportunities ahead of us. What if....

What if instead of 'falling behind', this group of lockdown kids are actually ahead? Hear me out...

What if they have more empathy, enjoy family connection, can be more creative and entertain themselves, love to read, love to express themselves in writing?

What if they enjoy the simple things, like their own garden and sitting near a window in the quiet? What if they notice the birds and the dates the different flowers emerge, and the calming renewal of a gentle rain shower?

What if this generation are the ones to learn to cook, organise their space, do their laundry and keep a well-run home?

What if they learn to ride a bike, play a board game, do simple crafts, learn to bake, climb a tree, play without a screen?

What if they learn to understand the value of money, what's important and how to live with less? What if they learn to plan shopping trips and meals at home?

What if they learn the value of eating together as a family and finding the good to share in the small delights of the everyday?

What if they learn to just be: to be resilient, to be content?

What if they are the ones to place great value on our teachers and educational professionals, librarians, public servants and the previously invisible essential support workers?

What if, among these children, a great leader emerges who had the benefit of a slower pace and a simpler life to truly learn what really matters in this life?

What if they are AHEAD?

Via Buckden Primary

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YOUR LINK TO THE BEST IN EDUCATION

PLAN AHEAD!

August 10, 7:30 pm: Board of Education Meeting, OEHS Community Room

August TBD: Materials Pick Up

August TBD: First Day of School

September 7: No School - Labor Day

MEAL DISTRIBUTION WILL CONTINUE. DETAILS ARE BEING FINALIZED & WILL BE SHARED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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HSO MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT:

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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