



Lindenwold School District

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Dear School Five Families,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your child to Lindenwold School Five for the 2024-2025 School Year! I hope this letter finds you well after safely enjoying the summer months with family, while reading, staying active and having fun! On behalf of the Lindenwold School Five Staff, I would like to give a very special welcome to our new students and families. We are pleased to have you join our school family. To our returning students and their families, we are looking forward to another exciting and successful school year. We are pleased to confirm that our school will be open to receive our students in the school/classroom setting on Monday, September 9th- our first day of school! We will continue to stretch our students in all subject areas with the instruction and support of our dedicated staff. We will continue to foster a family of learners within our school community. We know that all students excel at high levels when there is a partnership and relationship between students, parents and staff. We seek to have your support and collaboration to ensure the success of all students.

I would like to make note of a few new faces this year at Lindenwold School Five. We are pleased to have the following additions to our team.

Lauren Retkovis- Kindergarten Team Teacher

Alexandra Paradise- PreSchool Teacher

Darlene Sanchez- Second Grade Team Teacher

Ashley Seymour- Third Grade Teacher

Bridget Ferreira- Third Grade Teacher

Brooke Weinczyk- Special Education Teacher

Lauren Rosenberg- Therapist

Norma Rivera- School Secretary

Nicole Johnson- First Grade Teacher

Jenna Forte- Bilingual Second Grade Teacher

Jaime Dutkin- Second Grade Teacher

Gerald Patrick- Third Grade Team Teacher

Taylor O'Hara- Special Education Teacher

Brittany Rulli- Board Certified Behavior Analyst

Joan Rodriguez-Hernandez- Instructional Assist.

Richard Jones- Lunch Aide

Our first day of school is Monday, September 9, 2024, and it is a full day of school (8:50am through 3:25pm) for all of our students. Our students will be provided with the basic school supplies and materials by their classroom teachers. These supplies will be distributed to students during the first week of school.

I would like to remind you that our [Lindenwold School Five website](#) is a great resource for parents/guardians and students, as School Five becomes more paperless. We will be posting school notices on our website for your viewing access, such as our *Student Handbook and Code of Conduct*, and other valuable information. Some of the information below is also provided in our *Student Handbook and Code of Conduct*, but it serves as a reference for you. Also, please note that throughout the school year, your child will receive important information via Teacher's Google Classroom accounts and other teacher applications, such as Remind, Class Dojo, ClassTag, etc. Please be diligent in checking your child's account **on a daily basis**.

Student School Day

Lindenwold School Five Hours for Grades K-4 are as follows:

Regular Day:	8:50am – 3:25pm
Early Dismissal:	8:50am – 1:25pm

Regular and punctual attendance is an essential part of your child's schooling. Students are expected to be present daily by 8:50am, and remain in school for the duration of the school day until 3:25pm.

Lunch/Recess

Students will be participating in lunch and recess activities daily. In an effort to reduce the number of students in the cafeteria at one time, only half of the students at a grade level are assigned to eat in the cafeteria at any given time. This has been our practice for many years at School Five. This means that half of the grade would be outside at recess while half of the grade would be inside for lunch. Note that students will be outside participating in outdoor recess unless the weather is inclement or "the feel like temperature" is below 40 degrees or above 90 degrees.

Arrival/Dismissal

Note that students will be entering directly into the building upon arrival. All students will enter through their grade level designated exterior doors, as outlined on the [School Entrances Map](#) linked here and mailed to you in August. You will also find this map on the School Five website. Bus students will be directed to their grade level entrances by school personnel. **Note that if you are dropping off your child, you must use the Car Lane (Blue Curb) and remain inside the vehicle while your child exits the vehicle. This is a quick drop off and cars will be expected to move on quickly. You MAY NOT park along the blue curb under any circumstance.**

All walkers will be dismissed through their classroom's exterior doors. If you are meeting your child at dismissal, be sure to report to their classroom door. **You should also note that we are adhering to our dismissal time (3:25pm), and parents may not pick up students before dismissal time as it interrupts instruction for your student, their class and their teacher. If you are taking your child to an appointment, be sure to provide the teacher/main office with this information on the morning of the appointment. We will not be interrupting classes during instruction.**

We look forward to meeting all of you during our Open House on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:00pm. If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the School Five Main Office at (856) 784-4063. Thank you in advance for your dedication and partnership when working with our students.

Sincerely,

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