



SHAMROCK SHOUT OUT!



AUGUST 2021

August Events

8/10 KDG Open House Meet and Greet 4:30-6:00 PM

8/11 1st Day of School

8/23 Gr. 1-6 Open House

Mr. Romer your PrinciPAL

Welcome back to another exciting start of the school year. I hope your summer vacation was fun, relaxing, and enjoyable with family and friends as we all stay safe with our health and well-being. Our summer custodial crew, office staff and teachers have been working hard in preparation for the 2021-2022 school year. We have had several major building improvements this summer with new windows, HVAC systems and LED lighting throughout the building, as well as new carpet in the library. Our office will be open Monday and Tuesday to accommodate families in preparation for the start of the school year. If you have any questions or need to contact the school: NLES ph. 574-656-8123 and my email is rromer@jgsc.k12.in.us

COVID Updates

On 6/24/2021 Mr. Winchell provided guidance with a link to the adopted recommendations for COVID procedures. The main points provided were:

- Vaccinations are encouraged, but not required.
- Masks will be optional with the exception of School Busses where masks will be required.
- Daily sanitation and air quality efforts will continue.
- COVID-positive/close-contacts will quarantine with the exception of fully vaccinated individuals.
- Please see this [link](#) for more information

We will continue to practice safe hygiene with hand washing, sanitation, and social distancing practices in the building. We ask that you continue to self-screen daily on the status of your child's symptoms. If your child is feeling ill, call the office at 656-8123 for absence documentation. We ask that your child

have a water bottle brought to school daily to limit drinking fountain usage.

New Shamrocks – Kindergarten

I want to welcome you to North Liberty Elementary School. Shamrock Pride: Pride in our School, Pride in Self and Pride in Others! That is our slogan here along with – A great place to learn, teach, lead and succeed. Our KDG teachers are excited to meet you and your family on Aug. 10 from 4:30-6:00. This is a meet and greet format so bring your supplies to assist with the first day of school. Enter Door 1 (Main Entrance) and follow the signs to the KDG wing next to the cafeteria.

New Families to North Liberty Elem.

In order to accommodate the transition to a new school, we will have the building open for students and families to walk the building. August 10 from 4:30-6:00 PM. This will allow them to become comfortable for the first day of school. Enter Door 1 (Main Entrance) and follow the signs for assigned classrooms. The office will be open as well for any documents that may need turned in, book fees to pay or other questions you may have for them.

Two Different Open House Events Only KDG only on Aug. 10 from 4:30-6:00 PM Gr. 1-6 only Aug. 23 from 4:30-6:00 PM

We have Open House (meet and greet style) for students and parents to meet their teacher.

Bus Transportation and Changes

Be patient the first couple days with bus pick up and drop off times. Drivers will be contacting you by Monday on possible times. The routes are determined by the registration information in Harmony. We are requiring one location for drop off and pick up to streamline the process. The NLES routes are adjusted this year with one less route which will make adjustments to the other route pick up and drop off times.

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Breakfast and lunch

The state has continued to waive the cost for breakfast and lunch as school. Both meals are FREE to all students.

Boys and Girls Club A.K.A. B & A

The Boys and Girls Club of Michiana will be providing the same care with additional programs to our NLES students. Heather Harrison is the director and has paperwork for any family interested in this service. Mr. Davis sent out an email explaining more about the program STRIVE.

1st Day of School

Please be patient with the first day of school as families take pictures on the lawn and other safe areas. Out of safety and protection of all, we require parents to release their child at the front door where they will then walk to their classroom. Aides will be available to assist students to their classes.

7:50 School Doors Open

The school main entry doors are open at 7:50 to enter the building with breakfast beginning at 7:40. All other students wait on the sidewalk for the 7:50 bell. We have adult supervision at 7:40 so do not come too early. Student supervision is one of my highest priorities and your cooperation is needed to make that happen. At 8:00 the teachers count attendance and announcements occur to begin the school day.

Dismissal Schedule

We dismiss students to the busses at 2:40 and then the car riders soon after. You may park in the north parking lot (best for older students) where students can walk to that location and meet you on the lawn. If you are in the line alongside the sidewalk, please stay in your vehicle and the student will walk to you. If you are parking, please walk to the lawn and meet your child. Please stay off the long sidewalk area where students line up and wait for you.

AM & PM Car Riders

We ask that all cars enter the parking lot on Mill St. This will simplify traffic patterns when busses leave and walkers cross the road. The pace of drop off

depends on everybody following procedures. We ask that you pull as far north in the drop off zone. Have your child(ren) exit the right side of the vehicle and walk along the curb to the entrance. If you wish to walk your child to the door, you can park in a diagonal parking spot. No parking along the drop off lane by the sidewalk. The main entry doors open at 7:50 for students to be released to their classrooms. Be patient for the first week to allow new families and veterans adjusting to the morning schedule.

Attendance

Being at school on time and on a regular basis is one of the single greatest influences on a student's ability to succeed in school. In the event that your child is sick, please contact the office 574-656-8123 prior to 8:30 AM to inform of reason for absence. If your child is absent and no call is made, Schoolreach will be contacting the phone number listed in Harmony to make you aware.

The Department of Education is increasing the accountability on school attendance. As a school, our goal is to decrease absenteeism with our overall percentage and individual students that have chronic absences last year.

Falloween Festival 2021

Please mark your calendars for the weekend of Sept. 24-26 for the Falloween Festival. It will be held on the grounds of John Glenn High School. Highlights of the festival include: midway rides, fireworks, parade, lots of food, games, music and much more. Over \$450,000 has been raised for student scholarships dating back to 2009. More information can be found at www.falloweenfest.com

School Website

If you lost a newsletter, want more information on school events, or just want to stay current with school information then utilize the school link below.

<http://www.jgsc.k12.in.us/nles.html>

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