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Dear Lindsey Families,

Where did the summer go? We have about a month before our Lindsey Lions start back to school, and honestly I cannot wait. Our teachers and staff are working so hard to get everything ready in our beautiful new building. All of the furniture has been delivered and set up in the classrooms, most of the instructional materials have been delivered, and we are in the process of unloading and sorting everything by grade level.

We have been blessed to have so many of you sign up to volunteer. We have almost reached the point of needing to call in reinforcements. So do not be surprised if you receive a phone call in the next week asking for your assistance in some way. There will be some jobs where kids will be welcome and some where we will ask that kids not attend due to the nature of the task.

A school marquee is a great communication tool to remind families of all the events and special dates we have throughout the year. We would like to thank Firethorne Development for donating \$5000 towards the purchase of our marquee. Throughout the year we will continue to raise money for this important purchase.

This newsletter is quite lengthy because we have a lot of important information and dates to share. One of the most important things we need all of our families to take care of is completing all required LCISD beginning-ofyear forms in Skyward. Students will not receive their teacher assignment until all forms are completed. You may begin completing the forms <u>August 1st</u>. There is additional information on the following pages.

We have received numerous phone calls about the dress code for next school year. There are details on the following pages to help with your shopping. I know there were mixed feelings about the no uniforms decision. We currently have approximately 380 kids enrolled at Lindsey with more joining everyday. The only families who had the opportunity to complete the survey were the Lindsey families who attended Huggins Elementary last year. Due to the fact that so many of our families did not get an opportunity to complete the survey and have their voice heard we will resend the survey out in May 2018. Please note we will not survey every single year. May will be the last survey sent out so if you have strong feelings about your kids wearing uniforms either way, please take the time to complete the form and mail it back to the district when the time comes.

We will be selling spirit shirts at the Scavenger Hunt on August 10th and at Meet the Teacher on August 24th. Check out the order form on the following pages to see the t-shirt and pullover designs. The Lindsey Lions will be celebrating "Charged Up Thursday's" by wearing our favorite Charger shirts, and every Friday students are encouraged to wear their Lindsey Lion spirit shirt. If you are interested in purchasing shirts please bring cash to one of the above mentioned events. We are limited in the number of shirts we have to sell, but if we run out of the sizes you need we will take orders and deliver them to your child's classroom.

This will be the last newsletter I will be sending out until school starts. Our campus newsletter, newly named *The Paw Print*, will be sent every Tuesday to the email address you provide on your beginning of the year forms. I know we all get really busy and reading a newsletter is the last thing anyone wants to do after a long day. I encourage you to make it a priority to find the time to read about the awesome things going on at our school. Over the next few weeks you should receive a postcard with important August dates, and I will also be doing a few call outs and eblasts as additional reminders.

On behalf of the Lindsey staff we hope that you enjoy the last few weeks of summer. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call. We will see you all very soon!

Love,

Mrs. Williams



For the 2017-18 school year, all required Lamar Consolidated ISD beginning-ofyear forms <u>must</u> be completed through the Skyward Family Access Center. Your student's teacher will not be available online through the Family Access Center until all of the beginning-of-year forms are completed for your student. Teacher assignments will not be given out at Meet the Teacher until all forms are completed online.

Beginning-of-year items moved online include family contact information, emergency contacts and the Student Handbook signature page. These items will be available through your normal Skyward Family Access login starting <u>August</u> <u>1st</u>. Offering these forms digitally allows you the convenience of only updating information that has changed from last school year, while also helping us maintain accurate information in our student information system.

To assist you in this process, instructions, important dates and information for technical assistance regarding beginning-of-year forms can be found on the Lamar CISD webpage at <u>http://www.lcisd.org</u>. Click on the Family Access button in the top left of the LCISD webpage and choose the Beginning-Of-Year Forms button.



If you complete your online beginning-of-the-year forms prior to Tuesday, August 15th you will be able to see your child's teacher online on Wednesday, August 16th prior to Meet the Teacher.

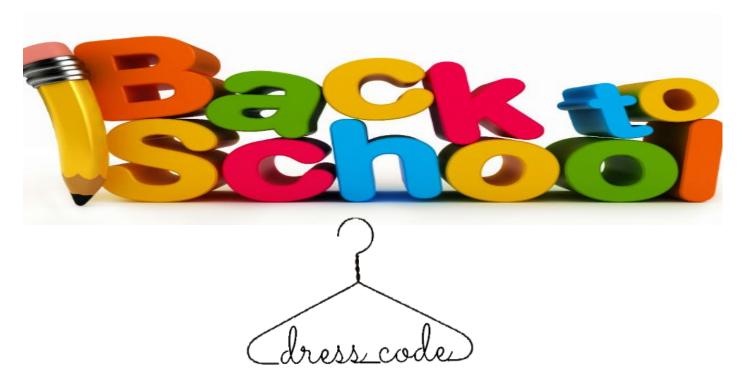


Your son/daughter will have the wonderful opportunity to participate in the swimming program at the Lamar CISD Natatorium **required** by the Physical Education Department. There he/she will be instructed by certified American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors. The program is 12 days and includes water safety instruction and Red Cross swim lessons. The Lindsey Elementary fourth graders will participate in the swim program beginning on August 31st—September 15th. We are giving you these dates ahead of time to ensure you have an opportunity to purchase a swimsuit if needed. Each student is required to bring a swimsuit. The girls are required to wear a one-piece suit and those individuals with long hair must wear their hair up. No t-shirts, shorts, or cut-offs are allowed. Swim suits only. We will allow swim shirts if necessary. Towels are provided for each student each day.

LCISD transportation department will provide transportation. Students will be escorted to the bus by their teacher and supervised as they get on the bus. The bus driver will be responsible for the students during their travel to and from the natatorium. Once students arrive at the natatorium, the Water Safe-ty Instructor will escort the children into the natatorium. Students will be under adult supervision at all times, in and out of the water. Students will be away from campus approximately 2 hours a day for those 12 days.

Parents, I know you have a million questions and we have lots of letters with information ready to send home the first few days of school which will answer most of your questions. Because our assigned dates are so close to school starting we wanted to give everyone a heads-up.





Lindsey Elementary maintains a policy on dress and grooming that is aligned to the Elementary District Handbook for Lamar Consolidated ISD. The policy is designed to prevent distractions from learning and to protect students' health and safety. If a child is in violation of the Lindsey Elementary dress code, parents will be notified to bring a change of clothing or allow the student to wear clothing provided by our school.

- Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be no shorter than fingertip length.
- Shirts or other articles of clothing that expose the midriff when arms are raised should not be worn.
- Shirts and dresses should be at least three fingers in width at the shoulder. Tank tops and spaghetti straps are not permitted.
- Leggings are permitted when worn with a tunic-length top or dress.
- Pants should not be baggy or oversized and should be worn at the waist.
- Hair should be a non-distracting color and style.
- Hats are not permitted in the building.
- Houses shoes and shoes with wheels are not permitted.
- No backless shoes are permitted. Athletic shoes with a rubber sole, closed toe, and full support around the feet are encouraged daily. Please keep in mind that students attend PE every other day and recess every day, therefore shoes must be safe for running and playing.
- Jewelry should not pose a distraction or safety hazard.
- Pajamas or clothing designed as undergarments should not be worn as outerwear.

For more details, please refer to the Lamar Consolidated ISD Elementary Student Handbook. The handbook can be located at the following link:

https://www.lcisd.org/students-parents/general-information



ORDER FORM BILLING INFORMATION

Name:

Phone:

E-mail:





SNEAK PEEK SCAVENGER HUNT

Thursday, August 10, 2017 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Families complete a scavenger hunt while taking a sneak peek at our new building. We hope you will stay for our 6:30p.m. parent meeting where we will vote on what type of parent, teacher, and community organization we will have at Lindsey Elementary.

PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN AND PPCD/PEGASUS ORIENTATION

Thursday, August 16, 2017 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. For incoming Pre-K, PPCD/Pegasus, Kindergarteners, and families.

MEET YOUR TEACHER

Thursday, August 24, 2017 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Class assignments will be handed out in the cafeteria. All online Beginning of the Year forms must be completed in Skyward in order to receive class assignments. Students need to bring their school supplies.

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Session 1: 5:45 - 6:30

Session 2: 6:45 - 7:45

Parental information meeting about the new school year, classroom/school procedures, and academic expectations. Session 1 and Session 2 are identical sessions. Two times are offered for parent convenience.

WATCH DOG KICKOFF

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

This is an opportunity for our Dads to learn more about what it means to be a WATCH DOG at Lindsey. This is a dad only event, so no kids please.

5:30 - 6:30p.m.

Lindsey Gym



BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE YMCA After School

Lindsey Elementary Parents,

Are you interested in after school care for your children ages 5–12? In addition to a healthy snack, your child will enjoy arts & crafts, games, homework assistance, physical fitness activities and structured indoor activity centers in our Child Care Program.

- Fees include early dismissal days
- Pick up as late as 6:30 pm
- Care is provided in the school cafeteria

MONTHLY FEES (per child)

Facility Member Program Member \$220 per month \$270 per month Register online at ymcahouston.org

There is a one-time \$35 registration fee, Financial assistance available through the YMCA and Workforce Solutions (NCI),

To express interest, contact Youth Development Director, Sherry Hubbard, at 281-392-5055 and leave your name, phone and number of children interested in the program.

This program is fully licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and meets all licensing and safety standards. All staff are well trained in the care of school age children, and are First Aid and CPR certified.

THIS ORGANIZATION AND ITS ACTIVITIES ARE NOT RELATED TO OR SPONSORED BY LCISD.

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If you would like to still order school supplies from EPI it is not too late. Our Lindsey sale is over, but EPI will still take your order online and deliver them to your house. There is a slight increase in cost because of the direct delivery to your home.





http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f49acad23a3f94-lindsey

Click here to sign up to help in August.





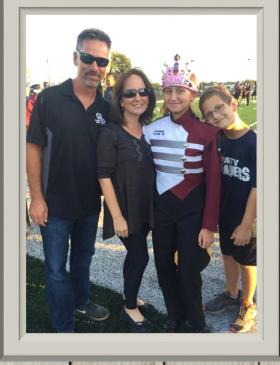
My name is Kristine Bone, and I will be the art teacher for Lindsey Elementary. This will be my first year teaching art and I could not be more excited! I graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in Communications, then returned to the University of Houston to receive my degree in Elementary Education. I taught 4th grade at several schools in the district before becoming a Gifted and Talented facilitator, which I did for 7 years. I am looking forward to nurturing the creativity of the Lindsey Lions!

I live in Richmond with my husband Todd and my son Matt, who will be a junior at Foster. My daughter Sarah will be a freshman at Stephen F. Austin State University this fall. I love watching football, shopping, reading, and baking. Our family loves to travel, especially to our state and national parks. I'm not typically an adventurous person except when my family takes a vacation. Then we love to try new adventures like kayaking, white water rafting, and zip-lining.





My name is Erin Hebert and I am pleased to be the school nurse for Lindsey Elementary! I have been a nurse for nearly 14 years. I obtained my nursing degree in my hometown from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. I am a huge Ragin Cajun and LSU fan and love eating Cajun foods, such as Gumbo, Crawfish Etouffee, and Jambalaya. I moved to Katy almost 2 years ago with my family. I've been married for almost 17 years and have 2 daughters, the oldest is Olivia and my youngest is Sophie. I love spending time with them, either attending their sporting events or just relaxing around the pool. I am excited to join the Lindsey Team and hope to have a healthy school year.



My name is Monika Jordan and I am elated to be a part of the phenomenal Lindsey family as your music teacher!

My passion for music and teaching started as a student in elementary school. By age 11, I was taking private flute lessons with the principal flutist of the Houston Symphony and, ever since, music remained central to my life. I earned my Bachelor of Music degree with a Professional Education minor from the University of North Texas. This degree program included a year abroad at Sheffield University, England with studies in English Linguistics and Music History. Teaching experiences include band, choir, elementary music, and owned an early childhood music & movement studio. I am also a region band judge, flute clinician, private instructor, chamber music performer, and a member of the Sugar Land Wind Symphony.

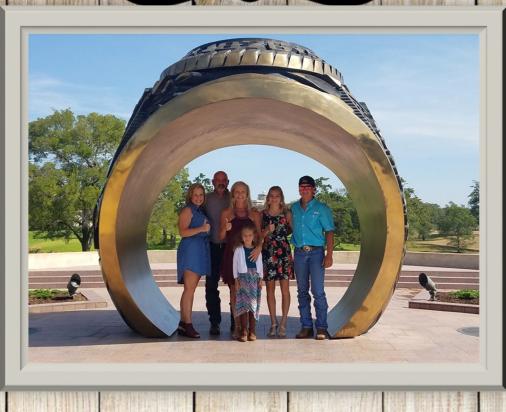


Hello new Lindsey family! My name is Rachelle Rivera and I will be the 5th grade Math teacher. I am over the moon EXCITED to be apart of this new adventure! I have worked for Houston ISD and Kipling Street Academy. I have finally made my way back to the Katy area where my family lives and given the opportunity to be a part of opening a new school. I have two very precious fur babies, both dogs. Ace (11) and Marley (1.5), and they are my WORLD! I am eager to meet all my future students and the amazing parents that make this possible. Have a wonderful summer all!



Hello Lindsey Lions!

My name is Melissa Freeman and I have lived here in Katy for over 20 years with my husband Jay. I am so excited to be a part of the Lindsey learning community. I teach 5th grade English Language Arts and I can't wait to share my passion for reading with your children. I'm looking forward to an amazing school year!



My name is Lori Rhoads, and I am thrilled to be joining Lindsey as the Reading Facilitator. I've been in education for 20 years. In addition to being a Reading Facilitator, I've taught 1st, 3rd, and 4th, and served as the director of a preschool when my kiddos were little. I have a BBA in Accounting, elementary certification, and a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction through Texas A & M. Whoop!

I have 3 grown children and 1 precious granddaughter. In my free time, I am an avid runner and triathlete. I've run in several distance challenges, including running the Dopey Challenge four times at Disney World. But, my all-time favorite moment, so far, has been completing my first Half Ironman in Galveston, Texas in 2015.

My goal is to instill the love of learning, especially reading, into our Lindsey students!





Hello! My name is Allison Brantly. This will be my 8th year teaching and I'm excited to join the Lindsey team as your Physical Education teacher. My husband Justin and I, will be celebrating our 6th year of marriage this June and we have a beautiful two year old daughter named Aubrey. I'm ready to start our new adventure together as Lindsey Lions! Come explore your way through Specials this Fall!