

Merlin Messenger

Parent Newsletter - July 2023

I hope you are enjoying your summer! We are busy preparing for the upcoming school year. We can't wait to see our Merlins! The Merlin Messenger includes important information for the start of the year. Please read carefully.



First Day of School

AUGUST 14, 2023

Doors open at 7:15 am

Parents may walk students to class.

MEET THE TEACHER

McNeill Elementary School



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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH

5:00-7:00 PM

COME & GO EVENT -
MEET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER & DROP OFF SUPPLIES



We are excited to see all our Merlins at Meet the Teacher on Wednesday, August 9th. The event will be held from 5:00-7:00 pm. Please remember that Meet the Teacher is a come and go event. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, see their classroom, and drop off supplies. There will no parent conferences held during this time. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

2023-24 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

2023 - 2024 Instructional Calendar

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Pre-Start Staff Development		Grading Periods	
July 27, July 31	New Teacher Staff Development	Elementary (K-5) Grading Periods	
Aug. 1	Opt Out Day	Elementary Dates Inst Days	
Aug. 2-Aug. 9	Pre-Start Staff Development	1 9 W Aug. 14 - Oct. 13 41	
Aug. 10, Aug. 11	Pre-Start Teacher Workdays	2 9 W Oct. 16 - Dec. 15 39	
		3 9 W Jan. 3 - Mar. 8 46	
		4 9 W Mar. 18 - May 23 47	
		Total Instruction Days 173	
Student & Staff Holidays		Secondary (6-12) Grading Periods	
July 4	Independence Day	Secondary Dates Inst Days	
Sept. 4	Labor Day	1 6 W Aug. 14 - Sep. 22 29	
Sept. 29	Fort Bend County Fair Day	2 6 W Sep. 25 - Nov. 3 26	
Oct. 9 - Oct. 9	Fall Break	3 6 W Nov. 6 - Dec. 15 25	
Nov. 29 - 30	Thanksgiving Break	4 6 W Jan. 3 - Feb. 16 32	
Dec. 18 - Jan. 1	Winter Break	5 6 W Feb. 20 - Apr. 12 32	
Jan. 15	MLK Day	6 6 W Apr. 15 - May 23 29	
Mar. 11 - 15	Spring Break		
Apr. 1	Spring Holiday	Total Instruction Days 173	
May 27	Memorial Day		
June 18	Juneteenth		
Staff Development & Student Holidays			
Oct. 27, Jan. 2, Feb. 18, Mar. 29 (DMA), May 24			
Early Dismissal / Teacher Work Day or Staff Development			
Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Mar. 6, May 23			
Information and Notes			
Instructional Days 169 Full + 4 Half = 173			
Total Minutes 77,055			

*Board approved on March 21, 2023



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NEW SCHOOL HOURS

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EFFECTIVE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

As one of the fastest-growing districts in Texas, it is our responsibility to anticipate and respond to the needs of our students, parents, and staff – now more than ever.

With campuses stretched across 385 square miles, our families and staff have spent the last two years combating bus driver shortages and long transit hours, and the challenges have only increased.

To alleviate these growing pains, our Trustees approved new school hours at the February board meeting. We have designed the following four-tier system, which will be implemented at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year. This shift ensures that we have enough drivers for each route and eliminates the need for comeback routes.

Our commitment to serve the community is strong. Thank you for staying engaged. Your involvement ensures that our District carries on a proud tradition of excellence.



- 7:15 AM to 2:40 PM Elementary (Group A)**
- 7:45 AM to 3:10 PM Elementary (Group B)**
- 8:25 AM to 3:50 PM High School**
- 9:05 AM to 4:30 PM Middle School & Junior High**

Group A		Group B	
Adolphus	Hubenak	Bowie	Meyer
Arredondo	Hutchison	Dickinson	Pink
Austin	Lindsey	Frost	Smith
Beasley	Morgan	Gray	Tamarron
Bentley	Phelan	Huggins	Thomas
Campbell	Ray	Jackson	Travis
Carter	Seguin	Long	Williams
Culver	Velasquez	McNeill	

For more information, please visit www.LCISD.org/hours.



BEGINNING-OF-YEAR FORMS



Dear Parents/Guardians,

For the 2023-2024 school year, all required Lamar Consolidated ISD beginning-of-year forms must be completed online through the Skyward Family Access Center.

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. Instructions, important dates and technical assistance regarding the online forms can be found by clicking [here](#). Included on this page is a link to reset your Family Access username/password if you have forgotten it.

Online forms will be available through the Family Access Center starting July 26th and all forms need to be submitted no later than September 15th. Your student's schedule will not be available online through the Family Access Center until all of the beginning-of-year forms are completed for your student and after the campus has released schedules. Student schedules will be available online on Wednesday, Aug. 9th if all online forms have been completed.

For those who need access to a computer or the Internet, computers will be available on campus Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. starting August 1, 2023.

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DRESS CODE

SHIRT TOPS

Collared (polo style, no logo)
solid color tops in red, white,
navy blue and yellow.



BOTTOMS

Solid color khaki, navy blue or
blue denim jeans, slacks
shorts, skirts, or jumpers.



OTHER

No backless shoes, flip
flops, Crocs, sweatpants,
overalls, hats, caps, or
skate shoes.



ARRIVAL

Our doors open at 7:15 am. **Parents will be allowed to walk their children to class on the first day of school ONLY.** Please park in designated parking spots or along the street. We are asking that parents not block other cars in preventing them from leaving. Please use the front doors when walking your child into the building on the first day. Bring your child's supplies if you did not do so at Meet the Teacher.

Students will be required to wear their SMART Tags daily. They should wear them with their lanyards to school. Any student who lost their SMART Tag last year needs to purchase a replacement one. Replacement SMART Tags can be purchased for \$5 in the front office.

Please place a label on the front of your child's shirt with their name, grade level, and the teacher's name on it. This is especially helpful for Pre-K/K students who are hesitant to speak. We will have plenty of staff available to help students get to class.

Car riders – Our doors open at 7:15 am. Please do not drop your child off before this time. There is no adult supervision before 7:15 am. Drop off is at the back of the school. Please do not wait for

7:40 to drop off your child. The line will be long, and your child will be late to school.

Remember, everyone being dropped off must go through the carpool line after the first day of school. For everyone's safety, we are no longer allowing parents to park and walk students across the busy bus lane. Parents who attempt this will be asked to return to your car and enter the car rider line.

Bus riders – Everyone riding the bus must register through the SMART Tag system.

Walkers/Bike riders- These students will walk/ride their bikes using the sidewalks in front of the school.

Students will go straight to their classrooms at 7:15 am on the first day of school ONLY unless they are eating breakfast.

After the first day, students will sit in their grade level hallways until they are released to go to class at 7:30 am.

PK – 5th students will be able to eat breakfast in the cafeteria daily until 7:30 am. Remember, SMART Tags are also students' "lunch cards".

We recommend you using the online system, School Café, to add money to lunch accounts. The cafeteria will not provide change when students make cash transactions. The additional funds will be added to the student's lunch account.



DISMISSAL

IMPORTANT: Please be sure your child's teacher knows how your child will be getting home on the first day of school. We will be calling on the first day to confirm transportation. Please give us a number that someone will answer.

Transportation changes- Transportation changes **MUST** be made before 2:00 PM. Please call the office or send a note with your child to indicate a change for the way your child normally goes home. Transportation change notifications are delivered to the classrooms at 2:00pm. Therefore, we cannot accept changes after 2:00 pm. If you want to check your child out early for appointments, that must be done by 2:00 pm as well. We will not release students for early pick up after 2:00 pm. This information is in the LCISD Student Handbook. Please try and keep the way your child goes home as consistent as possible. This decreases the likelihood of a mistake occurring.

Bus-LCISD Transportation is highly recommended for all students who are eligible. The buses are the first mode of transportation to leave each day. The buses will load and leave early the first 3 days of school. Parents are advised to arrive at the bus stops early on these days. Give your child's

bus a 15-minute window before and after the published time as drivers work to ensure everyone is accounted for and dropped off at the correct stop. PK and K students will only be released to an authorized adult listed in the SMART Tag System. Please bring your ID to the bus stop on the first day for verification. SMART Tags will be scanned each time your child gets on and off the bus, for lunch meals in the cafeteria, and in the library for checking out books.

Daycare- Daycare vans will line up behind LCISD Transportation. Students will be loaded in the daycare vans after the school buses have been loaded and have left. Please let your child's teacher know the name of the daycare your child will attend as well as the branch if it is a chain daycare, i.e. Kids R Kids Bella Terra.

Car-We anticipate a large number of car riders this year, so we are asking you to please be patient while we dismiss students safely. Please place your car rider tag on the passenger side dashboard, so that the person calling the names of the car riders can see it. The drop-off/pick-up line is at the back of the school right passed the playground.

Walkers/Bikers – They will be dismissed by grade level. PK/K students will be released to a parent/guardian only. Parents are not allowed to walk up to the school to meet your children. Please meet them at the edge of the front parking lot entry (for those who live in the direction of the park) and all others at the 4- way stop (Mason and Lakemont Bend). Please do not park your car in the street and wave for your child to run across traffic. This is very dangerous. If your child is a walker, you are saying that they are responsible enough to get home on their own without adult assistance. **If you do not want your child to walk home without an adult, please make sure to communicate that with the teacher prior to the first day of school. If they have older/younger siblings that they will walk home with, please communicate that information to the teachers as well.**

We know it might take a few days to develop a routine that works for your family. **It is very important that students' transportation is consistently set as soon as possible.**

HELPFUL DOCUMENTS

2023-24 School Supply List

23-24-school-supply-list.pdf

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Our calendar will not be as involved as it has been in previous years. We will adjust accordingly as the disease activity levels change.

JULY

- July 29 - Back to School Block Party (8am - 12pm) Traylor Stadium

AUGUST

- August 9 - Meet the Teacher
 - August 14 - First Day of Instruction
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