

# Louisville Elementary

2017 **SEPTEMBER** Newsletter for Elementary Parents and Students

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## Mark Your Calendars

September 4 - Labor Day - No  
School

September 11 - PTO mtg. @ 5:30

September 11 - School Board mtg.  
@ 6:30

## Louisville Public Schools

### Vision Statement

Louisville Public Schools will be a progressive district that engages a community of learners in collaboration toward excellence in academic, work, and social areas as productive members of our global society.

### Mission Statement

Louisville Public Schools will meet the needs of each learner by providing instruction that results in problem solving, communication, and technology skills.

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## From the Desk of Mr. Cory Holl

It's so hard to believe that we are beginning the month of September. The first weeks of school have gone by so quickly. We have had an amazing start to a new school year. I know this is due to the extensive planning of all our teachers, custodians, secretaries, etc. There is much work that goes into preparing for the first few days of school.

As we began a new school year, you found your child's teacher(s) establishing school rules and procedures. Our students spent the first days discussing routines and procedures, expectations and classroom rules. In the most successful classrooms, teachers have established specific routines for the children to follow. This means giving the children a specific place to find and keep materials, a set schedule for classroom instruction, etc. These routines, blended with the teacher's consistent standards, form a smooth running classroom where the children have the security of understanding their environment and are reinforced positively for their contributions.

We are now down to business and students are diving right into curriculum. One secret to a successful school year is to set good routines right from the start. Here are some tips to help your child become more successful in school: (1) One key to success is to follow a schedule. Children need a schedule they can depend on – one that includes definite times for homework, meals, and sleep. Then they can work around those times to include the extras. (2) Continue to share reading with your children, even after they can read by themselves. This allows them to enjoy stories that may be too difficult for them to read alone. For variety, try reading newspapers, magazines – even comic strips. You'll send the message that reading is important. (3) Take a few minutes every day to look at what your child brings home from school. You'll probably see work that teachers thought was important enough to send home. Talk about the schoolwork together. This shows that you care about the things your child spends most of the day doing. I would also like to remind everyone the importance of school attendance. Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do better on state tests. Being late for school hurts a child's learning, too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of

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instruction during the year. Children can copy notes or make up an assignment, but they can never get back what's most important: the discussion, the questions, the explanations by the teacher and the thinking that makes learning come alive. Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background—one that can only be gained through regular school attendance.

In closing, I look forward to continuing to work with each of you as we work together to ensure all of our students are meeting their individual potential. One way to help with this is to maintain a positive connection between home and school. I encourage you to help with this by keeping in touch with your child's teacher as questions arise. In addition, I am also available to help answer any questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us! We are so very fortunate to have parents that support our efforts. You play a huge role in a child's educational success by helping students get to bed on time, ensuring that homework is completed, etc. Louisville Elementary would not be the same without your help and support. Together, let's make it a GREAT year!

This is an attempt #2! Please take a few seconds to fill out the survey enclosed in this newsletter so that I can improve in my communication to families. There are only 5 questions that will take you only a couple of minutes. I appreciate any feedback you may provide. Here is the link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/Qa6ug9hgLYH3tnpf1>

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## **Must Read!!!! Phase II Playground Project UPDATE!!**

Twenty-four months of persistent fundraising efforts is paying-off! Currently, we have nearly met 95% of our fundraising goal, receiving about \$94,500 in funding commitments!! We cannot express how much we greatly appreciate the community support for this project! We would like to have one last fundraising push to reach our ultimate goal of \$100,000!! We would love to have our goal met by November 1, 2017 so we can make early plans for the implementation of the next phase of the project. To donate to the project, I have attached a donation flier to this newsletter.

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## **Student Assistance Team (SAT) Program**

Louisville Elementary has a Student Assistance Team (SAT) that is comprised of a team of certified educators, the parent and the student, when appropriate, in a positive, problem solving, intervention process. It assists students by ensuring that the school and home are doing everything possible to make students' school lives successful. Students are most successful where there is a strong spirit of cooperation between home, school, and community. Based on this shared responsibility, the SAT meets to explore possibilities and strategies that will best meet the educational needs of the students, and support teachers and parents. The SAT includes the most important people in the student's life, parents or caregivers, teachers, counselors, specialists, school administrators or designees, and any other school or community members who can provide support.

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## **PTO News!!**

**Friendly reminders:** The magazine fundraiser for Grades K-5th ends **Sept. 5th**. Please have your postcards turned into your child's teacher. The Hy-Vee Cash for Students fundraiser, for Grades PK-12, starts **Sept. 1** and runs through Dec. 31st. Grades PK-5, please turn these receipts into your child's teacher. MS/HS students, please turn receipts into the high school office.

Also, some exciting news, did you know the City of Louisville has a food pantry? Well, we do! The food pantry is sponsored by two of our local churches and located on Main Street, next to Copple's, inside the Christian church. The PTO, along with all of our Student Councils, will be hosting a food drive to help stock the pantry, starting **Sept. 5th thru Sept. 20th**. Please see attached flyer for requested items. You can drop your items off outside the elementary and high school offices. Due to the need of our community, we will be having more food drives this school year to help accommodate the food pantry's hours.

A letter on the food pantry's times, days, and more will be emailed by the first week in September.

Thank you for all your continued support!

Your PTO

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## **Middle School/High School Events**

Louisville Schools will be hosting several middle school and high school sporting events and hopes many of you will come support our students participating in these events. We ask that all students be supervised by their parents or adult guardians at these events. Students are expected to be in the bleachers watching the game and not running and playing in the halls or around the football complex. It is the parents' responsibility to supervise and monitor their children during all sporting events. Elementary students are expected to have a parent or other adult guardian with them at the games. The elementary playground is an unsupervised area and students will be asked to go watch the event. Thank you for your cooperation! Go Louisville Lions!!

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## **Elementary Counselor Corner**

Linda Allen

Welcome to a great new school year! My name is Linda Allen and I am your child's elementary school counselor. I meet with each classroom about once a week to work on safety issues, manners, self-concept, self-control, drug and alcohol education, career exploration, friendship, and conflict management. I feel very lucky because I also get to be in grades K-5 each day working with students on academic skills.

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I look forward to working with each child's family as issues arise. Please feel free to let me know if your child seems sad or nervous about school, has a pet die, or your family is in some sort of transition (moving, new sibling, divorce, death of family member), and I will be happy to be your resource.

Listed below is information from the American School Counselor's Website. As always, if you have questions or comments, please give me a call at 402-234-4215 or email me at [lallen@lpslions.org](mailto:lallen@lpslions.org).

Thank you for sharing your kids with me!

## *Elementary School Students' Developmental Needs*

The elementary years are a time when students begin to develop their academic self-concept and their feelings of competence and confidence as learners. They are beginning to develop decision-making, communication and life skills, as well as character values. It is also a time when students develop and acquire attitudes toward school, self, peers, social groups and family. Comprehensive developmental school counseling programs provide education, prevention and intervention services, which are integrated into all aspects of children's lives. Early identification and intervention of children's academic and personal/social needs is essential in removing barriers to learning and in promoting academic achievement. The knowledge, attitudes and skills that students acquire in the areas of academic, career and personal/social development during these elementary years serve as the foundation for future success.

## *Meeting the Challenge*

Elementary school counselors are professional educators with a mental health perspective who understand and respond to the challenges presented by today's diverse student population. Elementary school counselors don't work in isolation; rather they are integral to the total educational program. They provide proactive leadership that engages all stakeholders in the delivery of programs and services to help students achieve school success. Professional school counselors align with the school's mission to support the academic achievement of all students as they prepare for the ever-changing world of the 21st century. This mission is accomplished through the design, development, implementation and evaluation of a comprehensive, developmental and systematic school counseling program.

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## What is Bullying?

*Bullying* may be *defined* as the activity of repeated, aggressive behavior intended to hurt another person, physically or mentally. Bullying is different from fighting. What makes it different is the power the bully has over the other child. Bullies try to control other children by scare tactics. Being controlled and repeatedly picked on can make your child a victim.

Normal Conflict	Bullying
Equal power-friends	Unequal power
Happens occasionally	Repeated over a period of time
Accidental	Purposeful
Equal emotions	Strong emotions
Not seeking power or attention	Seeks power or control
Remorse-takes responsibility	No remorse; blames target
Happens anywhere	Happens where the bully is safe

## When your Child is the Target

### Tips for problem solving with your child.

1. Teach your child how to look the bully in the eye, stand tall, use a firm voice and stay calm. Encourage your child to stay safe and not fight back. "I don't like it when \_\_\_\_\_." Stop or I will tell \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Encourage your child to be friends with other children. Bullying often happens to children who are alone.
3. Encourage your child to seek help from an adult. It's not tattling when you are getting hurt.
4. Distract the bully. Give the bully a compliment or ask them a question. "Thanks for caring about what I wear." "Thanks for the advice, I will think about that."

## Bystander

### Tips for problem solving with your child.

1. Encourage your child to invite the person who is being bullied to join them and their group.
2. Encourage your child to say something to an adult. Reporting isn't tattling; you're keeping someone safe.
3. Encourage your child not to laugh at the bully behavior or give the bully attention for his/her behavior.
4. Tell your child to say something good to and about the person who is being bullied.

## When your Child is the Bully

1. Set firm and consistent limits on your child's aggressive behavior.
2. Use effective, non-physical discipline, such as loss of privileges. When your child needs discipline, explain why the behavior was wrong and how it can be changed.
3. Remind them to treat others like they want to be treated.

Remember: We all DESERVE RESPECT!

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**The Playground Planning Committee invites you to show your investment in the Students of Louisville Public Schools!**

When you provide a donation to the Elementary Playground Project, a personalized banner will be displayed showing your support:



\$250



\$500



\$1,000

For additional information about the project and progress, please visit:

<http://louisvilleplayground.weebly.com/>

All donations are tax deductible.

Name (exactly as it should appear on the banner)

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Name (if different than above for tax receipt)

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Address

\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept my donation of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Forms can be returned to:

Louisville Elementary School

Attn: Mr. Cory Holl

PO Box 489

Louisville NE, 68037

Checks should be made payable to: Louisville Public Schools Foundation, Playground Fund

**Thank you for your continued generosity and support!**



LPS Fights Hunger

2017



**DROP OFF ITEMS AT THE  
SCHOOL SEPT. 5-20**

**HELP STOCK OUR LOCAL PANTRY**

- \* CANNED TUNA/CHICKEN
- \* SPAGHETTI SAUCE
- \* PASTA
- \* BOXED MEALS
- \* PEANUT BUTTER
- \* JELLY
- \* CANNED BEANS
- \* CANNED FRUITS
- \* CANNED VEGETABLES
- \* SOUPS
- \* LOW-SUGAR CEREALS
- \* OATMEAL
- \* HEALTHY SNACKS  
(GRANOLA BARS, DRIED  
FRUIT, NUTS)
- \* MONETARY DONATIONS -  
FOR MEAT, DIAPERS, WIPES  
& TOILETRY ITEMS

# September

## Louisville Public Schools Breakfast/Lunch A Varitey of Fruits and Vegetables offered Daily

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	2017				1 No Breakfast  Mini Corndogs Carrots  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Club Sandwich
	4 No School  	5 Pizza Boat  Popcorn Chicken Peas Cookie  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Brats/Bun	6 Waffles Sausage  Goulash Corn  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Philly Beef/Cheese	7 Pancakes Sausage  Chicken Patty/Bun Carrots  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Patty Melt	8 No Breakfast  Pizza Green Beans Ice Cream  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Pulled Pork/Bun
	11 French Toast Stix - Omelet  Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato Gravy/Roll Corn  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Ham/Cheese Slider	12 Pancake on Stick  Pork Patty/Bun Baked Beans  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Grilled BBQ Chicken Wrap	13 Waffles Sausage  Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Carrots  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Rueben	14 Pancakes Sausage  Crispitos Peas  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Meatball Sub	15 No Breakfast  Nacho's Corn  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 BLT
	18 French Toast Stix - Omelet  Meat Balls Marinara Garlic Stick Green Beans  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Ham/Cheese Slider	19 Breakfast Pizza Muffin  Chicken Fried Steak/ Mashed Potato's Gravy Dinner Roll  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 French Dip	20 Waffles Sausage  Spaghetti Peas  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Grilled Turkey/ Swiss Sandwich	21 Pancakes Sausage  Orange Chicken Rice/ Corn  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Spicy Orange Chicken	22 No Breakfast  Chicken Strips Roll Peas  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Italian Sub
	25 French Toast Stix - Omelet  Mini Monday Fries  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Chicken Parmesan Slider	26 Sausage Gravy & Biscuits  Sloppy Joe's Green Beans  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Gourmet Grilled Cheese	27 Waffles Sausage  Chicken Alfredo Peas  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Philly Wrap	28 Pancakes Sausage  Bosco Sticks Baked Beans  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Cheese BurgerBun	29 No Breakfast  Tacos Corn  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 6-12 Baked Potato Day