



LAPHAM LOOKOUT

The monthly newsletter for Lapham Elementary School
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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, September 5

First Day of School, Early Release at 1:10 p.m.

Wednesday, September 6

Early Release at 1:10 p.m.

Thursday, September 14

Back to School Launch, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

[MMSD 2017-2018 School Year Calendar](#)

[MMSD 2017-2018 Calendario escolar](#)

CHANGES TO DAILY SCHEDULE FOR 2017-2018

School Start/End Times:

Mondays: 7:45 a.m. to 1:10p.m. **(No Early Childhood or 4K classes)**

Tuesday-Friday: 7:45 a.m. to 2:42 p.m.

****Please note that students should not arrive to school prior to 7:30 a.m.**

FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL TK

I'm hoping that you have been enjoying time making wonderful memories with family and friends!!



Mrs. Beale will be leaving Lapham to teach at Elvehjem where she attended elementary school...and where her daughter will begin kindergarten this fall! We will definitely miss her expertise and the amazing work she did with our students! Ms. Katie Detloff will be joining our kindergarten team and we are excited to have her!

During the month of August there are several important back to school dates and events featured in this edition of the Lookout! Please read below to learn more about upcoming events, including our annual Backpack Breakfast.

MMSD is again offering online enrollment which will begin on August 1 and if you have received this Lookout, that means you can take advantage of online enrollment. **By completing the online enrollment, you will not need to come to school on the August 17 enrollment day.**

Class assignments will be emailed to all families the August 16. When you receive the class placement email, you will also have the opportunity to schedule a 15 minute meeting with your child's teacher, should you choose to do so.

As was the case last year, we are offering grade level community building events as well as the option of meeting individually for families who find value in that.

Please be sure to update your email address in Infinite Campus so we can be sure to get you this important information.

If you have any questions or need clarification, feel free to reach out to me or Cara as she is back in the office on Tuesday, August 15.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer and we'll see you soon!

In partnership with you,



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ENROLLMENT FOR 2017-2018

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year starts on August 1. Information and link to enroll can be found using this link: [ENROLLMENT FOR 2017-2018](#). If your child has already attended school in MMSD, you can choose to complete the enrollment process online and do not need to attend enrollment day on August



17. New this year, you are no longer required to print paper enrollment forms! Use these [step by step directions](#) to enroll your child. And, if you complete the enrollment process and pay your child's fees online by August 15, the \$3.00 convenience fee will be waived.

Here is the criteria to determine whether your child is considered a continuing student:

Families of students attending elementary and middle schools will complete the enrollment process online and have the option not to attend your school's enrollment day in August IF:

- Your student is currently enrolled and continuing from one grade to the next.
- Your student has no address changes and your address and date of birth have been verified.
- **4K or 5K (new to district and not enrolled in 2016-17):** If your student is new to the MMSD for the 2017-18 school year AND you completed the 2017-18 online application along with verifying your child's date of birth and address at an MMSD school or office prior to August 1.

BACK TO SCHOOL MEET AND GREET OPTIONS

Each year as the start of school approaches, there are several opportunities for students and their families to meet their teacher, see the classroom, interact with classmates and individually conference with your child's teacher. All families have different preferences so we offer a variety of options for families to choose from. Families will receive an email from Lapham on August 16 which will have classroom placement information. Once you have received that, **if you would like to meet with your child's teacher individually, you can reach out to her (contact information will be provided).** Other opportunities families can choose to attend are:



Early Childhood: August 30 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. or 5:00-6:00 p.m.

4 Year Old Kindergarten: August 30th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. or August 31 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Kindergarten: August 29 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. or August 31 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

1st Grade: August 29 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. or August 30 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

2nd Grade: August 29 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. or August 29 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Based on the survey we conducted last Spring, families preferred to meet at Lapham so these visits will include a combination of seeing the classroom and gathering on the Lapham Playground. We've also done our best to offer a variety of times to accommodate schedules.

BACKPACK BREAKFAST



In addition to the Meet and Greet opportunities, we also have our annual Backpack Breakfast on Wednesday, August 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Families are invited to stop in any time between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. to drop off school supplies, see the classroom, interact with classmates and enjoy a small breakfast item.

And, if your child doesn't have a backpack, we can help make sure he/she does as well as school supplies. Just let us know and we'll be happy to help!

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

There have been several questions and concerns regarding MMSD's procedures around head lice, particularly around letters not being sent home when there is a case in a school or classroom. MMSD's Head Lice Guidelines are based on best practice measures from the [CDC, National Association of School Nurses](#) and the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#). After reviewing these resources, a decision was made to no longer send classroom notices after a case of head lice is identified in a classroom. There are several reasons for this decision, but the greatest concern is the loss of confidentiality for a student. Often times students know who the "letter concerns" and that student is then likely to be picked on by other students. Also, research shows that students are often found to have head lice infestations for 1 month prior to having them discovered by school staff, giving families a false sense of assurance around head lice.



Here are a couple of additional MMSD resources - [What Parents Need to Know about Head Lice](#) and [Facts of Head Lice](#).

CHANGES TO SCHOOL DAY TIMES FOR 2017-2018



There has been a change to the K-2 elementary school schedule beginning next school year. Our start time will remain 7:45 a.m. Monday through Friday. On Mondays, our early release time will be 1:10 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday we will dismiss at 2:42 p.m.

Early Childhood and 4 Year Old Kindergarten do not have classes on Monday. Their schedule Tuesday-Friday is as follows:

Morning session: 7:35 a.m. - 10:47 a.m.

Afternoon session: 11:28 a.m. - 2:42 p.m.

RED CABOOSE AFTER SCHOOL

Have you signed up for after school programming? The school year is right around the corner and we are currently enrolling for our after school programs at Lapham and Marquette. After school programming begins on September 5 and the last day to sign up to make sure you secure a spot for the first week of school is August 18. You can find the enrollment packets on our website: www.redcabooseeschoolage.org



If you have any enrollment questions, please contact the Enrollment Coordinator, Char'Lee King via email sapenroll@redcabooseedaycare.org or 608-256-1566. For any programming questions, please contact Andrea Suarez, School Age Program Director at school.age@redcabooseedaycare.org or at 608-251-5432

LAPHAM GARDEN AND GREEN TEAM UPDATE

Adopt the Garden for a Week Summer Maintenance Program

Lapham's Outdoor Classroom & Community Garden is a very special place for our kids and community. It's a co-creative space that thrives because people like you and your kids help take care of it during the summer months. Many hands make light work!



Our Adopt the Garden for a Week summer maintenance program offers Lapham families and community members the opportunity to harvest food to take home in exchange for doing basic gardening tasks. We also donate much of the food we grow to the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Food Pantry. Caring for the garden during the summer is also a great opportunity for service learning for Girl/Boy Scout troops, families who homeschool, etc. Everyone is welcome - here are [some fun photos](#) that share one family's experience.

To sign up, participants choose a one-week period during the summer months in which they commit to volunteering 2-6 hours of their time. Gardening tasks range from simple tasks like weeding to more complex tasks like trellising, planting, harvesting and delivering food to the Wil-Mar Community Center. Volunteers choose what tasks they want to do! We offer an in-person training/orientation session so beginners are welcome to participate.

Visit our [Adopt-the-Garden webpage](#) to view the calendar and email Stephanie Steigerwaldt at steigerwaldtAT@steigerwaldt@hotmail.com to sign up or ask questions.

For information about our unique Gardener-in-Residence program and to learn about the benefits of garden-based learning:

[Lapham Garden and Green Team Facebook Page](#)

[Lapham Outdoor Classroom Webpage](#)

Email questions to Osha Waterdu at laphamgardener@communitygroundworks.org

PARENT TEACHER GROUP (PTG)

Summer is in full swing, but put some free and fun school events on your calendar now--the Kindergarten Parent Breakfast and Ice Cream Social! The breakfast will be the morning of the first day, and the Ice Cream Social will be the first week of school. Look for more information to come this summer.



How can you stay on top of events like these? Plug in to PTG news in three easy ways!

- 1) Join the PTG FB page: www.facebook.com/groups/lapham.marquette/
- 2) Join the mailing list: tinyurl.com/PTGmailinglist
- 3) Visit the PTG website: tinyurl.com/PTGwebsite

The PTG welcomed two new members to the board in June: David Staple and Amanda Crim, and we are always looking for more people! The PTG is YOU. Whether or not you can commit to an official position, we want to hear your thoughts and ideas. In fact, here's a chance right now! How do YOU think the PTG can increase parental input and ideas?

No one has stepped forward to be an After-School Club Coordinator at Lapham. If this position remains unfilled, there will be NO CLUBS next year (2017-2018). The position is straight-forward and rewarding, and there is an easy-to-follow outline of how to do the job. If you are interested, please contact Amanda Crim (the out-going club coordinator) for details: mircsyas@gmail.com.

Have a safe and happy summer, and we'll see you at some of the meetings next year!

