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What you need to know about Parent Teacher Conferences

On November 21st and 22nd parent-teacher conferences will be held at Lyncourt School. Please review the important information below :

- **NO SCHOOL for grades PreK-5 on November 21st (Conferences will be held from 11:45 am to 7:00 pm.)**
- **Dismissal at 11:20 am on November 22nd for grades PreK-5 (Conferences will be held from 12:15 pm-3:15 pm)**
- **Middle School Students grades 6-8 have regular school both days.**
- **Please plan to keep your scheduled conference time. If you don't have a scheduled time please contact the teacher.**
- **If you are unable to make it please notify school as soon as possible.**
- **If you would like to schedule a conference for your middle school student, please email Mrs. Amy MacCaull at amaccaull@lyncourtschool.org**
- **Before attending conference, think about some questions or concerns you might like to talk about with the teacher.**
- **If at all possible, please plan to attend conference without student or other children.**

Free Breakfast
Everyday
For ALL
students!
8:05 am
Breakfast
Begins.
Please be at
school on time
everyday!



PTO NEWS.....Calling all parents....

The Lyncourt PTO needs your help!! We have an exciting year planned for you and your children and are looking for you to join us as often as you can. Stay tuned for fun themed events such as Dr. Seuss Movie Nights and while you smile at the laughter only 'the Lorax' can bring, don't forget to complete your TRUFFULA Tree PTO membership form. Membership is only \$5 and the classroom with the most new members wins a special Dr. Seuss surprise. We are looking forward to meeting families, parents/guardians, and grandparents that would like to get involved with our PTO this school year. Everything we do is based on volunteers; please help us make a difference in the lives of our children.



This year is all about fun, family and connection. If you enjoyed the Tag-In party or were part of the Prek/Kindergarten Welcome Night, wait until you see what's next. Save time in your schedule for our upcoming Family Bingo Nights. Plan early for your holiday shopping and do not worry about taking the kids along as we are going to provide Holiday Sitter Services.

Oh, the places we'll go.... Stay tuned, for our new and interesting opportunities with Steveco Fundraising where we will offer pizza and other delicious snacks. Additional details coming soon.

Oh, the things you can think.....We are always looking for new ideas! We encourage and welcome everyone to get involved. Thank you in advance for all of your support and we look forward to seeing you at our PTO meetings and events. So, Lyncourt families let's get ready because we are off to a great start and there is much more to come. Help us continue to make 2019-20 an AWESOME school year.

Dear Lyncourt Residents,

It has been a busy and productive fall here at Lyncourt School. On September 24th, all students participated in a presentation from Emotion Into Art. This was an amazing display of speed painting along with inspirational speaking. It was a fantastic way to start off the year. If you ever have the chance to see this presentation I strongly encourage you to go. A picture from the event is below and the canvases will be displayed in our building later in the year.



This year, we are continuing our free breakfast program for all students. All Lyncourt students, regardless of income, will be provided breakfast without charge. Students who eat breakfast are less distracted and ready to learn. We start serving at 8:05 a.m. and will even offer brown bag “to go breakfasts”, so no child is left hungry. Please encourage your child to participate in this program. It is also extremely important for students to get to school on time. We appreciate you helping us with this.

As we strive to provide effective and open forms of communication I would like to highlight the many ways we keep you informed on both a daily basis or in the case of a snow day or emergency. Emergencies, school closings, delays, and other important messages will still be announced via radio, television, and our School Messenger system. Through the School Messaging system we are able to mass communicate via phone, email and text messaging. If you wish to have your cell phone and/or email updated on this contact list, please contact the school at your convenience. We also communicate our daily happenings here at Lyncourt via Twitter, Facebook, and our District Webpage, as well as paper reminders in your child’s backpack.

To those new to our school community, we welcome you and are looking forward to working with your children. Lyncourt is a very special place. As always, if you have any questions or concerns don’t hesitate to call my office at 455-7571 or email me at Jaustin@lyncourtschool.org

Respectfully,

Jay Austin
Superintendent



Our Mission

“The Lyncourt Union Free School District, in partnership with the community, is committed to educating all learners to reach their full potential.”

Dear Friends and Families of Lyncourt,

We are off to a wonderful start this year! It was so nice to see so many of our families and friends at the Tag In and Curriculum Night. We are very fortunate to have so many involved families in our school community.

As we continue to get into the “groove” of a new school year, we need to reflect on our character education focus from September, which was Hard Work and Enthusiasm. Speaking of hard work, and enthusiasm, I wanted to remind all of you about our upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 21st and 22nd. Teachers are very “enthusiastic” to show off your child’s work and how hard they are working to achieve their goals. One of your child’s keys to success at Lyncourt is a collaborative effort between home and school. It is a good idea to come to the conference with some questions that you would like to ask. Homework expectations, strengths and weaknesses of various reading and math skills, and social/emotional skills pertaining to your child should be shared with the teacher. Research indicates a strong tie between a student’s academic success and the level of his or her parents’ involvement. Therefore, I highly encourage you to come with questions, suggestions, or even ideas for volunteering in your child’s class or school.

Below you will find other important dates and events that will be of interest to our Lyncourt parents and families.

END OF THE FIRST QUARTER MARKING PERIOD

The first ten weeks of school for the 2019-2020 school year concludes on November 8, 2019. Report cards for grades 6-8 will be mailed home on Friday, November 15th and for students in grades Pre-K-5 report cards will be distributed at parent conferences. All of the teachers look forward to sharing information about your child’s progress.

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

Students in grades 6-8 who have excelled academically and achieved the Merit, Honor, or High Honor Roll for the first ten week marking period will be recognized at a special recognition breakfast. This will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 from 8:45-9:15 in the auditorium and then move down to the cafeteria for breakfast. A letter inviting these students and their families to the ceremony will be sent in the mail.

Again, let’s continue as a community to collaborate and connect in an ongoing effort to make Lyncourt a place where great expectations, achievement, respect, and caring are deserving of our students. Remember, Together We Achieve More!

Sincerely,
Kimberly A. Davis
Principal



PARENT NOTIFICATION



During the school year, your son or daughter may have the opportunity to have his/her photo taken, video image and voice recorded, and/or art and written work published in connection with a school district activity or program. Your child's photo (image) and school work may be published in local newspapers, posted (displayed) on the District's Internet Site, or used by the requesting organization (local TV or print media) for programming, i.e., backup and their news stories.

If you **DO NOT want your child's picture or schoolwork to be used in newspaper articles, video, and/or District publications, including our District's website, please inform the school principal, Mrs. Davis, in writing or email bcusick@lyncourtschool.org**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS...

ITEMS FOR SCHOOL SAFETY

We, at Lyncourt School, want to ensure the safety and well being of our students by supervising them at all times during the regular school day. Due to the fact that supervision of the school entrances does not begin until 8:00 a.m., students **should not** arrive on school grounds before 8:00 a.m. unless a school activity is scheduled. Walkers may enter the building for breakfast at 8:05 a.m. and the bus students can enter after their arrival.

DRESS WARMLY!

As the colder weather approaches, please be sure children wear appropriate outerwear (coat, gloves, scarf, earmuffs, and boots). Students **are not permitted in the building prior to 8:00 a.m.** Breakfast begins at 8:05 a.m.

For the safety of our school, and in accordance with **New York State law**, all visitors and volunteers are required to sign in on the visitors sheet in the main office. At that time, you will be given a badge to wear during your visit. Upon leaving the school you must sign out and leave the badge in the office. **Only the main front door should be used for entering and exiting while school is in session.** All other doors are locked immediately after students arrive each morning. Thank you for your cooperation!

Dropping Off and Picking Up Students...

As a reminder to all parents/guardians who drop students off and/or pick students up before, during or after the school day: **Please do not** block in cars in the east and west parking lots. These lots should remain clear of vehicles; all vehicles must be parked in a marked parking space. The "No Parking" space should be clear of all vehicles at all times. In order to keep the parking lots clear, free from congestion, and should anyone need to leave the premises, they need to be able to get out. **Please use the rear of the building when dropping off and picking up students.** This is one way to ensure everyone's safety. Thank you.

Dismissal for bus students will be in the Syracuse China Drive staff parking lot. This area will be closed from 2:20-2:55pm. Please plan accordingly. Thank you for your cooperation.

Also, teachers will not release students to anyone other than who is on the emergency sheet. Please plan accordingly; if your child needs to go home with someone else, you must send in a written note. Also, if you are giving your child permission to walk home everyday by themselves a note will be needed as well. *Dismissal for walkers that are picked up by parent/family member: UPK-1 \rightleftarrows Front Door, 2nd & 3rd grade \rightleftarrows Back Door /Gym Lobby Doors, 4th & 5th grade \rightleftarrows out the Main Doors. (*Unless arrangements made otherwise.)

Thank you for your cooperation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Everyday Preventive Actions Can Help Fight Germs, Like Flu

FIGHT FLU



CDC recommends three actions to fight flu.

1. The first and most important step is to get a flu vaccination each year.
2. If you get sick with flu, take prescription antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them. Early treatment is especially important for the elderly, the very young, people with certain chronic health conditions, and pregnant women.
3. Take everyday preventive actions that may slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory (nose, throat, and lungs) illnesses, like flu. This flyer contains information about everyday preventive actions.

Administration of Medications: Whenever possible, medication should be given at home. If a medication must be given at school, New York State law mandates the process to follow before any medication, including over the counter medications (e.g. Tylenol/ibuprofen, Tums, and Cold medicine) are administered. An "Authorization for Dispensing Medication" form must be completed. You can download the permission form from our website www.lyncourtschool.org or your doctor's office may have the form at their office. Please print, complete, and return these forms to the Health Office.



Physicals: The health and wellness of our students is a priority at Lyncourt. Physical examinations are required and Dental certificates are recommended for students in grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and all new entrants to the District. It is recommended that children receive the physical from their own physician, but school physicians, assisted by school nurses, can perform these examinations. **Annual physicals are also required for all students participating in any athletic program.**

Forms are available for parent/guardian use on our website.

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

In order to prevent the spread of communicable disease including influenza in school, to protect the health of all children and staff at school and optimize your own child's health, it is advisable that you keep your child home for the following reasons:

- ⇒ A temperature of 100 degrees or more. Your child should be fever free for 24 hours and not require medication to remain fever free before returning to school.
- ⇒ A diagnosis of strep throat. Your child should remain home until he/she has been on antibiotics for a full 24 hours before returning to school.
- ⇒ If your child has vomited the previous night or that morning.
- ⇒ If your child has several episodes of diarrhea.
- ⇒ If your child has had a moist, productive cough, chest congestion or thick nasal discharge.
- ⇒ If your child's eye(s) are swollen, red or draining.
- ⇒ If your child has a rash you cannot identify.



Reminders:

- A phone call, e-mail, or written excuse is required for any absence from school. Please email mlowery@lyncourtschool.org.
- If your child is to be excluded from physical education and recess for a medical condition or injury, a note from the doctor is needed. Once cleared by the doctor, another note is needed.
- PLEASE: If your child has come home with any clothes from the nurse, we need these items cleaned and returned. We are always in need of sweatpants in all sizes, socks, belts, underwear, and used sneakers that would fit K-4th grade children.

New York State requires all districts to participate in surveys directed by the State Commissioner of Health. Student's identity will not be disclosed by the health department. For further information visit:

http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/lawsregs/914_Immunizations.html

Contact Information:



Melanie Lowery, RN
School Nurse
Phone: 315.455.7571 option 2
Fax: 315.455.7573

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Let us help you celebrate!

We are here to support and help you celebrate special occasions during the school year. The food service department would be happy to assist in providing healthy treats for your child's birthday. Treats may be ordered and delivered right to your child's classroom on their special day.

Food service office 315-455-7571 ext. 4-Lisa McKenney.

Please contact us at least 2 weeks prior to the special day.

Smartpop Popcorn \$0.75
Mini Ice Cream Sandwiches \$0.75
Triple Chocolate Cookie \$0.50
Rice Krispies Treat \$0.75
Trix Yogurt 4oz. \$0.90
Baby Carrots w/ Dip \$0.75

**Price does not included sales tax **All Snacks are USDA Smart Snack Approved *Payment must be received prior to event*



So many ways to stay connected.

New this year:
We will be live
streaming some of
our popular events.
Stay tuned for
details.



#communication

In the 2019-2020 school year, the Lyncourt Union Free School District will continue to use the School Messenger notification system. In addition to automated messages regarding attendance and MySchoolBucks school meal account balances, the district uses School Messenger to send alerts to all district families-via telephone, email and text to notify parents and staff of upcoming school events, emergency situations, closings and delays and more. Since School Messenger is set up to send automated messages to the telephone numbers the school district already has on file for each family, it's essential to notify the district of any recent changes to your mailing address or phone numbers.

“Our goal is to make you feel like an informed member of the Lyncourt Union Free School Community.”

~James J. Austin,
Superintendent



EMAIL News:

*Please be aware that email communication is not confidential. Please do not write anything that cannot be shared with others. Occasionally, another teacher or administrator might be asked for input on how best to respond to an email. If you need to address a private topic, please call the teacher, Mrs. Davis, Principal, or schedule a phone conference.

*Please refrain from using email for immediate action, such as a request to have your child take a different bus home or not stay after school. We cannot guarantee teachers will see these in time. All immediate needs should be called into the school office at 315-455-7571.



If you prefer your child not be included in district publications or social media, please email bcusick@lyncourtschool.org

Child abuse hotline:

If you suspect a child is being abused or maltreated (neglected), report it by calling 1-800-342-3720, a toll-free 24-hour hotline operated by New York State Office of Children and Family Services. If you believe a child is in immediate danger, call 911 or your local police department. Information about reporting child abuse and maltreatment (neglect) is available online at <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps>.



The Dignity Act seeks to provide public elementary and secondary school students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, and bullying. See Lyncourt School's website for more information. If you hear about or witness incidents that might be in violation of the Dignity Act, please contact the school's Dignity Act Coordinator:

Kelly Schroeter, School Psychologist
315-455-7571
kschroeter@lyncourtschool.org

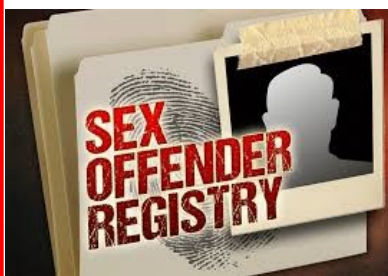
PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW

Under Federal "No Child Left Behind" legislation, it is the right of the parent of any student attending Lyncourt School to request information regarding their child's classroom teacher(s) and paraprofessional staff assigned to teach their children. Minimum information parents may request includes:

- ◆ Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- ◆ Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- ◆ The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
- ◆ Whether the child is provided direct services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

The Lyncourt Union Free School District is pleased to inform parents of students that all classroom teachers have the requisite New York State certification for their employment. Our paraprofessional staff does not provide direct services to students. Questions regarding a teacher's specific baccalaureate or advanced degrees should be sent in writing to:

Superintendent of Schools
2707 Court Street
Syracuse, New York 13208
(315)455-7571



Did you know you can sign up for the Onondaga County Sex Offender Registry Notification System? It will alert you if an offender moves into your area. Information is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is updated by the Sheriff's office in real time.

To access the OffenderWatch registry, visit:

http://www.sheriffalerts.com/cap_main.php?office=56540

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Lyncourt

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We are all very fortunate to have a Board of Education who supports our school and community, and shares a common vision of doing what is best for our students:

Mr. Michael Leonardo (Trustee)
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Mrs. Kimberly Vespi (Trustee)
Mr. Dave Florczyk (BOE Vice President)
Mr. Anthony (Tony) Maggi (Trustee)

Our board meets the second Tuesday of every month. Meetings start at 6:00 PM and are located in the Board Of Education Room. Audit Committee Meetings start at 5:45 PM

Schedule for 2019-20 Regular Board Meetings

August 13, 2019
September 10, 2019 (Audit Committee)
October 8, 2019
November 12, 2019
December 10, 2019 (Audit Committee)
January 14, 2020
February 11, 2020
March 10, 2020 (Audit Committee)
April 14, 2020
April 20, 2020 at 8am -- Special Meeting--Annual BOCES Admin Budget Vote/Election
May 12, 2020
June 9, 2020 (Audit Committee)
July 14, 2020



Look for our website:
<http://www.lyncourtschool.org>