

July 19, 2021

Dear Springdale Families,

We hope that you are enjoying a wonderful summer and are anticipating a terrific start to the 2021-2022 school year! The Springdale Elementary staff members are looking forward to working with you as a team to provide the best possible educational experience for your child.



There will be several new smiling faces at Springdale this year! Due to enrollment in first and fourth grade, we have added two additional classes. Ms. Rachel Strome will be teaching first grade and Mr. Paul Smearsoll and Ms. Carly Sullivan will be teaching fourth grade.

Welcome to our new staff: Mr. Tim Walker will be joining us as our Assistant Principal. He will also be serving Glendale Elementary. Mr. Walker was previously an Assistant Principal at the high school. Mrs. Kim Dorn will be coming to us from Heritage Hill to work with our English language learners. Ms. Alicia Smith will be return as our school counselor. Ms. Emily Schutte is our new Title I teacher and Mr. Terry Meadows joined our custodial staff at the end of the school year.

Meet the Teacher will be on Tuesday, August 10 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher, whose name is included with this letter, visit the classrooms, and bring in your child's school supplies. Compass Community Church will be hosting our **Back to School Bash** outside the school beginning at **5:45 p.m.** They are providing food and beverages for families and staff. They also plan to offer balloon animals and face painting. They will be providing backpacks filled with school supplies for those who need them. Please join us for this fun event!

The first day of school will be Thursday, August 12 for our students in grades 1-5. Preschool and Kindergarten will begin on Monday, August 16.

Curriculum Night will be held on Thursday, August 26 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will begin each session in the cafeteria. Then, teachers will present information on classroom policies, procedures, curriculum, and more. Grade level teachers will only be available at the assigned times below.

- **Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grade 1-2 parents are invited at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Grade 3-5 parents are invited at 7:00 p.m.**

Dismissal: Families need to communicate their child's regular method of transportation to the homeroom teacher. If you will need to change your child's transportation method for the day you will need to complete and sign a **Parent Communication Form** to be sent to school in the home folder. If a child will be walking home from school every day, please provide a letter stating they have your permission to walk home.

Bus Riders: *First Student Transportation* is the company that will provide bus transportation for our students. Potential bus riders should receive a postcard from the Transportation Department the week before school starts. If you have additional transportation questions, please contact the Transportation Department at **513-554-0105**. Note that for the first couple of weeks of school buses tend to run behind because of new routes. Please be patient. Buses may run as much as 30 minutes behind. We will get all students home safely.

Car Riders: Parents picking up their children need to complete the enclosed car rider registration and return it to the school at Meet the Teacher or the first morning their child attends. You will follow the outlined procedures and bring identification to the car rider line the first day to receive your signs.





Student drop off/pick up takes place in the far parking lot. Cars are not permitted in the bus lot at arrival and dismissal. Please do not drop students off before 9:00 a.m. unless they are eating breakfast. Students eating breakfast may enter the building at 8:50 a.m. If you arrive before 9:00 a.m. and your child is not eating breakfast, we ask that you wait with your child until 9:00 a.m. Staff will report to the car line at 9:00 a.m. to supervise students exiting cars.

Student Safety Information Needed: Please log into Final Forms and make sure all your contact information is up-to-date. We must have accurate emergency information on all students and multiple contact numbers. If your child has any medical concerns, please contact our school health aide, Mrs. Hardman, at **513-864-2770**.

School hours for K-5 students have been changed for at least the first nine weeks of school. **The school day starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m.** If your child is going to purchase breakfast in the morning, they will be permitted into the building at 8:50 a.m. and must report directly to the cafeteria. Breakfast will be served daily from 8:50–9:10 a.m. If students are not in their homeroom at 9:15 a.m. they will be considered tardy. Student classroom supervision begins at 9:00 a.m.; if your child needs to arrive prior to that time, they must participate in the before school childcare offered by Champions.

Before & After School Childcare is offered to our families by Champions. They can be reached at **513-680-2564** for enrollment questions.

Please encourage your child to buy breakfast and lunch at school this year. Our Food Service Program offers a consistent, nutritious menu. Meals are paid in advance. Payment can be made online via PaySchools or through cash or check sent in the home folder. Free/Reduced applications are available online and should be completed before the first day of school each year. Monthly menus are available on the district website.

The School Messenger System is an automated phone message system used for updates, reminders, and in the event of emergencies. Please make sure you keep all contact information up to date in Final Forms so that you receive district communications. Springdale Elementary also uses ClassDojo. Please accept your invitation through email or text message and install the app on your phone. You can access the school calendar and message staff through ClassDojo. It is a great way to communicate with our staff and to keep up-to-date on school activities.

Late Start Date: Thursday, October 14 school will begin at 10:00 a.m. so that staff members can prepare student records. Please plan accordingly.

No School Dates:

September 6: Labor Day

October 15-19: Fall Break

November 24: Conference Exchange Day

November 25 - 26: Thanksgiving Break

December 17: Remote Learning

December 20 - January 3: Winter Break

January 17: Dr. Martin Luther King Day

February 17: Professional Development

February 18: Conference Exchange Day

February 21: President's Day

March 11: Remote Learning Day

March 14: Teacher Data Day

March 28 – April 1: Spring Break

April 15, 18: Good Friday, Easter Monday

Enjoy the rest of the summer. We look forward to a great school year with your family!

Warm regards,
Lisa Tenbarge

