



Dear Springdale Families,

We hope that you are enjoying a wonderful summer and are anticipating a wonderful start to the 2022-2023 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. We are busy getting everything in place to welcome your family to a new school year.

**Welcome to our new staff:** Ms. Lauren Heger will be teaching Kindergarten and Ms. Jenna Brady will be teaching first grade. Ms. Lydia Sharpshair is our new Speech-Language Pathologist. Ms. Stephanie Brown, Mr. Richard Bush, Ms. Lauren Hackney, and Ms. Darlene Mastropietro will be joining us as paraprofessionals.

**Meet the Teacher will be on Tuesday, August 9 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 **5:30 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 all in attendance. Please join us for this fun event!

**The first day of school will be Thursday, August 11 for our students in grades 1-5. Preschool and Kindergarten will begin on Monday, August 15.**

**Curriculum Night will be held on Thursday, August 25 from 6:00-7:30 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 6:45 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. They may not walk if they need to cross W. Kemper Road or Springfield Pike as there is no crossing guard. Walkers are not dismissed until after the buses leave.

**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:** All parents must sign their child out of school at pickup. Students will be dismissed beginning at 3:50 p.m. Parents/guardians should park in the far lot and should use the crosswalk. You may sign students out at the music room entrance beginning at 3:40 p.m. Please do not attempt to sign students out at dismissal in the front office. You will be directed to the music room entrance. For the safety and security of our students, identification will be required from all parents and guardians. If you need to change your child's transportation method for the day, it must be communicated to the office before 2:00 p.m. to ensure students are notified in time for dismissal. You are highly encouraged to use the same method of transportation each day to avoid confusion and disruptions.





**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 in to 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. Ward, at **513-864-2770**.

**School hours are 9:00 a.m.- 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 before that time, they must participate in the before-school childcare offered by Champions. Dismissal begins at 3:50 p.m. and **all students must be picked up before 4:00 p.m.**

**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 through PaySchools 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 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 Dates: October 13, December 16, and March 10** school will begin at 10:00 a.m. so that staff members can prepare student records. Please plan accordingly.

**No School Dates:**

**September 5:** Labor Day

**October 14-18:** Fall Break

**November 23:** Conference Exchange Day

**November 24 - 25:** Thanksgiving Break

**December 19 - January 3:** Winter Break

**January 16:** Dr. Martin Luther King Day

**February 16:** Professional Development

**February 17:** Conference Exchange Day

**February 20:** President's Day

**April 3 - 10:** Spring Break

**May 25:** Last Day of School (Noon Dismissal)

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

Warm regards,  
Lisa Tenbarge

