



# LANGE NEWS

*A Lange Letter For Parents*

December 2017

---

## School News:

### December Calendar

Dec. 1	Harman Handbell visit
Dec. 18	Last Day for Holiday Aid
Dec. 18	Holiday Sing-A-Long
Dec. 19	Holiday Parties
Dec. 20	Last day of school before break
Jan. 4	Classes resume

## Focus on Kindness

As we approach the holiday season at Lange School, we are cognizant of the fact that not everyone has the food and housing they need.

To that end, The Lange School is participating in a food drive until

December 18<sup>th</sup>. The food collected will be distributed to Dayton-area food banks through the organization Holiday Aid. Holiday Aid is a 501 (c) 3 organization that has been collecting food for 31 years and is 100% volunteer. This organization distributes to 100 emergency feeding programs in the Miami Valley.

Boxes are located in the front of your child's classroom in order to enable your child to bring in a non-perishable food item such as canned goods, pasta, rice, etc. So far, we have collected over 500 food items. Our goal is 800, so we are almost there. Lange is honored to be participating in this noteworthy service .



## Lange Wish List:

With Lange closing in on the end of the first semester (Where did the time go this year???), we are in need of some items that we use with our children when they become ill or are in need of an article of clothing. The following donations would be greatly appreciated:

- **Socks**
- Boys' sweatpants
- Girls sweatpants
- Napkins

Thank you so much for your kindness.

## THANK YOU

When we visit Lange School these days, it is impossible for us not to think about the incredible number of volunteer hours devoted by **OUR WEEKLY LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS, RECESS/LUNCH VOLUNTEERS & OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**. These volunteers are essential to our program, and their level of commitment is greatly appreciated.

*Reminder:* If you signed up to volunteer in these programs and for some reason are unable to fulfill your commitment, please call the office ASAP so that we are able to find a substitute. If you have previously signed up to volunteer in any capacity and have not been contacted, please call the office at 299-8730.

## VETERAN'S DAY VOLUNTEERS

A big "Thank You" to the Lange parents, grandparents and friends that volunteered to make Lange's Veteran's Day celebration so meaningful. The children learned so much from each of your stories about what a Veteran does for our country.

*Your volunteer service shines brightly in our grateful hearts!*

## KINDERSTARS:

Lange School has been busy promoting BEING KIND to one another. If children are spotted exemplifying kind behavior, they are nominated by the staff member who witnessed their exemplary behavior. Their names are placed in a jar and at the end of the week, their names are announced over the P.A. system and the group picture is taken. Their picture is displayed on our Kindness Star bulletin board.

## FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE:

**December is Safe Toy and Gift month** This holiday season (and beyond), please consider the following guidelines for choosing safe toys for all ages from the Mayo Clinic Health System:

- Inspect all toys before purchasing. Avoid those that shoot or include parts that fly off. The toy should have no sharp edges or points and should be sturdy enough to withstand impact without breaking, being crushed, or being pulled apart easily.
- When purchasing *toys for children with special needs* try to: Choose toys that may appeal to different senses such as sound, movement, and texture; consider interactive toys to allow the child to play with others; and think about the size of the toy and the position a child would need to be in to play with it. Consult the "AblePlay" website at <http://www.ableplay.org/> for more information.

- Be diligent about inspecting toys your child has received. Check them for age, skill level, and developmental appropriateness before allowing them to be played with.
- Look for labels that assure you the toys have passed a safety inspection - "ATSM" means the toy has met the American Society for Testing and Materials standards.
- Gifts of sports equipment should always be accompanied by protective gear (give a helmet with the skateboard)
- Keep kids safe from *lead in toys* by: Educating yourself about lead exposure from toys, symptoms of lead poisoning, and what kinds of toys have been recalled; being aware that old toys may be more likely to contain lead in the paint; having your children wash their hands frequently and calling your doctor if you suspect your child has been exposed to lead. Consult the last two websites listed below for more information.
- Do **NOT** give toys with small parts (including magnets and "button" batteries which can cause serious injury or death if ingested) to young children as they tend to put things in their mouths, increasing the risk of choking. If the piece can fit inside a toilet paper roll, it is not appropriate for kids under age three.
- Do **NOT** give toys with ropes and cords or heating elements
- Do **NOT** give crayons and markers unless they are labeled "nontoxic".

## Reminders:

- **Please do not change bus stops for play dates.** We ask that play dates begin by picking up the students at Lange School. Changing bus stops adds confusion to dismissal.
- The school day begins at 8:50 a.m. Please do not drop off your children prior to 8:45 a.m.
- We also ask that you arrive promptly to pick up your children at the Harman & Smith bus stops. Also, please note, we are unable to release a child to a person that is not a parent or guardian unless we have written permission from the parent or guardian. We also are unable to release a child into a vehicle without a proper booster or car seat. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions.
- Please be sure to continue to use your dashboard signs when picking up and dropping off your child. Please keep signs on dashboard until you depart Lange's grounds. It helps us identify who is next in line for pick-up, making for a smoother and swifter departure. Also, if you do not have your sign and the staff at the door does not recognize you, you will be asked to show ID. If you need a new sign, please call the office at 299-8730.
- Please do not use your cell phones when in the parent pick up line unless your car is in PARK!!!!
- Remember on Wednesdays and Fridays to have your child wear gym/tennis shoes for P.E.
- The teachers will be taking the children outside for recess unless the weather is extreme (temperature/wind chill factor 20° or below). Please send your child to school dressed appropriately for outside play, i.e. hats, gloves, coats NO SNOWSUITS.
- Holiday Parties are Dec. 19th and our homeroom parents are in the process of planning age appropriate, fun activities for your children. Unless you are contacted by a homeroom parent directly, we ask kindly that you not attend the party due to space limitations - thank you!
- The last day for classes in December is Tuesday, December 20th. Please note that dismissal will be at the regular time. School resumes on Thursday, January 4th, 2016.



## Transportation Reminder for Inclement Weather

### **The Lange Bus**

Many of you have asked the following question: "What will happen to the bus schedule on days when Kettering schools are closed or delayed?"

#### **If Oakwood is open as usual and Kettering is closed:**

No bus; please transport your child to and from Lange.

#### **If Oakwood is open as usual and Kettering is on a 2-hour delay:**

No bus TO Lange; dismissal transportation schedule remains the same.

#### **If Oakwood is on a 2-hour delay and Kettering is closed:**

No bus transportation; please transport your child to and from Lange. Lange begins at 10:50 a.m.; **South Connection** begins at 9:00 a.m.

#### **If Oakwood AND Kettering are both on a 2-hour delay:**

There will be bus transportation to and from Lange, though it will occur TO Lange 2 hours later. The dismissal schedule remains the same.

#### **If Oakwood is on a 1-hour delay and Kettering is on a 2-hour delay (or open as usual):**

No bus transportation TO Lange; dismissal transportation schedule remains the same. Lange begins at 9:50 a.m.; **South Connection** begins at 8:00 a.m.

#### **If Oakwood is on a 1-hour delay and Kettering is closed:**

No bus; please transport your child to and from Lange School. Lange begins at 9:50 a.m.

**NOTE: IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT SCHOOL IS DISMISSED EARLY, PLEASE LISTEN FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON THE "ONE CALL NOW" SYSTEM AND/OR LOCAL RADIO STATIONS. WE WILL ALSO POST TRANSPORTATION/PICK UP INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE "IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS" SECTION OF OUR WEB SITE. IT IS THE POLICY OF BOTH OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS AND KETTERING CITY SCHOOLS THAT EARLY DISMISSALS ARE ONLY CALLED FOR IN EXTREME SITUATIONS. To that end, it is important that we have your current telephone number in the One Call Now system. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding this matter or you would like to check to be sure your correct phone number is in our system.**

**NOTE: If Oakwood City Schools are closed, SOUTH CONNECTION is also closed for the day.**



## A Note from Mrs. Osterfeld, P.E. Instructor:

In physical education during the month of December, we will be wrapping up our unit on manipulatives and object control skills. Students use scarves, bean bags, hoops and balls to work on hand/eye coordination and exploratory movement.

## Box Tops

As we head into the busy holiday season, please keep in mind all the great products that we use which contain Box Tops for Education. Pillsbury Pie Crusts, Ziploc Bags, Betty Crocker Potatoes, and Chex Mix are just a few participating products. Each container has a Box Top worth 10 cents. Box Top refunds will be split between Harman and Smith.



## Bullying/School Violence Helpline

The state provides a Toll Free Bullying/School Violence Helpline. Any Ohio adult or youth can report concerns about school violence and bullying through a 24-hour toll free number (1-877-644-6338). An expert will be available to address the issue within 24 hours.