



School News

Welcome to Lange School! Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Night on Sept. 7th. It was so nice to put names and faces together.

Our first few weeks at Lange went extremely smoothly. The buses have been running smoothly and on time. We are counting heads to be sure the children who are to ride the bus are indeed on the bus. The children are getting used to their new routines and the double checking helps to relieve any anxiety on the part of your children as well as ensure their safety.

Parent-Student Handbooks/Directories were handed out during Parents' Night on Thurs., Sept. 7th. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DIRECTORY IS IN THE BACK OF THE handbook. The handbook contains invaluable information from shuttle procedures to birthday invitations :)

During school hours, doors are LOCKED. If you come to the school early to pick up your child (even a few minutes), please go to the front door

What's Due

1. Emergency Medical/Contact Forms
2. Immunizations
3. Internet Agreement
4. Directory Permission Slip
5. Birth Certificate
6. Proof of Residency
7. \$50.00 consumable fee

These forms need to be filled out, signed and returned to the office together with the \$50.00 materials fee as soon possible. Please contact the office if you did not receive these forms. (Students who may be eligible for free lunch will have fees waived. Please let the office know if this applies to you.)

Transportation



- ❑ We have been exceptionally pleased with the shuttle bus operation and parent drop-off and pick-up procedures during our first few days. You may have noticed that we are using checklists at all three sites -- Harman, Smith, and Lange -- to help us keep track of our students while they are in transit. For this system to work efficiently, it is important that our children consistently depart from and return to the same elementary site. Exceptions may be made for work or child-care related issues. **(Please do not change bus stops to accommodate play dates.)** It also is extremely helpful to display your child's name in large print on a piece of paper at the bus stop in order to help the aides check the children off the bus. Finally, we kindly ask that if someone other than the parent or guardian is picking up your child at the bus stop, please provide a note for the bus duty personnel to that effect.

- ❑ We also ask that dogs not accompany your family when picking up your children, either at the bus stop or at Lange School. We have many children (and adults) who are extremely frightened and/or allergic to dogs. It will also help alleviate some of the confusion at drop-off and pick-up.

- ❑ When dropping off and picking up at Lange School, please **STAY** in your car, and have your child on the passenger side of the back seat, if possible, as we will only load and unload from the passenger side.

- ❑ Please continue to display your dashboard signs when picking up your children at Lange School. It helps us to line the children up efficiently.

- ❑ When the buses are loading or unloading, we do not let cars go around the buses. Please do not try to bypass our traffic patterns by exiting out of the entrance - this could result in an accident. (On occasion a Lange staff member will direct you out the entrance when the buses are delayed leaving. **ONLY**, exit this way if you are directed!) We ask for the sake of the safety of your children that you wait the extra few minutes until we wave traffic out. It is imperative you follow the painted arrows on the driveway and parking lot of Lange. Finally, we ask that you refrain from using cell phones when operating your vehicle on the Lange School premises.

We thank all parents who observe good safety practices such as 5 miles an hour speed, no passing of buses when they are loading or unloading, no going around cars that are waiting for the bus to depart, no left turns out of the Lange driveway. Safety is our priority.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 299-8730.

Reminders from the Teachers

- Leave lunch menus in communication folders.
- Child needs a backpack large enough to hold the communication folder & a lunch box.
- Child needs lunch box (labeled with child's name) with handles & soft sides so they can go in bins.
- Pack daily snack in an outside pocket of child's backpack & not in lunch box (child gets confused as to what is snack and what is lunch).
- Check & empty take-home folders each day so they return empty.

Volunteers

We have had many generous offers for volunteer help in the classroom and at Lange, and of course we encourage all parents to volunteer! In order to volunteer, it is necessary to participate in the mandatory volunteer training. We will be conducting a training on Wed., Sept. 21th at 10:00 a.m. here at Lange. Additionally, depending on the frequency and nature of the volunteer assignment, fingerprinting may be necessary.

FROM THE NURSE, MARY BARNETT:

September is National Pediculosis Month. Pediculosis is the official name for head lice. I know this is a topic no one wants to talk or think about, but as school begins so do the cases of head lice. Here are some suggestions to help you try to keep your child lice free.

1. Educate your child that they DO NOT share any kind of hats, hair accessories, combs, brushes etc. with anyone.
2. Check your child's head weekly for head lice. Look for signs such as itching, live bugs, or nits (eggs) in the hair. Lice are small wingless insects about the size of a sesame seed, they can't jump or fly and are brownish in color. They are transmitted by direct head to head contact. Nits (eggs) are yellowish-white, teardrop shaped, about the size of the eye of a needle. They attach to the hair shaft and are difficult to remove, unlike dandruff or dirt. Nits are frequently found at the nape of the neck, behind the ears, and on the crown of the head.
3. If your daughter has long hair, keep it in a ponytail or bun. There are some studies that have shown using hair products, such as, hair gel, hair spray, certain shampoos and conditioners can offer extra protection.
4. Keep coats, scarves, backpacks, hair accessories, anything that comes into contact with your child's head and shoulders clean by washing and drying frequently.

Remember, ANYONE can get head lice, it has nothing to do with hygiene. If your child has head lice please let the school know so they can give you information on what to do, and take the proper steps to try to prevent it from infesting other students. If you ever have any questions please call the school nurse.

Just a reminder

1. If your child has a fever of 100.0 or higher or vomiting they need to be out of school for a full 24 hours with no medication and no other vomiting before returning.
2. If your child is placed on antibiotics for an infection such as strep throat, pink eye, etc. They need to have had a full 24 hours of medication before returning to school.
3. If your child experiences 3 episodes of diarrhea within a 24 hour period they need to stay home until they have had no diarrhea for 24 hours with no medication.

These guidelines are from the American Academy of Pediatrics, Ohio Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control. We follow these to protect the health and safety of all our Oakwood students.

LUNCH GLITCHES & GOODIES:



- ❑ One of the biggest challenges for all of us at Lange is LUNCH! Our procedures are a little different than those at Harman and Smith, and with that in mind, we would like to offer some suggestions that will help us immensely:
- ❑ The absolute BEST way to pay for lunch or MILK is to put some money in your child's account in a chunk in advance, rather than sending in cash daily. We credit your child's account with whatever monies they bring in and both Hot Lunch and separate milk purchases by "packers" are withdrawn from this account. It works most smoothly if the amount credited is in larger amounts, done less frequently. Of course, you may also pay for lunch using the "EZPay" on-line system, but be aware there is a fee to do this.
- ❑ PLEASE put any lunch or milk money (change, cash or check) in your child's FOLDER rather than in their lunchbox or pocket. Teachers collect all money in the morning when they are getting lunch orders from children, and many forget where their money is if it is not in the folder. (To make it easiest for our teachers, you might put the money envelope right in the front cover where the menu is located.)
- ❑ As we get our lunches from Harman, we need to order all lunches by 9:30 am. If your child comes in after 9:30 a.m., for any reason, please see that they bring lunch with them. (Alternatively, there is always a peanut butter & jelly uncrustable or turkey sandwich available in these circumstances.)
- ❑ As Lange does not have a cashier in the cafeteria, children need to pay for their milk in the morning in order to get that payment correctly credited to their account. When children try to give us money in the cafeteria, it is difficult to ensure it is credited correctly.
- ❑ Additionally, without a cashier, we cannot make change in the cafeteria, so any money you send is simply credited to your child's account. If you send \$.75 for milk, their account will be credited with \$.50; we will not be sending \$.25 home. If your child gives their money to the teacher in

the morning, it will most easily get credited to their account. If they give a volunteer money in the cafeteria, it is difficult to ensure this will happen!



- ❑ PLEASE make sure your child brings their take home folder to school every day - with their lunch choice clearly marked. You might want to make sure your child's backpack is big enough to get the folder in and out easily!

HL-HOT LUNCH, P-PACK, T-TURKEY SAND. M-MILK ONLY, PBJ-UNCRUSTABLE, JP-JACK PACK. (NOTE: Milk is included when Hot Lunch is ordered, it does not have to be ordered separately - children with milk allergies may request water.)

- ❑ PLEASE make sure lunch boxes are clearly marked on the outside with your child's name. That helps US as we try to attach mislaid or abandoned lunchboxes with their owners!
- ❑ It helps if you pack a plastic spoon or fork for your child if it is needed for them to eat their lunch. (Please do not pack plastic knives or scissors.) We have in the past collected several pieces of silverware in our lost and found!
- ❑ Also, please remember that we have wonderful volunteers for lunch, but our adult to student ratio is about 5 adults to 40-60 kindergartners so some glitches may occur and we apologize in advance for any mistakes; (i.e. a child not receiving ordered milk, or getting a hot lunch instead of a turkey sandwich). Please call the office if this happens and we will make sure your account is credited accordingly and we will try very hard to be sure it doesn't happen again.
- ❑ Also, anything you can pack that will make eating easier, is appreciated (e.g. instead of a volunteer having to peel an orange, it is best if that orange is already peeled, with slices in a baggie.)

Overall, the children have adjusted to the new routines pretty quickly and lunch is running very smoothly considering they have only been at this a few days ☺ Thank you parents for all of your help in preparing your children for full-day kindergarten!

Calendar

(Tear this page out and put on your fridge 😊.)

9/11-9/15	Safety week
9/13	Safety Presentation by Kettering Police
9/14	Buster the Bus visits Lange (bus safety program)
9/18-9/22	Rhyming
9/20	Wright Library Nursery Rhyme presentation
9/22	PD Day Dismissal at 11:30 (at Lange/11:43 District-wide)
9/25-9/29	Nursery Rhymes
10/2-10/6	Autumn/Apples
10/3-10/5	Book Fair
10/9-10/13	Fire Safety
10/9	Opera Marionnettes
10/12	Picture Day
10/13	PD Day Dismissal at 11:30 (at Lange/11:43 District-wide)
10/16-10/20	Bats/Birds
10/23-10/27	Pumpkins
10/27	Halloween Parties/Parade
10/30	No School

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