

# DECEMBER 12TH, 2018



## Loring Community School

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<https://www.facebook.com/MPS.Loring>

### PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Dear Families,

In the spirit of the holidays, I'd like to start my letter with gratitude for all of the volunteers and people in our community who help support Loring School. I would like to thank Faith Baptist and all of its members for helping adopt Loring School over the years. They helped provide 33 meals for families in need this past Thanksgiving. They also provide weekly volunteers for our Sheridan Story program as well as volunteers for reading in classrooms. We are so thankful for our community support from our friends at Faith Baptist!

I'd also like to shine the light of gratitude on our corporate sponsor CarVal Investors who have supported Loring for over 10 years. CarVal and their employee's adopt families each holiday season. They purchase presents and household items for families in need. They also provide a ton of back to school materials each year in August for our scholars. CarVal is such an amazing company and they are always willing to step in and help support Loring with volunteers and with financial resources. We are so grateful for our partnership with CarVal over the years!

Updates from Principal Gibbs:

- **Winter Sing-Along Concerts** – Will take place on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-2:45 at Loring. Mr. Ertel our music teacher has been working with the kids to learn a common set of songs that we're all going to sing for our winter showcase event. There will be grade level concerts in the spring. Please join us and be prepared to sing along with our scholars and staff!
- **Parent Drop-Off** – Drop off takes place every morning and afternoon in the cove in front of playground on 43<sup>rd</sup> and Thomas. Please remember that this is drop-off only. Do not park in that cove. We need to keep it open for families dropping off their scholars. You can park further up the street or anywhere on Thomas Ave. Also be very mindful of our patrols.
- **Here Comes the Bus** – Is the new app that we're piloting here at Loring. You can download the free app and track your children's bus in real time. You'll need to enter your child's unique identification number into the app and then you will be all set. If you need help with this, please contact our office at 612-668-2060.
- **Winter Clothing** – Just a reminder that we will be going outside for recess for up to 30 minutes a day at Loring unless the weather is significantly below zero. Remember to dress your children appropriately for the cold weather. If you need warm clothes for your scholar, please reach out to Mrs. Sheila our school social worker at 612-668-2067 and she can help support you with getting proper clothing for the winter months.
- **Loring Gear** – We are currently selling Loring gear for students, families and adults until December 16<sup>th</sup>. You can access the store from our Loring website or directly at [www.blue84spirit.com/mn3545](http://www.blue84spirit.com/mn3545). A flyer is enclosed.

Ryan Gibbs

Principal

We are ALL here, ALL the time, for ALL children!

DECEMBER 10-21

Winter FAST Testing

DECEMBER 19

Crazy Hair Day

2-2:45 Winter Concert Sing Along

DECEMBER 24-31

NO SCHOOL

WINTER BREAK

JANUARY 1-4

NO SCHOOL

WINTER BREAK

JANUARY 7

BACK TO SCHOOL

## UPDATES, EVENTS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

Registration Forms for the Winter Session of Community Education classes went home with all students on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The Winter Session will begin on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Registration forms are due no later than Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.** You can register by returning the packet filled out **with payment** or you can go online to: [www.mplscommunityed.com](http://www.mplscommunityed.com) and search "Loring". Scholarships are available for those in need; please contact Mariah Messer with questions at 612-668-2077 or [Mariah.Messer@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Mariah.Messer@mpls.k12.mn.us).

Be sure to check out our first-ever Saturday classes which will run February 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 9<sup>th</sup> (\*no class on Saturday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>)!

ALC classes such as GEMS and GISE, reading and math, Young Athletes Kinder and 1<sup>st</sup> grade SEL classes are year round programs, students do not need to reregister.

### WINTER WEATHER WEAR

Please be sure your student dresses appropriately for the weather and have your student practice getting ready on their own. Please put your student's name on all articles of clothing to avoid them getting lost.

### LORING NEEDS

The Health Office is in need of mittens, elastic waist pants in sizes 4T through 10 (pre-k to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade), and boy's tops.

### WINTER BREAK TIPS

Here are a few ideas for students to keep their skills sharp over the upcoming winter break.

READ- either silently or aloud, make sure your student is reading every day.

Bed Time- Try to keep a reasonable schedule for bed times, this will help sleep schedules when students return to class in January.

Online resources- Check out our website for great learning games your student can do at home: <http://loring.mpls.k12.mn.us/>

### TREATS AT SCHOOL

**Treats at School: Food is no longer permitted to be brought in for personal celebrations (birthdays, etc.).** Check the Loring website at <https://www.loring.mpls.k12.mn.us> for other options for celebrating your child's special day here at school.

### LCC EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ask local businesses for donations of silent auction items for the Spring Carnival.

Contact Megan at [meganaitbenhaddou@gmail.com](mailto:meganaitbenhaddou@gmail.com) to let her know when you can help.

# Visitors **MUST** sign-in in the Main Office

- Any time during the school day
- Please enter through door 9- playground side
- Your student will only be released to an authorized adult
- For security reasons, all visitors must sign in at the main office and receive a visitor's badge. You may be asked to present ID.

## **Scheduled Parent pick up:**

If you or someone else is picking up your student either during the day or after school; sign them out at the desk, sign them out in the office if before the end of the day. Please be prepared to show identification. If your student is being picked up instead of taking the bus, please contact the office **NO LATER THAN 12 PM, NOON.**

This is to ensure that we are able to notify the appropriate staff and student. We will **not** be able to accommodate changes at bus dismissal time, such as pulling students off of the bus, or switching them to a different bus. We ask that you be prepared to **meet your student at their regular assigned stop** if you ask to pull your student off the bus during dismissal.

**If your student is not on the list for parent pick up, please check in at the office.**

**Thank you, Principal Gibbs!**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE/AREA	ROOM	EMAIL
Alm-Plaziak	Lisa	K	105	Lisa.Alm-Plaziak@mpls.k12.mn.us
Anderson	Karla	2	208	Karla.Anderson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Andrzejewski	Amy	SPEECH	214	Amy.Andrzejewski@mpls.k12.mn.us
Archie	Diane	K	101	Diane.Archie@mpls.k12.mn.us
Bailey	Angela	4	202	Angela.Bailey@mpls.k12.mn.us
Baldwin	Lindsey	ART	206	Lindsey.Baldwin@mpls.k12.mn.us
Beck	Elizabeth	5	203	Elizabeth.Beck@mpls.k12.mn.us
Bedoya	Jose	AE	NA	Jose.Bedoya@mpls.k12.mn.us
Benecke	Renee	AE	110	Renee.Benecke@mpls.k12.mn.us
Blosberg	Gail	SPED	212	Gail.Blosberg@mpls.k12.mn.us
Boler	Annamary	SPED	NA	Annamary.Boler@mpls.k12.mn.us
Brower	Tara	SPED	213	tara.brower@mpls.k12.mn.us
Campbell	Sarah	ELL	ELL NOOK	Sarah.Campbell@mpls.k12.mn.us
Dodson	Ann Wilson	SEA	NA	Ann.WilsonDodson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Dokter	Danielle	PSYCHOLOGIST	MUSIC OFF	Danielle.Dokter@mpls.k12.mn.us
Donahue	Michelle	K	103	Michelle.Donahue@mpls.k12.mn.us
Duwenhoegger	Nancy	PHYED	GYM	Nancy.Duwenhoegger@mpls.k12.mn.us
Eller	Robyn	3	209	Robyn.Eller@mpls.k12.mn.us
Erickson	Jane	HAS	OFFICE	Jane.Erickson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Ertelt	Austin	MUSIC	211	Austin.Ertelt@mpls.k12.mn.us
Farnell	Linda	2	210	Linda.Farnell@mpls.k12.mn.us
Forsline	Mark	1	104	Mark.Forsline@mpls.k12.mn.us
Fury	Christine	OT	NA	christine.fury@mpls.k12.mn.us
Gibbs	Ryan	PRINCIPAL	OFFICE	Ryan.Gibbs@mpls.k12.mn.us
Gracie	Clarissa	SEA	NA	Clarissa.Gracie@mpls.k12.mn.us
Gutknecht	Stafford	1	108	Stafford.Gutknecht@mpls.k12.mn.us
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Hyatt	Vickie	MPLS KIDS	NA	Vickie.Hyatt@mpls.k12.mn.us
Johnson	Kelli	SPEECH	214	kelli.johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Kos	Alice	5	207	Alice.Kos@mpls.k12.mn.us
Lauer	Elizabeth	PT	NA	elizabeth.lauer@mpls.k12.mn.us
Lima	Krista	1	102	Krista.Lima@mpls.k12.mn.us
Messer	Mariah	COMM. ED. COOR	COMM. ED.	Mariah.Messer@mpls.k12.mn.us
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Moynihan	Brian	AE	NA	Brian.Moynihan@mpls.k12.mn.us
Murphy	Beth	SPED	216	Beth.Murphy@mpls.k12.mn.us
Peterson	Jenna	2	106	Jenna.Peterson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Peterson	Stephanie	AE	NA	Stephanie.Peterson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Raidt	John	TOSA	NA	John.Raidt@mpls.k12.mn.us
Roiland	Christine	3	205	Christine.Roiland@mpls.k12.mn.us
Saemann	Elizabeth	HI-5	110	Elizabeth.Saemann@mpls.k12.mn.us
Sajadi	Naomi	ELL	ELL NOOK	Naomi.Sajadi@mpls.k12.mn.us
Sithiphong	Latsamy (Noy)	SECRETARY	OFFICE	Latsamy.Sithiphong@mpls.k12.mn.us
Siverson-Hall	Linda	3	201	Linda.Siverson-Hall@mpls.k12.mn.us
Stangl	Morgan	TOSA	NA	Morgan.Stangl@mpls.k12.mn.us
Stewart	Kathleen	NURSE	OFFICE	Kathleen.Stewart@mpls.k12.mn.us
Tikalsky	Carissa	AE	NA	Carissa.Tikalsky@mpls.k12.mn.us
Tomihiro	Jolene	4	204	Jolene.Tomihiro@mpls.k12.mn.us
Tucker	Ernest	AE	NA	Ernest.Tucker@mpls.k12.mn.us
Webb	Sheila	SOCIAL WORKER	OFFICE	Sheila.Webb@mpls.k12.mn.us

# Here Comes the Bus

Getting Started on your Phone



**1** From your phone, go to the App Store or Google Play, and download the “Here Comes the Bus” application

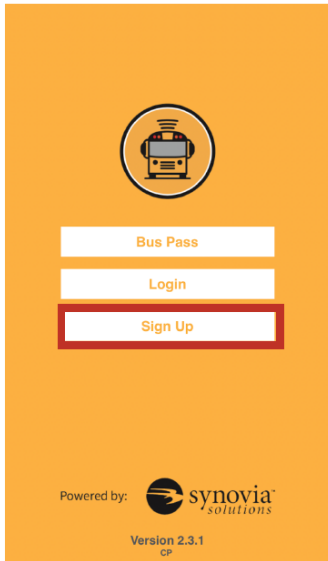


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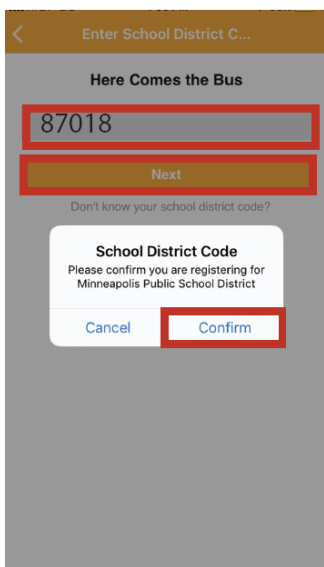
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**2** After opening the application, select “**Sign Up**”



(Do NOT select Bus Pass or Login)

**3** Enter the School Code “**87018**” and click “**Next**”. In the pop-up, click “**Confirm**”

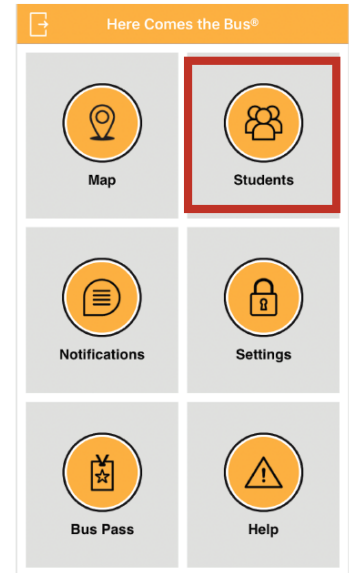


**4** Complete the requested details on the “create account” screen and then click “**continue**”

(Password must be 8-16 characters in length including upper & lowercase, a number and special character)

**5** Give the device a name and click “**Save**”

**6** From the Here Comes the Bus application home screen, click on “**Students**”



**7** Enter your child’s last name and student ID number and then click “**Submit**”



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**Here Comes The Bus (HCTB)** is an easy-to-use website and app that enables parents to see the location of their child’s school bus on a smartphone, tablet or personal computer.

Your school has been selected to participate in the field test of Here Comes The Bus!

Using the Here Comes The Bus app, parents will be able to:

- Locate your child’s bus before and after school
- Receive a notification when the bus is near your stop
- Confirm that your child’s bus has arrived at school and at bus stop

The field test will focus on the primary to and from school buses for regular education students.

**Limitations of the field test**

The field test has certain limitations which will not be included at this time. These limitations are:

- mid-day routes
- special education routes
- alternate stops- defined as a student going to different stops on different days (such as daycare)
- afterschool program buses- defined as a student staying for an afterschool program and taking a later bus to the same primary stop

Work is being done to resolve some limitations, however, it is not expected to be resolved during this field test.

This means during the field test, families who have children who ride mid-day, afterschool program or special education buses will not be able to accurately track their children’s bus. Children with alternate stops will also not be accurately tracked using Here Comes The Bus.

At no point in the project will Here Comes The Bus be used to track field trip or athletic buses.

**Support**

Check out [www.help.herecomesthebus.com/en/support/solutions](http://www.help.herecomesthebus.com/en/support/solutions) for a complete index of knowledge base articles to help you set up and modify your account. It’s a great resource to learn how to use the app.

You can also contact Katee Brown ([katee.brown@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:katee.brown@mpls.k12.mn.us)) for non-technical support with your Here Comes The Bus account.

<b><u>Timeline</u></b> December 3, 2018: First day of HCTB field test February 2019: review field test feedback March 2019: incorporate field test feedback April 2019: determine next steps for HCTB	<b><u>Feedback</u></b> A survey will be open to gather feedback from parents and guardians. Once you have had a chance to experience the app, please submit your feedback via the Field Test survey on the Transportation website.
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We look forward to hearing your experience with using Here Comes The Bus.  
Thank you for your participation!

