

SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

Loring Community School

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GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT LORING

PRINCIPALS CORNER

Dear Families,

We've had one of the best starts to the school year since I became principal of Loring eight years ago! Even with transportation concerns, construction planning and very hot weather we are persevering and thriving. I want to express my gratitude for all of your support and love for Loring School. Here are some exciting updates about our school community:

Construction:

The fences have gone up and work is starting at Loring. We heard from the community that we need better signage so that they can see the fence better. Minneapolis Public Schools is responding and will be putting up some plastic colored covering over parts of the fence. The construction company has removed one of the old boilers in the basement and they continue to do the duct work to prepare for air conditioning installation. This is slated to occur over the summer. In a few weeks they will be busting out the cement in front of the playground. This will be in preparation for the work they'll be doing to create a new safe and secure entrance for the 2019/2020 school year.

After school activities: Please welcome Mariah Messer who will be our new Community Education lead. John Raidt will be in charge of our ALC academic enrichment program again this year. Keep an eye out for applications and classes. Programming will be starting in October. We also are working on bringing back our drama club this year! More information will come home soon.

Safety and security:



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER 20

5:15 – 6:15 Site Council
6:30 – 8 LCC/PTA

SEPTEMBER 21

9 AM - Kids Cook – 4th Grade

SEPTEMBER 27

8-9:30 AM Donuts for Dudes

OCTOBER 3

9:40 AM – 2nd Grade Field trip to Children's Museum

OCTOBER 9

Latino/Hispanic Heritage Day

OCTOBER 12

PICTURE DAY

OCTOBER 16

3-8 PM - Parent/Teacher Conference Day
4- Dusk - Garden Clean Up day

OCTOBER 17

NO SCHOOL
7:30 AM – 4 PM - Parent/Teacher Conference Day

OCTOBER 18-19

NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER 25

5:15-6:15 Site Council
6:30 – 8 LCC/PTA State of the School

In order for us to keep kids safe and to manage the high volume of students who have a change in how they are picked up that day, we've created a new procedure. This procedure is all about making sure students are safe and that we have them on the right route to get home. If your student needs to go home on the bus instead of being picked up, please call the office by **12 noon** as well. Here is the new procedure:

END OF DAY STUDENT PICK UP PROCEDURE

For us to have your student at parent pick up at the end of the day, you need to call before **12 noon**.

For the Safety of our scholars, we will not call students down from their classroom or from the bus between 2:45 PM and bus dismissal.

Please meet your student at their bus stop.

In case of an emergency please come to the office and we will assist you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Principal Gibbs
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COLOR DAYS

Help Kindergarten and High 5 students learn their colors by wearing specific colors on the designated days.

Monday, October 1st – Brown Day

Tuesday, October 2nd – Red Day

Wednesday, October 3rd -- Blue Day

Thursday, October 4th -- Yellow Day

Friday, October 5th -- Orange Day

Monday, October 8th -- Purple Day

Tuesday, October 9th -- Green Day

Wednesday, October 10th – Pink & Gray Day

Thursday, October 11th – Black & White Day

Friday, October 12th – PICTURE DAY

Monday, October 15th – Favorite Color Day

Tuesday, October 16th – Rainbow Day

AFTER SCHOOL ALC AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Registration packets for ALC and Community Education went home in Wednesday Folders on September 5th.

Make sure to send yours in as soon as possible – classes fill up quickly! If you have questions about Community Education classes or are interested in teaching a class please contact Ms. Mariah Messer at 612-668-2077 or

Mariah.Messer@mpls.k12.mn.us

MINNEAPOLIS KIDS

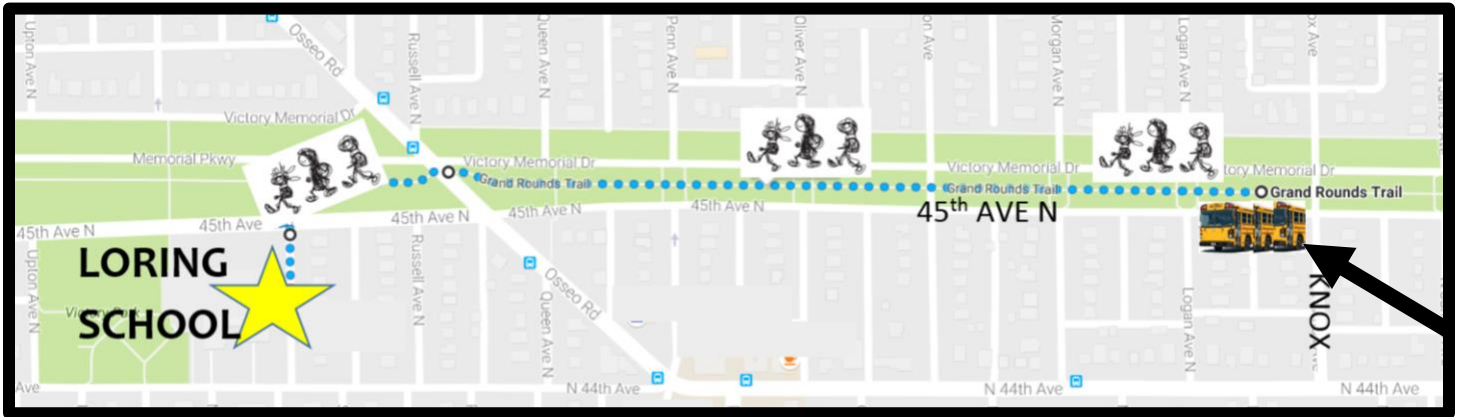
Hours: 6:30 – 8:30 AM & 3:00 – 6:00 PM

We are a before and after school program through the Mpls. Public schools. We offer a safe place for children to explore and experience many things like friendship skills, being creative, enjoying the outdoors, learning new games, gym, and much, much more.

For more information, feel free to contact at or by calling the Mpls. Kids main billing office at 612 668-3890.

Did you know Minneapolis Kids offers care on Non-School Days? Yes! We are open 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM on Non-school days.

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Bus Stop and Walk: An innovative strategy that allows more children to experience the joys and reap the benefits of walking to school. To increase student health, raise academic achievement, build community, and foster environmental experiences, every Friday all Loring students who ride the bus will begin their day with a ½ mile walk to school on “the Loring Light Rail.”

EVERY FRIDAY (Sept 21 – Nov 30) **Buses will drop Loring Students on westbound 45th Avenue, between Logan and Knox.**

Loring Staff will greet the children at the drop off location and collect the “opt out” children. These are the children not participating in the Loring Light Rail. This staff will have a walkie talkie or a cell phone.

Bus 2 will be the “**opt-out**” bus. This bus will wait at the drop location until all buses have left and all the opt-out children have boarded. This bus will then continue to Loring School to unload students not participating in the Loring Light Rail.

Buses running very late (more than 10 minutes) are directed to go straight to school (**except the opt-out bus**). Please communicate with the school through dispatch if you go straight to school. In the event of bad weather, blizzard, or lightning, buses may be directed to go straight to school by Principal Gibbs.

Do not drop students off if there are no staff to greet them.

Thank you to the bus drivers for helping the children concentrate better and learn more as they walk down the path of achieving their dreams.

Questions Contact:
Roger Martinez, Transportation Manager
Nancy Duwenhoegger, 612-668-2060, Loring Staff
Jenny Bordon, 612-668-2827, MPS Safe Routes to School

The Loring Community Council (LCC) is the parent-teacher association for Loring Community School. Everyone is welcome – and encouraged – to take part by attending meetings, planning and volunteering at events, advocating for our scholars, and joining the Executive Committee to help make decisions.

This year the executive committee has decided to focus on fostering community engagement, volunteerism, and fun. We'll be looking for ways to help in our neighborhoods and show off our fantastic students.

All new officers will be elected to the Executive Council this year. Last year several officers “graduated” to sixth grade with their kids, so this is a terrific time to get involved. If you have a great new idea or an improvement to an old one, we want to hear about it! Attend a meeting, post on the Loring Parents Facebook page, or email one of the Executive Committee officers listed at the right. You can even send a note with your student and ask that it be put in the LCC mailbox in the office. We're looking forward to hearing from you!



Clip the “Box Tops for Education” seals from packages and send them with your student – we'll turn them into cash for Loring!

You Did It!

Last year we had several successful fundraisers including Read-a-thon, Spring Carnival and Turkey Bingo. The funds you and your neighbors donated paid for things like:

- Community Day picnic
- Bottled water for students on hot days
- Field trips
- Rugs for classrooms
- Books for ELL students

And this year watch for

- A portable Gaga Pit for gym class
- New risers for music class and performances

Next Meetings

9/20/2018

5:15-6:15 pm - Executive Council
Open to all interested in joining
6:30-8:00 pm - Loring Community Council – open to all. Free meal and childcare provided

9/27/2018

8:00-9:30 am - Donuts for Dudes – Conversations with the principal, staff and LCC team geared for the guys who want to get involved

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Contact Info

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Executive Committee Nominees

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Joel Lokken

Treasurers

Becky Evan
Vicki Evan

Secretary

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