

WILD ABOUT LEARNING AT LFE

This Month's Edition
Aug/Sept 2021



The Leopard Letter

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Tuesday, August 17 ~ First Day of School

Principal's Report

Dear Lake Forest Family,
I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer! We have been busy preparing for the year ahead. I am looking forward to the 2021-2022 school year. Our school-wide theme this year is "Wild About Learning at LFE". We look forward to welcoming back many of our students who attended the virtual program last year. It will be nice to see these students and their families.

If you are new to Lake Forest this year, I hope you will attend our **New Student Orientation on Tuesday, August 3, at 6:00 pm** in the LFE cafeteria. During this orientation we will go over important back to school items, introduce our administrative team and PTA board, as well as provide a self-guided tour of the building. In addition, we hope to answer any questions you may have.

Meet the Teacher will be held from 4:00-6:00 pm on Thursday, August 12. This is a drop-in event. Parents and students will be able to visit classrooms, meet teachers, join PTA, sign-up for

our Extended Day Program, complete lunch applications, and much more! We look forward to seeing you there!

I would like to thank our PTA for their continued support of our school. Over the summer, they ordered some new playground pieces that will be installed soon. We know our students will enjoy these new additions. PTA has also helped pay for digital programs we use at school such as Reflex Math and RAZ Kids. I encourage you to join PTA as we start a new school year. They do so much to support our students and staff throughout the school year.

All parents are asked to 'Like' Lake Forest Elementary School on Facebook for updates and photos! We enjoy using social media to share positive stories about LFE and upcoming events.

We have included a list of new staff members in this newsletter. Please join me in welcoming them to our school! We have also added a new class at LFE...Innovation Lab. This class will replace the computer lab.

While in the Innovation Lab, students will participate in team building activities, build and construct different structures, utilize engineering practices, integrate technology, and think innovatively. I know students will enjoy this new related arts class.

All students will be issued a Chromebook during the first week of school to use throughout the school year. Please ensure your child takes good care of their device and charger. Parents assume the cost of any lost or damaged devices.

Finally, let me know if I can help you in any way as we begin a new school year together. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we will see you soon!

Sincerely,
Julie R. Cooke
Principal



Important Dates

New Student Orientation, 6:00 pm	8/3
Meet the Teacher, 4-6 pm	8/12
First Day of School , 7:45—2:15 pm	8/17
Extended Day Program Begins, 2:30-6:00 pm	
4K Staggered Start	8/17-8/20
Kona Ice at Lunch (\$2)	8/20
ALL 4K Students Attend 4K Bus Transportation Begins	8/23
Skate Night, 6-8 pm	8/26
PTA Attractions Guides Fundraiser	8/30-9/10
Labor Day—No School	9/6
Marco's Pizza Spirit Day , 10:00am-10:00 pm	9/7
Open House/Family Paint Night, 6:00 pm	9/13
Kona Ice at Lunch (\$2)	9/17
Start With Hello Week	9/20-9/24
World Gratitude Day	9/21
Skate Night, 6-8 pm	9/23
4K Half Day (11:15 dismissal)	9/24
School Spirit Day	9/24
National Custodian Day	10/2
World Teacher's Day	10/5
Marco's Pizza Spirit Day , 10:00am-10:00 pm	10/5

'Like' us on Facebook for school event reminders!



<https://www.facebook.com/LakeForestES>

Staggered Attendance Schedule for 4K Students

PreK students will begin school on a staggered schedule August 17-20, as noted on the 2021-22 4K [calendar](#). Each PreK student will attend based on their last name, using the color system used during the 2020-21 school year. Specifically:

- August 17: Blue (last names A-D)
- August 18: Red (last names E-K)
- August 19: Green (last names L-Q)
- August 20: Purple (last names R-Z)

100% attendance for PreK students begins Monday, August 23.





Lake Forest PTA BOARD



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Treasurer

Liz McCall
Volunteer Coordinator

Brittany George
Memberships

Ashley Durham
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Secretary



Please contact Jamie Hicks if you are interested in serving on the PTA Board. We need your help!

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\$5 MEMBERSHIP**

Information Hut

New LFE Staff

Sarah Poole	Inst. Coach
Heidi Zimmerman	1st Grade
Kristin Angelo	3rd Grade
Tara Bayan	3rd Grade
James Long	3rd Grade
Brianna Evans	4th Grade
Michaela Rosensky	5th Grade
Kellen Webster	5th Grade
Brittany Bynum	Special Ed.
Bryan Gooding	PE
Patty Stewart	Art
Elizabeth Johnson	Challenge
Barbara Zinkovich	Media Center
Laura Parra	Media Clerk
Rhonda Duncan	Spec. Ed. Aide
Sydney Mann	Spec. Ed. Aide
Laura Jennings	Spec. Ed. Aide
Sarah Towery	Spec. Ed. Aide

PTA President's Report

Welcome back everyone!
As you may already know, PTA is back to doing all the fun things this school year! We are bringing back Kona Ice at lunch starting August 20th. Skate night will be coming back, as well, on August 26th from 6-8pm.

I encourage each and everyone of you that can help and get involved to please get involved! There is no effort too small when it comes to volunteering. We will be sending out membership forms soon and would love for you all to be a part of the PTA in any capacity that you can! We are going to be posting monthly calendars again so that everyone can get an idea ahead of time of what is coming up. There are several ways to keep up with what is going on, such as:

- The Remind App or text this message @8bb434 to 81010
- The Lake Forest PTA Facebook Page

Also, please make sure to check your volunteer status on the Greenville County

Schools website to make sure you are up to date on your level one or level two status!! This is important for volunteer opportunities in person again.

We can not express our excitement enough for getting to be back in the school and doing the things that we love to do again! Please understand, we are trying to get back to all the fun things that we did before last year, but we need your help to be able to do those things! Your help does matter! If there are ever any questions about getting involved, please email me at jamiechicks@gmail.com. I would be more than happy to chat about any questions or concerns.

As always, we are very grateful for all the support and love! We really feel like it is going to be an awesome school year!!

Jamie Hicks
PTA President



LFE Staff Serving in New Positions

We have several staff members serving in new positions at Lake Forest.

- Kate Fogleman—K5 Teacher
- Paige Oakley—2nd Grade
- Kimberly Sullivan—4th Grade
- Shannan Fastzkie—Resource
- Greta Williams—K4 Aide
- Sandy Hall—K5 aide
- Shakita McGee—Spec. Ed. Aide
- Mary Meredith—Innovation Lab Manager
- Phyllis Greene—Math Interventionist
- Ginger Gilbert—Reading Interventionist

We also want to extend a warm welcome to our new traveling related arts team. They will be at Lake Forest 2 days each week and 3 days at Westcliffe Elementary. These teachers are in addition to our full time related arts team.

- Cindy Singleton—Art
- Scott Eron—PE
- Wayne Mason—Music



What's Cooking in the Cafeteria?

Due to a nationwide waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Greenville County Schools will be providing free school meals to all students for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year. Breakfasts and lunches will be available daily at all schools.

We still encourage parents to complete the Free and Reduced Application:

<http://greenville.schoolunchapp.com>

Cafeteria Prices 2021-2022 School Year

Breakfast:
All students—FREE
Adults- \$2.60

Lunch:
All students—FREE
Adults- \$4.10



Important Transportation Information

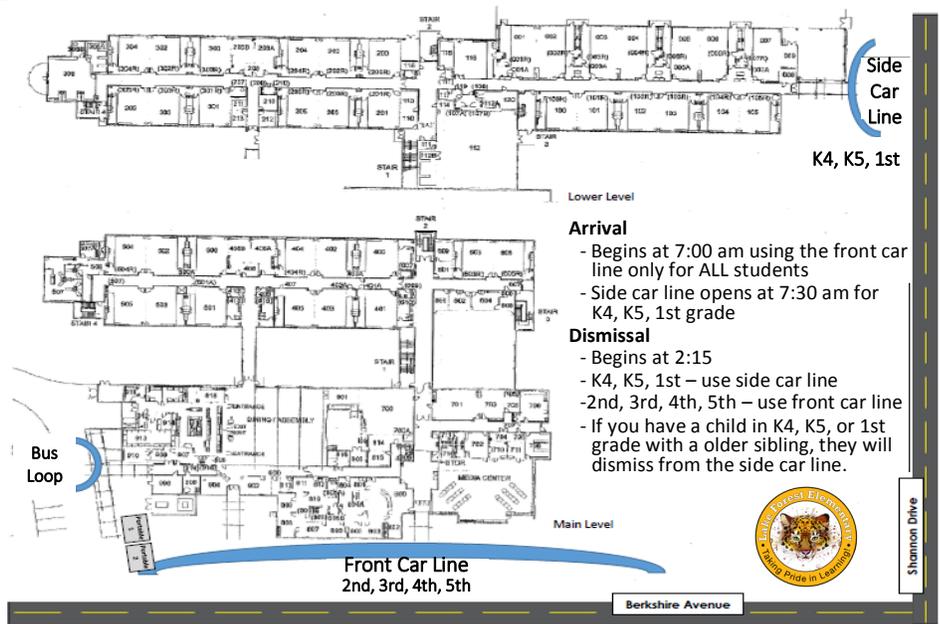
Parents are allowed to walk their student into school on the 1st day, August 17. Beginning August 18, all students should be dropped off in the appropriate carlines, and parents are asked to remain in their cars. We will have sufficient staffing to be sure students get to class safely. Thank you for abiding by this request.

All parents who pick up children in the carlines need a school issued hangtag. These will be given out during Meet the Teacher on **August 12**.

Children will not be released to cars unless the NEW school issued hangtag is displayed. Parents should set a good example for their children by following these guidelines. Please be patient with the carlines, especially in the afternoons during the first few weeks of school.

If you have not signed up for bus transportation or you have questions about which bus your child will ride, please contact the office at 355-4000. **IMPORTANT!! If you have a K4, K5 or 1st grade child who will need bus transportation at any time this year, you need to have a school-issued, numbered hangtag to show the driver at the bus stop.** K4, K5, and 1st graders will not be allowed to exit the bus without the parent or designee showing this school-issued tag. These numbered tags will be distributed to all parents of K4, K5, and 1st graders who are coded as bus riders in our database.

If you do not pick up your tags during our Meet the



Arrival

- Begins at 7:00 am using the front car line only for ALL students
- Side car line opens at 7:30 am for K4, K5, 1st grade

Dismissal

- Begins at 2:15
- K4, K5, 1st – use side car line
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th – use front car line
- If you have a child in K4, K5, or 1st grade with a older sibling, they will dismiss from the side car line.

Teacher event on August 12, please come by the school during your child's first day of school. The parent/guardian can select a designee to be at the stop. The designee may be another adult or a student who is in fourth grade or above. If the designee is another adult, give that person a

numbered tag issued by the school. If you need additional numbered tags, please contact the office. Thanks for your help! One of our top priorities is making sure all students go home safely each and every day of the school year.

Bus Tag Procedures for K4, K5, and 1st Grade

We look forward to providing bus transportation during the next school year for your young child. As part of our continuing efforts to improve our quality of service, we want to ensure that you are aware of everyone's responsibilities, especially those concerning the safety of your child at the morning and afternoon school bus stop.

Parents/guardians of a child being transported on a school bus are responsible for the safety and conduct of the child prior to the arrival of the school bus at the child's designated school bus stop for pick up and transport to school, and after the school bus drops off the child and departs the child's designated school bus stop when

transporting the children from school (S.C. Law Section 59-67-415).

In addition, parents/guardians should ensure all contact information at the school is accurate and update information whenever changes occur.

In order to ensure the safety of your 4K, 5K, or 1st grade child, Greenville County Schools has implemented the following procedures:

4K, 5K, and 1st grade students preparing to depart the bus at their assigned stop, whether alone or in a group AND without a parent/guardian/designee present to receive them, could be brought back to their elementary school. The designee may be

another adult or student designee (4th grade or above).

One person can serve as designee for multiple children. A Bus Tag application is to be requested from the school, completed and returned to the school before the student rides the bus.

If the student is returned to school, the parent/guardian will be contacted and required to pick up his/her child at the elementary school. If the parent/guardian cannot be reached, the matter could be referred to the Greenville County Schools



IMPORTANT...Please read carefully!! Incidents of the parent/guardian/designee, with the numbered card, not being at the bus stop for PM drop-off, will result in all transportation services being discontinued according to the following schedule:

First Incident:	Warning
Second Incident:	3 days off the bus
Third Incident:	5 days off the bus
Fourth Incident:	10 days off the bus
Fifth Incident:	Removal from bus for the remainder of the school year



Please note the above table of incidents and loss of transportation bus privileges is absolute with no discretion on the part of the school administration. Parents are asked to have a designee to serve in your place in the event of an emergency.

REMINDER: A parent/guardian/designee must be present at the bus stop to receive all 4K, 5K, & 1st grade students. The parent/guardian/designee must have a numbered card.



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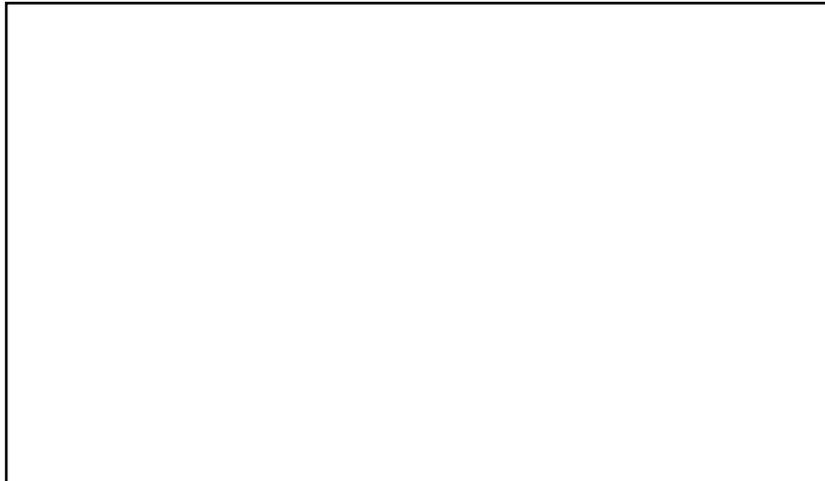
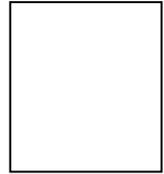
**Principal:
Julie Cooke**

**Assistant Principal:
Curry Wilson**

**Administrative Assistant:
Morgan Warner**

**PTA President:
Jamie Hicks**

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Vision and Mission of LFE

At Lake Forest Elementary, our vision is to empower students to learn, grow, lead, and succeed. We hope to accomplish this vision through our mission: to provide a nurturing, student-centered learning environment where students are empowered to learn

about the world, persevere through challenges, and develop positive character traits.

School Moto:
"Taking Pride in Learning!"



Extended Day Program

Shavon Davis is our **Extended Day Director**. She will be available at Meet the Teacher in the cafeteria to meet parents, receipt fees, and answer any questions. The extended day program will begin on the first day of school.

Registration was held last spring, but we still have spaces available. Our program serves approximately 100 children on school days from 2:30-6:00. You may call Mrs. Davis at 355-4979 if you have any questions.

Student Medication

All medication must be delivered to the School Nurse or other designated school employee by the student's parent, legal

guardian or a previously designated adult. All forms may be downloaded from our school website. Feel free to call our school nurse,

Heather Reeves, at 355-4007 to make arrangements or ask any questions.

Reminder About Start and End Times for Elementary Schools

The elementary instructional day **begins at 7:45 and ends at 2:15**. Students arriving to school after 7:45 am will be marked tardy and should be walked in

by a parent. Please make every effort to arrive to school on time. All late students must be walked into the front office by an adult. We also want to

remind parents that **early dismissals are not permitted after 1:45 pm**, so please plan ahead. We appreciate your support and cooperation.