

April

News from Lyon & Pleasant Ridge

IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs, April 12	Incoming 3rd Grade Parent Orientation 9:30AM & 5:30PM, LRC @ PR
Mon, April 16	Robert Crown Presentation @7PM MPR @ PR
Tues, April 17	PTA Meeting @ Lyon 9:15AM
Wed, April 18	Robert Crown Presentation @ 7PM MPR @ PR
Mon, April 23	Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30PM
Tues, May 15	PTA Meeting @ PR 9:15AM
Wed, May 23	2nd Grade Program 10AM & 1:30PM
Thurs, May 24	Lyon Open House 6:30-7:30PM
Mon, May 28	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
Fri, June 1	Lyon School Field Day
Mon, June 4	Kindergarten sing, picnic & last day of school Morning Kindergarten 10-11:30AM Afternoon Kindergarten 2-3:30PM
Tues, June 5	Last Day of School 8:55AM- 12PM

AFTER SCHOOL @ PR

Mon, April 9	3rd Grade Chorus 2:30-3:15PM
Tues, April 10	4/5th Grade Chorus 2:30-3:15PM
Fri, April 13	Art 2:30-3:30PM
Mon, April 16	3rd Grade Chorus 2:30-3:15PM
Tues, April 17	4/5th Grade Chorus 2:30-3:15PM
Fri, April 20	Art 2:30-3:30PM

LOST & FOUND

Is your child missing his/her gloves, backpack, lunchbox, water bottle, hat, scarf, coat, boots, etc? Lyon and Pleasant Ridge school's lost and found are overflowing. If your child is missing an article of clothing PLEASE stop by the school to look through all of the lost and found items. ALL items will be donated at the end of the school year.



DENTAL FORM REMINDER

All kindergarten, second and sixth grade students must have a dental report on file in the health office by **May 15, 2018**. If your child has been to the dentist within the past year, please ask the dentist to fill out the state required dental form and return it to the Lyon health office. If your child has not been seen by a dentist within the past year, please make an appointment as soon as possible and return the state dental form to the health office. If you have any questions or need a copy of the state form please call Jan Gode, Lyon Health Coordinator at (847)998-5046 or fax your completed form to (847)9989701, Attn: Jan Gode.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR ALL RETURNING STUDENTS

Registration for the 2018-19 school year officially opened March 15. All families who complete registration and residency (to those applicable) by May 25 will receive a \$50 discount. Please visit <http://www.glenview34.org/parents/registration> to complete your child's registration. Please contact your school's main office or the Business Office at (847)998-5063 if you have any questions.

CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION NOTES

Please remember to send a note into your child's teacher if there is a change in transportation. If your child's transportation changes after the school day begins, please remember to call the Lyon School office at (847)998-5045 before 3:00PM or the Pleasant Ridge School office at (847)998-5050 before 2:00PM. Thank you.

SNOW DAY MAKE-UP PLAN: NO CHANGE FOR STUDENTS

In response to inclement weather, we collectively made the decision with other Northfield Township school districts to cancel school on February 9, 2018. I know staff and parents are anxious to learn our plan to makeup the day, which is why I wanted to share this information with you today.

At the Board of Education meeting on Monday, Superintendent Dr. Dane Delli recommended that **June 5 remain the last day of school for students**. This day will be an early dismissal day for students in grades 1-7. Because this will be an early dismissal day, there will be an abbreviated schedule, which is as follows:

7:55-11AM (Intermediate Schools)
8:25-11:30AM (Middle Schools)
8:55-12PM (Primary Schools)

The last day for eighth grade students remains the same – May 30. Additionally, the last day of school for kindergarten students remains as June 4. Transportation will be provided to all students who typically ride the bus.

Welcome Back!

I hope your family had an enjoyable spring break together. My family was lucky to enjoy the weather in Florida where we had lots of pool time and I was able to sneak in a few rounds of golf. It was certainly nice to take a break before the end of year 'sprint' begins. I've learned that the next few months tend to get super busy for school families. Spring activities such as clubs, classes, and sports begin to populate our calendars and keep us running from one activity to the next. Wishing us all luck in navigating the upcoming Spring frenzy with our families. All that being said, I'm looking forward to the month of April at Pleasant Ridge. With PARCC testing behind us, we will resume our normal routines and schedules. I know the staff is eager to engage our students, and build some momentum in our classrooms over the next few months. Ready, Set, Go!!!

Finally, I'd just like to comment on how proud I am of all our students. I was able to slow down and reflect a bit over break and I'm delighted with the growth we've made as a learning community this year. I've seen so many examples of students persevering through challenges and growing as a result of their hard work. As I walk around the building I'm amazed to see how much our students have grown since the fall and how they've developed as learners. They are an amazing group of kids, and I appreciate all that our students do to teach us each and every day.

Please see below for some important April notes:

• **Incoming Parent Information Meetings** - Please join me on Thursday, April 12th to attend Information sessions for our incoming 3rd Grade families. I will be hosting two sessions that day, one at 9:30 AM and one at 5:30 PM. These sessions are intended to provide information on the upcoming transition to Pleasant Ridge for our 2nd Grade students and families at Lyon. These information sessions are for parents only and will take place in our Library.

Sincerely,
Erik Friedman

Self-Directed Learners and Responsible Decision Makers

We hope Spring Break provided your family some quality time together and that the children are excited and ready for a strong spring (thus far, convincingly disguised as winter) at Lyon. It was great to welcome everyone back, and it was wonderful to see so many children happy to return!

As we head into our final trimester of the year, a noticeable shift can be observed as we have an increased emphasis on student independence throughout each school day. Whether it is in regard to social skills and relationships or with particular aspects of their academic work, students will now be spending a greater portion of their time at school applying knowledge and skills. It is very affirming to visit classrooms and see students confidently navigating through their day, often with minimal direction from adults. They each have their moments when they are able to be a leader and help a peer with something, provide feedback to a classmate or serve as a positive model of what an engaged learner looks like. While none of these descriptions are absolutes, they are observable across all three of our grade levels at Lyon.

In the process of working with your children on a daily basis, we may even shift the way we provide feedback to them to match the increased capacity for independence. What might have been more explicit and direct earlier in the year can now be delivered in a way that intentionally transfers increased ownership to the student. For example, I can frequently approach a student in need of some kind of reminder during the day and ask, "What am I going to remind you to do right now?" In the vast majority of cases, the student knows immediately and responds accordingly. Teachers can more readily respond to students with questions that accomplish the same transfer of ownership (e.g., "Which problem needs fixing?"; "Which piece of writing represents your best work?"). Sometimes, we even overhear students ask questions like this of one another, which is just fantastic!

You've likely seen this same gradual change in independence over the course of the school year at home as well. You can continue to challenge and support your children by remembering the things that they are capable of doing for themselves and letting them do them - even when it takes longer, and even when they attempt to negotiate their way out of it, preferring to let you do it for them. They will thank you for it later! (Okay, they may never actually thank you, but they will have grown in a positive way as a result of it).

Our goal is always to help children become increasingly self-directed learners and responsible decision makers. We thank you for your partnership in this effort, and we hope to see you at Lyon soon.

Sincerely,
Kevin Dorken

PTA News and Notes by Sharon Bux, PTA President

Welcome back! I hope that you and your family enjoyed a relaxing Spring Break.

The PTA has several activities happening in April and the beginning of May.

*April 16-20 – Earth Week. Environmental Chairs, Laura Lane and Marney Schager, are busy planning for this educational and fun week for the students.

*April 17 at 9:15am at Lyon – Our Monthly General PTA Meeting. All are welcome to attend.

*April 23-27 – No Screen Week. Unplug the family and get out and explore Glenview. Local businesses will be offering special during the week to encourage families to explore new ways to unplug. Watch our weekly eblast for a listing of specials. On Thursday 4/26 will be district wide no homework night.

*May 7– 11 - Staff Appreciation Week. Our Chairs Andrea Miller, Katie Chasen and Erika Sullivan are busy planning fun activities and treats to show our staff how much we appreciate all that they do for our children. Many volunteers and donations are needed to make this week impactful.

*May 4 – Walk/Bike to School. Lyon and PR students are encouraged to GO GREEN and walk or bike to school. We will need volunteers to cheer on walkers and riders so look for upcoming signup.

*April – May – “April showers bring May flowers” to the Pleasant Ridge garden. We are to support the return of the garden at Pleasant Ridge this spring.

Lastly, I would like to extend a huge thank you to the following people who have been making it happen for the PTA:

Incoming President Anne Binney for her work filling next year’s PTA Board positions and setting calendar dates.

Laura Floyd for organizing volunteers to support PR’s Jump Rope for Heart. Our PR kids raised over \$53,000 for the American Heart Association.

Tracy and Brandon Elsasser, Rebecca Brown and Erik Friedman for their commitment and time spent bringing the garden back to Pleasant Ridge.

As always, the Lyon/PR PTA welcomes all questions, comments and suggestions, so feel free to email us at lyprpta@gmail.com.

Plan para Recuperar el día perdido por mal clima ‘Snow Day’: No hay cambios para los estudiantes

El día 9 de febrero del 2018, tomamos la decisión en conjunto con otros distritos escolares de Northfield de cancelar las clases, en respuesta al clima inclemente. Estamos conscientes que los padres de familia y el personal están esperando saber cuál será nuestro plan para recuperar ese día, es por eso que queremos compartir esta información.

Durante la reunión con la Junta de Educación que se tuvo el día Lunes, el Superintendente Dr. Dane Delli recomendó mantener **el 5 de junio como último día de escuela para los estudiantes**. Este día los estudiantes de 1 7 grado saldrán temprano. Debido a esto, tendremos un horario reducido, el cual es el siguiente:

7:55-11 (Horario para Escuelas Intermedias) 8:25-11:30 (Horario para Escuelas Secundarias) 8:55-12 (Horario para Escuelas Primarias)

El último día para los estudiantes de octavo grado permanecerá igual 30 de mayo. Adicionalmente, **el último día de escuela para los estudiantes de kindergarten también permanecerá igual el 4 de junio.** Se proporcionará transporte a todos los estudiantes que usualmente viajan en autobús.

El último día para el personal será el 6 de junio. Esto significa que si bien el último día para los estudiantes es el 5 de junio todo el personal se deberá presentar a trabajar el 6 de junio para recuperar el día. Los planes específicos para ese día en particular se determinarán y comunicarán próximos a la fecha.

