

Parent Moose Message 1

September 5, 2023



Welcome Back!

We are so excited for the 2023-2024 school year at Twin Lakes Elementary. The staff and I are excited for the new year ahead. It was wonderful to see so many of our families at our Open House last week! Here is some important information for the year.

NEW THIS YEAR

I am excited to inform you that all elementary schools in our district will be transitioning to trimesters this year. This shift will allow for a more comprehensive and in-depth approach to your child's education, providing greater opportunities for personalized learning and growth. We believe that this change will greatly benefit our students and enhance their academic experience. More information regarding this transition will be provided in the coming weeks, so please stay tuned

Here is the bell schedule for this year

Bell Schedule

Breakfast 8:40

First Bell - 8:55 am

Tardy Bell - 9:00 am

Morning Recess

K - 1st 10:00-10:15

2nd-3rd 10:20-10:35

Grade	Lunch	Recess	Return to class
K	11:05	11:25	11:45
1	11:20	12:40	12:00
2	11:40	12:00	12:20

3	12:00	12:20	12:40
4	12:20	12:40	1:00
5	12:40	1:00	1:20

Afternoon Recess

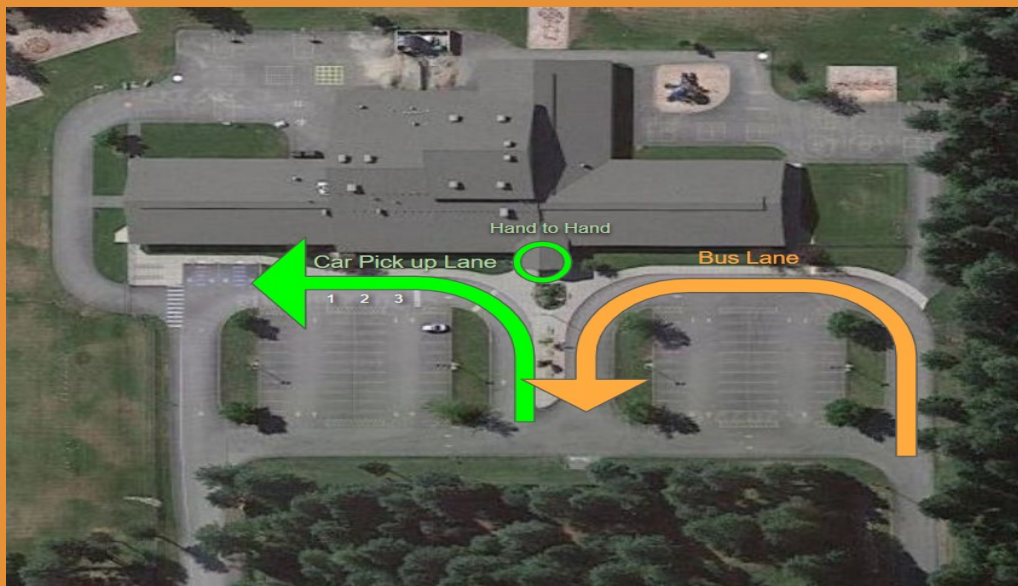
K-3rd 1:50-2:00

4th-5th 2:10-2:25

Dismissal - 3:15

Pick up & Drop off procedures

*****MAP*****



DROP OFF BEFORE SCHOOL

Drop off time is 8:40. THERE IS NO SUPERVISION ON PLAYGROUND UNTIL 8:40.

Students arriving by car may:

a) be dropped off curbside in the "Drop Off Lane"

b) walked to the sidewalk after a parent has parked in the parking lot

At no time can cars be left unattended in either drive through lane

Students will then go either to breakfast or straight to the playground.

Students arriving by bus will disembark the bus and go to either breakfast or straight to their playground.

Students walking or riding their bicycles use the sidewalks and appropriate bike racks. Students will then go to breakfast or straight to their playground.

We have two crosswalks to our parking lot. For the safety of all students please ONLY use the crosswalk to go from the lot to the school.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

School is dismissed at 3:15 Monday - Friday

Students leaving by car will be loaded into their car at the designated loading area. This will be one central loading location to ensure student safety. Students will not be allowed to load into cars in the "Drop Off Lane" anywhere but the loading point. They may **never** be loaded into cars in the "Drive Through Lane".

Students waiting for a parent to walk them to a parked car. Parents may request students to wait in the "Hand to Hand" pick up area. Students will wait until their grown-up comes to walk them to their car parked in the parking lot. PLEASE ONLY USE THE CROSSWALKS TO GO TO THE PARKING LOT.

At no time can cars be left unattended in either lane

***Students will never be allowed to cross the "Drop Off Lane" or "Drive Through Lane" without a parent/guardian.**

Students leaving by bus will exit the building and walk on the sidewalk straight to their designated bus.

Students walking or riding their bicycles will use the sidewalks and appropriate lanes to leave the school.

Bus Information

ALL STUDENTS RIDING THE BUS MUST REGISTER WITH TRANSPORTATION.

Please call transportation for routes at 208-687-5870

Spirit Wear & Cross Country/Track Shirt

Your child will bring home a Spirit Wear form this week.

****Cross Country Shirt orders must be turned in by Friday September 8th.**

If you would like to purchase Moose Gear please return to your child's teacher or the office by Sept. 16th. **No late orders can be accepted.**

Chromebook Damage Replacement Program

If you opted in for the Chromebook Damage Replacement Program for 2023/2024, please send your payment to the office. The cost is \$20 per student and significantly reduces the cost to you should your child's chromebook get damaged. There is a one time fee that covers a student through their elementary years with our school district. This is a voluntary program.

Typical Repair/Replacement Costs

Item	Without Coverage	With Coverage (1st incident)
Chromebook (Complete)	\$370	\$111
Screen	\$200	\$60
Keyboard	\$40	\$12
Touchpad	\$40	\$12
Top/Bottom Plastics	\$80	\$24
Motherboard	\$200	\$60
Charger	\$40	\$12
Palm Rest	\$50	\$15
Ports (Including but not limited to USB, USB-C, HDMI, Audio)	\$85	\$25
Hinges	\$35	\$10
Intentional Damage & Defacement Not covered under coverage plan	Cost of damaged part + \$20	Cost of damaged part + \$20 Not covered under coverage plan
Wifi Hotspot (loss only) This includes service cost	\$240	\$72

1st Incident: 30% of full cost - 2nd Incident: 50% of full cost - 3rd Incident: 80% of full cost

Classroom Volunteers

We are looking forward to having parent volunteers this year. For the safety and security of our students all volunteers **MUST** attend orientation. We will have several Volunteer Orientation meetings in October. There will be a Skylert notifying you of the date and time in a few weeks.

If you wish to volunteer for ANY event in the classrooms (class parties, field trips, classroom assistance, etc) you must attend the Volunteer Orientation. There will be other times in Dec/Jan. **ALL adults wishing to volunteer must attend one of the orientations before they can participate in the classroom.**

We are so excited for this year and I look forward to meeting all of you!

PTA Membership – Join Today

Do you know what the PTA does? Become a member today so you can help make decisions about how the PTA spends the money they raise. Membership forms are available in the school office.

Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm in the school Library.

Counselor's Corner

Hello families! Welcome to a new school year!

My name is Justine Litzko, and I am starting my 9th year as the counselor at Twin Lakes Elementary. My main job at TLE is to be a support to the students, families, and staff. A couple things about the counseling program at TLE:

- *Classroom Lessons:* These lessons happen throughout the year in the classrooms. We cover topics ranging from learning skills to problem solving. Last year, if you filled out the district information form regarding these lessons, your student is good to attend this year, too. However, if you are new to TLE, I will be sending home the form for you to complete. In the spring, everyone will be receiving the safety unit permission slip to fill out again. Also, the district curriculum can be viewed at TLE at any time.
- *Lunch Bunches:* Students throughout the school may sign up to have lunch with me. Rather than eating in the cafeteria, they choose to eat in my

office with friends. We eat, talk, might play a game if there is time, and then students go to recess as usual.

During the first weeks of school, I also welcome all new students to TLE by having lunch with them. New students can choose to eat with me or pass on the invitation. We eat, get to know each other, and they can get to know TLE better and start building connections.

- **Group Counseling:** Later in the year I will start holding group counseling sessions. Group counseling can be accessed after written consent is given by the family. I will send out more information in the upcoming months.
- **Individual Counseling:** I can meet with students on an individual basis. Referrals can come from families, staff, or students themselves. I can work with students on a short term basis, build skills, problem solve situations, and more.

If I can be of any support to your child or your family, or if you have any questions, please reach out. My email is justine.litzko@lakeland272.org, or you can call the front office at 208-687-5870.

Have a wonderful year,
Mrs. Litzko, M.A., NCC
School Counselor

Important Dates

October 11 District Cross Country Meet

