

The Lawrence Ledger

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Principal's Message

HALLOWEEN PARADE



Back by popular demand... the Clifton E. Lawrence School will host a Halloween parade this year (weather permitting). In the event the parade is rained out, students will still be able to wear appropriate costumes to school. The parade will take place on Friday, October 29th beginning at approximately:

KDG & Pre-K- 9:15
2nd Grade-9:30
1st Grade-9:45



CEL is hosting the first annual Scarecrow Competition. Classes are making scarecrows that will be displayed on the front lawn of the building. The scarecrows will be displayed beginning late next week. Special thanks to Mrs. Maas for coordinating this effort.

TIPS from the TEAM

Sara Maas, RTI Coordinator

It is no secret that parent involvement in a child's school experience is one of the keys to a successful school experience. It is clear that:

- a) family processes and practices are strongly related to students' academic, social, emotional, and behavioral outcomes while students are in school and beyond, and
- b) that when schools and families collaborate to support student learning, student outcomes are improved (Henderson & Mapp, 2002).

So how can we do this? Family and school collaboration is the key to a child's success in school. Open lines of communication and collaboration with your child's teacher is the bridge between home and school allowing strong partnerships between family and school. Strong partnerships are not the only way a family can be involved. Family involvement can appear in a variety of ways. At home, setting organized routines and having plans in place reduces anxiety and stress that can spill over into the classroom making it difficult for your child to focus and perform to the best of their ability.

Getting plenty of rest (children 5-12 should be getting at least 10-12 hours of sleep) and making sure the sleeping environment has minimal to no distractions. Develop a homework routine that includes a space to complete homework and expectations, ex: that homework needs to be completed before dinner time or practice, etc. Families can get involved by volunteering for school based activities; such as fund raisers, book fairs, even joining the school's Parent-Teacher Organizations. Most importantly, being your child's cheerleader and showing that you are excited for their school experience is the best way to start navigating your student's journey to a successful and positive year. I would like to wish all the staff, families, and students a successful and happy school year.

Mr. Terwilliger Services



As you are aware, one of our beloved staff members, Mr. Allen Terwilliger, 5th grade teacher at Wantage School and Care Program Director, recently passed away. Mr. "T" was an *amazing* teacher who had a positive influence on so many students, staff, parents, families, and Sussex-Wantage community members.

More information about services for Mr. Terwilliger can be found here:

<https://fergusonfuneralhomesnj.com/book-of-memories/4741346/Terwilliger-Allen/index.php>



10/18-10/22- School Violence Awareness Week
 10/25-10/29- Red Ribbon Week
 10/29- Halloween Parade



Sussex-Wantage Regional School District is currently participating in a program that allows any students who wish to receive lunch and/or breakfast can do so at no cost to parents/guardians.

At CEL, all your child needs to do is tell their teacher in the morning when they want breakfast or lunch. At this time, at CEL students are eating lunch in the classroom and we have a limited menu due to COVID which consists of mostly grab and go style sandwiches. As we continue to move forward we hope to reintegrate students into the cafeteria.
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NORWESCAP

The NORWESCAP Food Bank is working with CEL to once again offer the Backpack Program! This FREE program allows your child to bring home a "backpack" of food each Friday throughout the school year. The program will get underway soon, so please reach out to Mrs. Yakupcin or Mrs. Ferraro if you are interested!

Project Self-Sufficiency is offering FREE complete Thanksgiving dinners to local families in need! Hundreds of delicious holiday dinners are distributed each year by PSS. If your family is in need this holiday season, please CALL Project Self Sufficiency at 973-940-3500 or 844-807-3500.

This Christmas season, Project Self-Sufficiency is again sponsoring the "Season of Hope." This program was put into place to help struggling families provide toys and memories to their children. There is NO COST and families MUST register in advance to receive toys! To register, call 973-940-3500.



Please be advised that for the foreseeable future, we are not permitting class treats (food items) to be brought in for things like birthday parties. In the alternative students may bring in non food items for birthday celebrations. We are very sorry, but this is a proactive measure in response to COVID-19. At this time, we are also not able to facilitate outside social gatherings such as parties. We understand that this is less than ideal and we apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.



Drop Off & Pick Up

Please exercise caution when dropping off your children and do not pass other vehicles. If you perceive that you may need "extra" time for drop off, please park your vehicle in the parking lot and walk your child to the front door. For pick up, parents and guardians should park and walk to the doors nearest the playground.



We are excited to announce that we offer an online payment system called PaySchools Central. PaySchools Central provides all parents in our district with an easy way to manage lunch and breakfast accounts. This can all be done in the convenience of your own home through an easy-to-use online portal:

www.payschoolscentral.com

You will need to register at the link above. Additional information can be found on our school website under the food service tab within the department section or in the parent portal.

If you need help along the way, please contact PaySchools

pcs_help@payschool.com or 1-877-393-6628

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