



# LGPS CARDINAL CONNECTION



Sunday, August 11, 2024

## Principal Message

Cardinal Families,

LGPS has had a fantastic start to the school year. We're focusing on reestablishing our systems, expectations, and routines to ensure an effective learning environment. This week's newsletter contains important information about the practices we're implementing for all students. We are pleased to partner with our families who we are each child's first and important teacher. Please review the news letter and reinforce these expectations with your children, both for school and bus behavior.

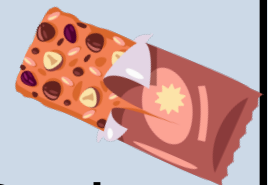
- Mr. Finger

## Back to School:



### OCPS Regulations for Riding the Bus

Click the link above and review with your child your expectations and the districts expectations for Riding the Bus



### Healthy Snack

Families are reminded to send students to school with a healthy snack each day.

### Breakfast & Lunch Menus

Breakfast and Lunch are at no cost to students. Please [CLICK HERE](#) and bookmark for access to the breakfast and lunch menus.

### Upcoming dates:

- 8/12 - 4:00 - 9:00 - LGPS PTA Dine & Donate Night at Cool Zone
- 8/22 - 6:00 - 7:30 - Back to School Night
  - Learn More about a day for your child at LGPS
  - PTA Membership & Spirit Wear Kickoff
- 8/27 - LGPS PTA Dine & Donate Night at Mama's Pizza in Locust Grove
- 8/30 & 9/2 - School Closed for staff and students in observance of the Labor Day Holiday



**LGPS' Behavior Matrix is like our school's superhero code! From the classroom to the playground, we rock at being SAFE, RESPONSIBLE, and RESPECTFUL in all our school adventures!**



**The LGPS Cardinal Way - Doing My Best Every Day!**

	Classroom	Bus	Hallway	Cafeteria	Bathroom	School Grounds	All Settings
Be Safe	Use materials the right way Perform safety drills quietly	Face forward and sit in seat Listen to driver and use quiet voices	<i>Use walking feet anywhere you go inside</i> Stay in your spot in line	Stay in your seat Only eat your food	Use toilets and sinks the right way. Report any problems	Use equipment the right way Watching eyes (be aware of your surroundings)	Hands, feet, and belongings to self
Be Respectful	Listen to others Use kind words and actions	Use kind words and actions Hands to self	Hands by your side Give personal space	Use your manners Pick up after yourself	Keep it clean (trash in trashcan, flush, keep soap and water in sink) Respect privacy	Take turns and share Admire nature	Use kind and polite language Treat others as you want to be treated
Be Responsible	Be on task Have supplies ready and organized	Go straight to seat Know your stop and bus	Silent Eyes forward	One time through the line Know your lunch choice and number	Flush, wash, return to class Wait your turn	Have your jacket/materials Respond to the whistle	Respond to quiet signal Be where you are supposed to be
School Staff	Have clear and high expectations	Stay until your students are loaded on the bus	Monitor hallway behavior	Line students by choice	Monitor number of students	Spread out during recess	Actively monitoring



School Spirit  
Tastes Sweeter with  
**COOL ZONE  
ICE CREAM**

Tuesday, August 13th  
4:00 - 9:00 PM


**Dine & Donate**

Sponsored by LGPS PTA

4 437 Germanna Hwy, Locust Grove, VA 22508

15% of sales will  
be donated to  
LGPS PTA

# School Spirit



El espíritu escolar  
sabe más dulce con

## COOL ZONE ICE CREAM

Martes, 13 de agosto  
4:00 - 9:00 pm

**Cenar y Donar**

Patrocinado por la PTA de LGPS

4 437 Germanna Hwy, Locust Grove, VA 22508

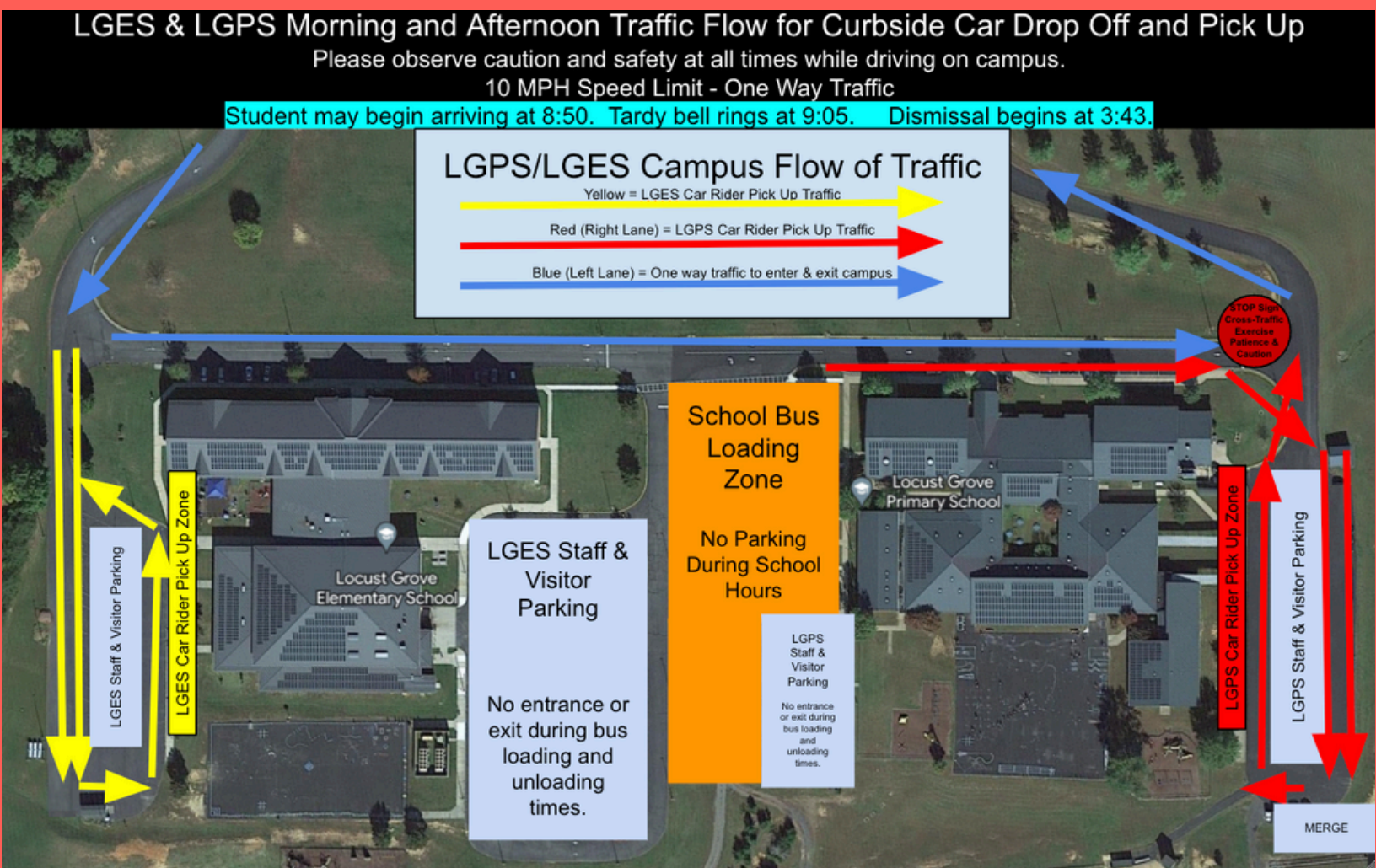
El 15% de las  
ventas se donará  
a LGPS PTA

# Locust Grove Campus Traffic Patterns

## LGPS Campus Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures:

1. Review the visual guide below for drop-off and pick-up routes.
2. Expect longer wait times initially as everyone learns AM and PM transportation routines.
3. For car riders:
  - AM: Remain in your vehicle for curbside drop-off
  - PM: Be prepared to buckle your child during pick-up
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Note: Drop-off and pick-up times will improve over the first few weeks.



# BACK TO SCHOOL



Be Present Be Proud



## IMPORTANT DATES

**AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2024**

**THURS.  
AUGUST  
01**

### DISTRICT-WIDE OPEN HOUSE

➤ 1pm through 6pm - all schools

**WED.  
AUGUST  
07**

### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

➤

**THURS  
AUGUST  
22**

### BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

6:00 - 7:30

**FRI AUG 30  
&  
MON SEP 2**

### SCHOOLS CLOSED LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

**Attendance  
Matters!**

**Every Child,  
Every Day**

# ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | 2024-2025 Calendar

Approved February 5, 2024

JULY 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

- 22-26 New Teacher Institute
- 29-31 Teacher PD (AM); Work Hours (PM)

JANUARY 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

- 1-3 No School - Student and Staff Holiday
- 6 No School for Students - Teacher Work Day
- 7 **First Day of Second Semester**
- 20 No School - Student and Staff Holiday

AUGUST 2024						
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- 1, 6 Teacher Work Day
- 1 **Open House All Schools 1:00-6:00 PM**
- 2, 5 Teacher PD Day
- 7 **First Day of School**
- 30 No School - Student and Staff Holiday

FEBRUARY 2025						
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- 13 Student Early Dismissal & PM Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 14 No School for Students & AM Parent/Teacher Conferences

SEPTEMBER 2024						
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29	30					

- 2 No School - Student and Staff Holiday
- 19 Student Early Dismissal & PM Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 20 No School for Students & AM Parent/Teacher Conferences

MARCH 2025						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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- 11 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks
- 14 No School for Students - Teacher Work Day
- 17 No School for Students - Teacher PD Day

OCTOBER 2024						
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- 10 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks
- 11 No School for Students - Teacher Work Day
- 14 No School for Students - Teacher PD Day

APRIL 2025						
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- 7-11 No School - Student and Staff Holiday
- 18 Student Early Dismissal

NOVEMBER 2024						
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- 5 No School for Students - Teacher PD Day
- 27-29 No School - Student and Staff Holiday

MAY 2025						
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- 17 **OCHS Graduation**
- 21 Student Early Dismissal & End of School Year
- 22 No School for Students - Teacher Work Day

DECEMBER 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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29	30	31				

- 20 Student Early Dismissal & End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester
- 23-31 No School - Student and Staff Holiday

- Regular School Day
- New Teacher Institute
- Teacher PD Day
- Teacher Work Day
- Student Early Dismissal
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Student & Staff Holiday

**School Closing Make-Up Plan**  
In the event of unanticipated school closings, make-up days will not be added to the school calendar. The last day of school for students will be Wednesday, May 21, 2025.