

Loveland Community Club

Welcome Booklet 2026-27



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<https://lovelandcommunityclub.membershiptoolkit.com/>

Facebook "Friends of Loveland Elementary":

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

Instagram: @lovelandfriends

Twitter: https://twitter.com/Loveland_School

District 66 Loveland Homepage: <https://www.westside66.org/Domain/12>

Spirit Wear: <https://lovelandspiritwear.square.site/>

LCC Venmo: @LovelandCommunityClub

[Westside Foundation Community Club Donation Page](#)

(please designate Loveland when donating)

Welcome from the Principal



Dear Loveland Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! We are excited to begin another year of learning, growth, and unforgettable experiences at Loveland Elementary. While this school year looks a little different as we learn together in our temporary Swing School, it is also an exciting opportunity to continue building our strong Loveland community while our new school takes shape.

Our incredible staff has spent the summer preparing classrooms, collaborating with one another, and engaging in professional learning to ensure every student has an exceptional start to the school year. Their dedication and passion for teaching continue to make Loveland a place where every child is known, valued, and challenged to reach their fullest potential.

This year's theme, Building a Better Tomorrow, Together!, reflects our commitment to growing as learners, leaders, and a school community. Although our building has changed, what makes Loveland special has not. The relationships, traditions, and high expectations that define our school will continue to thrive because of the amazing students, families, and staff who make up our Loveland family.

We know that the partnership between home and school is one of the greatest contributors to student success. Your encouragement, support, and involvement make a tremendous difference, and we are grateful to have you as partners in your child's education.

We look forward to a year filled with new friendships, exciting learning opportunities, memorable experiences, and countless reasons to celebrate. Thank you for your continued trust and support as we embark on this exciting journey together.

Have a wonderful school year!

Warmly,

Ms. Hornung

Principal

Loveland Elementary School/SWING SCHOOL



[Loveland District 66 Website](#)

[Loveland Community Club Website](#)

Loveland School has officially moved to our temporary home at:
3534 S. 108th Street
Omaha, NE 68144

We are excited to begin this next chapter and look forward to sharing our new space with all of you very soon. While our location may be changing, the heart of Loveland and the Land of Love remains the same!

Please note that our school phone number will remain unchanged: **402-390-6455**

We cannot wait to welcome our students and families to our new home and continue creating amazing memories together.

Loveland Elementary General FAQs

Loveland School Hours & Operations

School Hours

Monday and Tuesdays -- 8:20 am - 3:30 pm

Wednesdays -- 8:20 am - 3:00 pm

Thursdays and Fridays -- 8:20 am - 3:30 pm

School Start time is 8:20 a.m.

Doors will be opened at 8:20 a.m. allowing students plenty of time to walk to classrooms, hang up backpacks, check in with teachers and peers, and be ready for those first important words of the day at 8:30 a.m. Give your students every advantage of a successful day by having them here on time every day.

3:00 p.m. Dismissal on Wednesdays

School will be dismissed at 3:00 pm every Wednesday to give our teachers collaboration time by attending weekly professional learning collaboration meetings. Please make arrangements to have your child(ren) promptly picked up at 3:00 pm.

To Report Absences

CALL:

Office - 402-390-6455

(Available 24 hours a day)

You are welcome to leave a message with your child's name and reason for the absence.

Arrangements for Students Leaving Early/Change in Plans

Please send a note or email to your child's teacher if you are picking up your child early in the day or have a change in transportation arrangements. It is difficult to notify the students and teachers during the school day, especially last minute calls after 2:30 p.m.

Leaving During The School Day

Students leaving during the school day for appointments, illness or other events must be checked out by a parent or guardian. For students' safety, we do not allow them to wait outside for a parent. When your child returns from an appointment, a parent or guardian must sign them back in at the office.

How to Enter Loveland Swing School during regular school hours:

1. Press the buzzer located at the front entrance door and wait for assistance.
2. You will either be directed to remain in the vestibule or enter into the front office for further assistance and visitor check-in.
3. If you are dropping off items for your child, you will drop them off in the vestibule on the table in the corner. The items will be delivered to your son or daughter.

School Arrival

Our instructional school day starts at 8:30AM. Doors will be opened at 8:20AM allowing students plenty of time to walk to classrooms, hang up backpacks, check in with teachers and peers, and be ready for those first important words of the day at 8:30AM. Give your students every advantage of a successful day by having them here at 8:20AM!

All students K-6 will enter the building at the Front Door.

- 8:30 AM Classes Begin

We will have supervision outside the building starting at 8:10AM. We ask students not to arrive before 8:10 unless:

- Participating in a school activity
- Serving on Safety Patrol
- Working with a teacher
- Attending Club 66 Before Care program

Why can't we arrive early?

Teachers are involved in team meetings, staff meetings and individual planning from 8:00-8:20. Students may enter the building when the first bell rings at 8:20AM. Our school day begins promptly at 8:30AM. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

For the safety of all of our students, we ask that parents say good-bye outside of the school during arrival. Students are to independently arrive at their classrooms each morning. If students need assistance, Loveland staff members are available to help.

Loveland Swing School Pick-Up and Drop-Off Information

To ensure a safe and smooth arrival and dismissal for all students, please carefully review the procedures below and reference the map provided.

Morning Drop-Off

- All parent drop-off will take place in the Parent Pick-Up/Drop-Off Lane (follow the RED arrows on the map).
- Enter the loop and pull forward as far as possible.
- Students should exit on the passenger side only.
- Please remain in your vehicle.
- Once your child exits safely, continue following the loop to exit.
- Please do not park in the drop-off lane.

Bus Riders

- Buses will unload in the designated Bus Lane.
- This area is reserved for buses only.
- Please do not enter or use this lane for parent drop-off.

Afternoon Pick-Up

- Enter the loop and follow the RED arrows.
- Pull forward as far as possible.
- Students will be escorted out to your vehicle and put into your car.
- Remain in your vehicle at all times.
- When your child enters the vehicle, please exit promptly to keep the line moving.

We appreciate your patience during the first few weeks as everyone learns the new flow.

Safety Reminders

- Follow staff directions at all times.
- Do not honk at staff or other drivers.
- Use crosswalks only.
- Drive slowly and cautiously.
- Cell phones should not be used while moving through the lane.



Free/Reduced Applications - Applications for free/reduced meals must be completed every year regardless of whether you qualified in the past. Forms are available on-line now and anytime: [MySchoolApps](#)

Check out Westside Community Schools Online Lunch Menu:

<https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/LovelandElementarySchool>

How do I pay for my student's lunch at school?

There are two ways to deposit lunch money: (1) send a check or cash with your student's name clearly labeled to Mrs. Knight at the front desk or (2) visit www.myschoolbucks.com - Getting started is a simple three-step process!

1. Download the app or visit the MySchoolBucks homepage and click on "Sign Up Free".
2. Create a user profile with your email address, establish a password, and set up your security questions.
3. Add a Student to your account using the student's name, date of birth, and/or student ID number. (Some schools and districts may require either the student's date of birth or student ID number. If you need assistance with your student's ID, please contact their school.)

MySchoolBucks Parent Support
1-855-832-5226
support@myschoolbucks.com

If you give a check to Mrs. Knight and have more than one student, make sure you tell her how to divide the money among each account!

How will the school communicate with me?

Classroom teachers will email weekly updates about the specifics of classroom involvement, including curriculum covered and important dates. The school will also email a weekly newsletter with all the relevant information about Loveland happenings. Please be sure to update your contact information in PowerSchool and provide your email address to the front desk so you can be kept up-to-date on everything happening at the school.

What is Spirit Day?

Spirit Day is an opportunity for students and teachers to wear their Loveland shirts or Loveland colors (royal blue, gray/black and white). It's a chance for the students to celebrate the loyalty and commitment they all share to Loveland Elementary. Typically, each Friday is a Spirit Day. **Purchase your Loveland Spirit Wear here:** <https://lovelandspiritwear.square.site/>

What is Club 66?

Club 66 is Loveland's before and after school childcare program. Childcare is available before and after school from 6:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. There is a fee and paperwork that must be filled out before your child can attend. Ms. Jordan Harlow is our site director and can answer any additional questions you may have. Please email her at Harlow.Jordan@westside66.net

How can I participate in classroom parties?

Classroom parties are a fun way to participate in your child's class. We will need a room parent and a few additional parents for each class to make certain that everything is organized for the Halloween, Winter, and Valentine's parties. For each party, volunteers will organize and help students with crafts and games – there are so many inexpensive and easy ideas online, but please don't hesitate to ask for help. Registration for classroom parties is located on the [Loveland Website](#). All parents who volunteer will need to have completed a background check.

What snacks can I bring?

Whether for consumption in the classroom or at school-sponsored meetings or activities, all foods must be safe for all students to eat. When deciding what to send, please choose from the District Snack List <https://www.westside66.org/Page/577> and remember the following guidelines:

- **No homemade foods** are allowed for sharing or distributing for student consumption.
- Send items to school **in their original, sealed packaging bearing the ingredient label.**

- Double-check ingredient labels at the time of purchase to verify that there are no peanuts or tree nuts (e.g. almonds and walnuts) or cross-contamination statements. **Manufacturers' ingredients can change without warning.**

****As always, please coordinate with teachers and administrators before bringing snacks into K-6 classrooms****

Loveland Community Club (LCC) FAQs

What is the Loveland Elementary Community Club?

The Loveland Community Club is a network of parents and families of Loveland Elementary students. The Club provides opportunities for families to connect and build community, improve communication with the school, and enhance the Loveland learning experience.

Each parent, step-parent, and guardian of a Loveland student(s) is automatically a member of the Loveland Community Club, and is entitled to all the benefits of such membership.

Loveland Community Club meetings are usually held on the first Monday evening of each month in the Loveland Library from 6:30-7:30pm. All parents and caregivers are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings. It is a great way to get connected in the Loveland Community.

How can I get involved at Loveland?

We thrive on family involvement—come be a part of what makes our school great!

There are many ways to get involved at Loveland. Loveland Elementary puts a tremendous amount of effort into making sure that students' experiences are a special blend of education AND community. This is accomplished historically with events like classroom parties, family nights out, special events, Field Day, the Ice Cream Social, and our annual fundraiser the Loveland Launch.

We invite all caregivers to register or update their profiles on our [LCC website](#). It's your one-stop shop for everything happening in our school community! On the site, you'll find our activity calendar, upcoming event details, volunteer and committee sign-ups, the school directory, and a link to grab some Spirit Wear.

If you are available to assist with any of our Loveland activities, you can simply sign up on our [website](#), contact your Grade Representative, or reach out to the LCC. Consider joining a Loveland Community Club committee, attending LCC meetings, or signing up for volunteer opportunities like the Book Fair or the Ice Cream Social. Parents are also invited to start after school clubs if they have a special talent or interest and would like to provide an opportunity for students.

Loveland Community Club website: <https://lovelandcommunityclub.membershiptoolkit.com/>

Who can help me navigate the school and its activities?

There are several ways to stay updated on all things Loveland. The [Loveland Website](#) (run through the membership toolkit) is the best source of updated Loveland Community Club information.

Additionally, every Friday our school principal sends out a newsletter with important information. You can also follow the LCC Facebook Page and Instagram in order to see LCC reminders and posts.

The LCC executive team includes one representative from each grade level. This will be your child's Grade Representative. They attend monthly Community Club meetings and communicate the happenings back to the families in that grade (often with a monthly email). The Grade Rep also communicates with Classroom Party volunteers before each holiday party to confirm involvement and finalize details. Your Grade Representative is a great person to answer any questions you have about Loveland.

What activities are happening at the school this year?

Loveland Activities are available on the calendar on the Loveland District 66 webpage and the [Loveland Community Club website](#). Upcoming events are also included in the principal's newsletter each week and often in teacher's updates.

What you need to know about confidentiality...

Loveland Elementary parent volunteers are in a position of trust and may see personal information. Please know that all information is highly confidential. We take great pride in protecting the Loveland community and the privacy of all our students.

Background Checks Required....

We know it takes a village, and we appreciate the participation and support we receive from families and friends of our school. Starting last spring, our district has updated the requirements around volunteers to include completing a background check. This additional step seeks to ensure that we have taken careful steps to support the safety and well-being of our students, families, and staff.

If you have signed up or plan to sign up as a volunteer at our school, during events, in classroom holiday parties, or for class field trips, it's important to get a start on this process as it can take several weeks to receive results. We know parent schedules sometimes change at the last minute, so it is important to have any adults who will volunteer in your household complete this process.

Background Checks are **Required** for...

- Classroom Party volunteers
- Field Day, Fun Run (on-site volunteers only), and other school-day events
- School Club Sponsors and Volunteers
- Field Trip Volunteers
- Classroom Volunteers

What you need to know about safety...

Although it is recognized that parent volunteers will often be in the classroom, front office, or elsewhere in the school, all volunteers must sign in and out of the front office.

The Loveland Elementary staff must be aware of who is in the school at all times in case of emergency and to ensure the safety of our students.

How can I get involved in the Westside District?

The Westside school district has many ways for parents to be involved. Visit the following website for more information: <http://westside66.org/get-involved>

Loveland Community Club Committee Descriptions

Adult Night Out

This is a fun, social evening out for the parents/guardians of Loveland students. It is an opportunity for Loveland adults to meet each other, sans kids, in a laid-back social outing.

Art Smart

Held in the Spring, this enrichment activity draws out the artist in all Loveland students. Throughout the week, artists in residence or musicians come into the classroom to share their expertise with the children. The goal is to create a program each year that beautifies the school in a unique and personal way.

Book Fair

This event is held in conjunction with the October and March Parent-Teacher Conferences. Proceeds from this event go toward improvements/enhancements to the materials available in the Media Center.

Family Events

This committee is in charge of planning Loveland Community Club events such as Donuts With Grown Ups, Pancake Man, and Playground Gatherings.

Family Dinner Out

Coordinate with local restaurants to host a Loveland Family Night. A percentage of each meal purchased is paid back to the school. It's not only a great social gathering for our community, but also a great way to support a local business.

Homecoming Parade

Each year during the Westside High School Homecoming Parade, Loveland decorates a float, and our students participate in the parade. The Community Club provides candy for the students to hand out.

Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation

Help show the Loveland staff how much we appreciate them throughout the year. Coordinate conference dinners, teacher appreciation week, birth/wedding celebrations, and more!

Ice Cream Social

Held the first Friday in May, this is the largest community event. There are many opportunities to serve in this event, and parent involvement is strongly encouraged. The Ice Cream Social (which is a lot like a carnival or fair) is held at the Westside Middle School, and, in addition to ice cream, has games and inflatables for the kids to enjoy!

Loveland Launch

The Loveland Launch is our primary fundraiser for the Community Club. This is a direct-give campaign where all donations go directly to the school. There are no items being sold—just a simple, straightforward fundraiser held

each fall at Loveland Elementary.

Spirit Wear

This committee is solely responsible for taking and fulfilling orders for Loveland shirts and hats. Buy products online anytime, and they will be delivered to your student at school. <https://lovelandspiritwear.square.site/>

Wellness

Help coordinate various healthy activities for the children to participate in throughout the year. These activities include Field Day, Walk and Roll to School Day, and our Fun Run.

Website and Social Media

Assists in running the Loveland Membership Toolkit website and updating our social media platforms.

Westside Community Council

Westside Community Council is composed of two to three members from each of the 12 schools in the District. The members plan and implement district-wide volunteer activities for students in all grades. Each member serves on a minimum of two committees. Committees include Health Screenings, Westside Middle School Career Day, Battle of the Books, District Outreach/Advocacy, Clothes Closet, and Grade Level Assemblies. The Community Council meets the second Friday of the month from September through May at the ABC Building.

Yearbook

Create a yearbook given to all students at the end of each academic year. The LCC provides a yearbook for each student but encourages parents to donate towards the cost of their child's yearbook if they are able.

Loveland Community Club Leadership 2026-27

Executive Board

President: Kate Porter

Vice President: Kate Cooper

Treasurer and Co-Treasurer: Sirisha & Kunal Sualy

Secretary: Jeanne Dozon

Principal: Steph Hornung

Grade Reps

Kindergarten: Stephanie Vankat

First: Cassie Funke-Harris

Second: Audrey Dobbe

Third: Ann Hadfield

Fourth: Bethany Hughes

Fifth: Angie Hempel

Sixth: Jill Conway

Loveland Community Club Contact Info

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[Loveland Community Club Website](#)

Donations Info

Venmo: @LovelandCommunityClub

[Westside Foundation Community Club Donation Page](#)

(please designate your gift to Loveland Community Club)