BETTY KIEFER
ELEMENTARY



STUDENT HANDBOOK

2026-2027

Be Kind. Be Responsible. Be Your Best.

BE RESPECTFUL • BE RESPONSIBLE • BE SAFE

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Welcome to Betty Kiefer!

On behalf of the Lakeland School District and the Betty Kiefer staff, it is my pleasure to welcome you and your student(s) to a new and exciting school year. We will remain steadfast in our mission that *ALL* students learn at high levels; through collaboration and perseverance we will succeed. Our entire staff is committed to maximizing learning potential and remaining focused on academic excellence.

Your involvement, partnership and support are imperative to our success. We invite you to meet with teachers and staff, participate in PTU and volunteer your time to ensure we continue to build a strong, safe, and healthy school. We value building strong relationships with our families.

Please use this handbook as a basic reference guide throughout the school year and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for entrusting us with the precious gift of your children. I look forward to meeting with each of you! Please don't hesitate to call, email or drop by the school!

I look forward to partnering with you and making this a wonderful year!

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Spirit Lake Elementary	Shynne Price, Principal	623-2501
Twin Lakes Elementary	Tiffany Melton, Principal	687-5870
Bus Garage	Summer Bilski, Supervisor	687-0221
Food Service	Chaar Boyd, Director	687-5451
Maintenance	Tim Haag, Supervisor	687-2248

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Calendar

SEPTEMBER	
September 2	Kindergarten Jumpstart 5:30pm
September 3	Open House 5:00pm - 6:30pm
September 7	Labor Day (Holiday, No school)
September 8	First day for regular classes 8:55am
NOVEMBER	
November 3	No school for students - Election Day
November 19	End of 1st Trimester
November 20	No school for students - Professional Day
November 23-27	**Thanksgiving Break**
DECEMBER	
Dec 21- Jan 1	**Christmas Break**
JANUARY	
January 4	**School Resumes**
January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Holiday, No school)
FEBRUARY	
February 15	Presidents' Day (Holiday, No school)
February 25	End of 2nd Trimester
February 26	No school for students - Professional Day
MARCH	
March 4	Student Conferences 3pm - 7pm
March 26	No school for students - Professional Day
March 29-Apr 2	**Spring Break**
APRIL	
April 5	**School Resumes**
MAY	
May 21	No school - K-12
May 27	Student Celebration Day (No School)
May 31	Memorial Day (Holiday, No school)
JUNE	
June 11	Last Day for Students – 1:15 early release

8:55am - 3:15pm Monday - Friday

BETTY KIEFER'S VISION STATEMENT

ALL students develop self-efficacy, perseverance, and a sense of well-being, empowered to be: resilient, resourceful, and confident in their own skills to navigate life and reach their goals.

We Live by striving to be the best we can be.
We Love by caring for others and ourselves.
We Learn by working hard in school and always doing our best.
We Leave a Legacy by sharing our school and our talents with others and trying to make a difference in the world.

Betty Kiefer Elementary

Staff

2025-2026

Position	*Name*	*Position*	*Name*
Principal **Principal's Assistant**	Lisa Hoffman Sarah Howard	**PE/STEAM**	Cody Hensley
Kindergarten	Molly Lee Alyana South	**Music/STEAM**	Krystal Short
1st Grade	Kallista Harrison Kendra Hutchinson	**Librarian**	Monica Forkes
2nd Grade	Chantelle Kirk Kayla Schoer Ann-Jeanette Tucker	**Counselor**	Rebecca Miller
3rd Grade	Marianne Lairmore Bridgette O'Dwyer Jake Williamson	**Admin Asst.** **Registrar**	Andrea Maddalone Joan Daniels
4th Grade	Shana Hostetler Joie Shepard Shawn Stanford	**Paraprofessionals**	Brittney Mathews Amanda Lunnen Stephanie Feusier Tassie Magrath Cami Valenzuela

			Christy Thackeray Shania Ridgley Lisa Ludwick
5th Grade	Jason Nevills Jessica West Karla Welter	**Custodians**	William Siegel Chris Harger
Special Education	Helen Devane	**Nurse**	Patty Morrow
Title I	Michelle Gilson	**Food Service**	Nancy Thompson
SLP	Claire Collard		

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2026-2027 Bell Schedule

Breakfast Start	**8:45 am**
School Begins	**8:55 am**
Tardy Bell	**9:00 am**
Lunch Schedules:	**-----**
Kindergarten	**11:10 am - 11:35 am**
1st Grade	**11:30 am - 11:50 am**
2nd Grade	**11:50 am - 12:10 pm**
3rd Grade	**12:10 pm - 12:30 pm**
4th Grade	**12:30 pm - 12:50 pm**
5th Grade	**12:45 pm - 1:05 pm**
Dismissal	**3:15 pm**

Arrival/Dismissal

- **Bus lane will be designated for buses only**
- **Any parent/guardian who will be dropping off or picking up their student will need to use the South loop**
- **If you would like to park and get out and get your student, please use the parking lot spaces only**

Cones are placed for student safety. Please adhere to guidelines.

Bicycles/Scooters/Skateboards/Wheeled Shoes

A student who rides a bicycle or scooter to school should be old enough to understand the responsibility involved. The student is expected to park and lock the bicycle or scooter in the stands that are provided and leave it there for the duration of the day. **Bicycles, scooters and skateboards etc. must be walked on all school sidewalks and campus areas. Students are not allowed to wear "wheeled shoes" (such as Heelys) on school grounds. Wheels must be taken out of the shoes in order to wear on school property.**

Building Regulations

1. Non-bus students and students not eating breakfast provided by the school should arrive at school no earlier than 8:55 a.m. Students eating school breakfast should arrive no earlier than 8:45 a.m. Supervision is not provided before this time.
2. Students are expected to remain outdoors until the first bell rings (refer to school-specific guidelines for more information).
3. During extreme inclement weather, students will be brought inside.
4. Students must walk in the halls, talk in a soft voice, and behave in the halls, classrooms, and bathrooms.
5. Students are to remain on the school grounds unless they are checked out by an approved adult.
6. Students must leave premises at the close of the school day. Students shall not loiter in the building or on the school grounds following dismissal of classes unless involved in a supervised, school-sponsored activity, or with the permission of the principal.

Behavior

At our school, we believe every student deserves a safe and respectful learning environment. All students are expected to behave in ways that support their own learning and the learning of others. If a student's behavior interferes with the learning or safety of others, the school will follow district protocols and policies to address the issue.

Conferences

Traditional Parent/Teacher Conferences are set up for the end of the first grading period. It is

our goal to meet with 100% of our students' parents at this time. Selective conferences for some students may also be held throughout the year.
We also have another designated time in the spring for parent/teacher conferences.

Emergency Information

In case a student becomes ill at school, parents will be contacted so that they may arrange transportation home. It is important that the emergency information in Skyward is complete and updated as needed so we will know how to reach you. Please keep it updated if you change employment, homes, or cell phone numbers.

Gifts

Bringing birthday gifts (balloons, flowers etc.) to school is highly discouraged. These gifts are a distraction to instruction, and will not be delivered to classrooms or allowed on school buses.

Lost and Found

- All lost and found articles should be brought immediately to the teacher or school office.
- Articles can be claimed by proper identification.
- Clothing and personal items should be marked with a student's name for easy identification.
- Lost items may be claimed until the end of each quarter during the school year. Items not claimed at the end of each quarter will be donated.

Personal Property

Students are not to bring valuables to school (cameras, expensive jewelry, trading cards, and large sums of money). The school will not be responsible for items that are lost or damaged.

School Parties

In the elementary schools, class or room parties are permissible during the last hour of the school day. Three parties may be scheduled throughout the year to minimize loss of instructional time.

Parents may be requested to assist teachers with these parties. In order to maximize this opportunity, children not enrolled in our school will not be able to attend school with volunteering parents. Invitations and transportation for private parties should be handled outside of the school environment. If a child wishes to share a birthday treat with her/his class, please contact the teacher for permission. **According to District guidelines, treats must be purchased and the contents clearly labeled on the packaging.**