



Hello Kindergarten Families,

My name is Jessica Pelka, and I am the principal at Lakeshore Elementary School. I want to take a minute to officially welcome you to your student's kindergarten school year! Starting kindergarten is an exciting time and can be an adjustment for both children and families. We're eager to build a strong partnership with you and your family beginning day one. I'm sure you have questions about what your student's first few days of school will look like. I hope this information helps to answer some of those questions for you.

WELCOME BACK DAY - Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Please plan on attending Welcome Back Day on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 from 8:00AM-4:00PM (closed from 1:00-2:00 for lunch). This open-house style day is designed for all **kindergarten-grade 5 families** to come visit Lakeshore, meet our staff, drop off school supplies, and to fill out paperwork. This is also the day your child will find out which classroom teacher he/she will be working with this year.

Please note: This is not a full day of school. Plan on spending 30-45 minutes at Lakeshore **with your student**. This day is considered the first day of school and all students are expected to come to school with their families. Attendance is taken, and 100% participation is expected.

KINDERGARTEN STAGGERED START

To ensure a smooth transition for our youngest learners, a staggered start will be implemented during our first week of school for **KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ONLY**. 1st graders, 2nd graders, 3rd graders, 4th graders, and 5th graders will start school on Wednesday, September 2. Staggered start applies **ONLY** to kindergarten students. Please see the schedule below:

Kindergarten families with ***last names that start with A-N:***

Your kindergartner **WILL ATTEND** school all day (8:10AM-3:10PM) on Wednesday, September 2.

- Your kindergartner **WILL NOT** attend school on Thursday, September 3.
- Your kindergartner **WILL ATTEND** school all day (8:10AM-3:10PM) on Friday, September 4 and beyond.

Kindergarten families with ***last names that start with O-Z:***

Your kindergartner **WILL NOT** attend school on Wednesday, September 2.

- Your kindergartner **WILL ATTEND** school all day (8:10AM-3:10PM) on Thursday, September 3.
- Your kindergartner **WILL ATTEND** school all day (8:10AM-3:10PM) on Friday, September 4 and beyond.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

Please find school supply lists on the ECASD website or paper copies are available in stores.

BUSING INFORMATION

If you have questions about busing, please contact Student Transit at 715-839-5116 or info@student-transit.com. As a mom and former kindergarten teacher, I know you may be experiencing a roller coaster of emotions as your child heads off to kindergarten. Please know how excited we are to work with you and your family. We are all on the same team and happy to help ensure a smooth transition to elementary school. If you have any questions, please reach out as I'm happy to help. I can be reached at jpelka@ecasd.us or (715)852-3410. See you soon!

Jessica Pelka
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