

Twin Lakes Elementary Parent/Student Handbook 2026-2027



Welcome to Twin Lakes Elementary!

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! I am proud to be the Principal of Twin Lakes Elementary and a team member of the Lakeland Jt. School District. This will be my 27th year in education. As your principal, I will work hard to provide a school environment which allows every student to grow academically and socially to their fullest potential.

The staff at TLE is dedicated to providing a quality education. We focus on where our students are academically, social-emotionally, and behaviorally. From there we commit to ensuring every child grows every day in every way.

I am passionate about meeting students' needs and helping them grow in all aspects of their lives. I am committed to continuing to provide a safe, nurturing, and welcoming environment for your children. I believe in partnering with you in your child's education. Your involvement in your child's schooling is very important to their success.

We look forward to partnering with you through this year. By working together, we can make a significant impact on our TLE children and community.



Mrs. Melton, Principal



Twin Lakes Elementary Mission Statement

TLE VISION

Our passion is to educate children by providing a school community where all can be successful.

MISSION STATEMENT

At TLE we instill a love of learning by:

- *Providing necessary tools for educational success.*
- *Providing ample opportunities to excel.*
- *Challenging students to never give up.*

All staff will model a love of lifelong learning for future success.

WE BELIEVE:

For all to succeed we will provide a daily atmosphere where a student is unconditionally loved, valued, and encouraged in a safe environment.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Twin Lakes Elementary, our House System is an important part of our school culture. It helps create a positive environment where students feel connected, supported, and excited to come to school each day. Through the House System, we continue building strong relationships, encouraging leadership, and creating a sense of belonging for every student. The houses are: Rêveur-The House of Dreamers, Altruismo-The House of Givers, Isibindi-The House of Courage, and Amistad-The House of Friendship.

Every student is a member of one of our four houses and has opportunities to participate in house events and activities throughout the year. Students also have opportunities to develop leadership skills by serving in various roles and helping support house activities. Parents will also have opportunities to participate throughout the year.

Students can earn points for their houses by demonstrating academic excellence, positive character, school spirit, leadership, and kindness toward others. While points are only one part of the experience, they help encourage teamwork and create opportunities for students to celebrate and support one another. At the end of the year, the house with the most points will be recognized as our House Champions.

We are proud of the positive impact our House System has on our school community and the way it strengthens relationships, builds school pride, and helps students thrive. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make Twin Lakes Elementary a place where every child feels valued and connected.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Melton
Principal, Twin Lakes Elementary



Twin Lakes Elementary Staff

Office Staff

Principal: Tiffany Melton
Prin Assist: Rob Edelblute
Counselor: Justine Litzko
Admin Assistant: Heather Mossburgh
Office Assistant: Marianne Thornton
Nurse: Patricia Marrow
School Resource Officer: Aaron Roach

Classroom Teachers

Kindergarten: Erika Bowden
Malyn Nocera

1st Grade: Heather Ogden
Riley Walton

2nd Grade: Haley Sogge

3rd Grade: Jennifer Rude
Brooklynn Menti

4th Grade: Jamie Hallum
Debbie Derrick

5th Grade: Doug Baker
Lisa Mashburn

Specialists:

Library/Makerspace: Kathy Taylor
Comp Tech/Coding: April Mueller
PE/Music: Joann Coffey

ALP

Debbie Derrick

GATE

Julie Anderson

Students with Disabilities

SWD Teacher: Heather Jezek
SWD Coordinator:
Instructional Para: Nancy Grzymko
Instructional Para: Paula Singletary
Instructional Para: Rhonda Langlitz
Instructional Para: Anthony Bright
Instructional Para: Stephanie Fredericks
Instructional Para: Gretchen Dunham
Instructional Para: Tracy Dickinson
Instructional Para: Jill Fletcher

Other:

Psych: Christie Haase

Speech:

Bethany Sailors PK-2nd
Coralee Barth

Preschool

Preschool Teacher: Lindsey McCuaig
Preschool Teacher: Ashley Clark
Instructional Para: Joyce Wilhite
Instructional Para: Coralee Barth
Instructional Para: Terri Sjoblom

Custodial

Head Custodian: Michaela Milks
PM Custodian: Tona Defrancesco

Noon Duties

Marianne Thornton
Alicia Graisy

Cafeteria

Cafeteria Manager: Miranda Corbin
Cafeteria Assistant: Arlette Shaefer

Twin Lakes Schedule
(THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Please do not drop off your child before 8:40 a.m. as there is no student supervision available before this time.

Breakfast begins at 8:40 am

Monday - Friday Warning Bell 8:55 a.m. Class Begins: 9:00 a.m.

Dismissal: 3:15 pm

Lunch & Recess

Kindergarten	11:05-11:45
1st Grade	11:20-12:00
2nd Grade	11:40-12:20
3rd Grade	12:00-12:40
4th Grade	12:20-1:00
5th Grade	12:40-1:20

Morning Recess

Monday-Friday
10:15-10:30 K-2
10:20-10:35 3rd-4th

Afternoon Recess

Monday - Friday
2:00-2:15 K-3
3:00-3:15 5th



