

Algonquin Lakes Elementary School



Dear Algonquin Lakes Elementary Family,

Lion Pride!

We have had a couple of fantastic 2 days back to school at ALES thus far!

The Lion roars to respect yourself, respect others, and respect the environment in each area of our building and community. Please see the attached information about our PBIS plan. Our staff will be working with all students to establish these expectations and model positive behavior to set the stage for an AWESOME year of learning!



Weather permitting, all students will continue to line-up outside according to the attached map. If you are transporting your student on your own, no parking will be permitted in the drop-off lane and other options for parking are limited so please plan accordingly. The first bell rings at 7:55 for students to enter with instruction to begin at 8:00!

Nurse Update – Thank you for your attention to providing necessary forms, we had a great start with compliance! In addition, the office is in need of donations for girls/boys pants and under clothing sizes 5-8.

Drill notification: We want to notify you that beginning this week, our school will practice and conduct a series of drills: “Fire/Evacuation Drill”, “Sever Weather Drill”, and “Lockdown Drill”. These drills will be done in coordination with local authorities and we practice to simulate taking actions to protect students and staff during events that may occur on the school campus.

We want to bring this to your attention to keep you aware of our commitment to protect your child and to alert you to these safety drills. As a parent, your student may want to share their experience with you. These experiences are opportunities for you to reassure your child that the drills are a practice to keep them safe and to reinforce with them that the teacher is trained how to protect them and the importance for your child to always follow the safety directions of the teacher.

Calendar – see attached for our full year calendar and below for upcoming events.

5th Grade Band & Orchestra Enrollment Night for parents who have not already signed up last May: Monday August 21st at Liberty Elementary School, anytime between 6-8pm. Music Stores will be available for you to order an instrument and book. Our contact information (michael.storer@d300.org / kristin.rock@d300.org)

Open House	
Monday - 8/28	Tuesday - 8/29
6 – 6:30 – Kindergarten	6 – 6:30 – 2nd Grade
6 – 6:30 – Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Heer	6:30 – 7:00 – 4th Grade
6:30 – 7:00 – 1st Grade	7:00 – 7:30 – 5th grade
7:00 – 7:30 – 3rd Grade	

Picture Day is Friday, September 1st – be sure to bring those wonderful smiles!

If you have any questions, please stop by or call the office at 847 532-7500 or contact me by e-mail at christopher.columbaro@d300.org

Sincerely,

Chris Columbaro



PBIS



Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports

Algonquin Lakes Elementary School is excited to continue using PBIS, where positive and proactive approaches to behavior are used to create a community where all students can achieve social, emotional and academic success.

PBIS focuses on improving a school’s ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students and builds upon our school-wide behavioral expectations:

- ❖ Respect Yourself
- ❖ Respect Others
- ❖ Respect Your Environment



You may hear your child talk about receiving a “Pride Paw.” Students will earn Pride Paws for demonstrating positive behavior. Throughout the year students will have opportunities to use their Pride Paws for special rewards.

Students may also receive a behavior notice for inappropriate behaviors. This notice will serve as a communication tool between school and home. We view misbehavior as a teaching opportunity and want to work with our students on making the best choices. We ask that parents work with their children at home to discuss and address inappropriate behaviors that occur at school. The Matrix on the back of this page outlines the expected school behaviors and serves as a guide for our students.

How can you help?

- Talk with your child about respecting themselves, others and their environment.
- Review with your child how their day went.
- Donate! Throughout the year we will be offering a variety of incentives for positive behavior. Some prizes are activities such as lunch with the principal or a pajama day. Other rewards are small prizes. Donations would be greatly appreciated! Any donation should be labeled PBIS and sent in with your child or dropped off in the school office. Some ideas for donations include:
 - Bookmarks
 - Pencils
 - Sheets of stickers
 - Key chains
 - Free food/snack coupons from local restaurants
 - Bouncy balls
 - Stamps
 - Mini/funky erasers
 - Books

Thank you for partnering with all of us at Algonquin Lakes Elementary School as we promote a safe and respectful environment for all!

	All Settings & Community	Hallways	Lunch Room	Playground	Bathroom	Classroom	Stairwells
Respect Yourself	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain personal space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk at all times. • Get to your location quickly, quietly, safely and return to learning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eat your own food. • Walk carefully to throw trash away. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay in assigned area. • Get help when it is needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quietly wait your turn. • Keep to yourself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure leads to success. • This is it. • Commitment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain personal space. • Take one stair at a time. Use every step. • Keep a safe pace.
Respect Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep hands, feet and other objects to yourself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voices off. • Single file lines. • Walk on the right side. • Hands to yourself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be polite and use good manners. • Stay in order when in line. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play by the rules. • Take turns and share equipment. • Keep body to yourself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk in and out quietly. • Voices off. • Open stall doors slowly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrity. • Speak with good purpose. • Ownership. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep hands, feet and other objects to yourself. • Walk on the right side. • “Pillow Walk” walk quietly.
Respect Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep area clean. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only eyes on displays. • Stop at special places. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up your own space. • Stay in your seat. • Raise your hand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Line up when signal is given. • Use the equipment appropriately • Pick up equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use toilets, sinks and dryers correctly. • Keep bathroom clean. • Use assigned bathroom. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility. • Balance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep stairwell clean.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

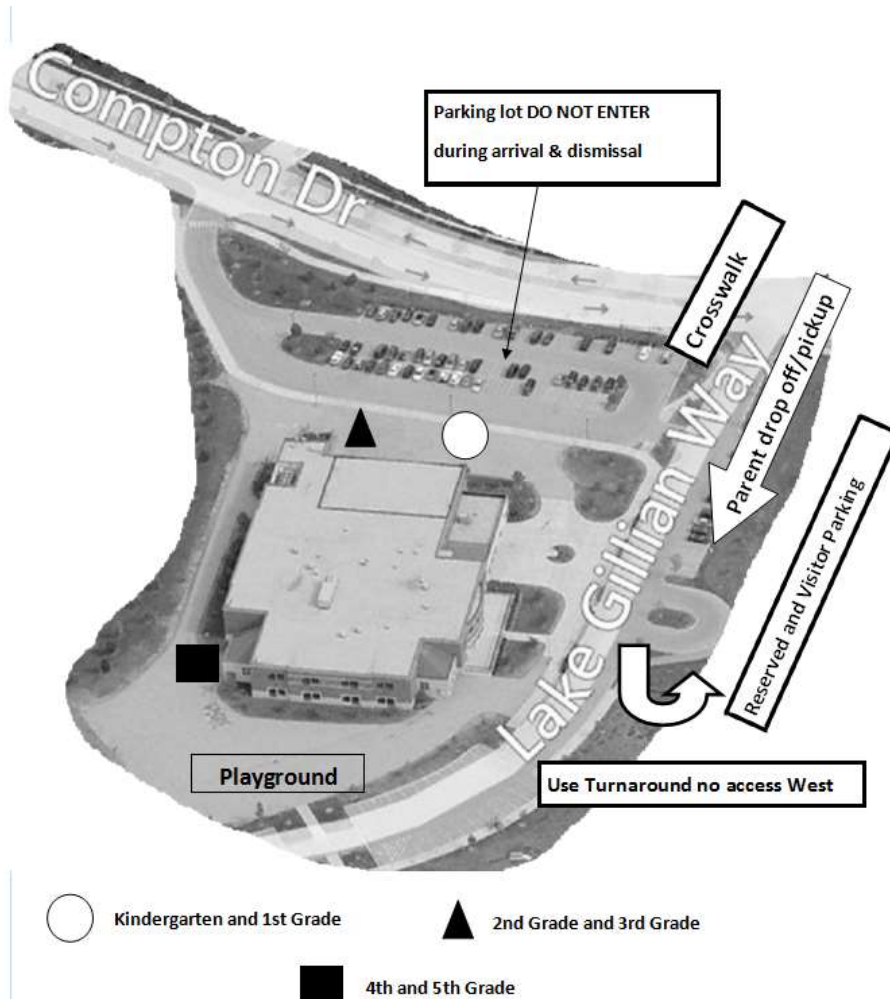
ARRIVAL

Students should arrive to school between 7:45 am and 7:55 am. Supervision does not begin until 7:45am. Students are marked tardy if they arrive after 8:00 am. Students arriving late should enter the main door and stop at the office for a tardy pass. Students riding a bus that arrives late to school will not be marked tardy.

DISMISSAL

- ❖ School dismissal is at 2:15 p.m. Students are supervised by teachers as they leave the building each day. Supervisors are located throughout the building and outside to ensure an orderly and safe dismissal.
- ❖ If you know before your student goes off to school that their transportation is going to change for the day, you must notify the teacher/main office indicating the change. Please be advised that students will not be allowed to ride on a bus other than the one they are assigned to.
- ❖ It is the responsibility of the students to organize their school items and personal belongings at the end of each school day. Students are discouraged from returning to school after hours to secure forgotten items. The office hours are 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. If it is imperative that a family access the building after the student attendance day, they may do so assuming the office staff is available to provide assistance. The principal has the authority to deny access to the building for students / families who consistently request access after school hours.

Please note the direction of parent drop off and pick up area in the front of the school. Please do not drop off on Compton Dr. No child will be allowed into the parking lot area during the drop off and pick up times unless with an adult. Cars will not be allowed in the parking lot during the bus drop off and pick up times. Please plan accordingly. Only children from the Algonquin Lakes subdivision should be allowed to walk. A crossing path is painted in the proper area. NO CHILD should be allowed to cross Sandbloom Road or Route 62 -bus transportation is provided. Children should stay on the sidewalk at all times. Additionally, students and families should be conscious of stop signs and be alert for passing automobiles. Students who walk should be reminded to walk directly to and from school / home.



BICYCLES

Only students living in the Algonquin Lakes subdivision should be allowed to ride their bicycles. For safety purposes, we ask that parents please do not allow students younger than third grade to ride bicycles to school alone. A bicycle rack is provided in the back of the school where third, fourth and fifth grade students enter. Students who ride their bikes should put them in the bike rack and lock them until the end of the school day. Bicycles are brought to school at the risk of the owner. Students should only walk across Compton Dr. with the assistance of the Crossing Guard. Bikes should be walked across school property. Students need to always go straight home after school. For safety reasons, students should not ride bicycles to school for evening programs.

WIRELESS TELEPHONES

The Illinois Vehicle code was amended by the following in spring of 2010: A person,

regardless of age may not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a vehicle on a roadway in a school zone.

2017-2018 Calendar



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Event	Weekday	Month	Day
Notification of Class Assignments (Parent Portal)	Fri	8	4
Kindergarten Orientation (Scheduled Appointments)	Wed.	8	9
Kindergarten Meet and Greet (4pm - 5pm)	Wed	8	9
1st - 5th Grade Backpack Dropoff (4pm - 6pm)	Fri	8	11
First Day of Student Attendance	Tues	8	15
K, 1, and 3 Open House (6pm - 7:30pm)	Mon	8	28
2, 4, and 5 Open House (6pm- 7:30pm)	Tues	8	29
Picture Day	Fri	9	1
Early Release (11:45am)	Fri	9	1
Labor Day - No School	Mon	9	4
Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting (6:00pm)	Tue	9	5
Early Release (11:45am)	Fri	9	22
Fall Fest	Sat	9	23
Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting (6:00pm)	Tue	10	3
Teacher Institute Day - No Student Attendance	Fri	10	6
Fall Book Fair	TBD	TBD	TBD
District Holiday- No School	Mon	10	9
Picture Retakes	Fri	10	13
Movie Night	Fri	10	13
Early Release (11:45am)	Fri	10	27
Halloween Parties (1:15 - 2:15)	Tues	10	31
Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting (6:00pm)	Tue	10	31
5th Grade Concert (7pm)	Tues	11	7
Early Release (11:45am)	Fri	11	17
Parent-Teacher Conference	Mon	11	20
Parent-Teacher Conference	Tues	11	21
Fall Break - District Closed Wed. - Fri (11/22 - 11/24)			
Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting (6:00pm)	Tue	12	5
Early Release (11:45am)	Fri	12	8
Movie Night	Fri	12	8
Winter Classroom Celebrations (1:15pm - 2:15pm)	Thurs	12	21
Winter Break (Dec. 22 through Jan 7) - No School			
School Resumes	Mon	1	8
Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting (6:00pm)	Tue	1	3
District Holiday- No School	Mon	1	15
Early Release (11:45am)	Fri	1	19
Pancake Breakfast	Sat	1	27
Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting (6:00pm)	Tue	2	6
Kindergarten Concert (6:30pm)	Tues	2	13
1st Grade Concert (7:15)	Tues	2	13
Valentine's Day Parties (1:15pm - 2:15pm)	Wed	2	14
Early Release (11:45am)	Fri	2	16
Girls Night Out	Fri	2	16
District Holiday- No School	Mon	2	19
Teacher Institute Day - No Student Attendance	Fri	3	2

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Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting (6:00pm)	Tue	3	6
Early Release (11:45am)	Fri	3	9
Boys Night Out	Fri	3	9
2nd Grade Concert (6:30 pm)	Wed	3	21
3rd Grade Concert (7:15)	Wed	3	21
Spring Break (Mar. 26 - Mar. 30) - No School			
If no emergency days taken - No School	Mon	4	2
School Resumes	Mon	4	2
Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting (6:00pm)	Tue	4	3
Early Release (11:45am)	Fri	4	20
Movie Night	Fri	4	20
Teacher Institute Day - No Student Attendance	Mon	4	23
4th grade Concert (6:30 pm)	Thurs	4	26
Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting (6:00pm)	Wed	5	1
5th Grade Band and Orchestra Concert (7:00 PM AMS)	Thurs	5	10
Early Release (11:45am)	Fri	5	11
5th Grade DARE Recognition	Fri	5	11
Field Day	Thurs	5	24
Last Day of Student Attendance	Thurs	5	24

Please be sure to update your contact information (email, phone, etc.) in parent portal as well as check our webpage and facebook for updates and added events

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