**WELCOME BACK LEOPARDS!**

Welcome to Locust Lane!  I am excited to welcome you to the 2023-2034 school year!  I look forward to working with each of you this coming year to help your child learn and grow.

Welcome Back Day this fall will be on our first day of school – **Friday, September 1st.** This is the perfect opportunity to ask all of those beginning of the school year questions and learn more about your child’s classroom. Kindergarten follows a different schedule the first couple days of school (Information will be shared separately with kindergarten families).

We will be following an Open House format, and you are welcome to attend any time during the Open House. **Appointments are not necessary, but it is wise to plan for at least 20-30 minutes per child.**  A reminder that Friday, September 1st, is considered the first day of school, so attendance will be taken, and all students are EXPECTED to come to school with their parents/guardians.  Our schedule that day will be:

**Welcome Back Day**

**Friday, September 1, 2023**

**From 8:00 am-12:00 pm And 1:00 pm-5:00 pm**

**(Closed From 12:00pm -1:00pm For Lunch)**

At Welcome Back Day you will:

* Meet the teacher, learn classroom expectations, bring in school supplies, and settle your student into the new classroom
* Complete forms (bring emergency contact, medical, and student information)
* Pay fees and deposit money in your student’s lunch account
* Receive information from our PTO and other school-related organizations
* Visit the library

Additionally, during Welcome Back Day, we are asking **ALL** families to update/verify their child’s information in our database (Skyward) if it hasn’t been done ahead of time from home. We believe that your child will fall into one of the three categories below:

* **Your Locust Lane student is your oldest child and/or you’ve never used Skyward before.** If this describes you, bring your photo ID with you on Welcome Day.  Please complete a Skyward Family Access Application available at Welcome Back Day.
* **You have older children and have used Skyward before, BUT you don’t know your UserID or Password.**  Bring a photo ID. We will assist you in resetting your password and updating your children’s information in Skyward.
* **You have older children and use Skyward on a regular basis.**  In this case, you probably have your UserID and password either handy or memorized.  Bring that information along with you.  We will assist you in updating your children’s information in Skyward.

We want to ensure your student’s privacy and safety; therefore, we will be verifying the identity of all parents.  **Please bring a picture ID with you** and **know that any adult that is not legally identified as a parent or guardian will not be allowed access to a child’s information**.  If you would like a person to be granted access, you will need to provide written permission prior to this date.  Thank you for helping us keep your children’s information as up to date as possible.

Please note:

* An adult family member or guardian must accompany students to school that day for these activities.
* The school will open at 8:00 a.m. and will close between 12:00 p.m. -1:00 p.m. for lunch.  This will allow the staff time to prepare for your visit.

On **Monday, September 5th,** our regular school schedule (8:10 a. m.-3:10 p.m.) along with bus transportation will officially start.  *Please note: Kindergarten follows a different class schedule.*

Please contact Student Transit at 839-5116 regarding questions about busing.

We look forward to seeing your family as we kick-off the 2023-24 school year on Welcome Back to School Day!

Khoua Vang - Principal

Locust Lane Elementary

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